Spa Spring Chips.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Marshall entertained friends on Thursday.

The interest in a singing school in this place seems to be dying out.

Knitting Circle will meet to-night (Wednesday) at M. P. Marshall's.

Sermon on Sunday evening by Pastor Locke from Eph. 4: 15-16.

Principal Goucher and wife, of Lawrencetown, spent their holidays with relatives in Melvern and Salem.

Clifford Tufts, of Acadia College, was in our village on Monday. He returns to his *alma mater* on Tuesday.

A very cold wave has rolled in upon us, the coldest of the season. Thermometer registered 10 below zero.

Mrs. Busby Gates, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Bear River, is expected home on Saturday.

Mr. George Balsor has been quite indisposed of late. He was unable to meet his brother Masons on St. John's day evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer, who have been visiting their children at Clarence and Brooklyn since Tuesday, returned home on Sunday evening.

Minnie, little daughter of Burpee Dodge, while playing with her young friend, Winnie Dodge, last week, was taken seriously ill. We learn she is somewhat improved.

G. O. Gates, of Truro, and C. E. Dodge, of Aylesford, were the guests of the latter gentleman's sister, Mrs. Z. Durling, on Tuesday night. His daughter, Miss Annie Dodge, is visiting relatives in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Weaver and son Robbie, were among the number who met to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Harding Weaver, Esq., on New Year's eve. An enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Weaver also gave a very enjoyable "At Home" to a number of their friends on Thursday last.

Paradise Gleams.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Fanny Bent.

Milton Elliott and Archie Gillis have gone to attend the military school in Fredericton.

The Baptists held a watch-night service and continued the meeting into the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bishop entertained a party of relatives and friends on New Year's evening

The schools have opened after the holiday season. We shall miss the happy faces of our young people who have gladdened home friends during the season.

Evangelist Dimock held his farewell service on Sabbath evening. The Week of Prayer is being observed in the different sections of the church. W. M. Aid Society holds its meeting at Mrs. A. Starratt's.

Mr. Winter is holding us in his icy grasp, but the most inconvenience experienced is with the stockfeeders, as Worthylake's mill is fastened sure and strong and it will take quite a warm spell to loosen it.

Miss Ida Young returned on Saturday from Waterville, where she had spent her holidays with her uncle, Mr. William Young; Dr. P. N. Balcom, son and two daughters visited his brother, B. R. Balcom last week, and the two daughters, Miss Bessie and Mollie, returned home on Monday; E. Scott left on Saturday for Truro, after spending a day with his aunt on his way from Yarmouth; Miss Libby Chute left for her home in Berwick after visiting her uncle, Mr. R. E. Marshall, and family; Mrs. J. C. Morse and son Ewart G., of Wolfville, made a short visit among friends last week, after spending New Year's day with her mother, Mrs. Phinney, in Middleton; Mrs. Parker Morse is visiting Mrs. Forsyth; Miss Nettie Covert, of Middleton, is at her home for a visit.

Port George Breezes.

W. P. Moore, who has been in Maine during the past year, was for a few days last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Slocomb.

Ocean Spray division continues to add to its numbers, having initiated 4 members at its last meeting. The following officers were elected for the next quarter: W. P., Mr. R. G. Anderson; W. A., Miss Ethel Weaver; R. S., Miss Lucina Elliott; A. R. S., Mrs. Bertie Gibson; F. S., Mrs. R. A. Weaver; Treas., Mrs. R. G. Anderson; Con., Miss Vennie Elliott; A. Con., Mr. Joseph Elliott; O. S., Adelbert Weaver; I. S., Janie Miller; P. W. P., Fred C. Balser. On Monday evening, 30th ult., the division gave an entertainment, consisting of dialogues, music and laughable interludes, concluding with S. N. Cook's deservedly popular drama, "Out in The Streets," with the following cast of characters: Colonel Wayne, Mr. J. E. Slocomb; Solomon Davis, Mr. R. G. Anderson; Mat Davis, Joseph Elliott; Mrs. Wayne, Mrs. J. Slocomb; Mrs. Bradford, Miss Lucina Elliott; Minnie Bradford, Miss Annie Fowler; Dr. Midfield, Mr. Ervin Douglas; Nina Wayne, Miss Ethel Weaver; Pete, Mr. Frank Rhodes; Policeman, Mr. Alfred Healy. The audience was as large as could be accommodated, and nearly $20.00 was realized.

Lower Granville Notes.

Messrs. Morrison & Sons sawmill is nearly ready for business.

Rev. Mr. Porter has recently baptized three converts at Mariner Section.

E. H. Porter, Esq., has purchased the property adjoining his, occupied by Mr. L. Gillis.

James H. Thorne, Esq., made a shipment of apareils to England this week, per Line S. S. from St. John, N. B.

Mr. James Morrison, Joseph Johnson and Howard Covert have been spending the Christmas holidays in Massachusetts.

The friends of the Episcopal church held an entertainment in Winchester Hall, Dec. 26th, which was very successful. Readings, recitations dialogues, vocal and instrumental music made up a very attractive programme. The principal parts were well sustained by Messrs. John E. Bent, A. W. Messenger, E. H. Porter and Mrs. Messenger, Louis Wade, Maggie Porter, Gertie Longmire, Elija Thorne and Laura Morrison, whilst some of the younger folk recited pieces very nicely. After this was over a sale of baskets took place. The proceeds amounted to over $18. The hall was well filled and every one seemed well pleased.

New Albany.

Mr. Enoch Kniffen returned from Boston on the 4th.

Mr. Matthew Sheriden and daughter were in Springfield on the 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McNayr were here last week visiting friends.

Mr. Clifford Fairn, of Yarmouth, was here on the 30th visiting his relatives.

Mr. N. Brown of Paradise is staying the winter at Mr. W. H. Durling's hotel.

Mr. Harris Oakes has been away visiting friends at Horton. He returned on the 4th.

Mr. Walter Wilson, of East Dalhousie, was the guest of Mr. Danial Whitman on the 2nd.

Mr. John B. Mills, M. P., was here on the 3rd. He called to see Mr. Adolphus Fairn and others.

Mrs. John Phalen, of Mill Village, was here for a week visiting her friends. She returned on the 3rd.

Mr. Arthur H. Whitman, son of Mr. Phineas Whitman, received a license to preach from the Baptist Church here on the 4th.

Harborville Items.

MR. EDITOR,—As your paper is taken here in Harborville, I do not think it will be out of place to send you a few items.

Harborville has a natural harbor, in which are now six vessels laid up for the winter.

The brig *Evangeline* has just returned from Havana, having taken a load of potatoes, and she is planning to load again at Pereaux for the same place.

Our school has begun again under the skilful management of Mr. James Craig, principal, and Miss Mary Webster, primary. Mr. Craig is a teacher of no ordinary accomplishment, having taught for over twenty years. He is a brother of Messrs. W. A. and E. L. Craig, of Bridgetown.

Rev. G. L. Glendenning is the pastor of the Methodist church, and is liked very much. Rev. J. L. Read is the Baptist minister.

We have had no sleighing yet, and on Sunday and Monday we had zero weather.

Our blacksmith, W. J. Balcom, has been kept quite busy, having shod on Monday thirteen horses without any assistance.

Latenville Items.

Mr. J. Late has erected a fine new poultry house.

Mr. H. Late, of Lawrencetown, visited here last week.

Mr. Ellsworth Bezanson and family have moved to Mass.

Mr. William Selig has moved on the Durling property in this place.

Mr. Morine, foreman of the Rand estate, is rushing business this winter.

We would call the attention of our Councillor to the bad condition of the Durling bridge.

Mr. Richard Late has just completed a fine barn, which adds greatly to the improvement of his place.

Crisis at Ottawa.

SEVEN OF THE CABINET MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED.

Ottawa, January 5.—Within a week it seems as if a new Dominion ministry will have been formed with Sir Charles Tupper, (senior), as premier. Sir Mackenzie Bowell and he had a long conference this afternoon and evening, and although Premier Bowell has not yet resigned it is more than likely that he will do so after he has had an opportunity of consulting his party friends in caucus next Tuesday or Wednesday. It is known that seven of the ministers have tendered their resignations. They are Foster, Tupper, Haggart, Montague, Ives, Dickey and Wood. As yet the premier has not announced what course he will take, but seemingly it will be as indicated above. Sir Charles Tupper (senior) is said to be quite willing to undertake the task of forming a new ministry. Reasons assigned by the ministers for resigning are partly personal and partly because Premier Bowell has not been able to fill the vacant Quebec portfolio.

Supposing a new leader assumes command, this question is asked:

"WHAT EFFECT WOULD IT HAVE UPON THE POLICY OF THE GOOVERNMENT?"

It is generally conceded that there can be no change in the government's policy on the school question. Sir Charles Tupper as premier would have to adhere to the course marked out by his predecessors. A modified remedial bill doubtless will be passed by parliament, and to that bill it is suggested there will be attached a proviso rendering it incorporated say until January 1st, 1897, or July 1st of the same year, by which time Mr. Greenway will have had abundant opportunity of remedying the grievances of which the Catholics of Manitoba complain. If he still neglected to remedy the grievance, of course the Dominion remedial act would come into force at the time appointed.

It is generally supposed that Sir MacKenzie Bowell will be a member of the reconstructed ministry. It was thought that he would go to England as High Commissioner, but it is said he will not do so. In this connection the suggestion has been made that he might accept the lieut.-governorship of Ontario, and the Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick take a seat in the cabinet.

WITH SIR CHARLES TUPPER AS PREMIER

it is altogether likely that Sir Hibbert Tupper, the minister of justice would not accept a portfolio. Three members of the government from Nova Scotia, one of them occupying a seat formerly held by an Ontario minister, would hardly please the premier province. The suggestion has been made that Sir Hibbert Tupper might run for an Ontario constituency thereby removing the disability referred to. That there would be no difficulty in securing one for him is clear, from the fact that certainly half a dozen seats have been tendered to him within the last two years.

It is thought likely that for the present session at any rate, supposing Sir Charles Tupper actually becomes premier, that he might accept the vacant Nova Scotia senatorship, thereby obviating the necessity of a bye-election.

Nova Scotia Iron Works.

The following resume of the iron industry of Nova Scotia is taken from the columns of The American Manufacturer, Dec. 13th:

During the twelve months under review the New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway company has been united with the Nova Scotia Steel company, the enterprise which Nova Scotians can justly point to as probably the most successful joint stock enterprise ever launched in the province. This company is extending its operations, and is supplied with an admirable Bessemer pig from its furnace at Ferrona. The possibility of lengthening the run of this furnace on steel material is itself an item of economy, rendered feasible by the growth of the steel works. The furnace was started again in the summer, and ready sales of pig are since reported. After a long vacation the Londonderry works went into blast again, and it is reported are contemplating the reopening of their rolling mill. The large contract secured by this company for the pipes of the new gas company in Halifax will keep their foundry running for some time. The charcoal furnace at Bridgeville, Pictou county, had a short campaign of about a month. As yet, however, the price of charcoal pig has not recovered itself sufficiently to permit of their continuous operation. It may be questioned if the admirable pig made here would be available for steel making, as in the case with some of the better Swedish brands.

The Torbrook mine has been running steadily, with a total output of 29,940 tons, divided between Londonderry and Ferrona. The vein worked at this mine improves in depth, in quality and thickness, and has been found to extend about three-quarters of a mile to the westward of the present works.

The Nova Scotia Steel company have suspended operations at their Arisaig mines, having discovered a deposit of iron ore of a grade at Bell Island, near St. Johns, Nfld., which they are opening for shipment next spring.

The production of pig iron stands as follows for the twelve months ended September 30, 1895, although the output is more truly for the last six months of that period:

	Tons.
Pictou Charcoal Iron company	323
Nova Scotia Steel company	17,321
Londonderry Iron company	11,446
Total	29,090

Returns so far show that during the year there were 79,636 tons of ore mined, of which amount the Charcoal company, in addition to 589 tons melted, mined and sold 7,541 tons. There were 36,532 tons of coke reported from Pictou coal mines and the Ferrona furnace, and about 25,050 tons of limestone quarried.

Springfield Sprinkles.

Miss Hannah Saunders left for Clementsvale on the 4th.

Mrs. Louis Allen and daughter, of Torbrook, are visiting their friends.

Mr. Samuel Roop, of Middleton, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Major Roop.

Miss Ruby Langille spent a week at Aylesford, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Major Tufts.

Mr. an Mrs. Oliver McNayr spent a few days last week at New Albany, visiting their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Crouse spent Xmas week at Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Stella M. and Mr. Arthur Whitman, of New Albany, spent a few days here last week. They were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Webb.

About twenty ladies and gentlemen saw the old year out and the new year in on the Springfield lake. They skated for all they were worth, and a right merry time they had. A few of them caught cold but that's nothing.

Lawrencetown.

Four below zero on the 6th.

Our schools opened on the 6th.

A large oyster supper was held at the Elm House on the 1st inst.

Miss Georgie Bent, of Aylesford, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Oswald.

Master Bert Jefferson has been spending the past week at Mochelle.

Frost fish are plentiful in the river at present, and afford lots of sport.

The Methodist Church is holding special meetings every evening this week.

Services for Sunday, 12th: Methodist, 11 a.m.; Baptist, 11 a.m.; Episcopal 3 p m.

All Sons of Temperance should remember the session of the District Division which meets here on the 14th, in the afternoon.

Relating to Criminals.

Durant, the California murderer, and Gilbert the Boston unfortunate are to be hanged on the same same day Feb. 21st.

The sentence of death in the case of Shortis, who killed two men in a mill at Valleyfield, Que., has been commuted to imprisonment for life as a criminal lunatic.

The case of murder Holmes, under conviction at Philadelphia, has been appealed to the Supreme Court. January 26 has been appointed for argument.

The trial of Napoleon Dewars for murder of his wife in Montreal, in June last, resulted in his acquittal on Monday last. The jury was out about a quarter of an hour. In the first trial the jury disagreed.

Wish Themselves Back.

A Fort Fairfield, Me., letter says: "Potatoes are 40c per barrel; a bad outlook for the poor farmer who bought phosphate for $40 per ton, and used 8 to 11 hundred pounds per acre, and has two years' phosphate to pay for. The farmers up here have the blues, and have them bad. Many who left good farms in Carleton Co. now wish themselves back."

Maine's Terribly Cold Weather.

Fairfield, Me., January 6.—This has been the coldest day ever recorded. It was 30 below zero at the pulp mills, and 20 on Main street. Schools in the high school building suspended on account of the cold.

Parliament Opened.

SPEECH OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FROM THE THRONE.

About one hundred senators and members, one-third of the membership of the two houses, were present at the opening last Thursday afternoon of the sixth session of the seventieth parliament of the dominion. This number may be divided into about thirty senators and seventy commoners. There was the usual crowd, the senators' galleries being packed to suffocation, but the number of ladies on the floor was not equal to former years.

His excellency was surrounded by a brilliant suite. Lady Aberdeen wore full court dress, her train being carried by her two sons acting as pages. Among those in attendance on his excellency were Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Frank Smith, Sir A. P. Caron, Gen. Gascoigne, Col. Powell, adjutant general, and many local officers.

The governor general being seated on the throne, the black rod was despatched to summon the faithful commoners. Presently Mr. Speaker arrived with the members of the house, and the governor general read the following speech from the throne:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In accordance with the announcement made during the last session, parliament has been summoned somewhat in advance of the usual period.

The bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed is a cause for the deepest thankfulness to the Giver of all good. I congratulate you upon the evidence of increased activity in the various branches of commerce and industry. Several such indications have come under my personal observations during a tour recently made in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. In particular I noticed the extension of mining enterprises in British Columbia, where the vast mineral resources are in certain localities being now developed and utilized upon something like an adequate scale. A special feature of the same tour consisted in the opportunities obtained for visiting a number of the Indian reservations and also the Indian industrial schools. On the former I was received with hearty domonstrations of loyalty and good-will, while in connection with the latter the proofs of proficiency and intelligence on the part of the children were highly encouraging. As to the work of the Indian department as a whole, the manner in which it is directed and administered appears to be very satisfactory. A reference to these topics would be incomplete without an illusion to the valuable service of the Northwest mounted police, which may justly be regarded by Canadians generally as indispensable, under present conditions, to the well being of those extensive and promising portions of the dominion in which they are stationed.

Immediately after the prorogation of parliament my government communicated through the lieutenant governor of Manitoba with the government of that province in order to ascertain upon what lines the local authorities of Manitoba would be prepared to promote amendments to the acts respecting edvcation in schools in that province, and whether any arrangement was possible with the Manitoba government which would render action by the federal parliament in this connection unnecessary. I regret to say that the advisers of the lieutenant governor have declined to entertain favorably these suggestions, thereby rendering it necessary for my government, in pursuance of its declared policy, to introduce legislation in regard to this subject. The papers will be laid before you.

I am happy to inform you that the representations of my government and the suggestions of the Ottawa conference respecting Steamship communications have resulted in an announcement by the imperial authorities of their willingness to grant a substantial subvention towards the Atlantic portion of the scheme. This will, I trust, ensure the successful establishment of a line of steamers between the United Kingdom and Canada, which in point of speed and equipment shall fully meet all requirements.

My government have also learned with satisfaction that it is the intention of the secretary of state for the colonies to appoint a committee to consider a proposed Pacific cable to connect Canada with Australia. You will, I am sure, share the gratification which my advisers welcome these announcements as affording further evidence of the desire of her majesty's government to draw closer to each other and the mother land the outlying portions of the Queen's dominions. The papers on these subjects will also be submitted to you.

Your attention will be asked to measures intended to provide for the better arming of our militia and the strengthening of Canadian defences.

The growth of population in the Northwest Territories as disclosed by the last enumeration, calls for additional representation in parliament. A bill for this purpose will be laid before you.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the commissioners appointed by Great Britain and the United States for the purpose of delimiting the boundary between Alaska and Canada have concluded their labors and have signed a joint report for presentation to their respective governments. The report will be laid before parliament in due time.

At the request of the right honorable the secretary of state for the colonies a delegate of my government visited England last summer to confer with the imperial authorities upon the question of copyright. His report will be laid before you, and I doubt not that this subject will again receive your earnest attention.

You will also be asked to consider measures for the extension and development of our trade in agricultural products with the United Kingdom and other markets.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past and the estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you. The latter have been framed with every regard for economy consistent with the requirements of the public service. You will be pleased to learn that the revenues of the country show a gradual and continuous increase, and that the promised equilibrium between income and expenditure on consolidated fund account for the current year bids fair to be realized.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:
Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

I commend these subjects and others which may come before you to your earnest consideration, relying upon your wisdom and prudence under the divine guidance to discharge with dignity and effect the high trust committed to your care.

After their excellencies had retired the senate resumed the ordinary position, but only routine business was transacted. Senator Villeneuve of Montreal, one of the new senators, appeared to be sworn in, but as his patent had not been made out, the ceremony had to be postponed. It was decided that the upper house should meet again on Tuesday at 8 o'clock, and to take the governor general's speech into consideration on Wednesday.

Another Massacre in Asia Minor.

NINE HUNDRED PERSONS SLAIN AT BIREDJIK.

London, Jan. 4.—The correspondent of the *United Press* at Constantinople telegraphs under date of Jan. 3, that a terrible massacre has taken place at Biredjik, near Aintab, in Asia Minor. The official report of the occurrence states that nine hundred persons were killed.

Constantinople, Jan. 4.—It is believed here that the massacre at Biredjik was committed by the Kurds of the Hamadiech cavalry.

The massacre at Orbama was a terrible affair. The Porte admits that nine hundred persons were killed there but other accounts say that two thousand were slaughtered.

An Imperial irade has been issued ordering the reorganization of the Turkish army and increasing the Turkish forces in Macedonia, Crete and El Hejas, Arabia. The increase will be completed by spring.

Gold in Abundance.

Bridgewater Enterprise: On Thursday last Mr. W. L. Libby, manager of the gold mine at North Brookfield, brought a large brick of gold to Bridgewater and deposited it in the Merchants Bank. This brick which is the largest ever brought to Bridgewater, is the product of one month's crushing at Mr. Libby's mine, and is certainly a very creditable showing for a mine which but a few years ago was looked upon as almost worthless. It goes to show what can be done by perseverance, and we are pleased to learn that through the intelligent management of this property Mr. Libby has placed his mine in the front rank as a gold producer in this province. On Friday the huge brick was on exhibition at the Bank and drew much attention. It weighed 561 ozs. and is worth $10,400. Success to Mr. Libby in his enterprise.

"Unto us a Child is Born."

I beheld, and lo! an ancient kingdom,
Rent and torn with faction and intrigue,
Men looked fiercely on their fellows
And stealthily gathered where the shadows fell,
Muttering with frowns of angry gestures—
Then at the sound of coming footsteps fled
And all the land was filled with discord.
The King was old—and soon must sleep beside
His mighty dead, and no son was born
To sit upon the ancient throne—
He was the last of all his royal house.

But there came a day when forth from out
The palace gates a herald rode—with tidings—
To the king a son is born!
And all the land was glad,
Discontent fled its borders and the fierce
Clamours of those who sought the highest place
Were stilled! The child would sit upon the ancient throne,
And there was peace throughout the troubled land.

I entered the hall of a lordly castle,
When the last rays of the setting sun
Threw a softened light on the pictured
Forms of mighty heroes of that ancient name,
Whose deeds stood high emblazoned on the page of fame.
Marble columns twined with costly garlands
Held rare visions of the sculptor's rarest art,
Soft strains of music floated and vibrated
On the perfumed air, while the feet of the
Obsequious servants that went about
Intent upon their master's will gave forth
No sound; so soft and rich the texture of
The looms beneath their feet.
The treasures of all lands were gathered there,
And fame and power lent their witching charms,
But he who held the gilded cup spurned
The gift, for there was none to bear his ancient name
And in the fast approaching years stranger
Feet must tread the old ancestral halls.
His lady sat apart and mourned alone
Within her silent bower
What to them was wealth or fame? What their
Heritage of princely power?

But there came a time when adown the long
Corridors, along the pictured walls,
From where within the darkened chamber
The mother lay, the cry of a little child
Fell on the glad ears of her haughty lord
And there was peace—
The little child those sundered hearts unite
The shadows flee—the way henceforth is bright.

I saw the vast world rolling its waveless course
Through the bottomless, shoreless, fathomless depths of space—
And far down the ages rang the cry of doom
Woe! woe! woe! and an awful shadow marked the track of God,
And mighty darkness fell athwart the frightened world,
And men feared, but went their way forgetful—
Hell shouted, and from off his flaming throne
He who far back in the annals of
Eternity warred with the Invincible,
Lifted his chained right hand on high and
Swore anew the oath of ruin to the Fallen world.

Night fell softly and threw a shadowy
Mantle over the white walls that crown
The city of David
Softly the moon dipped her silver rays
In the depth of Cedron as she rose high
Above the tall cliff of the Mount of Paradise,
That lift their heads to face the stars.
From off the city walls the watchman cried
The sacred hour, and instantly the hosts
Arose with bowed heads and clasped hands
Looking towards Jerusalem—suppliant.
It was the hour of the evening
Sacrifice upon the Holy Mount and
God was with his people—
Beyond the slope far across the grassy plain
The tired shepherds gathered in their
Watching flocks and held them safe within the fold,
While some paced to and fro and mighty guerdon kept,
And some before the gleaming watchfires bowed their heads and slept
With staff and scrip beside them—
When lo! a light that paled the stars
Effulgent, resplendent, like that which fell
Between the Cherubims within the Holy Place
When God came down enwrapped the startled
Band and they fell upon the earth with
Covered faces—speechless with fear,
Then the voice-thrilling triumphant—
"Behold!
I bring tidings of joy—
In the city of David the Christ is born!"
Then wide through all the light encircled plain
Far up the shining heights and far beyond
The stars, sang out the glad refrain,
"Glory to the highest"—to the sons of men,
"Good will and peace."

In Bethlehem, beneath the star, the child
Was born—the Son of God, and lo! his hand
Hath lifted up the fallen world and placed
It safe within the hand of God, and
All is well.

—SARAH J. H. HEALY, in *Hz. Herald.*

Escaped the Electric Chair.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The climax of one of the most dramatic and sensational criminal incidents of the state's history took place today when just forty-eight hours prior to the execution of the death sentence upon Bartholomew Shea another man confessed to the murder, and Shea steps from beneath the shadow of death thrown by the electric chair. The invitations for the electric killing of Shea had been issued, the state electrician was already upon the ground at Dannemora prison, the governor had decided on Saturday not to interfere with the carrying out of the sentence and Shea had resigned himself to his fate, when another prisoner in the institution, a comrade of Shea's and participator in the election outrages, confessed to the crime.

The man who voluntarily confessed to the crime is John McGough of Troy, now serving a sentence of 19 years and 6 months for shooting and attempting to kill William Ross, a brother of Robert Ross, who was supposed to be Shea's victim.

In some way known only to convicts, McGough had tried to keep informed as to the success or failure of the application for commutation in behalf of Shea. When Shea was resentenced to die the 23rd of December, it is believed that McGough was ready to confess, but when he learned that a respite had been granted he withheld his confession.

After the holidays he learned that the efforts to obtain a commutation for Shea had not ceased, and so he made no sign. On Saturday, when Wardon Thayer was made aware that the governor would not interfere, and arrangements were being made for the execution, McGough sent for the warden, Walter N. Thayer, and when the warden had come, told him that he wished to make a statement concerning the murder of Robert Ross. The warden had McGough taken to the office, and handing him pen and paper, telling him to put down what he had to say in writing, McGough wrote a communication of about two pages, signed it with his full name and handed it to the warden. To the surprise of the warden and his deputies, the paper contained a decided statement, that he, McGough, and not Shea, had shot and killed Robert Ross.

The confession of McGough will bring to mind the tragic series of events that led up to the present dramatic results. The conviction of Shea and the great public sentiment against his release were due not entirely to the fact that he shot Ross, but to the aroused public sentiment against the disgraceful violation of the purity of the ballot. The crime occurred upon the sixth of March, 1894. Shea and McGough headed a crowd of repeaters, who had worked almost every polling place in Troy. They had been told not to try their games in the ward in which the Ross brothers, William and Robert, were the head of the republican party, but announced that they would. In anticipation of their visit, the Ross's, John Bolan and several other citizens had armed themselves with clubs and some with pistols loaded with blank cartridges. It was shortly after that the melee occurred, and a few shots were fired. The Ross boys fell. It was while Robert lay prostrate somebody ran up and shot him in the head. This crime was finally laid to Shea's door, and he was sentenced to death, while McGough was sent to prison for 19 years for his assault upon William Ross.

The Venezuelan Commission..

President Cleveland has appointed the following as the Venezuelan Commission:—David J. Brewer, Kansas, assistant justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Richard H. Alvey, Maryland, chief justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White, New York; Frederick R. Coudert, New York; Daniel C. Gilman, Maryland, president of John Hopkins university.

Magazine Notes.

THE DELINEATOR.—The fashion articles for January are timely and complete, covering the entire field of styles for ladies, misses and children, Millinery Lingerie, Dress Goods and Trimmings. Mrs. Roger Pryor's article on the Social Code relates to Society Balls and Children's parties. Miss Margaret McNaughton discusses Architecture as an employment for women. A well-known New York dentist commences a series of articles on the Care of the Teeth. The Delineator Publishing Co., Toronto.

THE COSMOPOLITAN.—The last story Stevenson wrote, and the one on which he was still engaged when death overtook him, he called "A Tragedy of the Great North Road." The first installment appears in the Christmas number of *The Cosmopolitan*. James Lane Allen begins his new novel, "Butterflies," which promises to be among the best works of that author. "Ouida," with one of her inimitable character sketches, Sarah Grand, and Zangwill with Stevenson, make the fiction a strong and almost incomprehensible feature of a ten cent magazine. Nor is the illustration of *The Cosmopolitan* behind the fiction. A long array of artists contribute original illustrations.

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Births.

WHITE.—At the Baptist Parsonage, Annapolis, on Sunday morning, 5th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Coulter White, a daughter.

YOUNG.—At Belleisle, January 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young, a daughter.

SHAFFNER.—At Clementsport, Dec. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Shaffner, a daughter.

BROWN.—At Lawrencetown, Dec 28th, 1895, to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Brown, a son.

MCLEAN.—On Jan. 1st, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Colin McLean, of Margaretville, a daughter.

Marriages.

PALFREY—ARMSTRONG.—At the home of the bride's parents, Bridgetown, Jan. 1st, 1896, by the Rev. J. B. Giles, Fred G. Palfrey to Miss Kate Armstrong, both of this town.

RICE—HATT.—At Sherman Mills, Me., on Dec. 18th, by the Rev. Mr. Bumpus, Milledge Rice, of Bridgetown, to Eva E. Hatt, of Sherman Mills, Me

GIBSON—BENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1896, by Rev. E. E. Locke, Fred W. Gibson, of Margaretville, to Sadie J., daughter of Jos. Bent, of Gates Mt.

VIDITO—MERRITT.—At Mink Cove, Jan. 1st, by Rev. Dr. Morse, Mr. Harry Vidito, of Milford, Annapolis Co., to Miss Bessie Merritt.

Deaths.

TEMPLEMAN.—At Hampton, Jan. 4th, after a long and severe illness, Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Thomas Templeman, in the 49th year of her age.

SHAFFNER.—At Clementsport, on the 22nd of December, the infant daughter of Laurence D. and Ida Shaffner, aged 2 days.

HARRIS.—At Lake La Rose, Dec. 30th, 1895, John R. Harris, aged 66 years.

MAILMAN.—At Greywood, Dec. 30th, Mrs. Sarah Mailman, aged 72 years.

FLEET.—At Bear River, Dec. 23rd, after a short illness, George B. Fleet, beloved son of the late John and Susanna P. Fleet, aged 28 years and 6 months.

JENKINS.—At the Alms House, Nov. 30, 1895, Melissa Jenkins (colored), aged 19 years.

FOWLER.—At the Alms House, Dec. 31, 1895, Nellie Fowler (colored), aged 4 years.

Church Services, Sunday, January 12th.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Rector. In St. James', Bridgetown: Sunday-school at 2; vening Prayer and Sermon at 7. Sewing Circle Monday evening. In St. Mary's, Belleisle: Service with celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30. Seats free in both churches.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. F. M. Young, Pastor. Bridgetown: Bible Class and Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching Service at 11 a.m.; Evangelistic service at 7 p.m. B.Y.P.U. Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. General social service Friday evening at 7.30. Service at Centreville Sabbath afternoon.

PROVIDENCE METHODIST CHURCH. — Preaching at Bridgetown at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sabbath-school 9.45 a.m., Prayer and Praise service every Wednesday evening at 7.30, Epworth League every Friday evening at 7.30. Granville: Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., alternately. Bentville: Preaching every Sabbath at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., alternately. Mountain Mission: Preaching fortnightly, Durling's Lake at 10.30 a.m., Hill at 2 p.m. Rev. J. R. Giles, pastor. J. P. Anthony, Assistant Pastor.

GORDON MEMORIAL CHURCH. — Rev. R. S. Whidden, Pastor. Service at 3.15 o'clock. Bible-class and Sunday-school at 2 p.m. Meeting Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Service at Annapolis at 11 a.m.; Bible-class and Sabbath-school at 2 p.m. General prayer-meeting at 7.30. Seats free in both churches. All are cordially invited.

ROUND HILL.—G. J. Coulter White, pastor. Preaching service on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11 a.m., and on other Sundays at 7 p.m. Prayer-meeting Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday-school after morning service, other Sundays at 2.30 p.m.

LAWRENCETOWN METHODIST CHURCH.
REV. J. H. TOOLE, Pastor. Lawrencetown, 11 a.m.; Mt. Hope, 3 p.m.; Inglisville, 7 p.m. All cordially invited to attend these services.

LAWRENCETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH.
REV. J. H. KING, Pastor. Lawrencetown, 11 a.m.; Inglisville, 3 p.m. All are welcome.

LAWRENCETOWN EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
REV. J. E. WARNER, Rector. Sabbath-school at 2; preaching service at 3 p.m.

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