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### GOOD WILL.

Had not this Christmas season proved as busy as all Christmas seasons do, the editor would have had time to write a straight-from-the-heart editorial suited to the time. His readers may not have appreciated it—perhaps they appreciate more the fact that there is neither time nor space for it. But the inspiration has been hovering near, and it breathes of sentiment, which, alas, is no longer a live issue. The world today seems too busy for sentiment, a thing most people never think of. So the editor's mooning shall not appear in print.

There is a difference in sentiment and sentimentalism. That person utterly devoid of sentiment is a cold, clammy, living corpse, and there are those aplenty. They are doing the world's work in this age. Their life is colorless; the cool, calculating, scheming, money-getters of today are blind and deaf, and dumb—in a way that they have no sense to appreciate. But we all realize how useful money is, and how the daily, everlasting grind is the price of it. Yet for the memory, if never for the love or gratitude, of that mystic birth at Bethlehem, let every man on Christmas Day muster a sentimental thought. The giving of gifts is the survival of a sentiment. Give, then, with no thought of getting in return, nor yet as a return gift. Give for the love of giving and to show your gratitude for having friends, which, perhaps, you do not deserve.

One sentiment the editor would have expressed in his editorial was one that would call forth the purest and the bravest that is in a man. It was this: If only for Christmas Day, forgive your enemies. He would have asked every reader to go to sleep next Saturday night minus the old grudge, the bitter thought, the open malice, the secret hatred that burdens everyone more or less, and then to know how it feels to be a real man. To make sure that the "forgetting" is not perfunctory it would be a grand thing if we sent to our most hated acquaintances a truce in the form of the season's greetings.

Let there be Good Will to all men on Christmas even if we feel it incumbent to take up the grudge at the dawn of the next day.

"First, I want to state in the strongest, most emphatic language possible, that the rejection of that agreement is not an indication of there being any ill-will or hostility on the part of Canada towards the United States. There is no hostile sentiment in Canada towards this great country, neither is there any sentiment in our country in favor of annexation. That question is not an issue, and if you will permit me to say it, never will be an issue in Canada."

### West Side Notes.

BY NICODEMUS.

Once more the irresistible march of the moments brings Christmas and New Year to us as to the wide world alike. Beyond recall the past has vanished and regrets for lost opportunities "ships that pass in the night" will be all in vain unless their lesson helps us to make the future more in accordance with our best and highest ideals. Again the evergreen festival of Christmas has returned; the song of the angels and the shepherd's story are as fresh as ever.

The manger in Bethlehem of Judea is as attractive a shrine at this time in Canada as it has been at any time in other and older countries. Other events become history, but the birth in the stable is the present miracle moving the hearts of the world and drawing men as unerringly to the great I Am, as the Magi were once guided by the star in the East "and came to worship Him." On that first Christmas occasion nearly two thousand years ago, the wise men brought to that Bethlehem birth-scene in old Judea rich gifts as proof of faith in the divine child, and for all time their act will ring down the changing centuries as a memorial to their devotion.

So men and women today think of the Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and cradled in a manger, and in His name—in the happy name of Christmas—they to some degree open their hearts and give and get the joy of unselfishness. With this little preachment I wish all the readers of The Observer the best that Christmas and New Year's can hold for them.

This week will see the Xmas guests arriving. The boys and girls will be home from the schools, factories, and their daily pursuits. The West Side will figure in this holiday feature alike with the wide world.

Miss Mildred Jamieson, of Florenceville is visiting until after Christmas with Mrs. J. B. Bowser.

Mrs. Chas. A. McCormick was a Woodstock visitor last week.

Charles Bull, of Woodstock, is spending a portion of his holidays with his uncle's family at Somerville.

Miss Ruth A. Shaw was this week the delighted recipient of a handsome Heintzman Piano as a Xmas reminder from her brother Wendell who is meeting with success in the West as a member of the Shaw Real Estate Co. His partner in business is Elijah B. Shaw a former Victoria boy and son of the late E. M. Shaw.

### Obituary.

Died in Foreston, Thursday, Nov. 16th, George Brooks after a lingering illness, aged 68 years. Mr. Brooks was one of the early settlers of Foreston and for many years was an active member of the Baptist church of that place, being a constant attendant until prevented by his last illness. The funeral was held on Saturday Nov. 18 at the church at Biggar Ridge, after a short service at his late residence, four of his sons acting as pall-bearers. The large number of sympathizing friends attested to the respect in which he was held in the community. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13 "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," this being the request of the deceased a few hours before his death.

He held fast the confidence and the rejoicing of his hope firm unto the end.

Five sons and five daughters and the wife are left to mourn their loss, but they "sorrow not" as those "who have no hope."

"Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning."  
J. A. COREY.

### MRS. ANNIE McFARLAND

The death of one of Glassville's old and respected citizens occurred on Nov. 16, when Mrs. Annie McFarland passed away after a lingering and painful illness at the home of her daughter Mrs. Jas. Boyle, by whom she was tenderly cared for during her last sickness.

Mrs. McFarland was 72 years of age, and had been a widow over 30 years. She leaves to mourn her departure one sister Mrs. Jas. McFarland, of St. John, two sons, Wm. and John at home, two daughters Mrs. Caleb Doucett of Knowlesville and Mrs. Jas. Boyle, of Glassville and four grandchildren. The remains were interred in Glassville cemetery where a large congregation had assembled to pay their last respects. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor Rev. H. Smith, Methodist, of which denomination deceased has been a member since early in life.

### Zealand Station.

A series of accidents happened in the Keswick lumber woods. A young man by the name of Hawkins had the misfortune to get his leg broken, and Edward Brewer met with the same fate.

Alf. Morehouse cut his foot very bad, and Leander Morehouse also cut his leg and consequently will be laid up for the winter.

The post office has been removed from E. Burt's store, while Beverly Lawrence is the newly appointed post master.

Frank Sharpe of Carlisle, called on our taxidermist, A. Morehouse quite recently, bringing with him a nice deerhead to be mounted. Mr. Morehouse is doing a good business in the taxidermy line this winter, having received a large number of heads from different provinces. A visit to his establishment would more than pay one for their trouble. A freak deerhead was sent him from Woodstock for mounting having three distant antlers.

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