

THE ACADIAN

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Christmas.

The pageantry of Christmas has been formed by processions moving from many countries and from remote ages. The old heathen deities were wont, at this time of the year, to bear the evergreen, the holly and the mistletoe from the forests to decorate their temples, long before the grasses and the corn leaves rustled about the lead of that marvellous child in Bethlehem's stable. Grave and dignified men during the Saturnalian days of Southern climes, at our Christmas period, indulged in the "feast of fools," when they gave way to all of a boy's abandon, hilarity and gaiety to that era "when the wise men from the East" lent in wry contemplation over the Baby B-3, who lay in sweet unconsciousness in the manger amidst Judea's hills. Out of the twilight of heathen countries has come the children's custom of hanging the stockings near the fireplace for the good fairy to fill with knock-knocks so dear to the child's heart. It is an evidence of the real character of our Christmas spirit that it could secure to its service, for the illustration of its own spirit, these and other customs, as it is also an evidence of the generous breadth of Christianity's spirit to receive, employ and honor every good custom of man. Adapted to celebrate the truth of Christmas, all these customs were relieved of many evil features and exalted in their whole tone. A light heart, a merry countenance, an elated spirit only are in harmony with the day. It is a day of generosity, kindness. The best gift of Heaven was bestowed upon the earth. They tell us that the angels came floating down from the heights of Heaven with rapturous songs of joy, congratulating humanity in its good fortune. We know that the only proper mood which a human being should indulge upon the reception of such news, is a joyous one—no great as to surpass his power to display it. A tender, loving vital alliance has been formed by the Creator with our nature. Finite are we? But Christmas tells us that we are in bonds with the Infinite. Poor are we, limited to a little earth? But Christmas tells us that we are heirs of the unbounded universe. But the true spirit of Christmas will not be recognized if the favors bestowed, at least some of them, are not for some more unfortunate person, the poor, the sick, the outcast, the degraded, the weak and defenceless are the proper ones to excite our generosity. It is a day also of good will, "Peace on earth and good will to men," rang the angels. Old grudges are to be buried on this day. Every human being is to be met in a kindly spirit. A cessation of hostilities is to be announced, and a general amnesty should be proclaimed. It is a cosmopolitan day. In celebrating Christmas we are not Canadians, or English, or Americans, but citizens of the world, for this is the festival in which the civilized world joins. Peace on earth, good will to every man in every land, is the sentiment of the day. Then it is the children's day. What immense significance is contained in that statement! But we pause, unable for space to utter the thoughts which crowd within our hearts at the mention of the children. May everyone of them have a Merry Christmas.

The Junior Exhibition.

Last Thursday concluded the fall term at Acadia and in the evening the usual Junior exhibition was held. The night was favorable and the hall well filled. The orations were fully up to the usual both in composition and in delivery and the generous applause with which they were received betokened appreciation. Out of the class of twenty-three but nine delivered orations. Logan E. Hill, of Liverpool, spoke on "The Necessity of Music." Man is an emotional creature. He is influenced not only by what he knows but by what he feels. The language of the emotions is as important as the language of the intellect. Music is more than mere amusement, Mr. Hill said. It is a means of spiritual elevation. He pointed out the beautiful in the mythology of the ancients, and spoke of the salutary effect it had on their morality. "The Larynx and the Pen" was Ernest B. Hartling's subject, of Amherst. The aid of conversation at the present time is comparatively lost. The influence of the pen is wider though less direct than that of the larynx. Writing appeals to the intellect; the larynx to the emotions. The pen is steadily rising into prominence. Fred G. Harvey, of Grand Pre, spoke on the "Practical Value of the Classics." He showed that instead of not tending to make practical men, as some claim, the study is calculated to accomplish just the opposite result. The mental discipline it brings tends of all things to practicality. The memory is improved; concentration of thought engendered; sound judgment forgiven. The study of the classics gives a culture deep and lasting. Clifford T. Jones, of Wolfville, spoke on "The British Spirit of

The Canadian Northwest.

A VIEW OF VIKEN. In a recent issue of the Liverpool Courier, a glimpse of Manitoba is given by a correspondent writing from Viken. It is so readable that extracts from the article are hereunder given: "One of the newest and most prosperous places of the great west growing province is Viken, a prairie village, 1,400 feet above the level of the sea, situated 180 miles to the west of Winnipeg, and containing some 750 inhabitants. To a visitor from the east it does not convey the impression of being a particularly attractive spot, the construction of its timbered dwellings and stores being of an order which instantly suggests 'every man his own architect,' and the scenery in the neighborhood possessing features wholly unsuitable for dramatic effect. Yet Viken is considered by Manitobans 'a handsome little town,' and indeed, compared with other places in the province, it is a sort of Prairie Paris. "Stepping from the cars of the Canadian Pacific railway, whose track skirts the northern and principal side of the village, a stranger perceives on looking southward, a square and compact aggregation of tenements, the majority built of wood and variously painted. Frequent grey, cream or chocolate. Proceeding along the main street, which runs north and south (its broad roadway differing only from the primitive prairie in being destitute of grass, and its sidewalks precariously planked) he may observe some well-furnished stores in which the very latest English fashions in ladies' or gentlemen's out-fitting are displayed with all the tempting art of a West-end emporium; a book depot; an agricultural implement warehouse; a fruiterer's where oranges are retained at 60 cents the dozen; offices of the legal profession; the Bank of Montreal and Adams's Bank; the municipal treasurer and secretary's office (where village elders and members of the council mostly do congregate); the solitary post office whither all residents have to repair for their mail, 'the postman's knock' being an unknown institution in that far away region; a newspaper establishment whose editor and proprietor combines chronicling of local intelligence with the active pursuit of a branch of ornithological science; a well appointed restaurant; and last, and literally last, the inevitable Chinese laundry. Other avenues parallel to, and at right angles with, the main thoroughfare contain various business depots of no mean character, the proprietor having a 'country' constituency extending for miles on each side of the 'section,' which constitutes the recognized area of Viken. "Although forming such a small community the inhabitants evince a spirit of enterprise and a faculty for expansion which is characteristic of almost every occupied portion of the prairie province. Not ten years old, the survey being completed in 1883, Viken can boast of three grain elevators, having a capacity of 120,000 bushels; a roller mill with machinery of the most approved type; five hotels (three licensed and two unlicensed) each possessing stabling accommodations for forty horses; three churches—Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian. Besides a fire brigade and a volunteer corps, numerous societies exist to attend the social and progressive character of the residents. There are also lodges of the Freemasons, Oddfellows, Orangemen, Royal Templars of Temperance, Foresters, Black Knights of Ireland, and a flourishing branch of the Epworth League. Perhaps not a little of the public ambition which is so noticeable in the composition of the population, which consists mainly of three elements—English, Scotch and Canadian. Not to be behind other and more populous centres of the Dominion, it has its horse races (at the last of which, held in June, prizes to the amount of \$400 were given), its horse and cattle show, and its annual exhibition of agricultural and stock produce. It was at the latter, on the last occasion, that a turnip weighing 99 lbs. and a cabbage weighing 99 lbs. were on view as evidence of the productive power of the soil and climate. In the matter of horse Viken holds a unique position, for besides prize specimens of almost every class of equine exhibit, here is to be found the famous thoroughbred race-horse Dean Swift (valued at \$5,000) the property of Messrs Bourville and Routledge, of Ross Hill Farm, whose extensive policies are models of good management and the admiration of all agriculturalists who have been privileged to inspect them. "But it is stranger from the old country is not much struck with the topographical features of Viken, he cannot fail to admire its ables of unfathomable nature and its exhilarating atmosphere. The latter is prominent for its purity and health giving properties, of the beneficial effects of which and of the wonderful transformation in physique resulting therefrom many residents are able to testify. This salubrious, indeed, amply atones for absence of hill and dale and the arduous labor of the surrounding landscape. It must not be supposed, however, that the country is as flat as a lard tub, and possesses no charm to woo the eye. There are gentle undulations, with occasional bluffs to relieve the monotony of the vista; and if the waving corn be yet considered a pleasant sight, the flower resplendent prairie which every week in spring and summer displays in lavish profusion 'fresh gems of Flora's setting,' must undoubtedly be considered 'a thing of beauty'—a real manifestation of nature's loveliness. With what wondering eyes would a farmer in England look upon a single

field of wheat of 450 acres! Yet such is the extent of the wheat crop now reaping maturity on the farm of Mr James Lang of Oak Lake, near Yorkton, and many of equal extent may be seen in the vast granary of the west. In the well known 'Elegy' of the poetical post 'the ploughman homeward plods his weary way,' doubtless after many a lullsome circuit through the 'stubborn glebe,' but on the distant prairie the farmer rides his 'bulky' or other ploughing machine, and in effect takes a pleasant country drive, the straight furrow being often one mile long.

Acadia Seminary.

The fall term of Acadia Seminary closed on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Written examinations were held as usual upon all branches taught during the term. On Wednesday afternoon a Rhetorical Exhibition of rather a novel character, was given in the gymnasium, the various pieces recited by the young ladies being of their own composition. Much original work is done in the department of elocution, and the numbers of the following programme were selected from essays, sketches, etc., prepared for November. PROGRAMME— Essay, English Writing of Fiction, by Edith Estlin. Story, A Girl's Life in a Boarding-School, Mauds Prize. Paraphrase, The Old Clerk on the Stair, by Gertrude Greeningham. Sketch in Irish Dialect, Cora Healey. Story, The Little Street Wall, Gertrude Rich. Essay, Mark Twain, Mabel Jones. Sketch in Dutch Dialect, Cora Healey. Story, Looking Backward, Lena Benjamin. Sketch in Old Woman's Dialect, Gertrude Rich. Poem, How the Miller's Wife Saved Her Children, Annie Friesse. The subject matter of the papers, as well as the manner in which they were delivered, was highly creditable. Number 3, 7, and 8 deserve special mention. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the display of the term's work in drawing and painting; drawing from models, and from casts, studies in still life and copied pictures. A study of a negro's head from life deserves especial mention. The likenesses were unmistakable and displayed much talent of execution as well as power to catch the expression from the living face. It was the work of Edith Brown, who has also done excellent work in 'high and white,' from casts and models. Com.

London & Lancashire Life Assurance Company.

MONTREAL, December 12th, 1891. Business approximating \$200,000, was submitted to the weekly board meeting of the London & Lancashire Life held on the 9th inst. This speaks volumes for the energy of the agents and the popularity of the Company. Policies effected before the close of the books for this year will be entitled to two years' profits in next declaration, 1892. B. HALL BROWN, Manager. H. G. HARRIS, Secy, Agent at Canada and Wolfville.

Black River.

The Division of the B. of T. in this place had a Christmas tree and fancy sale with other entertainment on the evening of the 19th, with good results. They propose building a Temperance Hall, when funds are sufficient to warrant. Rev. H. B. loved a lecture on 'Stanley's Travels in Africa,' illustrated with magic lantern views, on the evening of the 19th, and preached on Sabbath morning to an appreciative audience. BLENKINSOP NICHOLS, music minister, by that terrible cough, which is the remedy for you. Sold by Geo. V. Hand, druggist.

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