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CHRISTMAS This number of the Monitor, being the last to be published before the coming of Christmas day, we embrace the opportunity to extend to our patrons and readers, old and young, our best wishes for a Happy Christmas, and certainly, even if the mind refuses to keep in the back ground events which during the year have brought tears to the eyes and made the heart bleed, it should be a Happy day, because it commemorates the advent of One who is the highest expression of love to our wayward humanity which even our Divine Father could manifest, and the best way to get the most real happiness out of the Christmas day is to keep prominent in mind its central and essential meaning, and in our sphere, and according to our ability, to make our words and deeds correspond thereto.

An ancient British bard, whose manuscript is carefully preserved in the British Museum discourses of Christmas which comes on Monday, as follows:-

If Christmas Day on Monday be, A great winter that you'll see, And full of winds both loud and shrill,

But in the summer, truth to tell, Stern winds shall there be and strong, Full of tempests lasting long, While battles they shall multiply, And great plenty of beasts shall die.

There is not much poetry in these lines, neither is there any special prophecy. They contain about as much truth concerning a Christmas which comes on any other day, as one which comes on Monday. But they will serve to bring to mind that while we, in this Canada of ours, have comfortable homes to protect us from wintry winds and storms, there are more than ten millions of Europeans, mostly women and children, who, for no fault of their own, have been driven from their homes and are facing in nakedness and hunger the storms of a northern winter. One of the gratifying things, connected with this cruel and destructive war, is the interest taken by some of the neutral nations, especially the people of the United States, as well as those of our own Empire, in the endeavor to relieve the necessities of these distressed and homeless multitudes. It will be in entire harmony with the Christmas idea, if we at this season, in planning our gifts to children and friends, reserve a part of the money at our disposal for women and children whom we have never seen, but whose miseries are sufficiently appalling to touch the hardest heart. This is not to say that any persons, whose eyes may be turned to these lines, have not already made an offering in response to similar appeals. But it is a reminder of the fact that as the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen, and the necessity for sympathy and self-denial is greater than ever.

"Who gives himself, with his arms Feels three— Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me."

BELGIAN SLAVES An American who went to Europe on business sent to a cablegram, descriptive of what he witnessed recently in Belgium, as follows:- "Naturally the scenes attending the forcible removal of fathers and sons were the hardest of hearts. I saw one long train of cattle trucks filled with prospective deportees. Many had resisted only to feel a German bayonet. Women and children had fought for their manfolk with desperate fierceness; clothes were scattered, eyes streaming, voices screaming and shouting until they were hoarse. Generally with as little brutality as possible, but always effectually, the Kaiser's soldiers crushed all opposition. Houses were searched by armed men from cellars to roofs. No discrimination was made between employed and unemployed. Only one object was plainly in view, to obtain the greatest possible number of strong hands. When the train was loaded women and children were standing about in a great crowd. Suddenly they ran on the line in front of the locomotives, threw themselves on the rails and clung there, shutting their eyes and uttering great lamentations. Detachments of soldiers pressed them to clear the track, when the train moved off toward the German frontier."

As the train passed through a village, a paper was thrown from the window. Being picked up, it read, "Work for the Germans, never! And less nice their papers." Long live King Albert of Belgium."

The burgomaster of Bruges, a man of seventy years of age, when asked to give a list of his fellow citizens who were receiving public assistance refused to do so. He was arrested and Bruges was fined 100,000 marks for every day's delay in producing the list.

The same methods are being employed in Poland. Workmen are hurried off to work in German munition factories. Germany's plan seems to be to gather 200,000 to 300,000 Belgians and many Poles to act as workmen and to relieve Germans to enter the army, and to move the

Frenchman in the occupied parts of France into Belgium to do necessary work there. "Public Opinion" says, "For a parallel to this we have to go back to the ancient slave markets, to the practice of Babylon, Egypt and Rome at their worst."

Several Socialists in the Reichstag condemned the conduct of Germany in these despotisms. They averred that when the Belgian workers returned to Belgium from Holland where they had fled, Governor-General Von Bissing assured those returning that under no circumstances would they be deported to Germany and this assurance had not been kept. Germany had again violated a solemn promise.

A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY Every young farmer, who can possibly do so, ought to embrace the opportunity of attending the Short Course of demonstrative Lectures, which is to begin at the Agricultural College, Truro, on January 2nd and continue until the 11th.

Those who have attended similar Courses at the same institution speak in highest terms of the instruction received thereat. Some of the best cows and other farm stock in America will be on exhibition and useful information on breeding, feeding and care will be given. No farmer in these days can succeed on the old hazardous plan. Scientific farming is the requisite of the day.

Get a single ticket at the station with a Standard Certificate, and the latter, signed by Principal Cumming, will ensure a free return. We hope to hear of a large number from this vicinity, embracing this splendid opportunity.

THE THERMOS BATTLE Everybody, in these days, especially everybody who travels, is familiar with the thermos bottle. It appears now that some inventor connected with machinery used for war purposes, has discovered a way by which the thermos principle of preserving heat may be applied to machinery of all kinds. There seems to be no reason why this should not be the case, and one can easily see what great economy may be effected not only in war machinery, but, in auto cars, automobiles, steam engines and all other machines where coal or gasoline or like products are used, if all the heat generated can be retained for use, instead of being lost as is the case at present. That inventor whose he is, is sure of his fortune.

FRENCH GREASE According to the British Weekly, the boys in the trenches have made a discovery. The discovery is that when their feet and legs are well rubbed with grease, the damp and cold of the trenches are not nearly so trying. One young soldier who was in the trenches for fifteen months and has returned to them, says that near Festubert he became fastened in a bog, out of which it took four of his companions to drag him. But, his rubber boots were left in the mud. He was obliged to remain four days in the trenches with nothing on his feet but his stockings. However, he applied grease freely and did not suffer any had results. As a result of this discovery, the soldiers are now well supplied with grease.

THE LETTER "E" The Journal of Commerce informs us that the opinion has been expressed that the letter "E" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, and in hell all the time. It is, however, fortunate that it is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no life, no heaven. It is the centre of honesty and makes love perfect. It starts off in error, but printing, publishing, typography and lithography can get along without it, although it is necessary to engraving and type founding. It is the beginning and end of editorial existence.

YOUNG CLERGYMAN GOES AS COMBATTANT. The news that Rev. A. E. Andrew, rector of Pictou and rural dean of Amherst, one of the strongest of the younger clergy of the church of England, in the diocese of Nova Scotia, has been appointed second in command of column, 5th division ammunition column, now mobilizing at Sackville, N. B., will be received with altogether exceptional interest by all familiar with the influence for good which an unusual gifts he has wielded. Lieutenant A. G. Gunn, of St. John, is the officer commanding the section. Mr. Andrew offered for a chaplaincy early in the war and failing to secure the appointment determined "for conscience sake" to go as a combatant. His friends generally recognize that he goes because he feels it his imperative duty to go and they know well the true quality of his manhood—the deep moral earnestness which he will carry with him into a warfare which is indeed holy if terrible. He was for months in training here qualifying for lieutenant's commission. He has been for nine years rector of Pictou and for twelve years rural dean at Amherst and his people are loathe to let him go. He came down from Pictou last week to get instructions and expects to leave within the course of a day or two for Sackville and to enter at once on a recruiting campaign—Halifax Herald.

(Rev. Mr. Andrew is the husband of a former Bridgetown girl, Miss Mimie Sinclair, niece of Dr. L. G. DeBlots of this town.—Monitor.)

WOMEN'S SHORT COURSE Owing to the increased space and other advantages afforded in the new Science Building, Agricultural College, the 1916 Women's Short Course was easily the best one ever held at the College. The course for 1917 promises to be just as much better.

This course is free to all women and girls and our advice is to put your application in early before the list fills up, for there is a limit to the number of students that can be accommodated.

The subjects will include Cooking, Dressmaking, Dairying and Poultry, besides these, lectures and demonstrations will be given in Laundry Work, Dry Cleaning, Short Cuts in Home Work, Modern Efficiency, Home Nursing and Millinery. Some time will also be devoted to book-keeping with particular attention to the necessary nourishment for patients suffering from various diseases.

Take note books, pencils, aprons, and wear a short sleeved blouse or sleeve protectors. Go prepared to get as much out of the course as you possibly can and ask as many questions as you like.

If you wish to procure a boarding house advise as early as possible. All trains will be met and boarding houses arranged for.

Morning sessions commence at 9:30 on Tuesday last week. Mrs. Ralph Lantz and Miss Mable Phinney braved the storm, and drove to Port George, where they attended the District Convention which was held on the following day. They report a very interesting session, and a pleasant time among the hospitable people of Port George.

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MELVERN SQUARE Dec. 19 Mr. Kenneth Chute has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mr. W. H. Martin recently sold a fine pair of fat cattle to Mr. Williams.

A good old fashioned snow storm on Monday blocking the road for a time, something like winter, Mrs. Kaiser and son Ernest of Kentville visited Mrs. Kaiser's sister, Mrs. Avery Patterson, during last week.

Editor Cox of the Middleton "Outlook," was calling on different families in this community, on Friday of last week en route to Middleton, from Aylesford.

Mrs. Crawley Stronach of Melvern West, is spending a few months in Kingston where she is acting as house-keeper at the home of her brother-in-law Mr. Frank Reagh.

The Methodist and Baptist Sabbath Schools of this community intend to hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment, in their respective churches, this week, while the pupils of the day school are supposed to participate in the same, halting with the Christmas holidays.

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LAWRENCETOWN TO P. E. I. Dear Editor: Will you give me space for a few words to thank our dear friends on the Lawrence town field for their great kindness to us and to let them know we reached our new field safely. We can never forget the kindness shown us not only on our departure, but throughout the years we were with them. After the rush of packing and bidding good bye we rested a few days with Rev. L. F. Wallace at Annapolis and had a very enjoyable time. The day we crossed to St. John was calm and mild. We expected to go to a hotel in St. John but were surprised to find friends waiting for us at the landing. We were really entertained. Our train did not leave until 12:40 p.m. next day, so we had time to visit friends among whom were Rev. and Mrs. Poole so well known in the Valley. Their N. S. friends will be glad to know they are winning a golden opinion in this city. The car we boarded at St. John went without change to the boat at P. E. I. There we encountered a snow storm at Moncton and there were rumors we might not get across that night but the storm cleared before sailing. The night was calm and moonlight. The ship is probably the most beautiful. It was a most delightful trip we ever had to P. E. I. The ship is probably the most beautiful. It was a most delightful trip we ever had to P. E. I. The ship is probably the most beautiful. It was a most delightful trip we ever had to P. E. I.

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Christmas as Usual AT The CHRISTMAS STORE for the "Kiddies" Come in and see us. If not write or Phone and we will give you the very best satisfaction possible at the most reasonable prices. Santa Claus' Goods TOYS Just a few Notes LADIES: Fancy Collars, Ties, Rose Beads, Blouse Silks, Silk Mufflers, Fancy Handkerchiefs, etc., etc. GENTLEMEN: Silk Mufflers, Ties, Suspenders, Armlets, Garters, Handkerchiefs, Sweaters, etc., etc. A nice Muff A Fur Collar Our CHINA and CUT GLASS as usual are of the choicest Books, Gift Books, Booklets, Cards, Seals, Tags, Boxes, Tape and Ribbon for tying up parcels, etc. Phone 32. STRONG & WHITMAN Ruggles Block

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