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A Chat With Our Readers

The matter of placing a real Christmas Number before the readers of *The Western Home Monthly*, has had, for months back, the best consideration of its editors and publishers. Plans, now matured, assure a number of surpassing merit, and one that no Westerner, we are sure, would like to miss. The whole issue will be in gala Christmas garb, every department permeated with the spirit of the festive season.

There are many special contributors who will be cordially welcomed by all. Dr. J. L. Gordon, some years ago the popular and eloquent pastor of Central Congregational Church, Winnipeg, now of San Francisco, supplies a page of Christmas cheer, with all the vigor and brightness which many readers of the magazine will recall and cherish. During his years of residence in Winnipeg, Dr. Gordon was a regular contributor to *The Western Home Monthly*, but since taking up his work in the United States, we have only had the pleasure of presenting his views on rare occasions. There are few writers or speakers who enjoy Dr. Gordon's popularity.

There will be a page story by Mrs. Nellie L. McClung, perhaps Canada's most prominent authoress.

Our readers need no introduction to Mrs. Murphy of Edmonton (Janey Canuck), whose writings are already well-known. Few women have played such a fine part in the life of the West as Mrs. Murphy, and the influences of her writings and public life have been a stimulus to thousands. A tribute to her splendid qualifications is the fact that she was the first woman police magistrate to be appointed anywhere in the British Empire.

Another Western lady, who is by no means a stranger to our readers, is Miss Edith G. Bayne, one of the brightest writers in the Canadian West. She will deal in happy vein with the spirit of Christmas, as in its bountiful expression from year to year, it gladdens, fascinates and encourages the peoples of the Western plains.

Another favorite writer will be Mr. Mortimer Batten, who though now living in England, spent so many years in Canada, studying its conditions, that we now regard him as one of ourselves. A story from his facile pen will be one of the very fine features of the issue.

These are but a few taken at random from a long list of high class writers. The Christmas Issue is one which you will enjoy from cover to cover, and it will quickly occur to you that such a representative number will be one which you will be very anxious indeed to mail to your friends in Eastern Canada and the Old Country.

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