

TRINITY.

During my observation walks in and around Trinity, for the purpose of finding something, which, because of its being bound up with the welfare of the town, is worthy of public notice and comment, I have often looked at the sign-board over the office door of Mr. Joseph Morris' premises. In its clever arrangement of many words in a small space, and its slight defacement by the weather, it suggests at first a cryptogram; but, upon closer inspection it reads clearly enough: "The Office of the Trinity Mutual Marine Co., Ltd." I called at the office one day last week, and finding Mr. Fred Morris in charge, I asked for such information respecting the Company, as would be of interest to the general public.

He informs me that he is, and has been since his brother Orlando's death the Secretary of the Company; and then he kindly gave me the following facts and figures for publication. The Company of to-day was organized in Trinity by Mr. Joseph Morris and Mr. Benjamin Miller, in 1875, and was then known as the Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Club. At that time Mr. Morris owned six vessels, and Mr. Miller owned three. The object of making money was never in either the minds or the plans of the promoters; the one great object of the Club being that it is to-day—mutual protection against loss of property. During the first year of the history of the Club, fourteen vessels were insured, and no loss was sustained. During the second year forty vessels were insured, one of which was lost during the year.

The premium required to meet this loss was made up by the committee of management, who went from house to house for the money, which was promptly and cheerfully paid. The reputation of the Club for square dealing and mutual good, quickly spread amongst the schooner owners in Trinity Bay and Bonavista Bay, and at the close of twenty years five hundred and ninety vessels, owned in those two bays were enrolled in the list of the marine risks of the Club. This was the largest number of risks underwritten by the Club—largely because the directors having found that they were getting too many vessels to look after properly, decided to cut out Bonavista Bay, and to confine their work to Trinity Bay.

The Institution was incorporated in 1907 under the Newfoundland Companies' Liability Act, and under its present name, "The Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company, Ltd." Mr. Joseph Morris was Secretary for twenty-four years. Then he resigned, and his son Orlando performed the duties for eight years, till his death, and since that time Mr. Fred Morris has been the Secretary. During the thirty-five years of its history, its premiums have been the lowest of any Insurance Company in the Island, averaging 3%. At the present time there are eighty-nine vessels on its list, with the premium of 1920 at \$5 1/4. The premiums of the last five years have been: 1915, 1 15/16; 1916, 1 11/16; 1917, 2 7/8; 1918, 1 1/4; 1919, 4 1/4; 1920, 5 1/4. The only expenses of the Company are for printed annual statements; \$1 a meeting to each of the Directors; \$2 to the Chairman, and so much a vessel a year to the Secretary for clerical work. At the annual meeting in January, 1920, it was decided that the values of all new and rebuilt vessels be raised \$10 a ton. The Company is represented in twelve places in Trinity Bay, by twenty-six Surveyors, giving two Surveyors each to ten places, and three each to Trinity and Port Ruston.

Owing to the general public not being able to agree upon a site for the monument to the men of Trinity who fell in the war, a public meeting was called to make final arrangements. At this meeting it was decided not to erect the monument, and to instruct the Secretary to refund the money to the subscribers. There were three hundred and fifty subscribers, and the amount subscribed, with interest, to date was \$2,236. Instead of the beautiful cross standing in our midst, as the emblem of our salvation, and to remind us of the supreme sacrifice made by the men who laid down their lives for God, for King, and for Home—and to raise our thoughts to higher and better things—instead of that, I say, we are to have kept before us, some parts of a German gun—the emblem of death and destruction, and reminding us of possibilities and associations which we are all anxious to forget.

The officers and members of the S.U.F., after attending Divine Service, and parading around the town, with flags and Lodge Banner, returned to the Parish Hall for dinner, which had been provided by one of its members, who excels as a cook. The dinner (which was strictly confined to members of the Society) was national in its character, viz., pork and cabbage, etc., and is highly spoken of by those who partook of it. In the evening, the hall which was decorated with nets, flags, etc., was arranged for dancing, and thrown open to the public, who have reported it as most pleasant and enjoyable. Several members of the Trouty Lodge took part in all the exercises.

The Monument Committee decided, that the interest on the money deposited in the Bank for the Monument, be divided pro rata amongst the schools of the district, in which the money was collected.

During the Christmas and New Year weeks, a series of pleasant private social evenings were arranged for, by parents and friends of the young people who were home during vacation. Thank God, there was nothing this year of a sad feature, in either our public or private life, to lessen the number of the gatherings, or to mar their pleasantness. It has not always been so in the past, nor will it always be so in the future, hence a real cause for thankfulness.

The next month or two have often been referred to as "the silly season." It is that, usually, in the out-harbor, as there is not much intercourse between us and the busy outside world; and hence not many changes in our society programme; which makes it particularly hard on weekly reporters of items of interest to the public press.

Our winter train time-table of the Bonavista Branch, went into effect at New Year. So far it has given us a daily mail, coming in from Shoal Harbor at early morning, and going out again about midday. In this respect it is an improvement on the summer time-table.

The majority of our local shopkeepers are busy just now, and will be for a few days—counting the money they took during the Christmas season, and taking stock of goods on hand.

A faint pencilling on the fly leaf of the Bible, indicated that it had been given to his soldier-brother, by Rev. James Whitely, "Queensland, Australia, when his brother left Australia for the front. A letter of inquiry to this address, from Trinity, resulted in a reply, three months later, full of expressions of grateful pleasure, giving a more definite address, and assuring the writer that the owner of the Bible was still alive and well in his home in Australia; and that he would be delighted to get his Bible back. He had been gassed and seriously wounded at St. Quentin, and during hours of unconsciousness, the Book had slipped from his pocket, and, as he supposed, lost for ever.

A short outline history of how, when, where, and by whom the Bible was found and returned to the owner, was compiled, and pasted on the fly leaf. It was then sent to the owner's address in Australia, received by him, and duly and gratefully acknowledged. I will tell my readers next week, how the other two things were returned to the mother of each of the men—one in East Prussia, and one in Germany, and how glad and grateful each mother is, to have those things restored to her (three years after her boy was killed). The delightful letters received by the mother, and a mother's love, are the same all the world over.

The annual business meeting of the Parish of St. Paul's, Trinity, will be held on Monday evening next.

The motor ferry boat between Trinity East and Trinity, is always discontinued at New Year; and the stronger boat, sheathed for the ice, and propelled by oars and sails, takes its place, till the harbor ice stops it altogether.

The many friends of Mrs. Morell, will be sorry to hear that she is suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

Those of our citizens who went to St. John's and returned by the Prospero, report pleasant weather and a good time generally. They did well by not waiting for the local train.

In these days when we have so little patience, and are so fond of short cuts, we shall do well to remember that Abraham Lincoln said: "We shall sooner have the town by watching the egg than by smashing it."

Trinity, Jan. 15th.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy wish to thank the Matron and Nurses of the Fever Hospital and the good Sisters of St. Patrick's Convent, and all those who sympathized with us in the loss of our darling child, Jennie, who died on December 23, 1920.—adv.

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Twenty-five years ago when boxing was confined to three countries—England, Australia and America. Since then France has taken up the sport with great enthusiasm. Belgium has developed some excellent boxers, and had a dozen other European countries, including Germany, are now the scene of frequent contests. Belgium and progress of the Belgians may be gauged by the fact that Albert Wynne, featherweight champion of that country, also holds the featherweight title of Europe. Wynne recently knocked out Mike Honeyman, the featherweight champion of England, and showed his superiority over several other English fighters.

France is enthusiastic over boxing, but with the exception of Carpenter and Ledoux has no champions of merit. England continues to follow boxing with great industry, but her only man of real class is Jimmy Wilde, Australia is without a single man of class, the death of Les Darcy removing the last great champion of that country.

Notwithstanding the lack of class men, all these countries have a complete list of title holders. A mistaken impression prevails that a native or resident of one country can win the championship of a class in a foreign country. Only when a boxer proves to a foreign country and follows:

World's Champions.
Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde, London, England.
Bantam—Joe Lynch of New York.
Featherweight—No incumbent.
Lightweight—Benny Leonard of New York.

Welter—Jack Britton of New York.
Middleweight—Johnny Wilson of Boston.
Light heavyweight—Georges Carpentier of Paris, France.
Heavyweight—Jack Dempsey of New York.

American Champions.
Flyweight—No incumbent.

makes his permanent residence there can he win a boxing title in his new home. A large number of American champions came from foreign lands, including Fitz Erne, middleweight, Jack Dempsey and McAllister. Yet they adopted America as their permanent place of residence and therefore were entitled to the boxing championships they won.

In England only a native and a permanent resident can win a title and the Londale belt, and the contention that because Kid Lewis defeated Johnny Basham the victor is the entire champion of England is absurd. Lewis left his native country years ago and has moved to become a citizen of America. If Lewis defeats Britton in a bout to be held in London, Britton will then become the world's champion, a title now held by Britton. Lewis will also be the American world champion.

The defeat of a boxer in a world's championship bout does not deprive him of his national title. For example, if Carpenter, who is the heavyweight champion of Europe, were to defeat Dempsey, the Frenchman would then be the heavyweight champion of the world, the heavyweight champion of Europe, and the heavyweight champion of France.

The holders of titles in the various countries now fostering boxing are as follows:
French Champions.
Flyweight—A. Bou zonne, Paris.
Bantam—Charles Ledoux, Nievre.
Featherweight—No incumbent.
Lightweight—Georges Papin of Paris.
Welterweight—Francis Charles of Paris.
Middleweight—Georges Balzac, Paris.
Light heavyweight—Georges Carpentier, Paris.
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Middleweight—Johnny Wilson of Boston.
Light heavyweight—Battling Levinsky of New York.
Heavyweight—Jack Dempsey of New York.

European Champions.
Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde, London, England.
Bantam—Charles Ledoux, of Paris, France.
Featherweight—Arthur Wyns, Belgium.
Lightweight—No incumbent.
Welterweight—No incumbent.
Middleweight—No incumbent.
Light heavyweight—Georges Carpentier, Paris, France.
Heavyweight—Georges Carpentier, Paris, France.

British Champions.
Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde, London, England.
Bantam—Jim Higgins, London.
Featherweight—Mike Honeyman of Canning Town.
Lightweight—Bob Marriott of London.
Welterweight—Johnny Basham of Newport, Wales.
Middleweight—Tom Gummer of London.
Light heavyweight—Boy McCormick, of London.
Heavyweight—Joe Beckett of Southampton.

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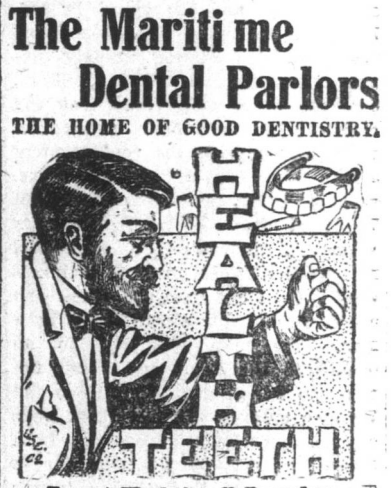
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