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A Merry Christmas

A Merry Christmas for Everybody.

I don't want to be late getting my copy to the MONITOR, so will say it now.

Some people are apt to overlook the Shoe Store when selecting Christmas Things.

Yet it is the best place on earth to select a useful gift for anybody. Just think, there are good shoes for every member of the family.

Shoes for comfort, shoes for durability, shoes for style, shoes for any requirement.

Then, there are the slippers I told you about last week. It is easy to select a suitable gift here. Just come and see.

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THE NEW BOOK LADY LATOUR

An Interesting Review of Rev. W. I. Morse's Latest Book of Poems

There has been brought out recently by the Ryerson Press, Toronto, a beautiful little volume of Poems, entitled "The Lady Latour," by a clergyman well known to the readers of the MONITOR, the Rev. W. I. Morse. The author is a native of Paradise, N. S., where his father, Joseph Morse, still resides, but his home now is in Lynn, Mass., where he is the Rector of the Church of the Incarnation, and universally beloved by the members of his congregation. Even though he has taken up his abode among the great people of the land to the south of us, yet as we can see from this volume—apart from the fact that he spends his summer vacations in his pretty bungalow in Paradise—his heart and his spirit are in the Acadian land.

This is the second time that he has entered into the literary world, for he published a volume of verse in 1908, under the title of "Acadian Lays." The writer, however, knowing the interest that is taken in our young men who have made good in countries other than their own, and in the productions of their mind and hand feels that a little information concerning Mr. Morse's second literary effort.

In the preface it is stated that a few of the selections first appeared in the issues of "The Canadian Magazine," Toronto. The others in part deal with the inner life, and some concern that ancient land of "Acadia," sometimes known as "Acadia" which critics often confound with "Arcadia." The selections in part two for the most part explain themselves and are illustrated by drawings from the hand of F. G. Cooper and E. L. Proctor.

The book as already stated is divided into two parts. The literary style is the same in both parts, but the second part bubbles over with humour whilst the illustrations are amusing and laughter provoking besides focusing the lesson given in the text. Taken as a complete whole the little volumes is excellent in conception, sparkling in wit, brilliant in humour, profound in thought, beautiful in imagery, and splendid in execution. The author is to be congratulated in presenting us, in such a pleasing way, the thoughts that have been fitting though his mind.

The book has already been favorably commended. The Rev. E. I. V. Higgins, of Beverly, Mass., a writer of no mean order, one who has already distinguished himself in literary society by productions in verse and prose, has spoken of the volume under review in this wise: "I think he (the author) has shown that the genius of poetry does still haunt a man here and there and other things say beautiful things, and other things which make one think of beautiful things and desire the beautiful. He touches the grave and the gay, the true and the false, the lovely and the unlovely. May he keep at it and bring out many more dictates of his spirit to heal, to help, to comfort, or to rebuke and chasten. He has done what few do, made every line have a plain meaning. Clear thought is the deepest thought, clear water is transparent." Dr. Benjamin Rand, of Harvard University writes of the charming volume which describes with such felicity the Acadian country. "It is an excellent title and the book will keep the memory of this Heroine (Lady Latour) ever fresh."

The title of the book will bring to mind, and so perpetuate, the noble deeds and the indomitable spirit of one of the finest ladies whose names are recorded upon the pages of Canadian history. The poem which gives the name to the volume, though short, yet in lines deep cut as with a diamond, reveals her life vividly, and she appears before us in all the strength of her glorious womanhood in utter contrast to D'Aulney, who shows himself a Knight without honour, without chivalry and without pity.

"No song of amour To Lady Latour. But of honour untarnished as ages show. Brief annals acclaim The pride of her name. And faintly the records yet kindly and glow.

It will take up too much time to describe even briefly all the selections that are given in the volume, so the writer will simply make two or three quotations in order that the readers may have some clear idea as to what the book contains.

In the "An Acadian Spring" we have the picture drawn by one who has the artist's eye and skill, who here presses the pencil very softly, there more strongly, who blends the light and the shadow to form an exquisite painting full of colour, and harmony which faithfully represent the reality of the scene. Here are a few verses:

Across some mirrored lake. As evening falls, I hear the night birds give Their vesper calls.

The twinkling bells of Kine Flooz down the vale, And lose their melody Along the trail.

Forth from the old mill-race There comes the roar Of waters falling as They fell of yore.

While far in yonder gorge A restless stream Makes music to the night Wind's gentle dream.

In the writer's estimation the poem "Rhythm" is the one in which the author shows the deepest thought. Deep, as it were, answers out deep. He surveys nature, history, art and that symbol of human affection, the heart, and notices the wonderful, almost miraculous, rhythm there is in each and all.

"There is a rhythm in the sky. The earth, the sea, and history." There is a rhythm in the darkness by the sea. Where myriad shells fulfil their destiny.

There is a rhythm in the heart. That "bourdon" heard least often in the city's mart. But in the silence and alone We catch the sound, the unforgetten tone Which whispers all is well— Conveys sweet promises of hope; or else the knell Of lost efficiency, fatigue, disease, the "cycle ended. Affections lost, ill-comprehended.

FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, of Granville, Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Tuesday evening being the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, a number of their friends and neighbors called on them at their home in Granville. A very pleasant evening was spent interspersed with music and light refreshments.

Rev. G. W. Hilder, pastor of the Lower Granville Baptist Church presented the couple with the following address:

Stoney Beach, N. S., Dec. 14th, 1920
Dear Brother and Sister,

It is with the feelings of deepest joy, the keenest delight and the warmest felicity that we, your neighbors and fellow Christians, hail this the Fiftieth Anniversary of your wedding.

Surely yours has been a golden privilege, to have lived together as husband and wife for fifty years, in the close intimacy and fellowship of married life, is a privilege that falls to the lot of very few indeed.

At such a time as this our thoughts naturally turn to the Heavenly Father and it is with the feelings of deepest gratitude that we acknowledge His watchful care over you, our brother and sister in Christ.

We call to mind the Father's promise as expressed by the Psalmist, "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him, I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

We thought fitting on this joyous occasion to present to you a little token of our regard and to assure you of the high esteem in which you are held by all and we sincerely hope that the Heavenly Father may reward you both with many years to come.

How welcome was the call, To sweet the festal lay, When Jesus deigned in Cana's hall To bless the marriage day!

And happy was the bride, And glad the bridegroom's heart, For he who tarried by their side Bade grief and ill depart.

His gracious power Divine The water vessels knew, And plenteous was the mystic wine The wondering servants drew.

O Lord of life and love, Come Thou again today, And bring a blessing from above That never shall pass away.

O bless, as erst of old, The bridegroom and the bride, Bless with holier stream that flowed Forth from Thy pierced side.

Before Thine altar throne This mercy we implore, As Thou didst knit them, Lord, in one So bless them evermore.

It is with deep pleasure, that I, on behalf of those present, now give to you this token, as an expression of all for your continued prosperity and good health and I wish further to convey to you both our heart-felt congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong both made very suitable replies. Letters of congratulations were received from as far away as British Columbia and many from the United States.

Wesley Ingalls and Fred Titus, of Grand Manan, who saved the schooner Marie Stella in the Bay of Fundy two weeks ago and took her into Tiverton, Digby, were in St. John a few days ago to meet the owner. A satisfactory settlement made as the salvage and owner will now put the vessel in a sea worthy condition, repairs to be made either at Bellefleur Cove or Meteghan.

British steamer "Bruyere", of Lampport & Holt Line, New York-River Plate service, Capt. L. O. Everett, of Carleton's Corner, has been diverted from the usual route, owing to the fall of freight rates from \$18.50 per ton to \$7.40. She sailed from Buenos Ayres and Montevideo November 23rd, with 8500 tons of cereals for London, and Dantzic calling at St. Vincent and Los Palmas for bunkers.

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PASSED THROUGH BRIDGETOWN

Governor General and Staff Spent Thursday Night at Round Hill.

The royal train passed through Bridgetown at 7 o'clock last Thursday evening, from Kentville for Halifax via Yarmouth and South Shore points, stopping at several towns along the line.

The royal party spent the night on board their train at Round Hill, running into Annapolis Royal the next morning where they were met by Mayor King and other important officials of the town, escorted to Fort Anne, inspecting the government museum and other places of interest.

At Digby they were also met by Mayor Nichols and officials, the school cadets forming an escort to the Court House.

They were entertained at Yarmouth and various towns along the South Shore His Excellency driving the first bolt in the Canadian fishermen challenger now under construction at Lunenburg. They arrived in Halifax Sunday and were given a royal welcome.

The Duke was accompanied by Captain Canard, A. D. C., and Captain Balfour, militia secretary. Crowds awaited the arrival of His Excellency in the various towns, music was furnished by local bands and streamers of flags and welcome signs were much in evidence.

His Excellency expressed regret that the Duchess was unable to accompany him, but hoped that before his tenure of office ceased, he would return with his family to visit the famous Annapolis Valley.

We hope that on his return the party will be entertained at Bridgetown.

Another Good Picture

The following is a brief story of next Saturday (Christmas) night's picture which will be shown in the Primrose Theatre in Bridgetown.

Mary Ann Hubbard, in "In Walked Mary," is the surviving member of a fine old Southern family, and as the story opens the estate is in the sheriff's hand. The girl and her faithful negro mammy see everything pass under the hammer of the auctioneer. Even the old family bed, which the heroine desired to keep, is sold to a young Northerner, Dick Allison. But Dick, seeing Mary's grief, insists upon restoring the bed to her.

The girl and her mammy go to an old tumble down cabin, near the estate, to make their home. One stormy night Dick seeks shelter with them. Mammy's suspicions of the Northerner are gradually overcome and he becomes an intimate friend of hers. When he is called to New York suddenly he leaves his address with her and tells May to look him up if she ever needs a friend.

In course of time Mary is threatened with becoming a charity charge and Mammy urges her to go to New York and appeal to Dick for aid. This Mary does, with amusing results. She invades a bachelor party and embarrasses Dick greatly at first, but later she finds place in his affections. Mary even upsets a burning love affair between Dick and an adventuress and wins Dick herself.

Among the Churches

Parish of St. James, Bridgetown

WEEK DAYS
The services next Sunday (Festival of St. Stephen—the first martyr) will be:

Bridgetown, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
St. Mary's, Belleisle, 3 p. m.
Sunday School at usual hour.
Saturday, (Christmas Day) St. Mary's Belleisle 8 a. m. Bridgetown, 11 a. m.

Bridgetown Methodist Circuit

DECEMBER 26th
Bridgetown Sunday School 10
Bridgetown, Public Worship 11
Xmas Concert 7 (Special offering for Choir Fund)

Bentville Public Worship at 3
Wednesday, Bridgetown, Mid Week Service 7:30; Choir Rehearsal 8:30
Friday, Epworth League of Christian Endeavor 7:30; Choir Rehearsal 8:30
Tukis boys and C. G. I. T. activities at the usual time and place.

Bridgetown United Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. Friday evening 7:30
Weekly prayer service of the church on Wednesday evening at 7:30

CHRISTMAS 1920

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