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Christmas papers at Hibben & Co's.

The largest assortment of Christmas books in the city at Hibben & Co's.

Gold pens and pencil cases at Hibben & Co's.

A very extra fine assortment of hymn and prayer books, purses, card cases and leather goods at Hibben & Co's.

The "Lorenzo" four-in-hand knot is the latest for your scarf. McLean & Stewart, 31 Fort street, will instruct you gratuitously.

The patent Melissa waterproof coats are the latest thing on the market to keep the rain out. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson St., are showing a fine line of them.

It is a noticeable fact that Johnson street below Government is the best lighted street in the city. The colored lights in the windows of C. H. Bowes & Co's West End Pharmacy, 27 Johnson, are particularly noticeable.

The Victoria Parliamentary Debating Society held their second meeting last evening in the City Hall, when reports of committees were received, and the organization completed. The Sir William Wallace Hall has been secured and the regular weekly meetings will be held there.

Russell McDonald & Co's annual drawing, which takes place on Dec. 26, will be a huge affair. There will be fifty prizes, valued at five thousand dollars; five of the prizes will be in cash. Those fortunate enough to purchase their Xmas goods there will receive a ticket for every dollar's worth they buy.

Messrs. F. Pierce Watson & William B. Hall are going to open a first-class grocery store on Monday, 7th inst., at 55 Yates street, the stand formerly occupied by Davidson Bros. They will make a specialty of carrying the finest lines of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees and table delicacies, from the leading Canadian, American and English houses. Both of the partners of the new firm have had considerable experience in the first-class grocery trade in this city, as they have been in the employ of the well-known firm of Dixie H. Ross & Co. for some years, Mr. Watson eight years, during the last three of which he held the position of head clerk, and Mr. Hall for six

years. Mr. Watson has lived in Victoria for sixteen years, while Mr. Hall is a native British Columbian. Both of the gentlemen being thoroughly conversant with their business and possessing those sterling qualities of energy and integrity, besides being courteous and obliging, are sure to win for themselves a fair share of patronage. Mr. Hall will have the pleasure in a few days of calling on their numerous friends for such orders as they may wish to have filled.

DOTS AND DASHES.

The Earl of Lytton had many admirers in this country, where his poetry was appreciated, not because he was the son of one of England's greatest novelists and most brilliant essayists, but because he had the true instincts of a poet. "Lucile" will always be a favorite poem with Canadian readers. Yet Lord Lytton was very prominent in the diplomatic service of his country and has shown remarkable ability in that direction, especially in connection with Indian affairs.

We have received a poem, "A Romance of Death," which possesses considerable merit, but which cannot be published, as we are not in possession of the name of the author. All communications must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

"ENTRE NOUS."

A meeting of the Hebrews of this city was held at the residence of Rabbi Philo, last Wednesday evening, when it was decided to change the name of the society recently organized and named the Hebrew Literary Circle to something suggesting more of a social character. The following officers were elected: President, I. E. Philo; vice-president, Miss Bertha Frank; secretary, D. Eckstein; treasurer, Miss Kate Davis. The constitution and bylaws are in course of preparation, and will be ready next week. The organization starts out under favorable auspices and will be known hereafter as "Entre Nous."

THE RAINBOW BAZAAR.

The Rainbow bazaar at St. John's Church concluded in a concert

under the direction of Mr. Clement Rowlands, last Thursday evening. The programme was an extensive one and carefully prepared. To particularize would be invidious, and it is enough to say that every number on the programme was well rendered. The bazaar throughout was successful.

The Earl of Erroll died in London, Eng., to-day.

A claim for \$5,000 damages has been made against the Northern Pacific Railway by Mr. C. E. Munro, who was ejected from a train between Tacoma and Spokane without cause.

HAPPY.

The druggist's face a bright look wore
When I entered his place to-day,
As he was arranging a goodly store
Of plaster and arnica.

So smiling and cheerful he seemed to be
That I asked him to tell the reason
He was so, and, winking, he answered me,
"We're entering the football season."

ART MAXIMA.

Often ornateness
Goes with greatness;
Often felicity
Comes with simplicity.

Talent that's cheapest
Affects singularity.
Thoughts that live deepest
Rise radiant in charity.

Life is rough:
Sing smoothly, O Bard.
Enough, enough
To have found life hard.

No record Art keeps
Of her travail and throes.
There is toil on the steeps—
On the summits, repose.

CANADIAN EXPORTS.

The following is the export of goods from the Dominion for the month of October:

Produce of the mine	\$ 609,474
Produce of the fisheries	920,193
Produce of the forest	2,245,414
Animals and their produce	4,035,184
Agricultural products	4,256,458
Manufactures	711,840
Miscellaneous articles	45,652
Bullion	26,620
Coin	14,362
Total	\$12,865,200

M's. Capt. R. Collister, of Rock Bay is slightly better. The lady has been very ill for some days with bronchitis.

Miss Katie White, who has been finishing her education at St. Ann's convent, will leave for San Francisco tomorrow by the steamer City of Puebla.

The Chinese viceroy, Li Hung Chang, considers the rebellion as the result of local causes and that the dynasty is secure.

The French Government threatens to break off relations with the Vatican unless the Pope rebukes the French prelates.

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