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The Chronicle Christmas Number.

The Christmas Number of this journal is now in the hands of the illustrators, and printers. Unexpected delays have occurred in securing the material for this publication, as "accidents will happen in the best regulated families," and from such contingencies publishers and printers are not exempt. The companies have accorded a degree of support to this enterprise, which we gratefully acknowledge. We have every reason to believe that our Christmas Number, in point of literary interest, and merit, and in portrait illustrations of those prominent in insurance and banking circles in this Dominion, will exceed any publication of the kind heretofore issued in Canada. Already, intimations have been given that a large number of copies will be taken for distribution throughout Canada, in Great Britain and other parts of the Empire. It will be advisable, therefore, for those who contemplate taking this course, to decide upon and advise us as to the number of copies they will require.

A Much Appreciated Compliment.

The "garment of praise" is spoken of in Holy Writ, as one of the choicest of divine blessings. "To be praised by the praised, is praise indeed," says an old proverb. It is not our habit to publish such compliments as fall to our lot, which, like "a garment of praise," help to disperse the spirit of heaviness, from which no mortals are free. But, in a letter from one of the most eminent of living actuaries in the United States, there occur a few words which we may be pardoned quoting. The writer says:—

"I regard your paper as being of the broadest and most general utility, and admire and respect the able manner in which it is conducted, as well as the high standard of its editorial comments."

A Swift Passage.

We had the pleasure of extending a welcome, on the 9th inst., to Mr. A. J. Relton, general manager, of the Guardian Assurance Company, London, England. Mr. Relton left England on the 2nd December, spent half a day in New York on the 8th, and arrived in Montreal early in the morning of the 9th inst. Mr. Relton was looking as bright as though he had not just crossed the Atlantic, and passed a night on a railway train, but had just stepped from one room to another in the Guardian's magnificent building.

A Graceful, Patriotic Remembrance Card.

An elegantly illustrated card has been issued from Capetown, South Africa, which is addressed, "To the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Volunteer Forces of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, Canada, and other parts of the Empire." The Address reads:—

"Capetown joins with the Empire in feelings of heart-felt thanks, for the signal services which Her Majesty's citizen soldiers have rendered in upholding the Imperial authority in South Africa. The Empire is justly proud of the gallant conduct of the Volunteer Forces during the engagements throughout the campaign. Capetown congratulates the Volunteers upon the consummation of a service which has resulted in the consolidation of the Empire, and which has cemented the ties of affection between the Colonies and the mother country. The card bears the Corporate Seal, and is signed by,—
THE MAYOR OF CAPE TOWN.

The card is illustrated by a view of Table Bay, and bears the names of Paardeberg, Ladysmith, Mafeking, and all the places where the conflict was severe.

The Mayor and citizens of Capetown have the heartiest good wishes of the INSURANCE AND FINANCE CHRONICLE. This graceful card of remembrance is warmly appreciated by our Volunteers.