

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Where were feet patter down the hall Of Want and Wretchedness and Woe, Where were eyes shine and wee lips call

Upon a dream they may not know, Or where a mother marks their plea And turns her misty eyes away From where they cluster at her knee To dream with her of Christmas Day.

God, hear their prayer through snow and rain Or waiving wind and driven sleet. Let it not be they call in vain To find their dream of Christmas sweet.

Let it not be their eager eyes Shall look in vain through burbling tears, And find beneath life's shadowed skies The hurt—the heartache of the years.

God, answer them who still hold faith Or clasp a dream so brave and true That Christmas sends no phantom wraith To those whose message wings to you.

To those who whisper through the night Of one to come at morning's gleam, O Father of the Hearth of Blight, Give them to know their day of dream.

Where love is prone or vanished far, Where life's gray shadows haunt their play, Give them to know the eastern star Which guides them to thy holiday; Give them for this their day, at least All absence from the bitter road, And through the fullness of their heart

The heart to smile up to their God, —Grandland Rice.

STIRLING

Miss Tilly Kirby spent the week end at her home here.

Rev. B. F. Byers was in Kingston a couple of days this week.

Mr. S. S. McComb was elected a Director of the Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Association, representing Hastings County.

Mrs. Robt. Kerr and little son, of Toronto, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Black.

Mr. Harry McCutcheon of Trenton, spent one day recently with his mother before leaving for Harrow, Ontario.

Mr. Bert Brown's many friends in Stirling and vicinity will be glad to know that he is doing nicely after having undergone a very difficult operation at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, on Monday of this week.

His mother, Mrs. Nibball, is with him for a few days.

St. Andrew's Guild on Monday eve was a most interesting one, and took at the close the form of a presentation to Miss May Thompson, on the eve of her marriage, of a library table from the various organizations and congregation in general.

The A.B.C. also presented her with a pie casserole. The best wishes of all go with her in her new life.

Miss Kathleen Lanigan left on Tuesday for Toronto where she will visit her cousin, Miss Tena Conley, and other relatives.

Master Donald Ross spent the week end in Belleville with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parker.

Mr. Charles E. Linn, Dairy Instructor, has been kept exceptionally busy during the last few weeks attending cheese factory meetings.

Mr. T. E. B. Yeats, manager of the Bank of Montreal, arrived home Saturday evening from Montreal and reports a very pleasant time at a banquet given by the General Manager, Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, among those from the immediate vicinity who attended were Messrs. Tannahill, manager, Belleville; Harris, manager, Campbellford, and the manager at Tweed.—Stirling News-Argus and Leader.

TRENTON

Mrs. (Dr.) Farley went to Toronto on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Collins returned from Toronto on Monday.

Mrs. Mulligan is in Toronto this week buying Christmas goods.

Miss Doris Whitler returned on Friday last from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Temple spent the week end in Toronto.

Mrs. Booth entertained a number of friends on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Burden are spending a few days in Toronto.

Mr. C. K. Temple, manager Victoria Bank, was a Montreal visitor last week.

Mrs. (Dr.) Farncomb left for Toronto today to attend a meeting of the National Council of women.

Miss Laura Roban, who has been visiting in Toronto for the past six weeks, returned home on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Matthews are leaving shortly for a three months' trip to the coast.

Miss Jennie McCauley, who has been visiting Miss Cathart, returned to her home in Frankford Monday.

Mr. James Simpson of Rossmore, spent Sunday in town the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Saander, former residents of Trenton, now of Uncle Sam's domains, are visiting friends in and about town.

Col. Beattie, when in town on Thursday last to address the Canadian Club, was the guest of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cranston.

The many friends of Mrs. W. E. Milne will be pleased to know she has been discharged from Toronto Hospital in a much improved condition.

Mrs. James Young, of the Carrying Place, Ont., joined Mrs. H. C. Hayes, of Detroit, Mich., to spend the winter in Southern California, returning in the spring by way of Seattle and Vancouver.

Mrs. Robert Lee and children and Mrs. Walter Benson, of Winnipeg, are visiting friends in British Columbia for the winter, and with Mr. Lee will visit Trenton friends in the spring as his health is not much improved since his return home.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacPhail announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Edith May, to Mr. Harold Cameron Maybe, B.A., B.Sc., elder son of Mrs. L. H. Mabee, Kingston. The wedding will take place in the latter part of December. —Trenton Courier and Advocate.

DESERONTO

Miss L. J. Hill and her mother, who have been spending the summer at Burlington, arrived home last week.

Master Geoffrey Cathane spent Saturday with Kingston friends.

B. F. Davy has purchased the house on Bridge street, Napanee, in which he lives.

Mrs. Manly Jones and son, Victor Jones, Napanee, leave on Tuesday to spend the winter in Perrona, Cal.

Mrs. P. Gleeson and two daughters, Napanee, returned this week from Wallace, Idaho, where they have been spending six months with Mrs. Gleeson's brothers.

Miss Morton, who has been an assistant teacher in Carleton Place High School for the past couple of years, leaves at the end of the year for Picton, where she has been engaged at a salary advance of \$150. The Picton Collegiate is a seven-teacher school.

The money that was left after paying all expenses in connection with the reception to the returned men on Labour Day, has been turned over to the Board of Trade. The Board will use it to extend its campaign to induce industries to locate here. The Deseronto Board of Trade has been doing good work this past year. No one can guess at what the board's work this year may mean in results next year. The country is going through a crisis and foreign investors are a little cautious just now. However, the Board of Trade is in touch with some of the biggest and most promising men of big business and good results may come in time.—Deseronto Post.

CAMPBELLFORD

Mrs. (Dr.) Duprau, of Belleville, was the guest of Mrs. B. Dawson last week.

Mr. James Drain, of Peterboro, visited at his cousin's, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Drain of this town.

Mr. Jno. Oliver, who has been for several months in Pasqua, Sask., is home for the winter.

We are pleased to report that Mr. J. I. Adams is improving, although he is still confined to the house.

Mr. Clayton and Miss Olive Honey, of Markham, and Miss Effie Honey, of Wilson Settlement, visited at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wicher, one day recently.

Miss Lulu Mann, of West Toronto, for some time resident in Campbellford, left Canada on Thursday, Dec. 4th, on the S.S. Metagama, sailing from Halifax, N.S., to Liverpool.

Miss Kathleen Dolman has been engaged to fill the vacancy on the public school staff caused by the resignation of Miss Rena Morton and Miss Shely, of Brighton, to succeed Mr. Coyne on the High School staff. The new teachers will begin their duties after the Christmas holidays.—Campbellford Herald.

BANCROFT

Frank Lavally, of Baptiste, aged seventy-four years, passed away at his home on Monday last. The remains were brought here for burial and conveyed to the R. C. cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Jno. Allison, of Carlow, Wesley Hall, Dunnison, and Thos. Maxwell, of this village, are in Belleville this week attending the County Court in the capacity of grand jurors.

Mr. Thos. Packer, at one time teacher in Maynooth, died suddenly

on a street car in Toronto. The public school teachers of the city took charge of the body and paid for burial. Mr. Packer came from Kingston to Maynooth.

Rev. Thos. Wallace, a former minister on this circuit, also Montague, but now of Sidney, was renewing acquaintances in town and vicinity this week while on a matrimonial expedition north. Mr. Wallace was accompanied by Mr. Harris, a prominent farmer of Sidney township.

From reports to hand and from what we have gleaned from same, it's about time the humane authorities were getting busy and investigating some of the cruel acts meted out to dumb animals in the adjacent districts. If what we have been informed is proven, the guilty party or parties should be given a ride to Kingston or Burwash Farm.—Bancroft Times.

MADOC

Rev. A. E. U. Smart, of Tweed, was in town this week.

Mr. W. S. Ladbroke spent a few days in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pearce and Mrs. M. S. Elliott, of Stirling, were in town on Tuesday.

Mr. H. G. Ross, of Brighton, was in town this week attending the funeral of his nephew, Charles Ross Watson.

Mr. John Watson, Mrs. John H. Watson and Mr. Harold Watson, of Snelgrove, are spending a few days in town this week.

Mrs. Harrison and Miss Harrison will be at home to their friends Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 16th.

Mr. John Armstrong spent a few days in Guelph this week.

Mrs. Ine McCarthy, of Peterboro, is renewing acquaintances in town.

The friends of Mr. Frank Saunders will be very sorry to learn that he is at present very ill. He is suffering from the effects of two strokes and is practically helpless. It is hoped that his condition will soon improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Breakell have moved into their new home on Livingston avenue. Mr. Breakell has been working on it since summer but due to the scarcity of efficient workmen its completion has been slow. It is situated on a small hill, surrounded by a maple grove, and is without doubt an ideal location.

On Monday last the Grand Trunk roadmaster and engineer met a committee from the County Council composed of A. Nicolson, chairman; Jos. Burns, reeve of Madoc Village; and S. Fox, to devise means of reconstruction of the high bridge in Madoc township or to repair it in such a way as to make it safe for public travel.—Madoc Review.

NAPANEE

Mrs. B. F. Davy is spending a few days in Toronto.

Miss Mabel Madden, American Army Nurse, lately home from France, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Madden, Kingston road.

Mrs. Clarence Vine and Master Homer spent last Friday as guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Tower, Belleville.

Miss Maria Hough, of Greta, is able to be out again after her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carcaillon of Tamworth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anita A., to Mr. Stanley D. Whaley, of Tamworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whaley, of Westport, the marriage to take place in February.

Mr. S. A. Patterson has returned to his home in Peterboro, after spending the summer and fall months with his brother, Mr. W. J. Patterson, Moscow, and his sister, Mrs. Murney Parke, Napanee.

Mr. James Ellis returned to his home in Toronto on Saturday, accompanied by his niece, the Misses Hazel and Mabel Ellis. They will spend one week in Toronto, visiting relatives.

Mr. William Hough, who has been the guest of his sister, Miss Maria Hough, Greta, returned to St. Catharines on Saturday.

Miss Helen Clarke, of Napanee, is enjoying a visit with Miss Gertrude Chalmers, of Adolphustown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shaver have returned from Bassano, Alta. Mrs. Shaver stopped off to visit friends in Peterboro for a few days.

Miss Gertrude Wilson spent a few days at home last week, returning to Trenton on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Friskin and daughter, Thelma, of Camrose, Alta., are the guests of her niece, Mrs. Edwin Miller.

Mrs. Dorland, of Dorland, left on Saturday for Michigan, where she will visit her sister.

Mr. D. H. Preston spent a few days last week in Toronto.

Mrs. Anderson who has been spending a month with her sister, Mrs. Dunbar, returned on Monday to her home in Melrose.

Mr. H. K. Denyes, M.P.P., East

Hastings, was the guest of Mr. G. M. Neely during his stay in town this week.

Mrs. Robert Teifer, of Humboldt, Sask., and two little sons, Walter and Lloyd, arrived in town Wednesday evening and will spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Paul, at Elm Lodge.—Napanee Beaver and Express.

6th LINE OF SIDNEY

Miss Gladys Houlden has returned from visiting Miss Gladys Park of Napanee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shorey of Wallbridge were guests on Sunday at Mr. M. B. Scott's.

Miss Grace Sine spent Saturday evening with her cousin Miss Edna Ketcheson.

Miss Hazel Pearson is under the care of Dr. Simmons.

Miss Bessie Daroe visited Miss Florence Acker of Rawdon recently.

Mr. Thomas Ketcheson and father visited at Mr. M. Sine's on Sunday.

SALEM

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of Forburo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hagerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sherman and family 3rd line spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cole.

Mr. Fred Robinson spent one day last week with her mother Mrs. H. DeMille of Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cole of Bethany spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Burb Ross.

Mrs. Owen Roblin spent several days last week with Mrs. Arthur Hall of Belleville.

Don't forget Salem Xmas tree on Thurs., Dec. 18th. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Corrigan and children of Belleville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter McLaren.

Mrs. George Badgley called on Mrs. James Sills one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of Halston spent a few days last week at Owen Roblin's.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Dan Hagerman on Wed. afternoon.

Mr. Chas. McFarlane and Mrs. Geo. Badgley took tea with Mr. Alva Hagerman on Wednesday evening.

RIVER VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bush visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Burkitt of 4th Concession, Sidney, on Thurs. last.

A number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Boulton spent a jolly evening at their home on Monday night. The evening was spent in games and dancing, lunch being served at midnight.

Mr. Wm. Robinson is quite ill, being under the doctor's care.

A little daughter has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, River Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush spent the week-end with friends at Corbyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chard, also with their wives and families were entertained by Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Byers at the Rectory Stirling, on Thurs. evening.

Mrs. Mary Vandervoort spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Baruck Hoard spent Sunday with Mrs. R. McNary.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morrow and Mr. Howard spent the week-end with relatives in Thurlow and Huntingdon.

Do not miss the Literary meeting on Friday evening as an excellent program is being prepared.

GRAVEL ROAD.

A few from here attended the sale last week at J. McWilliams, Richmond.

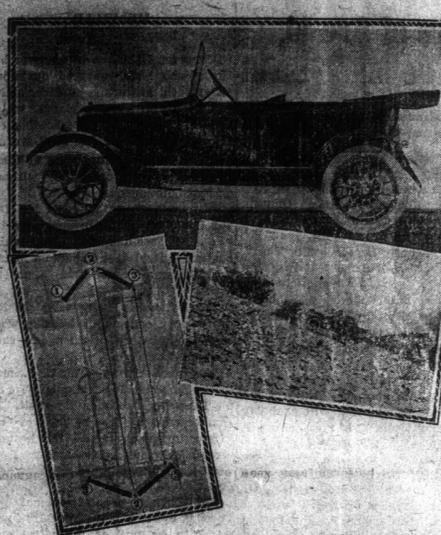
Mr. J. F. O'Sullivan is making the necessary improvements at the school. The children are practising for a Xmas tree to be held in the near future.

Messrs. Joe and Andy Brennan 6th concession went to Welland to see their brother Vincent who is ill with typhoid fever. Last reports he is some what better but not out of danger.

STOPPED HER HEADACHES

Years Of Suffering Ended By "Fruit-a-tives"

112 HAZEL ST., St. JOHN, N. B. "It is with pleasure that I write to tell you of the great benefit I received from the use of your medicine 'Fruit-a-tives', made from fruit juices. I was a great sufferer for many years from Nervous Headaches and Constipation. I tried everything, consulted doctors, but nothing seemed to help me until I tried 'Fruit-a-tives'." After taking several boxes, I was completely relieved of these troubles and have been unusually well ever since." Miss ANNIE WARD. 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.



Above is shown the new, made-in-Canada Overland 4. It is being manufactured at Toronto by Willys-Overland Limited, who announce that production on a quantity basis has now been reached.

The chassis is illustrated along with the finished touring car model because of its radical departure in spring suspension. It will be seen from the drawing that the "springbase" exceeds the wheelbase by 30 inches. This exclusive "three-point" principle is the basis of the manufacturers' claim that the springs of Overland 4 give a riding comfort hitherto not realized in a light car of the economical short wheelbase.

Willys-Overland Limited claim that this new Spring Suspension has been subjected to the most rigorous, mechanical, laboratory, and road tests that engineers have ever devised, including 250,000 miles of road testing. The hill-climbing scene above was taken in Hell Canyon, near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The St. Charles Motor Co., 243 Front Street are Agents for Overland Cars in this district

The St. Charles Motor Co. have special departments for repainting cars and repairing and re-covering tops of all kinds. They also make a specialty of carriage and wagon repairing.

ST. CHARLES MOTOR CO.

Mr. Bernard McGinness Jr., spent the past week in Belleville. He being one of the jury-men.

Mrs. Dawson spent a few days in Napanee.

The sad news reached here last week of the death of Mr. Daniel Hunt. About 8 years ago he was married to Rose Murray who survives with two tiny children. Much sympathy is extended to her in her trouble.

Messrs. Ashley and J. S. Meagher intend going to Toronto this week to attend the U. F. O. Convention on 16th 17th and 18th.

News reached here last evening of the death of Vincent Brennan at Welland. Much sympathy is extended to his sorrowing parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brennan, Lonsdale, and his three brothers.

Mr. A. McMuilla spent over Sunday at Ben Clark's.

Miss M. Curry spent over Sunday under the parental roof.

All Unite to Praise His Name on Xmas Eve

'Tis given out in many a song and story

That celebrate our blessed Saviour's birth— On Christmas eve all creatures do him glory

Even the very lowliest ones of earth.

'Tis said that at the dawn of Christmas morning Dumb animals are given power to speak.

The masters of these creatures should take warning. Let things should be accused by things so meek.

In lowly stall and manger there are praises

Unto the Christ Child, whom they claim as a friend.

Each creature his own thankfulness utters

And sings a Christmas carol with out end.

The stars on high unite in joyous singing

Telling the old old story ever new The bells from every steeple now are ringing

Their message on the opalescent blue.

'Peace on earth, good will to every nation!'

This is the message all these sounds foretell

Both young and old, all things of his creation, Unto, for God is good and all is well.

All creatures high and low, delight in singing

Both young and old rich and poor unite In that sweet message which the bells are ringing

Upon the first faint beams of morning light.

—Amy Smith in Philadelphia Record.

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Two hundred coal miners of the Minto mines in New Brunswick have gone on strike.

Five small boys piled ties on the track near Loran O. They said they wanted to stop the train to get coal.

Bill for daylight saving five months in the year will be introduced in next Massachusetts Legislature.

Secretary of U. S. Association of Retail Clothiers predicts 20 per cent increase in cost of clothes before spring.