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At Christmas-Tide.

"One hour in all the year is sweet,
And passing sweet the rest beside;
When loving friends, long parted, meet,
And hearts with wealth of welcome beat
At Christmas-tide."

Better Than He Expected.

A builder in Glasgow recently, having heard that his men did not start work at the proper time, thought that he would drop down about 6:30 o'clock some morning to see. Going up the yard he caught sight of a joiner standing smoking, with his kit unopened. Simply asking his name, which he found to be Malcolm Campbell, he called him into the office, and, handing him four day's pay, told him to leave at once. After having seen the man clear out of the yard, he went up to the foreman and told him he had made an example of Malcolm Campbell by paying him off for not starting at the proper time. "Great Scott!" exclaimed the foreman, "that chap was only looking for a job!"

The Bishop of Liverpool,

when asked his opinion on life assurance, said: "The best and shortest answer I can give to your question is to tell you that I have assured my life five times. I think it is the plain duty of every man, whose income depends upon his life and terminates with his life, to effect a life assurance."



The First Protestant Church in Montreal.

Old St. Gabriel Church, the quaint little building on St. Gabriel street, adjoining the Champ de Mars and the Court House, has the honor of being the first Protestant church erected in Montreal. A stone, recently removed, bore the date of erection, 1792. In its first years the Anglicans also worshipped here, the Protestant community of the small town being few and feeble. The congregations were largely military, from the garrison close by. Previous to its erection, the Presbyterians for several years worshipped in the church of the Récollet Fathers, whom they, in grateful recognition on leaving, presented with a gift of candles and a tun of communion wine. The old church is now used as the Provincial Revenue Police Office. The tablet on it bears the following inscription:

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH,
THE FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH
OF MONTREAL, 1792