

Along its edge the bare-brown sand dunes form
 The outer boundary to the sea's domain;
 Treeless—unsheltered to the winds and rain,
 And fashioned by the fingers of the storm,
 They lift along the coast their broken chain.

Across the shifting hills that eastward turn,
 The lighthouse stands; by night a blazing crown
 Blessed by the mariner, when tempests frown
 And through the gloom he sees the signal burn,
 As o'er the waste the black night closes down.

Oh Island Province! much we owe to Thee
 For all thy beauties—all thy many charms
 The soil that fails not, and the fruitful farms:
 Along thy border breaks the eternal sea,
 And round about Thee are its rocking arms!

ALLAN MATTHEWS.

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W E have combined two numbers in the present issue of The Magazine in order to save time and so be enabled by degrees to publish hereafter each issue at the beginning, instead of at the end of each month as heretofore. At the same time we have done what we could to present our readers, in time for Christmas, with what we trust they will consider an interesting number of THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE.

H ERE is a suggestion if you care for it. Suppose you send this magazine for the year 1902 to someone whom you are desirous of remembering at this season. It will be a reminder of you each month as it arrives, and when we send the first number we will send with it a card explaining that the magazine is being forwarded according to your orders. The subscription price is fifty cents per year to any place in Canada or the United States. If desired subscriptions may begin with this number. Orders should be brought or mailed to the office of publication or left at either Carter's, Haszard & Moore's or R. H. Mason's Bookstores.

F O R the year 1902 we feel that we can promise that THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE will show a continued advance. A number of valuable historical articles are now in the editor's possession and the list of contributors has grown of late to such a degree that it assures a good supply of manuscripts bound to be of interest to our readers.

T O the many who have contributed to the success of THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE during the past year and to the hundreds from whom we have received assistance and good wishes, the editor most heartily and sincerely wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.