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visiting her father, Mr. Ed. Hudon, Merchant.

HOPETOWN, Que. The angel of death has again visited our quiet village, on the 16th inst., and called home little Lillian McRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mcand Varnishes Rae, aged 2 yrs., 2mos. The funeral ny was performed by the Rev. A. J. Vibert. Much sympathy is felt Little Rita McWhirter met with an

Many of our young folks have re

**BIG MUNITIONS CONTRACTS** 

to the N. Y. Times, this morning rding to information obtained in aking quarters yesterday. It is id that within the last few days an der for shells larger than the biggest tract placed in this country las

E CAMPHELLTON GRAPHIC, CAMPBELLTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1917.

sentract placed in this country last year had been lodged with the Montreal Locomotive Co., Ltd. An estimate on this order was between \$175,000,000 and \$200,000,000.

Steel manufacturers have known for several months that few more orders for completed shells would come to the United States, but it was not a matter of general knowledge that Canada was slated to take up a vast part of the work. News that Canada had developed facilities to handle a shell business which may amount to fully \$400,000,000 next year was surprising to many persons of the financial district, who recall that last year parts of a number of Canadian orders were sublet in this country.

Prominent bankers expressed the opinion that Canada can get all the funds she requires to finance her contracts in the New York of the country fair weather that anyone daimed to see the funds and country fair weather that anyone daimed to see the funds and country fair weather that anyone daimed to see the funds and country fair weather that anyone daimed to see the funds and the fund

racts in the New York market.

SHIGAWAKE.

we must wake. We had holidays Miss A. E. Allan with her friends Misses Millie Skene, Muriel Travers, Emma Vautier and Eliza We also enjoyed very much having

our boys in khaki with us on short their parents. They are very proud

and bride. Pte. Smith is with the 8th

number of his friends at the home of mt, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie recently. A very pleasant evening was spent by all, dancing beughter Miss C. Hudon are going ing the amusement of the evening, and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hayes also enteron Lake was the guest of her untained a number of young people for their son Almond.

It is expected Mr. Jacobson and Miss LeBrocq will open the school on the described them like angels sounding al is visiting her parent, 2nd. They both spent their holidays

Not on Her List-He-"Do you remember Horatius at the bridge?" Mr. Art. Hudon, Telegraphiste at You know, we invite so few men to our





the church a gray stone tower with try growing over it as far as one could bee. It was so high that it was only in very fair weather that anyone claimed to see the top. Up and up thimbed the stones, and since the men who built the church had been dead for many hundreds of years, everyone had forgotten how high the tower was supposed to be.

Now, all the wise people knew that at the top of the tower was a chime of Christmas bells. They had hung therever since the church was finished and were the most beautiful bells in the world. Some thought it was because a great musician had cast them and arranged them in their place, and others said it was because of the great height of the tower, reaching up to where the air was clear and pure; however this may be, no one who had heard the chimes denied that they were the sweetest in the world. Some



Laid His Crown on the Altar.

But the fact was that no one had heard them ring for years and years. There was an old man living not far from the church who said that his mother had spoken of hearing them was that no one had mother had spoken of nearing them when she was a little girl, and he was the only one who could say as much as that. They were Christians chimes you remember, and were not meant to be played by men or on common oc-

when she was a little girl, and he was the only one who could say as much as that. They were Christmas chimes you remember, and were not meant to be played by men or on common occasions.

On Christmas eve all of the people in the city brought their oferings to the church to offer to the Christ child, and when the greatest and best offering was laid on the altar, there would come sounding through the music cot the chort the voices of the Christmas chimes far up in the tower. Some said the wind-rang them and others stat they were so high angels would set them swinging. But for many long years, as was said before, they had do be before, that they really usiness. Must have good education, and reside in town. Apply at once at they had do be before, the chimes, and the different way.

The proc ssion was over, and the people in the chur was standing in his place had never been heard. The minister said that people had been growing less careful of their gifts for the Christ child, or gave them rather to make a display for their own honor than for love of him, so that no offering was brought good enough to deserve the rusis of the chimes. Still, every Christmas eve, the rich people of the chimes will be the wind-rast of the chimes will be the wind-rast of the chimes will be the town. So far away and yet so clear se med the music, so much wester wer the notes than had been beard from anyone else, and the church was filled with those who thought that perhaps the wonderful bells would ring again. But, although the music was sweet and the offerings were plenty, out the roar of the wind could be heard far up in the cold, sone town.

Now, a number of miles from the

wee glimpses of the tower when the weather was fine, lived a boy named Pedro, and his little brother. They knew very little about the Christmas chimes, they had heard of the service in the church on Christmas eve and had a secret plan that they had often talked over when by themselves for going to the beautiful celebration.

"Nobody can guess, Little Brother." Pedro would say, "all the fine things there are to see and hear in the church, and I have even heard it said that the Christ child himself sometimes comes down to bless the meeting. What if we could see him?"

The day before Christmas it was bitterly cold and a few lonesome snow fakes were flying in the air and there was a hard white crust on the ground.

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Sure enough, Pedro and Little Brother were able to slip quietly away early in the afternoon on their way to the celebration; and although the walking was hard in the frosty air, before nightfall they had trudged so far, hand in hand, that they saw the lights of the big city just ahead of them. Indeed they were about to enter one of the great gates in the wall that surrounded it, when they saw something dark on the snow near the path, and stepped aside to look at it. It was a poor woman who had fallen just outside of the city, too sick and tired and cold to get in where she might have found shelter. The snow made a soft pillow for her and she

might have found shelter. The snow made a soft pillow for her and she would soon be so sound asleep in the winter air that no one could ever hawken her again. All this Pedro saw in a moment, and he knelt down beside her and tried to rouse her. He turned her face toward him, so that he could rub some snow on it, but he soon sighed and said:
"It's no use, Little Brother, you will have to go on alone."
"Alone?" cried Little Brother, "and you will not see the Christmas festival?"
"No," said Pedro, and he could not help a little choking sound of disap-

"No," sail Pedro, and he could not help a little choking sound of disappointment in his throat. "See this poor woman, she will freeze to death, if nobody cares for her. You can bring someone to help her when you some back, and I can keep her alive. You can easily find your way to the church, and you must see and hear everything twice, little brother, once for you and once for me. I am sure the Christ child must know how I would love to come and worship him, and, oh, if you get a chance, little brother, sit, up to the altar without getting in anyone's way, and take this little silver piece of mine and lay it down for my offering when no one is looking. Don't forget the place where you will me, and hurry, now, so you won't le late."

He wink l hard to keep back the tears as he heard the crunching forters of litts hyrder sounding farther

He winked hard to keep back the tears as he heard the crunching footsteps of litto brother sounding farther and farther away in the darkness.

It was, also hard to lose the music and the spendor of the celebration that he has planned so long, to lose the chance of offering his silver piece that he has saved for the offering to the Christ child, and to spend the time instead in the lonesome snow outside the dreary walls. But it never occurred to him to leave the poor

The great church was truly a wonderful plact that hight. Every one said that it had never looked so bright and beautiful before. When the organ played and the thousands of people sang the hymns, the walls shook with the sound, and little Pedro, out handwriting. side the wils of the city, felt the carth tremple all around him. At last came the procession to bear the offerings to the altar, when great and rich men and women marched up to lay down their gifts to the Christ in Shannon Vale, District No. 6 for by down their gifts to the Christchild. Sone brought wonderful jewcls, some baskets of gold so heavy
that they could scarcely carry them
down the fisle. A great writer laid
down a bock that he had been making for yea 3, and last of all walked
the king o the country, hoping to
win for hi uself the chimes of the
Christmas tells.

There was a great murmur through
the church as the people saw the king
take from his head the royal crown,
all set with diamonds and other precious stoner and laid it gleaming on the
altar as his offering to the Holy-child.

"Surely," said every one, "we shall
hear the bell's now, for nothing like
this has ever been offered before."

And they all stood still to listen, but
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