

A Christmas Well Spent.

AT HIS MAJESTY'S PENITENTIARY.
I cannot take my walk abroad
I'm under lock and key.
And much the public I despise
For all their care of me.
Not more than others I deserve.
Yet God has given me more.
For I have food while others starve
And beg from door to door.

Sometime ago, while going the rounds of a prison in England, the Superintendent found the foregoing lines in lead pencil on the inside of a cell door. In this connection at the present moment, they are somewhat suggestive. To most of us, Christmas is—before anything else—a season of happiness. To many folk Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at all unless it meant the extension of that happiness to others in the shape of tissue-wrapped packages, etc. That is all very nice and pleasant, if the kindly hand is extended in the right way and to deserving persons. For there are two kinds of givers—thoughtful ones, and those who give on the impulse of the moment. The latter are the more numerous. I am sure in saying that all those who visited the Penitentiary on Sunday last belong to the former class. They gave liberally for both the spiritual and material blessings at their disposal.

At seven a.m. the Rev. Father Pippy of St. Joseph's celebrated Mass in the main ward, a temporary altar having been erected for the occasion. All the Roman Catholic inmates attended. This occupied the time and attention of the warden on duty till 8.15. Between half past 12 and 1 o'clock the prisoners took dinner, which largely consisted of fresh beef and plum pudding, thoughtfully and amply supplied by the Government through the Department of Public Works.

At 2 p.m. Canon Field conducted a service for the benefit of the Anglican inmates, pretty well all of whom were present. The reverend gentleman, who is a very pleasing speaker, delivered an appropriate and touching address on the Gospel for the day, and was attentively listened to throughout. Then at 3 o'clock, the Salvation Army came on which their team of choristers and splendid brass band of fifteen or twenty instruments, more or less, and at intervals, all through the time occupied by them played and sang Christmas airs and anthems, to the obvious delight of the whole audience. At the close, and under the direction of Adjutant French, each inmate was given another and more substantial treat in the shape of cake, candy and fruit, which the Army officers had brought with them for distribution.

Lastly, two "ladies bountiful" from the Women's Christian Temperance Union—Mrs. John Clouston and Mrs. Withers—not only gave each of the prisoners at the afternoon service a bag of cakes and fruit, but left with the warden a generous supply for distribution among those who were not present. Altogether it is safe to assume that last Sunday was one of the most enjoyable Christmas Days on record at the Penitentiary here.

At 9 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning, as soon as the inmates of the Penitentiary had returned from breakfast and reported for duty, Superintendent Parsons read to them the following message received by him from the Prime Minister Sir Richard Squires, K.C.M.G., late on Saturday evening:

Montreal, Dec. 24th, 1921.
"Alex A. Parsons,
"Superintendent H. M. Penitentiary,
"St. John's, Newfoundland.
"Accept my best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Kindly convey my greetings to your official staff.

"R. A. Squires.
The officials, it is needless to add, heartily reciprocate Sir Richard's friendly message and wish him many returns of the joyous season.—A.A.P.

Stafford's Ginger Wine for Christmas, 20c per bottle, at Stafford's Drug Store, Theatre Hill.—dec.17

Prospero's Passengers.

LAST TRIP TO QUIRION.
S.S. Prospero, Capt. Field, sailed on the Northern Coastal Service at 10 a.m. today. This is her last trip as she is to be sold and her cargo for Quirion and cargo for Quirion. The following passengers left on the ship: Fr. Thibault, C. A. Baistone, F. Wells, W. Meadus, Mrs. Courage, Miss Courage, P. and Mrs. Bragg, Miss R. Mullett, W. Miller, R. White, E. Sparks, H. Starks, F. Baistone, Miss Burton, F. Coles, J. Locke, H. Hillier, and Mrs. Winsor, K. Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Parsons, Mrs. White, H. Wiseman, Mrs. F. G. Wiseman, Miss Baistone, Mr. Russell, P. Roberts, E. Roberts, L. Field, L. Luff, S. Blandford, Mrs. Clarke, V. E. Lodge, P. Hight, Miss L. Blake, Miss Flynn, Mrs. J. Brian, Mrs. Mullett, A. Whelan, B. Morris and 46 steerage.

We understand that on Xmas Eve the number of shoppers in the stores along Water Street beat all records. During the night the firm of Bishop's opposite the G. P. O. had to obtain assistance from their office staff to help their Dry Goods Department cater to the great crowds of customers in that department. Several times during the night the door had to be closed and admittance refused to many people until some of these inside had been attended to and left the store.

Presentation of Prizes.

SPRINGDALE STREET SCHOOL.

The annual presentation of prizes to the elementary classes of the Springdale Street School took place on Friday in the assembly room of the school. The Commercial Distribution will take place later. Rev. E. J. Nichols who presided, strongly advocated more school accommodation to provide for the large numbers of pupils applying for admission. Play-grounds are also needed and should be demarcated by the people and supplied by the government at the very earliest possible opportunity. The Principal, Mr. P. G. Butler, in his report showed that he had advocated play-grounds and the extension of the building on several occasions, also the establishment of a special commercial school building; but the difficulty seems to be the lack of funds for the Board schools of the City. The attendance and the fees paid have continued to increase, showing appreciation of the work accomplished. Overcrowded classes have added somewhat to the burden of the teachers, but this is now being remedied by the refusal of more than fifty children in any one department, or more than can be properly accommodated in the space provided. The staff now consists of eight qualified experienced teachers who are doing good work in seven different departments. In the Commercial Department about forty-five students have been trained and placed in good positions during the year, an evidence of success beneficial to the parents, the Board of Education and the whole country. In this department classes have been formed for next year's Preliminary and Intermediate Grade examinations of the Council of Higher Education in commercial subjects and will no doubt do as well as in past years when the school had a great record in this direction. During the last three years the C. H. E. examinations have been dropped in the department owing to the demands of the business community for the training of stenographers, book-keepers and other office and shop assistants.

Compulsory attendance was advocated as the greatest need of the country to bring Elementary Education up to the required standard, and one-session days with two lots of students in each room daily, to render possible the compulsory law, and thus solve in some measure the overcrowding problem. About 350 children could then attend the school from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., and 350 more 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., thus allowing 4½ hours each per day. Therefore there is nothing to prevent compulsory education now, however, so far as buildings are concerned. Additional teachers and funds have to be provided first. Surely people will petition the House of Assembly to grant compulsory attendance, and state schools too in spite of the difficulties and provocation of this period of financial depression that should urge people to greater efforts in education upon the success of which the safety of the country depends. Then not Preliminary only but Intermediate and Associate Grades would be possible in this and every High School in the country, and University Grades in the colleges of the city, with a suitable School of Commerce provided to render valuable service to all.

More supervision was also advocated in helping teachers to advance their children to the mental ages and standards or norms of intelligence and achievements that could be shown by professional measurement tests held regularly, as well as by yearly examinations of the Superintendent and the C. H. E., especially in the lower grades. In conclusion he hoped that as the school had grown during his principalship from 40 children with one assistant teacher to over 400 children with eight teachers, and a record of past years in the C. H. E. and suggestive years in commercial that he felt proud of, so in future it might become, as it should be, a C. H. E. High School with a large Preparatory, and over and above all a great Commercial Department or Business College to meet the demands of the country in this progressive age.

THE PRIZE LIST.
Elementary School.
Form VI.—For passing C.H.E. Preliminary Grade: Laurie Ross. For passing C.H.E. Primary: Leslie Piercy, Reginald Martin, Alice Pope, Julia Mitchell, Frank Burridge, Trevor Thomas.
First in Preparatory Division, Christmas Examinations.
For VI.—Florence Learning.
Form V.—Dorothy Carberry.
Form IV.—Gladys Cook, Herbert Pippy.
Form III.—Angus Coultas, Frank Mugford, Dorothy Wiseman.
Form II.—Annetta Thorne, Eric Taylor, Eric Martin, Leslie Bradley.
Form I.—Eleanor Downs, Evelyn Carberry, Wilhelmina Pike, George Tucker.

A vote of thanks was extended to Sir Joseph Outerbridge who had kindly donated the prizes and written a very encouraging letter of appreciation on the work and the future of the school.

Buy your Skating Boots at SMALLWOOD'S, and we will attach your skates, free of charge.—dec.16,17

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

Express Due To-Morrow

FOR AN AGREEMENT.
SANTIAGO, CHILE, Dec. 27.
The Chilean Government has forwarded a note to the Peruvian Government, accepting Peru's proposal that the two countries designate plenipotentiaries to meet in Washington to continue negotiations for the solution of their pending disputes, chief of which is the settlement of the Tacna-Arica controversy.

ON INVITATION.
LONDON, Dec. 27.
Premier Lloyd George and Briand have decided, in principle, to invite the Russian Soviet Foreign Minister, M. T. Chicherin, and M. Litvinoff to London early in the New Year, according to the London Times. It is believed they will be asked to give clear answers on very important questions of policy.

SIGNING UP.
ROME, Dec. 27.
It is semi-officially announced that a commercial agreement between Italy and Russia was signed yesterday.

REMARKABLE RECEPTION.
CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.
Great crowds gathered here yesterday when the Prince of Wales attended the race for the Viceroy's Cup. Five huge stands were packed with Europeans and Natives, who gave the Prince a remarkable reception.

DE VALERA WILL HAVE TO CLIMB DOWN.
LONDON, Dec. 27.

The sentiment throughout Ireland, as reflected in despatches to the London newspapers this morning, is overwhelmingly in favor of an Irish Peace Agreement. Reports from various provinces indicate that fully ninety per cent. of the people, in twenty six counties of Southern Ireland, want the pact ratified. Views are now put forward that when the Treaty is approved by a majority, which will make an appeal to the country unnecessary. The Morning Post's correspondent says rumor is "not of a possible sensation," before the Treaty is signed, this being taken to mean that Eamon De Valera intends to announce the withdrawal of his opposition, in view of the overwhelming weight of opinion for the Treaty. According to the Times correspondent the action of the Council of County Clare, which appealed to De Valera to abandon his position, is endorsed with pride by a vast majority of the people. Clare is known as "the banner county" from its having been the traditional home of Irish political movements, among them, being Daniel O'Connell's emancipation campaign and Charles Parnell's land league struggle, and its people regarded the Council as having lived up to the best traditions.

PREACHING A HOLY WAR.
AHMADABAD, INDIA, Dec. 27.
In his presidential address at the All India Calcutta Conference, held here, Hakim Khan reviewed the Moslem situation throughout the World, and said Asia Minor on the one hand and India on the other were the two extreme links in the chain of a future Islamic Federation. He complimented the Turks that "their victory over the Greeks had completely smashed British diplomacy." Britain alone, he said, stood in the way of a real solution of the near Eastern problem. India, he wanted Peace, but only if it safeguarded the rights of citizenship and national honor. Hakim charged that the India Government had committed inhuman atrocities at Malabar under Martial Law.

And Miss Louise Orr is on the "Quaker Girl."

The Crown.

She had twelve stars for diadem.
She had for footstool the full moon.
Her quiet eyes outshining them.
Kept memories of the night and noon.
And the still morns at Nazareth.
When in her arms the Child drew breath.
So safe, so warm, he slept by her.
In her enfolding arms at peace.
Her milky babe, little and dear.
And yet the Tree that should be His.
Grew in the forest wide and high.
Whose branches should fill all the sky.

He made twelve stars into her crown.
And set the moon beyond her feet.
He was King in Jerusalem Town.
With twelve spines for His coronet.
To pierce the brain, the blood and bone.
That thought of man's redemption.
Oh, when she answered Gabriel.
With "Be it done!" could she foresee
The high pangs that she took as well
With Bethlehem, should be Calvary.
Or was that name of high bliss.
Torn with sharp pains, fierce agonies?

Hath she beneath her crown of stars
Remembrance of the thorns where-with
Her people crowned her son? What
Redder than roses in a wreath
Doth she wear in a coronal
Under the lights that rise and fall?
KATHERINE TYNAN.

Express Due To-Morrow

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind north light, weather dull;
nothing sighted. Bar. 20.18; Ther. 24.

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Come!

To the Cochrane Street Kindergarten Concert and Cantata, entitled "The Runaway Teddy Bear," to be held in the Lecture Room, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, commencing at 8.15 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Methodist Orphanage. Admission 30c. Candy for sale. dec.24,25

CALENDAR.—We thank the British Store for a 1922 Calendar. And Mr. A. Lawrence is on the "Quaker Girl."

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The Climax of a Successful Christmas Dinner

is a Plum Pudding, and this year if you serve Libby's you will wonder why you ever toiled so long at home to make one.

Libby's Plum Pudding is prepared from choice Grecian currants, plump California seedless raisins, white kidney beef suet, pure creamery butter, fresh country eggs, flour, granulated cane sugar and blended spices—all carefully tested and mixed to make certain that the high quality of this product is maintained.

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RECOGNITION.
The care of the teeth is now recognized as a necessity. In fact the large hospitals all over the world examine the patients' teeth and where it is possible put them in good condition before attempting a surgical operation. Experience has shown that the patient has a better chance for recovery with a clean healthy mouth than without it. This ought to convince the most skeptical that care of the teeth is requisite to health.

Kosy Felt Slippers in many styles, just opened up at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec.16,17

BOSTON--MONTANA.

Just as predicted, this issue had a sharp recovery from 80 cents ten days ago to 88 cents on Wednesday last. Then it moved quickly to 90 cents, at which price many 80-cent buyers sold, but the stock kept advancing until it touched \$1.12.

We sincerely believe it is good for \$1.50 shortly and eventually \$2.00 or higher when the smelter returns come in. Early buyers have already substantial profits. There will be recessions, but this is a safe issue.

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