

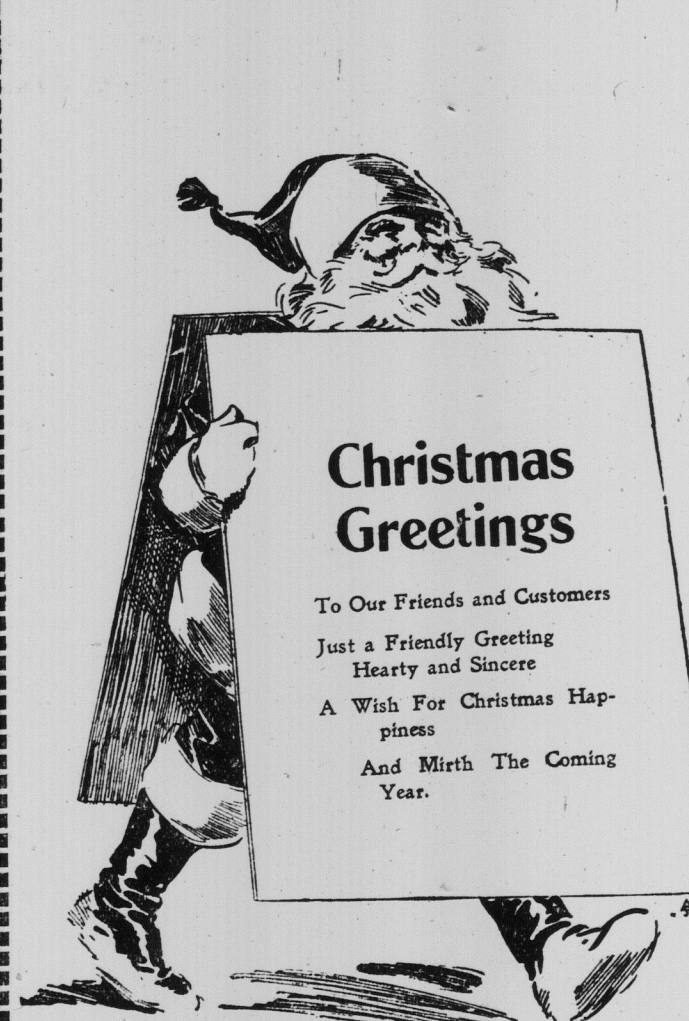


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ARCHIVES HAS TALE OF SECOND TRINITY RECTOR

Story of Rev. Mather Byles
and His Nimble Witted
Father

The story of Rev. Mather Byles, D. D., second rector of Trinity Princess church, Saint John found in the records in the local office of the Dominion Archives, is interesting reading.

Rev. Dr. Byles was the son of Doctor Mather Byles of Boston. The elder Byles was celebrated as a wit in his day and making puns was his special delight.

FATHER'S READY WIT

On a certain occasion, as the doctor was riding along a road, he overtook two well known town officials whose conveyance had become hopelessly broken down in the midst of a mud slough, thereby compelling the unfortunate occupants to flounder nearly to their middle in the mire in order to reach terra firma. "Ah, gentlemen," said the doctor, "how often have I called your attention to this abominable place; I am truly glad to see you now stirring in the matter."

The doctor was one day engaged in nailing some list upon his doors to exclude the cold. A member of his flock, who was passing, observed to him, "The wind bloweth wheresoever it listeth, Doctor?" "Yes," replied the doctor, "and man listeth wheresoever the wind bloweth."

At the time of the American Revolution, Dr. Byles was denounced as a Tory, placed under surveillance and confined to his house and garden and a guard placed over him. The guard, soon after, was discontinued and a little later replaced but again discontinued. "I have been," said the doctor, "guarded, guarded and disregarded."

To his wit and imperturbable good humor he was in no small degree indebted for escaping the severe persecutions meted out to the majority of the Loyalists. When summoned into the apartments where the "Committee of Safety" were assembled to pronounce judgment on his conduct he was invited to sit by the fire, as the weather was cold; "Gentlemen," he said, "when I came among you I expected persecution, but I could not have imagined you would offer me the fire so suddenly."

The Rev. Jacob Bailey—a Loyalist who was afterwards rector of Annapolis, N. S.—visited Boston in the summer of 1778, and he writes in his journal, under the date July 23rd: "After breakfast I went to visit the famous Dr. Byles, who is detained a prisoner in his own house. He received me, according to his manner, with great freedom, and entertained me with a variety of puns. He was mightily pleased with the letters I brought him from his son and daughter, and instructed his daughters, a couple of fine young ladies, to read them. I observed that he had a large collection of curiosities, and the best library I had seen in this country. He is a gentleman of learning and great imagination, has an uncommon share of pride, and though agreeable when discoursing upon any subject, yet the perpetual rack after puns renders his ordinary conversation rather distasteful to persons of elegance and refinement."

The Byles family were of great reputation among the early Puritans. The elder Mather Byles, though a Loyalist, was a Congregationalist minister. A sermon of his is still extant. It is entitled, "The Flourish of the Annual Spring, improved in a sermon preached at the ancient Thursday Lecture in Boston, May 3, 1739, by Mather Byles, pastor of a Church in Boston."

CAME HERE IN 1789

The Rev. Mather Byles, the son of Dr. Byles, was born in Boston in 1734, and graduated from Harvard College in 1751. He then entered the ministry of the Congregationalists which he continued until 1768, when he became rector of Christ Church in Boston. In 1776, when the British troops left Boston, Dr. Byles removed with his family to Halifax, where he was appointed chaplain to the garrison. In 1789, he came to Saint John and was appointed rector of Trinity church. Dr. Byles continued his service there until his death in 1814 at the advanced age of 80 years. A mural tablet was erected to his memory in Trinity church by his wife.

NICE GIFTS FOR REV. FATHER McDERMOTT

Purse of Gold For Self and \$250 For The School Fund

A substantial purse of gold as a personal gift and the sum of \$250 for the parish school fund were presented to Rev. J. J. McDermott, priest of St. John the Baptist church, on Wednesday evening on behalf of the Men's Society of the church. Although still confined to the house, Father McDermott is much improved in health. He expressed his great pleasure in receiving the two gifts. The presentation was made by Maurice Furlong, president of the society, who voiced the good wishes of the members, and the music will be directed by Miss Nellie Colahan, organist.

POLICE REPORTS

An automobile crank found in Sydney street, was handed to Policeman Thomas. It is at the Central station. At 2 o'clock this morning a door was found unlocked in a Waterloo street store by Policemen Gantier and McNell. A child was found wandering on King street yesterday afternoon and taken to her home in Bridge street by Sergeant Dykeman.

ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, DEC. 24.

A.M. P.M.
High Tide..... 3.10 High Tide..... 5.22
Low Tide..... 8.22 Low Tide..... 4.44
Sun Rises..... 8.04 Sun Sets..... 4.10

Local News

DRAWING HELD.

It was announced last evening that the drawing in aid of the Fall Fair had resulted in first prize being won by Mrs. O. Delaney, 221 Pitt street; second prize, C. Traylor, 159 St. James street, and third, by R. J. McGrath, 28 Harding street.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CLIFTON.

With an exceptionally tempting menu the proprietors of the Clifton House, Germain street, is preparing for a host of diners on Christmas day. The large dining room has been appropriately decorated and presents a delightful appearance from every angle.

WELCOMES DAUGHTERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Miller, of New York City, have arrived in town to spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. D. W. Daley, at her home, 27 Charles street. Miss Helen Daley, R. N., of Newburyport, Mass., another daughter, is also spending the holiday with her mother.

GETS APPOINTMENT.

Announcement has been made of the appointment of John Olive, of Saint John, as instructor for the oxy-acetylene welding class of the winter vocational short course for garage men to be held in Saint John, commencing next month. Mr. Olive was instructor for winter vocational courses previously when he was held in Fredericton, Saint John and Edmundston.

JOHNSTON LODGE HAS INSTALLATION

Pleasant Time Also is Enjoyed in Exchange of Gifts From Tree

Johnston Lodge, L. O. B. A., held their annual installation of officers and Christmas treat last evening in Orange Hall, Germain street. Mrs. J. M. Powers, W. M., presided, and representatives were present from Dominion, Seaboard, Potts, Robb, and other lodges. Mrs. Joseph Taylor, P. G. M.; Mrs. James Donner, W. M. of Roxborough; Mrs. D. W. Daley, M. M.; Mrs. E. H. Stacey, W. M. of Dominion Lodge, assisted in the installation. The officers are: W. M., J. M. Powers; D. M., Mrs. O. C. Ward; recording secretary, Mrs. Francis Kerr; financial secretary, Mrs. Annie Kerr; treasurer, Mrs. George Reed; D. of C., Mrs. E. H. Hayward; lecturer, Mrs. J. Clark; L., Mrs. R. D. Jones; M., Mrs. J. H. Shaw; J. W., Mrs. J. McColgan; Mrs. A. E. Logan; Mrs. Myra Hazlett and Mrs. K. Rushon; outer guard, Robert McAfee; auditors, Mrs. Paxton and C. Doyle; pianist, Miss Gillis. Gifts from members were exchanged, and special gifts were presented to Mrs. J. Taylor, P. G. M., and Mrs. Charles Stevens, provincial recording secretary, and to the worthy mistress of the local lodge. All present received a bag of candy and an orange.

Plans were made to hold a waistline social next meeting night, and a Valentine tea in February. Plans were also discussed to raise funds for the N. B. E. Roston, convener of the refreshment committee, was assisted in serving refreshments by members of the lodge.

PHILIP S. MOORE MADE CHIEF RANGER

Court Lingley of Foresters Elects—Installation to be in January

Court Lingley, No. 4284, Independent Order of Foresters, has elected the following officers for 1927: Arthur Redmond, court deputy; Dr. A. E. Logie, court physician; Mrs. A. Y. Duffy, past chief ranger; Philip S. Moore, chief ranger; E. Leitch Belyea, vice-chief ranger; Alice Baggett, recording secretary; Roy W. Henderson, financial secretary; Geo. D. Craft, treasurer; Ernest N. Fiewelling, orator; Cecil Palmer, S. W.; Ray V. Shanks, J. W.; Harley D. Brown, S. B.; Mrs. R. W. Henderson, B. G.; J. Irene McLaughlin, superintendent juvenile court; Myra Shanks, organist.

At the close of the business meeting, a pleasant social time was enjoyed and refreshments served by the lady members. The installation of officers will be in January.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times-Star reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I talked with a man today who not so many years ago went out every Christmas Eve to get some things for his boys and girls. He told me that if he visited all of them tomorrow he would have to journey to five different places and travel more than a thousand miles."

"Yes," said Hiram—"that's the way of it. They grow up and go away. They don't go back from these here Maritime Provinces ever since you and me came back—an brought their children—we'd double our population for Christmas—or more'n double it. That there man'll be hearin' voices tomorrow—an' seein' things the young folks can't see—but if them that's gone in happy he'll be happy, too. That's one consolation. It's good that we have one day for remembrance—when every body—old an' young—looks back to the old home. It makes 'em think of other homes, too—an' kind of opens up their hearts."

"Hiram," said the reporter—"I wish you and Mrs. Hornbeam a very happy Christmas."

"We're wishing the same for you," said Hiram—"an' all good things for the New Year."

PRINTERS' HOME HAS FIVE MEN FOR CHRISTMAS

Local Typographical Union Sending Gifts to Its Aged Craftsmen

An interesting and attractive Christmas folder and menu card of the Union Printers' Home, located at Colorado Springs, Colorado, has just been received by Herman T. Campbell, secretary-treasurer of local No. 86 of the International Typographical Union. The folder carries a fine cut of the Home on the front cover, together with a suitable Yuletide greeting. Inside is the detailed menu of breakfast, dinner and supper to be served at the institution on Christmas Day. There also appears a cut of one of the recreation buildings.

The Union Printers' Home is run under the auspices of the International Typographical Union, and members of the locals in Canada are therefore eligible for care and treatment there during illness, or residence in lieu of pension after, attaining pensionable age.

LOCAL MEN THERE

Three former Saint John printers, Edward Curry, James E. Foster and James McLaughlin, are at present receiving treatment in the Home. Henry McLaughlin, at present employed in the composing room of the Times-Star, spent fourteen months in the home a few years ago, and was completely cured of his ailment after treatment in other institutions had been without success.

THE MENU IN DETAIL

The Christmas dinner will include Christmas punch, canned sweet pickles, celery hearts, roast young turkey with oyster stuffing, cranberry jelly, candied potatoes, early June peas, asparagus tips, graham and rye bread, English plum pudding with hard sauce, fashioned mince pie, assorted fruits, candy, mixed nuts, tea, coffee, sweet cider, cigars.

TO REMEMBER PENSIONERS

Local Printers' Union, No. 85, as usual at this season of the year, are again dispensing cheer to aged members of the craft in Saint John. There are a half dozen pensioners in the city, and each of these is being given a Christmas remembrance from the union on behalf of their old associates.

LAST DAY TO HELP ARMY COLLECTION

Amount So Far \$600 Less Than That Last Year

On this, the last day for receiving contributions in the collecting tour on the city streets, the Salvation Army is making a very earnest request to the citizens to give more generously. From the two appeals which the Army has made at the present time the returns are about \$600 less than the amount received last year. Yet the Army is undertaking to carry out the Christmas cheer work to the full extent pledged and is relying upon the generosity of the citizens to finance the winter relief work which must be carried on.

Returns from the collecting pots yesterday amounted to \$100, bringing the total from this source to date up to \$600.97 or \$374 less than the total of last year which was \$934.96. From the personal appeals the returns to date amount to \$622, or \$230 less than the full amount of \$852 received last year.

Among the Christmas work which the Army is preparing for are the distribution of Christmas dinners to 125, the serving of a special Christmas dinner at the jail on Dec. 28, providing a special dinner for men in social department at the St. James Street Home and a Christmas tree and entertainment for the children in the homes to which Christmas dinners are sent. This last entertainment will take place on Dec. 30.

SONS OF ENGLAND

Preparations For Social Event Are Advanced by Lodge

Splendid reports regarding the progress of preparations for the social evening to be held on Dec. 30, when a good entertainment is to be provided, were presented at the meeting of Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, Sons of England, held last night with H. E. Thompson, the president, in the chair. A letter was received from H. Usher Miller, secretary-treasurer of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage, thanking the members of the order for assisting in the work of the fair held in aid of the orphanage. One candidate was advanced in the second degree and expressed great satisfaction in being present. The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close and before dispersing the members exchanged Christmas greetings.

Get Message From Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor

With feelings of pleasure members of the Junior Red Cross Society of the city, yesterday, heard the following letter from Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor, Minister of Health: "Dr. Taylor thanks the \$600 Red Cross Juniors for their kind wishes and beautiful flowers; and trusts that all will have a healthy and happy Christmas." The Red Cross Juniors received this message because of kindness to Hon. Dr. Taylor during his illness in the General Public Hospital.

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