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A JOYOUS HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS TO ALL

It is not by any means certain that December the 25th is the exact day on which Christ was born. Some give good reasons for holding that this important event took place about the middle of October. However, to do away with controversy, and mark the fact of the birth, regardless of the exact time, and some differences of opinion, the Christians of the wide world, have given over the celebration of the birth, to a fixed day in this month called everywhere Christmas Day, now fast approaching. On that day we celebrate the greatest gift our world has ever received; the coming of our Blessed Redeemer, the Holy Child, Jesus.

It should be a day of worshipful remembrance and hallowed joy, and a day on which to try to turn from unhappiness and sorrow, to the brighter hopes and joys of life. Our deepest sorrows are but a trifle, in comparison with the life the "Man of Sorrows" acquainted with all our grief and woe, and our highest joys can reach no higher, than those He is ever ready to give us. If we refuse, the blessing is left untouched, while others may grasp it.

It is a season, in which those we love the nearest and the dearest, may gather with us around the festive, board and fill the home with accents of love. True, there may be vacant chairs—and there will be in many a home—in which at other times, loved ones sat, but we have not lost them forever, wherever the poor body may be laid whether away "on Flanders fields" or some quiet spot, in the home churchyard. We see them day after day in fond remembrance and love of them never dies; yes, even to such memories, Christmas can bring a beam of joy, for He whose birth we celebrate, can gather us all together again to part no more. His life dawned amid the glorious notes of an angelic choir, singing, "Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth, good will to men," and the churches of our land, will seek to join their voices, in the Te Deum and anthem, as they worship, and listen to the sacred story of the first Christmas. The day cannot die, where Christians dwell, for without the Gift which Heaven gave to earth when "The Babe of Bethlehem" was born, without the life which He lived, and the death which He died, how could we have our faith, our hope, and the eternal glory which He has won for us?

There are those without serious thought or heart, devote the day to sport and revelry, and hail Christmas as a time for giving place to unmanly appetites. They should stop and think, and if there is any true manliness in them, hail the day as the greatest Christian Festival of all the year, and cease to observe it, as a day for mere sport, and worse. He is a poor specimen of manhood, who thinks Christmas only fit, for what he calls "a good time" Even the Devil and his hosts, do better than that for "they believe and tremble"

And what of ourselves, the Advocate and its thousands of readers? Cannot we each and all wish one another, a joyous, hallow'd, Merry Christmas? We extend to our many friends, subscribers and readers the heartfelt hope and wish, that happiness may fill every hour of their home life, on next Tuesday, the Christmas day or 1923, and the year round with many a blessing in store. Let love reign. Let us try to avoid the downward path of sorrow, and turn our path upward, toward the sunbeams of Heaven's care and love. Forget and forgive all wrongs. Let us try how happy we can be, in trying to make others happy. We will be a step nearer heaven if we can wipe away some tear of sorrow, ease the anguish of some crushed heart, feed the hungry, and bring a smile to some careworn face. It will be, a little bit of heaven dropped on earth, if we can thus devote ourselves. The home will be happy, the merry prattle of children can be around us, as the day of gifts shows many a Christmas tree. It is all well if love reigns, for love sanctifies it all. If we will, our joy can grow greater and greater, higher and higher, until forgetting all differences, our hearts feel as if we could take the world in our embrace, and with it, fly away and upward to the Eternal Courts, where dwells our only Redeemer, and Mediator, the Saviour, who long ago, became the Babe of Bethlehem born in a manger, bringing to our world the heaven-touched smile of Salvation, and its first Christmas Day.

Again we hear the "Gloria in Excelsis" as the Herald Angels sing. Again we hear the Christmas carols and the church bells ring. Heaven celebrates the immortal day, and listens to earth's response. We all join, mortals and immortals, in crying out "Hail to the new born King." The joy of the Angelic host, descends to earth, to mingle with the joys of humanity, and all creation echoes its tones of unfathomable love until the remotest bounds hears the mighty chorus and we greet the morning of the day, we call Christmas, with glad hearts wishing each other a "Merry Christmas and many of them."

ALBERT CO. MAN  
TO BE ORDAINED  
Invitations have been received by friends in Newcastle to the ordination of the Rev. Francis Walter Daly to the holy priesthood at the Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax on Saturday, December 22 and to his first high Mass to be celebrated at midnight Christmas service at the Church of the Precious Blood at Goshen; Albert county. Mr. Daley was for some time vice principal of Harkins Academy here, as well as at Woodstock. He is a native of Elgin, Albert County.

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Last Call To Xmas Shoppers  
Whether you live one mile or one hundred miles away we extend to you an invitation to visit us this week.  
Thousands of Appropriate and Useful Gifts  
Are displayed and prices are guaranteed to be as low and in most cases lower than elsewhere  
Gifts for Men, Women, and Children. Useful Gifts for the Household, and the Newest Wearing Apparel. Shop at Creaghans---It Pays  
J.D. Creaghans & Co. LIMITED

Former Newcastle Minister and Wife Celebrate Golden Wedding

On Dec. 5th the golden wedding anniversary was celebrated at their home, Assinibola, Sask. of Rev. Wm. Parker Anderson and Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Anderson was born in Sackville in 1840; Mrs. Anderson (formerly Miss Clemmie W. Barber) was born in Londonderry, N.S., in 1846. They were married in Great Village, N.S., in 1883 by Rev. M.P. Freeman, and their two sons both died in 1899. Rev. Wm. Anderson received his early education in Cumberland Academy. He taught school in several places in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He then entered Mount Allison University. He entered the ministry of the Baptist Church in 1874 and was ordained at Chipman, N.B., in 1879, where he was pastor for four years. Resigning his charge he went to McMaster Hall, Toronto, and the following year went to Newcastle and later had several important changes in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Northumberland Women in Fight

Two female residents of the Grand Downs were the principals in a police court case in Chatham on Thursday. The case was an aftermath of a neighborly squabble when the two women engaged in a fistie encounter. The plaintiff was represented by John P. Barry and the defendant by W. Harold Davidson. Magistrate Gaynor found a verdict of guilty against the defendant and a fine of \$10 or two months in jail was imposed. She was also bound over to keep the peace. Both women were warned to keep out of the court in future.

SCHOOL TAX BOOKS  
Poor and County Rate Books, Dog Tax Books, Receipt Books in Duplicate, Mill Saw Bills, Deed Forms, Teachers Agreements, for sale at the ADVOCATE OFFICE

LOST  
One Ford Tire and Rim on Tuesday evening Dec. 11th., between Hennessy's corner and Nelson side of bridge. Finder please advise  
THEODORE BELL,  
Box 297  
51-0-pd. Chatham, N. B.

WANTED  
1000 Cords White Birch suitable for Spoolwood, to be delivered at our plant on the old Gear Work's site, Newcastle; also 1000 Cords Lathwood. For further particulars, apply to our office or telephone 139.  
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In Lamps, Irons, Mazda Lamps of all sizes, Vacuum Cleaners, Electric Cooking and Heating appliances, etc., may all be met at this store. A visit to our place will be a revelation to you. Come in and look over our display.  
Until Dec. 25th all Portable Lamps and Fixtures will be sold at 15% Discount  
C. W. GOUGH  
Newcastle, N. B. Phone 192

OPERA HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
Jack Holt  
IN  
"Nobody's Money"  
Also two Reel Comedy  
Half the proceeds from Wednesday and Thursday nights will be given to the poor of Newcastle. Capt. Capson of the S. Army will locate the deserving ones.  
FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
Tom Mix  
IN  
"The Love Gambler"  
Also Serial  
Our next Serial starting December 28th and 29th will be "Eagles' Talons"

BORN  
At Asbestos, Que., on Dec. 16th. to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. McGrath, a son, William Donald.

MILDEST SINCE 1895  
Ottawa, Dec. 11—Weather statistics on record at the experimental farm here show that this fall is the mildest and most open fall experienced in the Capital since 1895.

LABELS WILL TELL WHEN YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE  
A large number of subscriptions to the Advocate are now due. That we may be saved the trouble and expense of mailing a notice of arrears, we wish to direct your attention to the label on your paper this week. It shows the month and year to which your subscription is paid. If you are one of those in arrears, you will confer a favor by attending to the matter within the coming few days.

ROYAL BANK CHANGE  
Charlottetown Guardian: Mr. A. W. Hyndman, accompanied by Mrs. Hyndman and family, arrived last night from Halifax. Mr. Hyndman is taking over the position of manager at the Royal Bank here replacing Mr. Graham Jardine whose retirement has already been announced. Mr. Jardine it is understood, is remaining in the city for a few weeks.

SECURE CONTRACT  
The Miramichi Foundry Machine Works, Ltd. of Chatham has been awarded the Contract for the erection of a huge burner and fire stock at a Dalhousie Mill. The Contract involves several thousand dollars and the Company is also engaged in overhauling the Machinery of Redan's Mill in that district.

Gifts That Endure  
The Christmas Spirit of giving is to give something beautiful, something useful, and above all something that will endure the years of wear  
FURNITURE  
Includes all these and is therefore the most appreciated gift of all. In our display of furniture you will find an article for every member of the family that will be much appreciated and will last for years to come.  
See Our Display of:  
Trays, Mirrors, Reed and Sea Grass Chairs, Smokers, Doll Carriages, and Beds. We have some nice Dressing-Tables that would be much enjoyed by Sister, Piano Lamps for Mother and a host of other very useful and beautiful Gifts.  
Our Window would offer you some very good Suggestions  
Furniture the "Gift That Endures"  
The Lounsbury Company Limited