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A Happy Christmas to you and yours.

The Christmas Number of **THE CHRONICLE** is now passing through the Press. A publication of this nature, which will have a large number of portrait and other illustrations, needs exceptional care in its preparation and execution. We have every confidence in the Christmas number being so attractive both for its contents and for the excellence of its mechanical work, that the result will be satisfactory.

Where is Mr. Marconi?

It is quite a mystery as to what has become of Mr. Marconi. Just when the world was in the height of excitement, expecting some astounding manifestation of wireless telegraphy, the great magician withdrew from public observation, and his wonder-working apparatus ceased to be discussed by the Press. Has he retired, as the French motto says, to acquire momentum for a stronger advance (*reculer pour mieux sauter*), or has he struck a snag? Some eminent electrical authorities shook their heads dubiously when predictions were made that wireless telegraphy would be so developed as to become as familiar as the ordinary process. An answer to the query, what Mr. Marconi is doing? would relieve the tension felt by many who are deeply interested in his projects.

A Good Subject for an Insurance Institute Paper.

A paper on "Temperature" was read at Edinburgh, recently, by Mr. James Kerr, B.Sc., F.I.C., before the Insurance Society, the president, Mr. Deuchar, general manager of the Caledonian, being in the Chair. We suggest that the Professor of Chemistry, McGill College, or some other scientist

be invited to address the Insurance Institute on this practical subject. There are phases of Electricity papers on which might be secured from some authority on the question that would be found highly instructive and suggestive, as well as most attractive and useful. Indeed, there is not a department or an aspect of science of which this could not be said, and in this city and Toronto there are a number of professors, tutors and advanced students whose services as lecturers might be secured with great advance by the local Insurance Institute.

A Point as to High and Low Salaries.

How often do we hear complaint on the part of low-salaried men that the higher positions are over-paid? Perhaps they are, if we only have regard to the "present" exertions of those who fill them. But what about their past exertions? What about the wear and tear of brain and muscle which they endured while they were building up the reputation which lifted them into the line of promotion? They are reaping the reward now of what they did then; the pay which was deferred, has at length been handed to them; the work which they did over and above what they were paid for has not been lost; fate has been keeping an account of it all the while, and here is the result. Clearly and emphatically, the man is a fool to himself who measures his employment by the superficial standard of giving nothing for nothing. He lets selfishness blight his career.

Our contemporary, the Republic, in above remarks, might have enforced its contention by pointing out how large is the apparent discrepancy between the heavy fees paid to doctors and lawyers for services which occupy a very short time as compared with the payment for other services that occupy a hundred times the time. A surgeon of