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Evening Telegram

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SAURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1916.

The Problem of the Boy.



In common with, we think, nearly every other local newspaper, we have had occasion to be animated upon the prevalent and growing evil of youthful crime and misbehaviour in the city. The evil is a present and a future one, if we are to believe the adage that the boy is father of the man. The latest instance, which has resulted in the magistrate's sentence, no other punishment being possible, of sixty days' imprisonment upon two boys of very tender years, deserves more than perfunctory notice. It should be unnecessary to dilate upon the existence of a deplorable state of affairs which is patent to everyone: the present need is for a consideration of practical means to combat and remove it.

This should not be an impossible task, for these young offenders would respond at once to the proper treatment. Where prevention has failed, the judge himself indicates a more merciful and effective form of punishment than imprisonment, which means evil associations for the culprit or, falling that, a more comfortable housing, perhaps, than he has been accustomed to and an inducement to repeat the offence at the first opportunity. This is the use of the birch rod, as to the beneficial effects of which no one experienced in such matters has any doubts. But it should be possible to prevent the offences altogether and make any form of punishment unnecessary. Parental control is usually lacking and not exercised when it might be. The first thing to be done, then, is to get at the parents and guardians, where they exist, and in no uncertain manner. A parent owes the duty to his child and to the state of looking after him: where he fails in it he should be reminded of it sharply.

Many expedients that have been suggested, while admirable, touch rather the fringe than the centre of the trouble. It will be largely removed when we have universal and compulsory education, a reform which it may not be too sanguine to hope will come within the next hundred years. Until then some other way must be found to occupy the time and energy of these children with advantage to themselves. What they suffer from is not a natural depravity—there should be no such thing in St. John's—but the misdirection of the active impulses and high spirits to be found in the composition of every healthy child. We earnestly commend to the civic authorities the problem of turning these into the right channels, with due admission of the other problems that so fully engage their attention. In this re-

spect our city is lamentably lacking in certain features and equipment which are elsewhere regarded as appanages of civilisation, though we always resent the inference. It should be an easy and inexpensive matter to provide, in the heart of the city, recreation grounds, children's playgrounds, open-air gymnasiums and the like. It would likewise be an easy matter, once it was thoroughly taken in hand, to found, equip and fill institutions similar to the reformatories and training schools that are so successful in England and in other countries. The interest and sympathy of the community, the support of charities and a general understanding of our culpable shortcomings in this respect, an acknowledgment that we, and not these children, are the real offenders, are the first real necessities. The material is there if we would only work upon it. No creature in the world answers more quickly to guidance than the young boy to appeals judiciously made to his better nature and his enthusiasm. Witness the enormous success of the Boy Scouts movement in England (why has it been allowed to die away here?) and the records on the roll of honor held by many who were once pupils in her reformatories. We believe that legislation on this matter would be salutary. If so, the present is an opportune time to consider it. Something, at least, must be done to turn to the advantage of the community that which is at present a disgrace and a danger to it.

The Salvation Army Father Christmas

The annual effort to provide Christmas parcels for the poor, now proceeding, and Colonel Otway and his band of willing workers are again fully occupied in this Christlike work, to bring good cheer to those who are in need.

This year with the high cost of living, the thought of Christmas will bring a good bit of anxiety to many. Will the Christmas pudding be possible, and the joint of beef, and will the children have apples, oranges, and candies?

The Salvationists will answer this question, and we understand about 500 parcels are being made up, each containing Roast Beef, Potatoes, Turnips, Bread, Raisins, Sugar, Tea, Biscuits, Apples, Oranges and Candies. The distribution will take place on Saturday, December 23rd, at 3 p.m., at the S. A. Citadel, New Gower St. His Excellency the Governor accompanied by Lady Davidson will be present and say a word of greeting.

Friends who have not yet given their annual gift for this very worthy object, are asked to kindly do so, remembering the words of Gam who said "inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

Contributions should be sent to
Lieut. Colonel Otway,
S. A. Headquarters,
Springdale Street.

and will be acknowledged in the press. Any friend contributing may also distribute a few tickets to cases of any poor families they are interested in by application for same.

Colonel Otway has also arranged for all cases to be investigated so that only the worthy and deserving will be assisted.

KEEP THE HOME POT BOILING.

Obituary.

There passed to the Great Beyond December 9th, Jessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Frampton, of Grand Falls, aged 14 years. Father, mother, three sisters and two brothers are left to mourn their loss. Interment took place at the General Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Adj. Brown, S.A. A large procession headed by the S. A. band of which deceased was a member, followed the remains to its last resting place.

Grand Falls, Dec. 12th, '16.
GEO. KNOWLING offers 500 sacks Choice Local Turnips at \$1.50 per barrel delivered.
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The Pansy League.

We have to express our grateful thanks to Misses Diana, Daphne and Pansy for our election to life-membership of their League, and for the certificate and medal that bear witness to it. At the same time we would congratulate the League artist on the skill with which he has depicted Pansy surrounded by the members, her dumb friends, though we are a little piqued that he has omitted us from the number. We are, of course, represented by the Pen-guin. We hope the omission will be repaired and wish the League continued success in its good work.

COAL SAVERS.—Fit any grate. All the slack coal can be used up, 60c. and 75c. each. G. KNOWLING'S.—dec16,61s

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Big, Sturdy, Reliable Motors, operating cheerfully on Kerosene.

The Hubbard is the most popular Fisherman's Engine. Sold on easy terms.

GEO. M. BARR, St. John's.

1st Nfld. REGIMENT. Casualty List.

Received 11.45 p.m. Dec. 16.
Second Lieut. Cyril C. Duley, 51 Rennie's Mill Road, At 2nd Red Cross Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 12, wounds multiple. (Previously reported wounded Dec. 8.)
2453—L. Corp. Heber Angel, 130 Hamilton Street. Admitted Wandsworth. (Previously reported gunshot wound, right thigh, arm and face, slight, Rouen, Dec. 4.)
1329—Corp. Frederick J. Wornell, 81 Long's Hill. Admitted Wandsworth; bronchitis.
J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Gower Street.

The Gower Street Methodist Sunday School anniversary services will be held to-morrow in Gower Street Church. The children will meet at 10.30 in the morning at the school and then assemble in the Church at 11, when the Rev. N. Guy, the Sunday School Secretary for St. John's District, will preach. The afternoon service will be as usual a Christmas gift service. The Superintendent and officers are expecting a big rally at this service. If everyone, men, women and children, belonging to the school or congregation, will bring a parcel of good things the pile will be large. It is hoped the largest they have yet seen, as the needs are many. Chairman of service, Mr. J. S. Currie. The evening service will be held at 6.30 and the preacher will be the pastor, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon. Mr. Ruzgiles will sing at the morning service and Mrs. King at the evening service.

McMurdo's Store News

SAURDAY, Dec. 16, 1916.
A really delightful perfume is Mary Garden, one of the most finished products of the French perfume laboratories, with an American name that suggests the acme of grace and charm—and discriminating users of perfume say that this essence is worthy of its name. At any rate, Mary Garden is a favorite with ladies on both sides of the Atlantic. Price \$2 a bottle.
Our Willard's Chocolates are this year put up in a particularly dainty form, and there are some nice holiday packages. After all, though, it is the quality of Willard's goods more than the pretty packages which remain the most potent reason why we back these candies, and the main reason why they sell so well, and continue to be popular.

Corns Instant Relief.

Drop Out
Paint on Putnam's Corn Extractor to-night, and corns or feet better in the morning. Magical the way "Putnam's" eases the pain, destroys the roots, kills a corn for all time. No pain. Cure guaranteed. Get a 25c. bottle of "Putnam's" Extractor to-day.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind S.S.E., light, weather dull. A schooner passed west at daylight; the motor boat Minora passed in at 8.40 and the schr. Gold Hope at 10 a.m. Bar, 29.45; Ther, 30.

KEEP DOWN HIGH PRICES

—We are endeavouring to keep the price of our First-Class Tailor-made Garments within the reach of everyone, and when we say that you can get a first-class Suit or Overcoat from \$25 to \$30, it is not necessary for you to pay more. You can't get any better, no matter what you pay.
SPURRELL BROS., 365 Water Street.—dec1, eod, tf

Sunday Services

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
Church of England Cathedral—Holy Communion at 8 a.m., also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 11 (Choral). Other services at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.
St. Michael's Mission Church, Casey St.—Holy Communion, 8; Morning Prayer, 11; Evening, 8.30.
Christ Church, Quill Vidl—Holy Communion 2nd Sunday at 8 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 3rd Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.
Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 8.30 p.m.
St. Thomas's—Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10; Intercession Service, 11; Preacher, The Rector; Sunday Schools, 2.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30; Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton.

METHODIST.

Gower St.—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.
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Cochrane St.—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. Dr. Bond.
Wesley—11, Rev. Dr. Bond; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

St. Andrew's (Presbyterian)—11 and 6.30, Rev. Gordon Dickie.
Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Salvation Army (No. 1 Citadel, New Gower St.)—7 a.m., Knosdrill; 11, Rollness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Great Salvation Meeting. Adj. Sheard will sing.

Answers "Gale."

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—I beg a small space to reply to "Gale" in yesterday's Mail. He indinates a charge again in reference to the "Father Clarke attack in the Plaindealer." I want to tell "Gale" that I did not write that article and had nothing to do with its writing. If the Mail goes too far in its insinuations other steps will be taken. The real writer may then be revealed which may prove a boomerang for the Mail's new found friends.
Yours truly,
P. K. DEVINE.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Marytown at 5.15 p.m. yesterday, inward.
The Clyde left Botwood at 5.20 p.m. yesterday, outward.
The Dundee not reported since leaving Port Blandford yesterday morning.
The Ethie arrived at Humbermouth at 12.30 p.m. yesterday.
The Glance left Grand Bank at 3.25 p.m. yesterday, going west.
The Home left Pille's Island at 10.45 a.m. yesterday, inward.
The Kyle not reported owing to wire trouble.
The Sagona was to reach Port aux Basques this morning; not reported owing to wire trouble.
The Wren left Clarenville at 10 a.m. yesterday.

Here and There.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine. Price 15c. a bottle.—tf
CALENDAR.—We thank Mr. P. E. Outerbridge, Commission Agent, for a handsome calendar.

One 15c. bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts.—dec16,tf

GEORGE ST. A.B.C.—The George Street Adult Bible Class will join the Sunday School to-morrow afternoon in the annual Christmas service. Members are expected to be present with their gifts for the poor. Visitors are also welcome.

COCHRANE ST. CHURCH.—At the Cochrane St. Centennial Church to-morrow morning the preacher is the Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, B.A. In the evening the subject of the Rev. Dr. Bond's discourse will be, "Shall your brethren go to war while ye sit still?" A cordial invitation is extended; visitors always welcome.

Telegram Fashion Plates.

The Home Dressmaker should have a Catalogue Scrap Book of our Fashion Cuts. These will be found very useful to refer to from time to time.

A CHARMINGLY UP-TO-DATE STYLE.

1905—Dress for Misses and Small Women.
Blue taffeta, with collar of black satin was used to develop this chic creation. The model is especially suited to slender figures. The waist is full beneath the yoke sections which form part of the back. The sleeve is quaintly finished with a frill at the wrist edge. The full pockets on the fronts may be omitted. This model is also good for gabardine, serge, novelty, plaid and check suitings, for velvet, corduroy and broadcloth. The Pattern is cut in 3 sizes: 16, 18 and 20 years. It requires 6 1/2 yds. of 44-inch material for a 16-year size. The Skirt measures about 3 yards at the foot.
A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cts. in silver or stamps.



Christmas Slippers.

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Our showing of Christmas Slippers is a regular beauty show. For men we have Black and Tan Leather Slippers at .80c., \$1.00, \$1.30, \$1.60 to \$2.50. Men's Carpet Slippers from .50c. to \$1.00. Men's Grey Felt Slippers \$1.50 and \$1.60. A large stock of Women's Felt "Kozy" Slippers and Julietts, assorted colors, turn soles and flat heels, from .90c., \$1.00, \$1.30, \$1.50 to \$2.00. In Grey, Saxe Blue, Purple, Claret and Red, Fur trim or Ribbon trim.

Gaiters

MAKE VERY ACCEPTABLE XMAS GIFTS.

We have Women's Gaiters from \$1.60 to \$2.70. Men's 1 Buckje Gaiters, as cut, only \$1.50 pair. Men's 2 Buckje Gaiters from \$2.30 to \$3.00.

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IN STOCK.

Women's Rubber Boots \$2.10 to \$2.50. Girls' Rubber Boots \$1.45 to \$2.80. Boys' Rubber Boots \$2.00 to \$3.00.

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We are offering a new suggestion to the Christmas shopper, one that will be surely welcome to those who want to give SOMEONE a really good Christmas present. This suggestion is that you make some such desired—or perhaps needed—articles of Furniture your Christmas Gifts for this year. While a new Cosy Chair, pretty sitting-room Table or some other dainty article of Furniture is always a lovely Gift, wartime will surely make it doubly welcome. Think over this idea—and then come along and see our well-nigh inexhaustible stock of beautiful things, for here you'll surely find the solution of the Christmas present puzzle.

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Insurance Agent.

ORGANS.—We offer this Xmas the Mason and Hamlin Organs, slightly used. Secure one for the holidays.

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