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To Relieving Officers, Stipendiary Magistrates, and others:

The expenditure of public money upon Hospitals and similar Charitable Institutions, the care of outside patients, and transportations to and from has grown to alarming proportions. Disregard of instructions as to the sending of Patients to St. John's from the Outports has not only increased the expenditure, but has also increased the suffering of Patients arriving here, and it has been found necessary to send to boarding-houses, to await their turn for entering a Hospital, many who would have been better cared for at home during the period of waiting. These and other considerations have made it advisable to state the facts, and to repeat and add to instructions.

It is the policy of the Legislature and Government to limit as closely as possible, the expenditure of public money in the case of the sick in Public Hospitals and their transportation to and from, to provision for those patients only who are unable to pay for their own care, and whose natural protectors are unable to pay for them. The aid given is a charity for the sick and helpless, and it should only be accepted consistently with self-respect. Those who are able to pay in whole or in part for their own treatment are expected to do so. Parents are expected to pay for the care of children, and children for the care of parents, wholly or partly where they are able to do so. Only Relieving Officers, or Stipendiary Magistrates, acting in lieu of such Officers, have authority to send Patients, at the expense of the Colony, for treatment in the public wards of Hospitals.

Where a Relieving Officer resides conveniently near, he alone has authority. Where by reason of the remoteness of a Relieving Officer, and the nature of the malady, delay until such Officer could act would seem to a Stipendiary Magistrate to be undesirable, such Magistrate may act in lieu of a Relieving Officer, but Magistrates are requested to observe as far as possible the rule that dealing with the sick at the public expense is specially the province of Relieving Officers.

Clergymen and others whose attention is drawn to persons asking treatment at public expense are requested to refer such Patients to Relieving Officers or Magistrates in their order (wherever such reference can be made without danger to the sick), and to refer to Mr. Bartlett only in instances in which no Relieving Officer or Magistrate is near enough to deal with the matter adequately.

It is desired that the discretion of sending forward Patients shall be exercised wherever convenient by Relieving Officers and Magistrates only, in the order named, except as provided in the next following paragraph hereof.

Except in "Emergency Cases," as herein defined, no Patient may be forwarded by Relieving Officers, Magistrates or others, at public expense, unless permission has been first asked and obtained of Mr. Lewis Bartlett, Public Health Officer, St. John's. Patients suffering from serious accidents, or from appendicitis, or whose condition requires immediate surgical attention, may be forwarded without the prior consent of Mr. Bartlett, but he must be immediately notified by telegram of the coming of the Patient, and of the ailment thereof. Every such instance will be strictly inquired into, and unless the condition of the Patient made the forwarding thereof without prior permission reasonably necessary, the person forwarding will be considered to have acted without discretion, and he held liable to pay the cost incurred.

When application is made to forward a Patient for Hospital treatment, a Relieving Officer, or Stipendiary Magistrate, as the case may be, should, before complying, satisfy himself that the Patient, or the person liable for the care of the Patient, is not able to pay the expense of treatment, and that such expense should be a charge upon the Colony, and if it seems to such Relieving Officer or Magistrate that the financial and physical conditions of the Patient call for treatment at public expense, a Doctor, where one is con-

veniently near, should be asked to examine and report whether Hospital or other treatment is necessary or expedient. The certificate of the Relieving Officer, or Magistrate, as the case may be, that the case is one for treatment at public expense, and the report, if any, of the Doctor upon the Patient's condition, should be forwarded to Mr. Bartlett, with application for permission to forward the patient. When it seems desirable to telegraph for Mr. Bartlett's permission, the telegram should indicate the effect of the doctor's report. If a doctor is not conveniently near, the Relieving Officer or Magistrate, or other person intervening on behalf of the Patient, should state to Mr. Bartlett as fully as possible the nature of the ailment complained of.

These regulations have, of course nothing whatever to do with transportation or treatment in Hospitals of Patients the charges for whom will be paid by them or their friends. But in respect of such Patients, as the Hospitals are frequently overcrowded, application to Mr. Bartlett to ascertain if a bed can be obtained will be promptly replied to.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.



G. E. Russell, Proprietor

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Bay Roberts, Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1925.

The Old Year and the New

Again we have come to the parting of the ways—to the place where, with a long and lingering look we bade adieu to 1924. As we caught the last glimpse of him, tottering away in the darkness, a sudden peal of bells caused us to look up and behold the birth of 1925.

During the last few hours the Old Year was with us, we had time for retrospection. In fancy we went back over the way we had trodden since the beginning of the year. There were morn's aglean with sunlight and, following closely behind, came sable-draped nights, which held much of sorrow and pain; days when we hailed dawn with a high courage and firm purpose—nights, when in bitterness of heart, we realized that failure had come instead of victory; days when our petty meanness was greater than our acts and words of charity and kindness; days, glorious with self-sacrifice, which brought us to the place where we could say, "the world is better because I lived to-day!"

The yesterdays, wherein we failed, and triumphed, have passed with the going of the year. To-day is here and in it we have our lives to live—our mark to make. Let us always strive to keep our page unblotted and unmarred and each hour we live, to give of our best—truth, honor, love and unflinching sympathy. By so doing we shall be opening the door of Paradise which leads to the Land of Eternal light and Eternal joy.

And, as the bells ring out at the opening of the year, let us consecrate our lives to the service of mankind, which is the service of God. We wish for our many readers and friends every happiness and abundant prosperity throughout the year which has just been ushered in.

L. O. A. Parades.

VICTORIA L. O. L.

The Annual Parade of Victoria Lodge No. 3, L.O.A., was held on St. Stephen's Day, Dec. 26th. At 10.30, accompanied by the S.A. and Boy Scout Bands, the parade went east as far as French's Cove, returning and going as far west as the Main Road, after which the procession went back to the Hall. During the afternoon speeches were made by several prominent members of the L. O. A. Selections of appropriate music was rendered by Coley's Point L.O.A., Salvation Army and Scout Bands. Owing to the very frosty weather experienced on that occasion many veteran members were not seen in the parade.

CROMWELL L. O. L.

On Tuesday, Dec. 30th, Cromwell L. O. L., held their annual parade at Shearstown. The procession left the Hall at 11 o'clock accompanied by Shearstown Lodge, Clarke's Beach and Scout Bands. The route of march was around the pond, returning back to the Hall. After dinner the members and visitors went back to the Hall where a pleasant evening was spent. Speeches were made and music rendered by the various bands. An entertainment was given at night.

DASHING SCHOMBERG L. O. L.

Dashing Schomberg L. O. L. held their annual parade at Coley's Point on Jan. 1st, New Year's Day. At 10.30 a.m. the parade left the Hall accompanied by the Coley's Point Lodge, Shearstown, S.A. and Scout Bands. The route they took was west on the south side of the Point as far as Barened Road, in to Country Road and back to the Hall by way of the north side of Point. In the afternoon speeches were made and band selections rendered. At night an entertainment was given to a capacity audience, the proceeds of which will be donated toward the local War Memorial. The Coley's Point Lodge and Scout Bands were in attendance.

"NO SURRENDER."

The annual parade of "No Surrender" L.O.L., took place at Spaniard's Bay on Jan. 1st, New Year's Day. A large number participated in the parade which attended Divine Service at the C. of E. Church, conducted by Rev. E. C. Clench. On return to the hall in the afternoon speeches were made and suitable music was rendered by the C. L. B. Band, of this town, and Spaniard's Bay Lodge Band. A dance took place at night in the Hall and was largely attended.

New Year, 1925.

I take this opportunity of extending to my friends and supporters in the District of Harbor Grace the compliments of the season.

During the past year the people of this country have experienced a period of changes, culminating in the Election of the Monroe administration in May last. I sincerely thank those who supported me and worked for my Election as a Member of the House of Assembly. Following the General Election my colleague, Mr. J. R. Bennett was appointed Colonial Secretary, and myself as Minister of Public Works. This necessitated a Bye-election, which took place in July. Again the majority vote went in our favour.

We are pleased to note that in Bay Roberts and throughout the District business is on the upgrade, more money is in circulation and every man desiring to work has been given employment in the District, at the Humber and elsewhere.

Everywhere people are expressing the thought that a future of great prosperity is in store for Newfoundland. The Government has undertaken a stupendous task, but with the assistance of a loyal and patriotic people, the goal will be reached. By a united effort 1925 will be the biggest and best year in our history.

As the year opens we hail its coming with confidence. 1924 opened the door of Prosperity; 1925 gives us the opportunity to enter in. Again I wish one and all, far and near, a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

C. E. RUSSELL.

New Year Thoughts.

My Dear Parishioners,—The beginning of a New Year makes everyone think. The noble-minded look forward with hope, and with a resolve to climb higher. "Excelsior" sums up their purpose. The pathway ahead is one of duty. What is duty? That which is due, or owed. A threefold duty lies on each one of us—to our God, to our fellow-men, to ourselves.

Firstly to God—we owe Him honor, adoration, obedience. The secret of peace is obedience, for it implies acceptance of God, His plans, His ways.

Secondly to our fellow-men—we owe sympathy, good-will, moral assistance. "See how these Christians love one another" was said of old. Let us make it true again.

Thirdly to ourselves—we owe food for our better selves (our souls), direction for our lives, control over our impulses. "The man that is to be" is in each one of us—let us assist his development.

To all may the New Year be laden with such blessings as will conform us to His likeness.

Your Friend and Rector, E. M. BISHOP.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Miss Marion I. Simmons, of Hr. Grace, spent New Year's Day with friends in this town.

Mr. Beverly Tuff, of St. John's, spent a few days here this week, the guest of Dr. T. C. McLeod.

Mrs. J. Kiely arrived from St. John's recently.

New Year Greetings.

To all Members and Friends of the Salvation Army:

At the closing of the Old Year and the opening of the New, we are moved to look back over the yesterdays, so filled with sunshine and shadow. Standing apart from all other things are our manifold blessings and we are moved to deep thankfulness and a sense of unworthiness as we consider them. Had our blessings been meted out to us according as we deserved them, our share would have been small indeed. But our loving Father, "remembering our frame and knowing that we are dust," has abundantly showered His choicest and best gifts upon us—our poorest return is that we give our best to Him.

God calls for workers to toil in His vineyard, but greater than all, He asks and demands our loyal and obedient heart-service.

Let us strive throughout each day of 1925 to follow more closely in the steps of the Master who commands every true child of His, "Follow Me!"

In closing let me take this opportunity of wishing all Salvationists and friends of the Army, a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

COMM. N. COLE, S.A.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Mr. Fred Homer, of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, spent Christmas with his parents at Carbonear.

Miss Essie Parsons spent her Christmas holidays with her parents in this town.

Christmas Tree in Parish Hall

The C.E.W.A., of St. Matthew's Church held their annual Supper and Christmas Tree in the Parish Hall on Jan. 1st. Each ticket bought entitled the owner to a gift from the tree. This year the gifts were practical and useful and owing to about 200 presents more than last year, the affair was continued on Jan. 2nd.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whiteway, of this town, spent Christmas at Hr. Grace, the guests of Mr. E. E. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. O'Brien spent Christmas with relatives in Hr. Grace.

Miss Clarice Wilcox spent a few days at Hr. Grace during the week.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. John Moore went to St. John's during the week where she will visit her daughter, Nurse Alma Moore, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parsons, of St. John's, have been here spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parsons.

DIED.

On Jan. 1st, after a long illness, Mary A. Parsons, widow of the late Richard Parsons, aged 65 years. Left to mourn are four sons and one daughter. Funeral takes place on Jan. 3rd, to the C. of E. Cemetery, Rev. E. M. Bishop officiating.

At French's Cove, on Dec. 27th, after a lingering illness, Selma, beloved wife of William Dale, aged 39 years. Left to mourn are a sorrowing husband and seven children. Funeral took place on Tuesday, Dec 30th, to the Meth. Cemetery, Rev. C. Howse officiating.

Special Gifts for Christmas Time

We have just opened a large assortment of China and Fancy Crockeryware, consisting of Fancy Jugs, Cups and Saucers, Hot Water Jugs, Shaving Mugs, Cruets, Meat Dishes, Fruit Dishes and Cake Stands.

ALSO

House of Parliament view ware

in

Cups, and Saucers, Tea and Bread Plates, Teapots, Cheese Dishes, Jugs, also Sugar and Cream Jugs. The above goods are selling at prices that places it within reach of all who wish to buy.

W. H. GREENLAND, COLEY'S POINT.

Christmas Goods

The Christmas Season is fast approaching and with it comes the demands for suitable gifts. There comes to every one, young and old a joy, when some friend of theirs remembers them by a Christmas gift. We invite your patronage to our well-selected stock of Fancy and serviceable gifts in the following lines: GLASSWARE, CROCKERYWARE, SILVERWARE, BOOKS, STATIONERY, PENS, PENCILS, TOYS, ACCORDEONS, GRAMOPHONE RECORDS, BRUSH and COMB SETS, LADIES' HAND BAGS, BOYS' and GIRLS' SLIDES, HOCKEY STICKS, SKATES, NICKLE and ALUMINUM WARE, HEARTH RUGS, BUREAU SCARFS CENTRE PIECES, WORK BASKETS, GLOVES, FELT SHOES, OVERSHOES, etc., etc.

A full line of Xmas Groceries at lowest cash prices.

We also take this opportunity of wishing our many Friends and Patrons a Very Bright and Happy Christmas.

A. E. MERCER, Bay Roberts W.

Trapnell's Xmas Gift Suggestions

- FRENCH IVORY 75c. to \$45.00. DIAMOND RINGS \$25.00 to \$175.00. SIGNET RINGS \$6.00 to \$15.00. SET RINGS \$5.00 to \$30.00. WRIST WATCHES \$20.00 to \$45.00. BRACELETS \$8.00 to \$20.00. PEARLS \$6.00 to \$15.00. ROSARIES \$5.00 to \$6.50. MESH BAGS \$4.00 to \$25.00. WALKING STICKS \$1.25 to \$15.00. WATCH FOBBS \$4.00 to \$6.50. CUFF LINKS \$4.00 to \$12.00. CIGARETTE CASES \$1.00 to \$25.00. MILITARY BRUSHES \$6.00 to \$11.00. ASH TRAYS \$1.00 to \$4.00. TOBACCO POUCHES \$4.00 to \$5.00. FOUNTAIN PENS \$2.50 to \$5.50. PENCILS \$1.50 to \$5.50.

These are just a few items of many that we offer for Xmas and we will gladly answer any enquiry. Please remit with order and save delay.

R. H. TRAPNELL, Ltd. JEWELLERS AND OPTICIANS. 197 WATER ST., ST. JOHN'S.

We wish one and all a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year and also thank our friends for a very satisfactory year's business.

We have now on hand fresh goods from the famous English firm of Lipton, Ltd.—

- Flavouring Essences in 1 oz bottles. 1 lb. Tins Xmas Puddings. Biscuits in the following kinds—Cracknel, Ginger Nuts, Arrowroot Chocolate Cream Sandwich, Current Sandwich. Table Jellies in 1 pint Tablets, these are very popular. 1 lb. Glasses Marmalade, Red Currant Jelly, and Apple Jelly. Lipton's Famous Lime Juice. Lipton's Dressicated Cocoanut. Spanish Olives in 1/2 pt. bottles. Ground White Pepper in 1/2 oz. pkts. Lipton's Pickles, none better. Lipton's Coffee and Coffee Essence. Lipton's Candy. It is good for the children and they know it. Lipton's Chocolate, Nut Milk Chocolate and Candies in small bottles.

C. & A. DAWE.

The Hustle of Gift Buying is on—and You haven't any time to lose!



We have concentrated on a

Great Assemblage of Practical Gift Goods

FOR YOUR EVERY SELECTION

Each Department stocked with Christmas Gifts—for everybody. For Home Folks, Friends, Boys and Girls—Prices are more reasonable this year, which is truly a consideration when so much must be bought.

Christmas Cards. TOYS. Tree Decorations. Crackers, Christmas Stockings, Dolls, Slides, Skates, Holly Boxes. PERFUMERY, MANICURE SETS. HAND-KERCHIEFS, JEWELLERY.

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