LAWRENCETOWN.

Mr. George Daniels, of Brockton, Mass, spent Christmas with his parents here.

Rev. J. B. Giles preached in the Methodist Church last Sabbath evening, his subject being "Lost opportunities." It was a grand and forcible sermon and was listened to by a large congregation.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Warren D. Balcom, which occurred Monday morning. The deceased had been ill for several months from kidney trouble and although we, at times hoped for his recovery, still even his strong constitution could not withstand the force of the disease. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

Miss Bessie Miller goes to Boston the first of the year. Also Miss Lou Rosengreen will have charge of the telephone office.

Mrs. G. O. Balcom has returned from Mahone Bay.

Several of Rev. Gaetz's friends presented him with an elegant Morris chair, as a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Bridgetown, spent Xmas here, with L. E. Brown.

F. A. Mulhall, of Mahone Bay, spent part of his holidays here.

Miss Dena Newcomb is visiting at Yarmouth.

Miss Annie Fairn, of Albany, is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Schaffner.

Chas. Barteaux has returned to his home at Rosedale.

Miss Edna Marshall, of Wilmot, spent Xmas at the "Elm House."

Jas. H. Whitman, Esq., is confined to his bed and very little improvement is reported.

Miss Hattie is the guest of Mrs. Richardson.

Miss Maggie Gaetz is visiting at Lunenburg.

Mrs. J. W. Whitman is visiting at Mahone Bay.

Miss Willett, of Granville has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Whitman the past week.

Mrs. P Charlton passed away after a long illness, on the 24th, and was buried on the 26th. We extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. Barclay Bishop is home from Business College for the holidays.

What's the matter with our street lamps? Only a few are lighted these dark nights.

MARGARETVILLE.

The Margaretville Brass Band has moved its headquarters to the Hall over the schoolhouse in the East section. Quite a number of new members have been added.

A wedding took place here last Wednesday, the contracting parties being Mr. John Patterson and Mrs. R. Gordion, widow of the late John Gordion. The small boys serenaded the bride and groom in the old-fashioned way with guns and horns, and were treated to cakes, candy, etc.

The Methodist S. S. Concert came off Friday night in the new Orange Hall, and was a decided success. All the children acted their parts very nicely. After the concert was over ice cream and cake was served to the audience.

Miss Marchant has closed the school for the holidays and has gone home. Before leaving she was presented by her pupils with some valuable presents and an address showing the esteem in which she is held by her pupils.

Fred Graves is home from Bridgetown and will probably remain all winter.

We have had some of the severest weather this month that the oldest inhabitant can remember, but now a great change has taken place and this morning is like a day in spring.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Stephen Stronach, which took place a short time ago, was a great shock to the community. Also the death of Mr. Eddie Taylor, son of Andrew Taylor, which took place last week and was very much regretted.

The donation held at Captain John Roy's for the Rev. Wm. Phillips, was almost a failure, as the night was so stormy and the roads almost impassable. Very few had the courage to turn out. The sum of forty-dollars was taken. The affair will be repeated to-night (Monday.)

All the vessels belonging here are now hauled up for the winter except the Fleet Wing, Captain Goucher, who is in St. John taking in two carloads of flour and feed for Middleton. The schooners in port are Earl B., Ocean Bird, Merry B., Forest Bower, Georgie Linwood, Only Son, and Linnet Gibson. These are all owned here and run in the coasting trade. This harbor is now considered the best on the Bay shore between Digby and Spencer's Island.

NICTAUX.

Rev. W. M. Smallman preached his farewell sermon at Nictaux on Sunday last to a large congregation. He plans to spend next Sunday in Wolfville.

Nelson Vidito, of Bloomington, who lost his house by fire on Wednesday morning, Dec. 24th by the explosion of a lamp died this morning from the effects of his burns and will be buried on Thursday.

Vernon. L. Whitman, of Nictaux Falls died on Christmas day of consumption, aged 32. A wife and one sister are left to mourn his loss. He was mail carrier between Nictaux Falls and Middleton and was highly esteemed by all and a member of the Nictaux Baptist Church.

MOUNT HANLEY.

Mr. Walter Hayes and friend from Worcester, Mass., are the guests of Mrs. John Hayes for an indefinite time.

Mr. John Hayes, John Slocomb, Obediah Slocomb and James Banks left for North Reading, Mass., a few weeks ago, to stay the winter.

Mrs. Arthur Barteaux left last Saturday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Avard Roop, at Springfield.

Miss Edith Armstrong is at present home from Yarmouth.

Mr. Arthur Barteaux killed a porker last week that tipped the beam at 499 lbs. Who can beat that?

NOVA SCOTIA FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above association will be held in the Opera House, Windsor, on Monday February 2nd, 1903, opening at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and will continue in session during the two following days.

C. A. Zavitz, Experimentalist, O. A. C., Guelph, Ont., Harold Jones, Maitland, Ont., Live Stock Commissioner, F. W. Hodson, Ottawa, W. A. McKinnon, Chief of Fruit Division, Ottawa, G. H. Clark, Chief Seed Division, Ottawa, Frank C. Hare, Poultry division Ottawa, Prof Grisdale, Agriculturist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Prof. W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, will address the meetings and papers by local talent will be read.

The subject of County Farmers Associations for the more thorough organization of farmers for their mutual advantage will be discussed previous to the formation of same in the several counties of the Province.

Agricultural Societies are entitled to send a delegate to represent them, half of whose expense will be defrayed by the N. S. F. A., and they should consider it to be their duty to send one.

The usual arrangements have been made with the various railways for return fare at single rates. Persons attending should ask agent at starting point for a single first class ticket to Windsor and a Standard Certificate, which, when duly signed by the Secretary at the meeting will entitle the holder to a free ticket for return journey.

It is to be hoped that the Agricultural Societies of County will send their full quota of delegates.

PARADISE.

A Sunday School concert and Christmas tree was held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Christmas eve.

Miss Susie Leonard who has been teaching at Falmouth, is spending her vacation at home.

Mr. Harold Longley is clerking at the "Corner Grocery" during his vacation.

Vernon Morse, of the Harvard Medical School, is at home.

Chas. Covert, Jr. is visiting in the Unites of States.

Rev. E. L. Steeves and family have gone to Glace Bay. Rev. R. B. Kinley is supplying for a few Sundays.

Service on Sunday, January 4th, will be at 3 p.m.

Mr. W. D. Balcom died on the 28th inst. The funeral service was held in the church yesterday afternoon.

The Literary Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Starratt on the 22nd inst. The subject of the evening was "Christmas." A special meeting of the society will be held to-night (Wednesday) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L Pearson. It is expected that this will be the "event of the season." Besides local talent, a large number from neighboring places have been invited to take part in the evening's entertainment. The subject is "The Old Year and the New."

A children's concert and Christmas tree was held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Christmas eve. The entertainment consisted of appropriate songs, recitations and dialogues. The little folks carried out their parts with much credit to themselves and their instructors. The sum of six dollars was realized for Sunday school purposes.

Regina Division elected its officers for next quarter as follows: W. P., R. S. Leonard; W. A., Roby Durling; R. S., K. M. Brooks; A. R. S., Ethel Starratt; Treas., Z. Phinney; Chap., H. A. Longley; Con., Charles Durling; A. C., Annie Jackson; O. S., Harold Longley; I. S., H. R. Longley; Supt. Young People's Work, Miss Ruby Durling.

CLEMENTSVALE.

December 24th.

We wish the Monitor and its many readers a happy New Year.

Mrs. Bulah Wright, aged 77 years, passed quietly away with pneumonia on Saturday last. She leaves a large family and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss. She was loved by all who knew her.

Lots of sickness around here now; doctors are in constant demand.

A double wedding will take place this evening (Wednesday) at the home of Mr. I. Robbings, when her two daughters, Misses Maude and Minnie Robbings, will be united in marriage to Mr. Frank Dunn and Mr. Lewis Whitman.

Master Percy Potter, of Brookfield, Colchester Co., is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Potter.

A clam supper was held in the parsonage last week, and the sum of twenty dollars was realized; proceeds to go for church purposes.

Messrs. Robert Curtis and Reggie Baird returned from Lincoln, N.H., on the 13th inst. Mr. Curtis intends going back to-day (Wednesday). He will take his bride with him.

Mr. Willis is holding evening meetings in this place.

Mr. Leslie Baird left for New Hampshire to-day.

Mr. Fred Miller, one of our butchers, sent a fine pair of oxen to Halifax this week, which girted 7 ft. 10 in. and 7 ft. 11 in. Big pair that.

HAMPTON.

Mr. Hugh Farnsworth has returned to his home in the United States, after paying his parents and friends quite a lengthy visit.

Adoniram Foster is visiting his friends in Lynn and other place.

Mr. Joseph Snow, of Cliftondale, is visiting her friends here.

A very pleasant pie social was held in our hall last Saturday evening, 20.h. The sum of $15 00 was realized, proceeds to pay for repairs on the meeting house.

After a long illness, Garfield Smith has passed away. His funeral took place on Monday, 22nd.

Burpee Hudson has had the misfortune to cut his foot very badly. Dr. Barnaby attended him.

Jeremiah Saulnier was called home from the lumber woods, his mother being very sick. Coming home he took a heavy cold, and has had a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Fred Hudson and wife, of Cliftondale, Mass., are visiting their friends here.

Miss Reta Hall, of Brockton, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Gaskill.

Flashlight Division is still prospering. The officers for the present quarter are: James A. Mitchell, W. P.; Minnie Brown, W. A.; Andrew Templeman, R. S.; Lizzie Messenger, A. R. S.; E. S. Foster, F. S.; John E. Farnsworth, Treas.; Clara Snow, Con.; Freeman Mitchell, I S.; John Templeman, O. S.; Handley Brinton, Chap.

SPRINGFIELD.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Jacob Conrad, who recently returned from the Victoria General Hospita', in no better health.

The Misses E hel and Annie Locke have been visiting friends in Middleton for the past few days.

Harry Saunders and Percy McNayr spent their Xmas holidays at their homes, Lake Pleasant.

Miss Agnes Freeman, of Wolfville, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman.

The community of Lake Pleasant was saddened on Christmas morning by the sudden death of Mr. John McNayr, who was an aged and respected inhabitant of that place. The funeral took place on Sunday morning, and was largely attended.

Miss Annie Lohnes and Miss Corkum, of La Have, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grimm.

Miss Daisy Morrison is spending her vacation at Middleton.

The "umbrella" social on Saturday evening was a success, the sum of $19 00 being realized.

Miss Flora Grimm is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sidney Conrad, at New Germany.

Mrs Arthur Barteaux is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Avard Roop.

The annual donation for Pastor Locke will be held on New Year's Eve.

ROUND HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. John Le Cain, of St. John, are visiting the former's brother, Major G. A. LeCain.

Mr. Reginald S. Bochner, of the Pictou Academy, is the guest of Mr. W. C Healy.

Miss Helen L. Whitman, of Cambridgeport, Mass., returned home last Wednesday for a two weeks visit.

Mr. H. H. Mann, of Sackville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Armstrong.

Miss Mary Fitz Randolph, who has been teaching at Pereire, is at home spending her Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Spurr, of Boston, Mass., returned home on Saturday last, accompanying the remains of their little son Hollis, aged five years and four months, who after a lingering illness of nine weeks passed peacefully away on Christmas day. The funeral took place on Sunday at 2 p. m., conducted by the Rev. A. R. Smith. The little blossom plucked in the bud has gone to bloom in the great beyond. The sympathy of all is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Spurr in their sad hours of bereavement.

Mrs. N. B Foster and Mr. Charles Foster are visiting in Gasperaux.

Mr. Arnold Burbidge, of Wolton Corner, purchased several yoke of fine oxen here last week.

Clarence Division, No. 366, elected the following officers for the ensuing quarter: L. W., Elliott, W. P.; Mrs. F. Fitch, W. A.; A. J. Wilson, R. S.; Ethel Fitch, A. R. S.; J. W. Elliott, F. S.; Mrs A. P. Ramsey, Treas.; Avard Jackson, Chap.; A. P. Romney, Con.; Mrs Edward Marshall, A. Con.; Winnie Banks, I. S.; F. W. Jackson, O. S.; S. N. Jackson, P. W. P.

—Resolve at the beginning of the New Year to use Empire Liniment only.

PARADISE.

—On referring to the calendar on page one hundred and fifty-seven of the October Journal of Education we notice that the first half of the present school year ends on January thirtieth, and that the second half year begins on February second. The first half year is, therefore, one week short of the usual compliment. We are requested to call attention to this fact for the reason that some teachers may not have examined the said calendar, and may not, on that account be aware that the space for one week's record of attendance on their Registers in the second quarter must be left blank.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Herbert Nicholls, proprietor of the Queen Hotel, Yarmouth, died in Boston last week.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has so improved in health since going to Hot Springs, Va., that he will return to Ottawa soon after New Years.

The death of Senator Primrose, of Pictou, occured on Tuesday, 23rd. He was 73 years of age and was born at Truro in the Senate in 1833

Twenty-four representatives of the Royal Caledonian Club of Carlsee, of Scotland, have arrived in Halifax to begin a Canadian American tour.

A Toronto miser died in the General hospital of that city last week and his death disclosed the fact that while worth $100,000, he had been living on charity.

A singular and fatal accident occurred at Brantford, Ont., when Wesley Watson who had come home to spend Christmas with his brothers, was mistaken for a burglar and shot and killed instantly.

Tuesday afternoon Alexander Bell, a highly respected and popular young man of Le Have Island, left to go to West Dublin. On Wednesday his cap and boat were found on Crescent Beach, and on Wednesday evening the body was found and taken to his home.

Another fatal accident occurred in the Intercolonial on the 22nd. A freight train from Moncton to Halifax, ran off the track near Dorchester station. The engine and five cars were ditched, the engine plunging into a pool of water. The driver and fireman leaped off and escaped, but Walter Clarke, a brakeman, was caught under the engine and suffocated. His body was not recovered for some hours. He was about 35 years old, and was married a few months ago to a Miss Smith of Moncton.

Through the mistake of a station agent on the Grand Trunk railway, a horrible railway accident took place at Wanstead, Ontario, by a collision between an express and a freight train, in which twenty-eight passengers were killed and forty-one wounded. The agent at Watford was directed to give the express orders to pass the freight at Wanstead, but by misunderstanding or neglect he failed to do so, and the express, with tremendous velocity, crashed into the freight just as she was taking the siding.

Either fire or ten million dollars of additional common stock will shortly be issued by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. The object of the company in doing this is to aid them in making additions to their plant in Sydney and also to increase development at Marble Mountain. It is also said that several hundred thousand dollars worth of machinery is now on its way from Germany, to be used in mills now under construction at Sydney. These mills, which at first were intended to be used for the manufacture of rails, will be devoted to the manufacture of structural steel. They will probably be ready for operation by May.

A snow slide on Christmas night demolished the bunk house at Molly Gibson Mine, causing the death probably of eight men. The mine is above the timber line, about ten miles from Kootenay Lake. The first news of the disaster was brought by John Labella, one of the survivors. According to his story, the slide struck only half the house, carrying it away and pulling the roof of the remainder down on the sleeping men. Labella managed to crawl out, with a couple of other men, who were saved. They discovered and brought to the blacksmith shop four other men. One man died. Eight others had disappeared, buried under debris and snow.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Another son was born to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 20.h inst.

Sixty lives were lost by a collision between the steamers Bunsang and Kiangyan in the Malacca Straits. The latter was sunk.

Franklin Bertha Krupp, the elder of the late Herr Krupp's daughters, is now undoubtedly the richest woman in the world in her own right.

An outbreak of fire occured on board the steamer Hokum Maru off the coast of Su Sten on Dec. 3rd, the vessel was sunk, 18 of the crew losing their lives.

The Moorish Imperial army at Taza was routed by rebels under the leadership of the Pretender to the throne. The Imperial forces abandoned their guns, rifles, ammunition, tents and beasts of burden and fled precipitately to Fez.

A sad accident occurred in Boston when a two year old baby, who had been left on the sidewalk in her carriage while the nurse went into store, was blown in front of a horse and upset. The animal becoming frightened, trampled on the child, fracturing its skull.

The Japan Times has an account of a Japanese Kochi having been married to a corpse. The bride thus committed suicide on the eve of her marriage, and at the request of the dead woman's parents the ceremony took place between the living and the dead.

Archbishop Temple, prelate of England, passed away on the 23rd inst. He has been ill some time. The pathetic scene in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of King Edward was one of the earlier indications of his failing strength. Then came the collapse in the House of Lords at the close of a vigorous speech in support of the education bill. The Bishop of Winchester is considered likely to be his successor.

All Europe is ringing with a sensational royal scandal of the Court of Saxony. The Crown Princess of Saxony has eloped with the French tutor of her children, and her brother, Leopold Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria and Tuscany, has renounced his royal rights and titles, and is supporting his sister in the step she has taken. The Crown Princess is now at Geneva, and the princess only awaits a divorce from the Crown Prince to marry M Giron. Unfidelity and brutality on the part of the Crown Prince are given as her reason for leaving him.

UPPER CLARENCE.

Annapolis, Aug 25, 1902.

Mr. Monitor:

Dear Sir,—The bottle of Empire Liniment which I got from you on the 15th inst. I soon had occasion to try its virtues. The same evening in walking across the railway bridge at Tupperville I sprained my ankle. On my return home to Annapolis I freely applied Empire Liniment, and to my surprise a few applications put me on my feet again, and by Monday I felt no inconvenience from the injury. Certainly I consider it far superior of the next best. Empire Liniment only needs to be tried to prove its merits. Unsolicited though this is, you are at liberty to publish it.

Make whatever use of this you please.

Truly yours,
J. H. CROWE,
Teacher in Annapolis Academy.