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THIS EVENING

Shawn Rhue at the Opera House by Jere McAvullo Co. Dramagraph, pictures and songs at the Nickel. United watch night service in Centenary church at 10:45. Revs. H. D. Marr, A. A. Graham and Dr. Flanders will speak. Thistle Curling Club meets at 7:30 o'clock. Free concert in Seaman's Institute for seamen. Carleton Cornet Band will give a concert in Market Square, west side.

LATE LOCALS

The St. Mary's band will play the old year out at the head of King street tonight weather permitting. Head line steamship Dunmore Hood, Captain Farran, arrived in port this morning to load general cargo for Ireland. Watch night services will commence at 10:45 p.m. tonight in Exmouth street church. An offering for the educational fund will be taken. There will be Watch-night service in Zion church tonight, commencing at 11 o'clock. Offering will be for the support of the church.

The St. John Clearing House reports clearings for the week ending Dec. 31, to be \$1,223,833. For the corresponding week last year, the clearances were \$851,837.

The West End police have reported Robert Duncan, Louis Weller, John Barrow, John Milford, Clarkson Stanfield and Louis Conner for working in the city without licenses.

The deaf mute case in the civil court today was adjourned until next Thursday as an amicable settlement may be arranged in the meanwhile. G. H. Y. Beyer, E. S. Ritchie and A. A. Wilson are the lawyers interested.

On New Year's morning in Centenary church, at 10:30 o'clock, there will be a gathering of a unique character. The plan is that each of the Methodist Sunday schools of St. John and also those of Courtenay Bay district, numbering ten in all, will meet at 10:30 and will have an excellent programme of song, some short addresses, and will exchange greetings with similar gatherings in Montreal and Toronto.

BIBLE READING BY BRIGADIER ROBERTS

Salvation Army Officer Held an Interesting Service Yesterday Afternoon.

The Seven Trials in Thessalonians was the topic of the Bible reading yesterday afternoon in the S. A. Citadel, Charlotte street. Brigadier Roberts began by reading Acts 17, 1-15, which describes the beginning of the apostle's work in Thessalonae after which he dealt upon the Seven Trials that are found in the first epistle to the Thessalonians.

(1) The three men from whom the letter came Paul and Silas and Timothy, Chapter 1.

(2) The three features in the character of the three men. "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe." 1:10.

(3) The three evidences of their successful work. "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even you, before the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 1:10.

(4) The three results of their preaching. "For our gospel came unto you in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." 1:5. That is to say it was powerful and spiritual, and effectual.

(5) The three requests in their praying. "I pray God your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ." 1:23. This is the only place in the Bible where man is said to be a three-fold being.

And this is in the epistle that is full of trouble. This three-fold request, however, is preceded by the prayer: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly." God cannot preserve what He does not possess, but when He has possession of the whole man He is able to preserve the spirit from all spiritual delusions, to keep the soul and body in a state of holiness, and from all worldly and sensual desires, and the body which is the temple of the Holy Ghost to possess in sanctification and honor.

(6) The three titles given by them to their divine Lord. These are found in the first verse of the first chapter and in the seven verses of the last chapter and in seven other places beside.

The epistle contains five chapters with a total of 29 verses and the Lord Jesus is mentioned in 32 places and is called "Lord Jesus Christ," in nine different places in these five chapters. This no doubt is to teach reverence for Divine things.

(7) The three traits in the character of the three titles. "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope, 1:3. That is to say, they had labored, and a hope that was patient and so according to 17 they became samples of salvation.

THE EVERY DAY CLUB RECEPTION TOMORROW

The members of the Every Day Club will be at home to their friends tomorrow afternoon in their new hall at the corner of Union and Brunsels streets. All ladies and gentlemen are invited. Refreshments will be served and a musical programme indulged in.

PRESENTATION

An Christmas Eve of this year, McLean Holt & Co., J. L. McAvity, proprietor, presented their eighty married, employees with their tokens, and their thirty-four unmarried employees with gloves. On New Year's Eve, the employees are presented by presenting Mr. J. L. McAvity with a gold headed cane, suitably engraved.

MARRIAGES

SNIDER-BROWN-In St. John West, on the evening of December 29, by Rev. G. P. Scott, William M. Snider, of St. John West, and Henrietta Irene Brown, daughter of Bradford Brown, of Mac's Bay, Charlotte County.

DEATHS

ROBERTSON-At Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, Kathleen Koralle Robertson, aged 11 years, eldest daughter of Tom and Kathleen E. P. Robertson, and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robertson, 11 Crown street, St. John (N. B.).

AN ARTISTIC DECORATION

Beautiful Christmas Decoration at the Home of A. O. Skinner

The Christmas decorations in A. O. Skinner's residence, Coburg street, are each year, anticipated with a great deal of interest by a large number of children in the city. Unique designs, with hundreds of tiny electric lamps have transformed the drawing rooms of the house into a veritable fairyland for the children. This year a large open fireplace is depicted, with a large open fireplace on each side, and through the window in the scene a panoramic view of a village in a country with snow-capped houses and a church, and on the roof of one of the houses a star emerging from a chimney, where he has been depositing a store of gifts, is Santa Claus, while waiting at the roadside nearby is the sleigh and reindeer. The ground is covered with a heavy mantle of snow, which glitters with realistic effect, and off in the distance may be seen the frozen surface of a lake. The scene was painted by Herbert J. Anderson, manager of the Opera House, and is extremely well executed.

Above the fireplace and all around the window is a heavy mantle of greenery with the words "Merry Christmas" in white letters prominently displayed over the mantle. With the aid of electric lights a realistic effect is obtained and good sized stockings are suspended from the mantle. At one side are two trees, one lighted with tiny incandescent lamps, one lighted with tiny tinsel lamps or very foot sprays, from which tiny lamps or very pretty ornaments are hung. In all over one hundred and fifty lights are used, and when all are turned on, with the lamps on the tree flashing intermittently, the effect is most pleasing.

CHANGES IN THE CITY SCHOOLS

Schools Re-open on Monday—Teaching Staffs Have Been Changed.

The public schools of the city will re-open on Monday, January 4, after the Christmas holidays. There will be several changes in the teaching staff of the schools.

W. H. Parlee, principal of the Victoria school has been granted six months leave of absence, and Samuel Worsell, of the High School staff, has been appointed interim principal of that school for six months.

Miss Haggart, of the Differin school, who holds superior school certificate, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Worsell at the High School.

Miss Mabel Holmes, of Queenstown, Queens county, has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Richardson as teacher in the colored school on Queen street. She will be assisted by Miss Edna Richardson, who has conducted the school since her father's death.

COURT QUANGONDY

Annual Meeting Held Last Evening and Officers Elected.

Court Quangondy met on Wednesday evening in Oddfellows' Hall, Simonds street, for the annual election of officers. The reports showed the court to be in a flourishing condition, both in membership and finances. During the year one death occurred. The claim being paid by the supreme body with the usual promptness. A letter of appreciation was read, praising the members for the attention shown. The installation committee reported that the installation of new officers and Royal Foresters to install the officers in January, a programme of songs and entertainments, is also arranged. Members can procure admission tickets from the committee for friends, being conducted in open court.

The following officers were elected: C. D. H. G. B. D. G. Langley, court physician; Dr. Roberts; C. R. H. Coates; C. R. G. E. Chase; R. S. D. W. Mowry; F. S. J. A. Brooks; F. W. F. Cronk; G. Clark; S. W. F. E. Morrissey; J. W. H. Johnson; S. B. W. H. Miles; J. B. W. G. Estabrook; H. H. Myles; trustees, P. E. Morrissey, W. H. Myles; J. W. G. Estabrook, G. Clark; central committee, J. A. Brooks, W. F. Cronk; H. Coates.

AN OFFICIAL VISIT

Grand Officers of the Sons of Temperance Visited Never Despair Division at Welsford Last Night.

Last evening G. W. P. Hennigar and G. T. Stark made an official visit to Never Despair division, E. of T., at Welsford. The grand division officers received a very warm welcome. After routine work the grand officers were invited to conduct the election and installation of officers, and after that business was disposed of short addresses were made. This division is in good working order, having some very good and energetic members, who take great interest in temperance matters. The officers returned home well pleased with their visit.

THE DAHOME ARRIVES

West India steamship Dahome, Captain Gore, arrived in port this morning from Bermuda, Windward Island and Demerara with six passengers. Her first cabin passengers are Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Campbell from Bermuda; C. F. Smith from Trinidad, and H. J. Myles from Demerara. The second cabin passengers are R. J. Lloyd from Antigua, and Mr. and Mrs. Branton from Barbados. The steamship from the Seaboard will be on board a very large cargo and Halifax port on Saturday.

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