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### ROUND HILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

An enthusiastic annual meeting of the Round Hill Women's Institute was held last week when an interesting and satisfactory report of the year's work was submitted by the retiring Secretary, Miss McGregor. The Institute was found to be in good running order and the members apparently ready for another year's work.

The following is a list of Red Cross work accomplished during the year: 78 shirts, 9 nightgowns, 8 balaclava caps, 35 pairs wristlets, 50 wash cloths, 30 scarfs, 108 pairs socks, 130 handkerchiefs, 15 dozen towels, 2 dozen cup covers, 1 dozen aprons, 13 pairs pajamas, 1 knitted apron, 2 bushels dried apples, 100 quarts jam, 3 boxes bandages.

For the Belgians: Two boxes containing a quantity of children's and infants' clothing and a large number of quilts.

For London War Orphans per Mrs. Vincent: 40 hats, 20 pairs of shoes.

Christmas gifts were sent to each of the Round Hill boys at the front and in camp—30 in number.

The following is a list of money donated: Red Cross Society, Halifax... \$45.00; Belgian Relief... 25.00; S. P. C. A., Halifax... 5.00; Institute Field Ambulance... 25.00; British Red Cross... 55.00; Canadian Prisoners in Germany... 25.00; Prizes for School Exhibition... 11.00.

The office-bearers for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—Mrs. S. Sanders; Vice Presidents—Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Hervey, Mrs. L. Chipman; Secretary—Mrs. Rice; Treasurer—Miss Healey.

A movement is on foot for the beautifying of the Cemetery which is just now in abeyance because of the prior claims of the war calls on the energy and resources of the Institute.

### HYMENEAL

HURLEY HALL (Brockton Times)

In this city, Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, the marriage of Mr. Clarence Thomas Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurley of 19 West Ashland St., and Miss Laura Winnifred Hall, daughter of Mr. Edwin E. Hall of 18 Farrington St., took place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock.

The ceremony was performed by Rector David B. Matthews performing the ceremony. They were attended by Miss Fannie Hall, sister of the bride and Mr. George Hurley, brother of the groom. The bride wore a becoming suit of nigger brown broadcloth with moleskin trimmings and hat to match. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

The bridesmaid wore a suit of blue French serge with a blue velvet hat with white fur trimmings. She also carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The bride's gift to her bridesmaid was a ring, while the best man received a pair of gold cuff links. After the reception to immediate relatives at the bride's home, the happy couple left for Boston en route for Maine where the honeymoon will be spent.

Mr. Hurley is employed by the United Shoe Machinery Company and is well known as a singer of ability. He is a member of the Sons of St. George, past president of the Elco Club, and a member of the Hancock Veteran Association.

Miss Hall was formerly employed by the Howard and Foster Shoe Company and before coming to this city was a resident of Port Lorne, Nova Scotia. The couple received many beautiful presents including a check from the bride's father.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

### British Withdraw from Gallipoli Peninsula.—Quiet on all the War Fronts

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the British public the abrupt War Office statement marks the end of one of the greatest chapters of the war's history. The shock of the news was hardly broken by the fact that rumors had been current in the street for some days, and the withdrawal of the forces had been a matter of widespread pro and con discussion ever since Lord Ribblesdale's famous speech in Parliament, in which he declared that the withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

The feelings of the man in the street were generally one of relief, mixed with regret. A popular half penny paper sums up the British public's attitude as follows: "Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built, and which, if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops, from first to last, were within a few miles of victory." The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in some other quarter of the Near East, but the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the famous Straits is apparently relinquished.

British troops continue to occupy the tip of the Peninsula at Seddul Bahr, commanding the entrance to the Straits, where many British writers have declared a new Gibraltar will one day arise. The position here is protected by a double line of ships, and it is assumed that this will be held.

A fair degree of quiet has continued on the war fronts during the past twenty-four hours, and none of the oft-repeated threats of a big offensive in France, in North Russia, Galicia and the Balkans has not actually materialized.

Persistent reports of a Greek-Bulgarian encounter, resulting from a Bulgarian surprise attack, have been cleared up by the Greek statement that the encounter took place in Albanian territory. No one was killed and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly, and an amicable inquiry is proceeding.

It is announced from Paris that no enemy detachment has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Meanwhile work on the defensive lines around Saloniki is being actively pushed, and the Greek villages in the neighborhood of the lines are being evacuated by the population.

Greek military circles declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the Allies will not attempt to cross the frontier, the Bulgarians, because they realize the danger of provoking Greece; the Germans, because they are grateful for Greek neutrality, and because they realize the tremendous cost which the enterprise would entail.

### WAR BRIEFS

A large number of undesirable have been shipped from London lately because they earn nothing and live by fraud.

The Germans are still bleeding Belgium. The latest demand is \$8,000,000 a month, which will be forced until further notice.

In 1915 there were 25,000 female clerks in London. At present there are 50,000. This results from the fact that men are scarce.

Before the war there were 1,000,000 more women than men in England. The difference in numbers will be greatly increased by the war.

The Canadian Army Transport Service has carried 104,600 troops, nearly 800 nurses and about 20,000 horses overseas without a single loss.

Paris alone took up \$5,000,000,000 of the new French War Loan. They have confidence in the Government and believe the Allies will win.

3,000 Koreans have been asking for Russian citizenship with a view to joining the Russian Army. They ask to be sent immediately to the front.

In Serbia, every adult man has a claim to five acres which he cannot sell, nor can it be taken from him. The poorest man has five acres to his credit.

Lieut. C. B. Pitblads, grandson of Rev. Dr. C. B. Pitblads, formerly of Chalmers Church, Halifax, is a prisoner in Germany. He belonged to the Canadian Royal Highlanders.

A German from Port Huron who spat on the uniform of a returned soldier was promptly knocked down by another veteran, taken to the ferry and sent back to the United States.

Army surgeons at the front have found that the best emergency dressing for neglected wounds is brown sugar, and are said to be using it in preference to any proprietary medicine.

After the war, Belgium proposes to build a town or city on town planning lines as a memorial of the respect of the nations for the part the Belgian people have played in the present war.

The British financial year expires on March 31st, 1916. Loans to Allies and Dominions by that time are expected to reach \$2,500,000,000. This shows the large part Britain is taking in the war.

A scheme is on foot to provide as a memorial to Miss Cavell an institution for the reception of sailors, soldiers, and munition workers, hailing from the North of England, who are permanently disabled.

"The Nation," London, confesses that there has been mistakes and drawbacks, but in view of the increasing armies and ammunition of the Allies, it says courageously, "It is the last lap that tells."

Comparatively few captured German guns are exhibited in England. Most of those captured were in such good condition that by making special ammunition for them they can be used against their original owners.

An international Congress to determine a basis for durable peace has been appointed for Berne, Switzerland, on the 14th inst. Thirty delegates have announced their purpose to be present. Some of them are Americans.

### BORN

BENT.—At West Paradise, Nov. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Bent, a daughter.

POOLE.—At St. Croix Cove, Dec. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Poole, a daughter.

GIBSON.—At West Dalhousie, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, a son.

BRINTON.—At Port Lorne, Dec. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. William Brinton, a son.

MITCHELL.—At Hampton, Dec. 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mitchell, a son.

### DIED

NEWELL.—Entered into rest in Havrehill, Mass., Nov. 30, 1915, aged 87 years, after an illness of 10 days, Mrs. Sarah Amelia Nowell, widow of the late Richard Owen Newell and daughter of the late Thomas and Mary E. Walker of Bridgetown, N. S.

"Lord, all-pitying, Jesus blest, Grant her Thine eternal rest." BLACK.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Granville Ferry, Dec. 20th, Margaret F., widow of the late George M. Black and mother of Mrs. H. J. Indoe, aged 81 years. Interment at Sackville, N. B.

### CHRISTMAS AND OUR BOYS OVERSEAS

It is known to some (but perhaps not all of our readers) that a suggestion having been made that it would be nice for Bridgetown and neighborhood to send a Christmas remembrance to the men from hereabouts who have volunteered for service overseas, the Recruiting Committee took the matter up with the results—thanks to the School Teachers in the respective districts who have undertaken the work of collecting, that the sum of \$91.30 was gathered together for this purpose. After thorough discussion it was decided to place an order with a firm in England for the packing and despatch of thirty-eight (38) hamper, that being the number of men, far as the Committee could discover at the time, overseas, and each individual is to receive his own hamper direct from London with a letter as follows:—

Christmas, 1915

To Our Bridgetown Boys Overseas:—

At this Christmas season our thoughts turn with deep gratitude and patriotic pride to our brave boys gone overseas to fight our battles. The gallantry and brilliant achievements of those of you who, with the other sons of the Maple, have been in active service on the firing line, have shed undying lustre on the fair name of Canada; and those of you who are yet to "do your bit" for the Empire, in the trenches, will, we feel assured, sustain the proud reputation for Canadian valor recently won on the fields of Flanders.

Please accept the accompanying hamper, not for its intrinsic worth, but because of the spirit of goodwill which prompts this gift, which bears to you our heartfelt wishes for A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

YOUR OLD HOME FRIENDS OF BRIDGETOWN AND VICINITY.

At the time the collection was made it was hoped also to remember those

who have volunteered for overseas service but are still on this side of the Atlantic. The practical difficulties in the way of this, however, made it impossible to adequately do so. The committee, therefore, decided to place the balance in hand on deposit, with a view to again remembering those who are overseas at some later date and they would welcome any further contributions toward making this possible.

The Committee desire to thank not only the lady collectors, but also the Monitor for printing the Christmas letter free of all charge.

### OBITUARY

MRS. ALBOURN NELLY

A telegram on Saturday to relatives here conveyed the sad news that Mrs. Mary Creighton (Ruffee), wife of the late J. Albourne Nelly, had passed away at the home of her sister, at Needham, Mass., aged forty-two years.

Mrs. Nelly has been a great sufferer for the past year from Neuritis, and her death had been expected. She was the youngest daughter of the late William and Rhoda Ruffee, both of whom had "gone before" only a few weeks ago. While on a visit to her old home some four years ago, her husband died and she returned to her home in Regina. Later she came East to her sister's at Needham.

Mrs. Nelly was a lady of a fine Christian character, and beloved by those with whom she came into close friendship. The surviving members of the family are—Mrs. J. W. Freeman, of Needham, Mass.; Miss Isabella at home, Harry of Philadelphia, and Charles of Bridgetown.

The remains will arrive from Boston to-day and the funeral services will take place from the Baptist Church with Rev. G. C. Warren officiating, immediately after the arrival of the train from Yarmouth.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE PRODUCE TRIAL SCENE FROM "MERCHANT OF VENICE"

Last Friday evening the program in the Epworth League of the Methodist Church proved most attractive and interesting. It was "An evening with Shakespeare," and well-prepared and works of the "Bard of Avon," were read by Mrs. Chas. Bent, Miss Lillian Fowler, and Mrs. H. B. Hicks. Mrs. Hicks gave a synopsis of the first three acts of the "Merchant of Venice," after which the famous trial scene from this play was put on and acted in splendid style by a number of the League members and others.

The cast was as follows: Duke of Venice—Warren Miller. Antonio—Mr. Thurber. Bassanio—Raymond Bent. Gratiano—Harry Connell. Shylock—Henry B. Hicks. Portia—Mrs. A. R. Reynolds. Nerissa—Josephine Kinney.

It is not often that amateurs' work is so well and artistically done, as was this scene. Every part was well sustained. Mr. Hicks as Shylock had a difficult part of which he made a complete success. A better interpretation is not often seen outside the professional stage. Mrs. Reynolds in the role of Portia was all that could be desired and Miss Kinney as Nerissa, displayed ability equal a character requiring a good deal more work, while Messrs. Thurber, Bent and Connell in their parts showed marked skill and cleverness. Many expressions in appreciation of the histrionic talents of these amateurs were heard on every hand. The costumes were especially effective. After this act, Mrs. W. A. Warren gave a scene from MacBeth, in her usual charming and effective style. Miss Juanita Bishop and Miss Dearness contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion with solos that were highly appreciated. A large audience, one indeed that packed the League room, was present.

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## XMAS 1915

### On the Christmas Gift Question

WHEN one man presents a Christmas present to another it is usually some article of wearing apparel. He knows that this is what will be most appreciated, and he knows what to select. The woman buyer, however, usually feels that there are only one or two such articles she can safely buy, fearing that she might not correctly judge his taste and preferences.

We give here a list of articles sold in our "Men's Wear Store." These are the things men select, and those we show in our store are designed to suit every taste. At our store you can get the masculine viewpoint on the gift question, and we are here to assist you in making a suitable selection.

Look over this list and see if it does not suggest a gift for someone on your list. But the bare list can give no idea of how well we can serve you. If you will call when doing your Christmas shopping we will gladly show you our Special Christmas lines. Women shoppers will find that we can be of great assistance to them in helping them to select suitable gifts.

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Handkerchiefs, Ties
Collars, Work Baskets
Club Bags, Valises
Waistings, etc, etc

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Club Bags
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Cholly-When I was a boy, you know, the doctor said if I didn't stop smoking cigarettes I would become feeble-minded. Miss Keen-Well, why didn't you stop?

Middleton

December 20 Miss Ella Cunningham is home from Halifax for Xmas. C. J. Hatt went to Annapolis to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Eleanor Morris and Master Lawrence are home for the Xmas holidays. Lt. Robert Morris is in Kentville training a squad of volunteers for the 112th Battalion. Corporal Hiltz spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hiltz, Nictaux. Louis Slocomb came home on Friday from Halifax, where he has been taking a training course. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crowe and daughter, Annie, are spending the Christmas week at Annapolis Royal. Mrs. I. Young, who has been visiting at Liverpool the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Marshall, returned home last week.

MELVERN SQUARE

December 20 Miss Clara Robinson is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Isahla Palmer, this week. Miss Florence Morse is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Spurr, for a few weeks. We wish the editor and staff of the Weekly Monitor a bright and Merry Christmas. Miss Myrtle Palmer has been visiting friends in Kings County during the past two weeks. Miss Verna Palmer of Kingston, was the guest of her friend, Miss Grace McNeil, quite recently. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin and family recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greene of Middleton. Quite a number from this place attended the supper and sale at Kingston on Tuesday evening of last week. Miss Edith Gates, after spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith of Kingston, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Margeson, who have been spending the past year in Melvern Square, have lately moved to their home in Wilnot. Miss Ella Palmer, trained nurse of Kalamazoo, Mich., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melborne Palmer, Melvern West. The children of the Melvern school are looking forward with great anticipation to their annual Xmas tree, on Thursday afternoon of this week. It may interest the readers of the Monitor to know that since the beginning of the present war, Melvern Square has donated over three hundred dollars for Patriotic purposes. Pretty good for so small a place. The Rev. Wm. Brown and Mrs. Brown of Auburn, were calling on their many friends throughout this vicinity last week, and were met at the home of Mrs. Duncan Smith on Tuesday evening last. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram Banks and little daughter, of Halifax, arrived in Melvern last week. Mr. Banks, having enlisted quite recently, will return to his duties in the city the first of January, while Mrs. Banks will remain a month with her parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. McNeil. Another year has rolled by, and despite the horrors of war, on this blood-stained earth of ours, the joy-bells will soon ring out the glad tidings that a Saviour was born in Bethlehem, of "Peace on earth, good will towards men," for it is Christmas-everywhere! It may be somewhat difficult to realize in our pleasant Canadian homes of peace and plenty, that so many homes have been made desolate all over the world by the cruel scourge of war-but, so it is, and hearts are sad, indeed, but-Though men may fight and the woe-ful blight of war blast half the earth they cannot strangle, nor maim nor mangle, the tale of a Saviour's birth; And deep in the hearts the song will start, and float over land and sea, So we'll sing with a will, and a rising trill, our song of Yuletide glee.

FALKLAND RIDGE

December 18 Mrs. Edgar Mason and Miss Bessie Sproule spent Friday in Middleton. Miss A. Ritchey of Springfield is spending the week-end at C. H. Marshall's. Mr. Arthur Scriver returned this week from Cobalt, after an absence of over two years. Mrs. Rebecca Faulkenham of Foster Settlement is visiting her son, John Kauback. Mrs. Arthur Beach and baby, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Henshaw. The Rev. J. W. Brown, Ph. D., of Wolfville gave an entertaining address in the Church on Sunday. Mr. Edwin Wiles and family of Hastings have moved into the house lately occupied by Robert Stoddart. The annual District Sunday School Convention was held in the Baptist Church here on Monday afternoon and evening. Rev. J. W. Brown, Field Secretary, of Wolfville, was present. Also delegates from Springfield and East Brunswick. The Rev. Harry Moore of Alberta, gave a very interesting address in the church on Wednesday evening in the interest of the L. O. L. He also met with the Brothers in their Lodge rooms on the following evening, and helped initiate eight new members.

INGLISVILLE

December 20 Mr. Stoddart of Springfield bought a fine yoke of oxen of Harry Hatt. Mrs. Cunningham of Bridgetown, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Asa Whitman, who is very feeble. Mrs. Lincoln Lane of Dorchester, Mass., was summoned home on account of the illness of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beals. Mr. Geo. Whitman, who is spending the winter with his brother, Mr. Leander Whitman of Bridgetown, has many an older sister, most of them envious; thereby deserving special mention, as it was his first appearance as a public singer. Then, as elocutionists, our inimitable Mrs. Lance, with Mrs. H. W. McNeil, and Miss Helene Spurr, assisted by Miss Shafner of South Farmington, contributed much to the pleasure of the evening's entertainment. The proceeds of the evening, amounting to \$25.00, is for the Hospital Fund, with the exception of five dollars, which has been donated to the Blue Cross Fund.

MARGARETVILLE

December 20 Mr. Ross Stronach of Boston, is visiting his father, Mr. J. P. Stronach. The steamers, Ruby L., Margaretvile, and Brunswick, are here for the winter. A pipe and ice cream social was held in Orange Hall on Friday evening for the benefit of the Baptist S. School. The Fortnightly Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Carey, East Margaretvile, on Thursday evening. Mrs. Amanda Magranahan, Mrs. E. J. Magranahan and Mrs. N. G. Magranahan and children left for Boston to-day. Capt. G. N. Cleveland and daughter Mamie, who spent several weeks in this place, have returned to their home in Dartmouth. A. B. Stronach, Herman Ray, Ralph McLean and Jacob Hall have enlisted and will join the others on Monday, who are drilling at Middleton. This makes a total of eighteen from Margaretvile.

Lawrencetown

December 20 A number of our town folk are on the sick list. The stores are beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Mr. Frank Settle of Dartmouth is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Young. Your correspondent wishes the Monitor staff and all its readers, "A Merry Christmas." Mrs. Orin Beals and children of Clarence were guests of Mrs. Ruth Beals, last week. Mr. James Crandall of Malden, Mass., is the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Bishop and Miss Eliza Crandall. Edward Freeman of Halifax is spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Freeman. Mrs. Harry Veits of Clarence spent a few days last week the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foster.

Next Sunday morning in the Methodist Church a special Christmas service will be held. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Boyce, will preach.

Services for Sunday, 26th, Baptist 11 a. m.; Methodist 11 a. m.; Episcopal 3 p. m. A Christmas service at 7.30 in the Baptist Church.

The new Demonstration building is progressing rapidly. The young people are anticipating the pleasure of a skating rink on the grounds.

Mrs. George Daniels and children are visiting at Port Lorne, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dalton, before removing to Brockton, Mass., their former home.

There have been quite a number of changes taken place in real estate in Lawrencetown of late. Mr. Ed Banks of Mt. Hope has purchased Mrs. James Whitman's property in the town; Wilbur Banks has become the owner of Mr. Banks' farm and Snow Muir has bought Wilbur Banks' farm; Kenneth Whitman has sold to Mr. Chas. Merry of Albany.

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**A FULL DAY AT THE POULTRY DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, GUELPH**

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(Editor Canadian Poultry Review)

If the pessimistic poet who put several quite unnecessary "ogs" in November, no sun, no heat, etc., had been with us on November 6th last, on our journey to Guelph, we would have guaranteed to change his mind from pessimism to optimism. Leaving Toronto at 9 a. m., on a dull morning, just as we reached Rockwood, a few miles this side of Guelph, the bright November sun broke forth in all its glory, a fitting augury for a full and pleasant day with Mr. W. R. Graham, his staff and family. Arriving at Guelph, we found that Mrs. Graham had been on the same train unknown to us, on her return from a visit to Ottawa occasioned by the painfully lamentable death of a young nephew. Meeting Mr. Graham we were able to take car at once for the O. A. C. and with the intermission of lunch, due to Mrs. Graham's kindly hospitality, of which we have more than once benefitted, we talked "chicken" for something like seven hours. In the afternoon Miss Marlon Hill, one of the editors of Review, spent an hour with us at the College and following this report is what we might call a poultry woman's views of what is going on at the big educational institution in the Royal City. We were sorry to hear that our old and esteemed friend, Dr. George C. Creelman, President of the College, was temporarily laid by for a day or two with a severe cold. These notes as a preliminary to the more important part relating directly to those interests to which the Canadian Poultry Review is devoted.

Some two years had elapsed since we were able to pay a visit to Guelph and had not before seen the magnificent executive building that the Ontario Government had erected for what the Hon. Martin Burrell once called the most important and largest branch of agriculture in the Dominion, the hen. Any photographs we had seen of the building did not do it justice. Somewhat plain and severe in outline, it has by this very plainness a beauty of its own. It is complete in detail. On the ground floor are ample offices for Prof. Graham and his staff, and the building has an excellently fitted show room, nice and bright, with new wire coops, where about four hundred birds can be comfortably exhibited. One rather novel idea that we noticed was that all the coops were placed on tables with casters so that they may be shifted around with little effort to any desirable position. There are two lecture rooms with the usual seating and desks, one with a capacity of two hundred, the other with about one hundred and twenty. Ey-

everything else is in keeping and the building is most admirably fitted, the result of many years' experience and thought, for the purpose for which it is intended.

A large, long breeding house that we described when first erected has been found to answer every purpose only that three pens have been thrown into one, thus giving three individual yards to each pen, and these yards are kept stocked with green stuff, as we shall describe later on. There is a most excellent incubator cellar and brooder house that we described before, any number of individual colony houses and types of breeding and laying houses suitable to the necessities of any location. While Prof. Graham will be away during the holding of the Western Ontario Winter Fair, at Guelph, this month, visitors will be made entirely welcome by other members of the staff and any breeder who visits Guelph and comes away without seeing the poultry plant at the O. A. C. will miss an opportunity that he will regret later.

Pedigree Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Single Comb Leghorns comprise the principal stock at the farm, but there are pens of several other varieties including Rhode Island Reds, Hamburgs and many others, but the chief effort is in the production of Barred Rocks and White Leghorns. Most complete records for six generations back are on file in a specially built vault. The system is somewhat too elaborate to enter into here, but Miss Hill in her article shows us one of the individual record cards. This could readily be adapted to even small plants. Nearly all males used are photographed, with a side view usually, but in many cases with both side and front views. This gives a permanent record of shape and development, and has been found most useful in the record breeding, that is such a prominent feature in Mr. Graham's curriculum.

We brought up the matter of White cockerels, how they could best be disposed of and Mr. Graham at once agreed on our suggestion to caponize at least twenty-five next spring and to give them a fair opportunity of showing what they could do. In fact we saw one or two White Leghorn capons running on the farm, but they did not look very attractive. His present method is to sell his surplus as broilers, and if there is a glut they go into cold storage. The price he gets is about twenty cents per pound until August 1st, averaging say thirty cents each, at a pound and a half weight.

Displayed on a table in one of the offices was a most interesting egg chart making a comparison between the farm's bred-to-lay Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Leghorns. At the date we were there, November 6th, the Barred Rocks had the advantage. For instance, on September 1st the Leghorns were giving 6 1/2 per cent production, the Plymouth Rocks 4 1/4. On October 8th the Plymouth Rocks caught up with their white cousins and kept up a steady increase since that date, till at the time of our visit Leghorns averaged 17 per cent., Plymouth Rocks 46 per cent., and Ply-

might add that before we left in the afternoon one pen of 100 Barred Rock pullets gave eighty eggs, a fifty per cent average. This decided a wager of a box of chocolates between Prof. Graham and his genial assistant, Mr. Marcellus. History does not tell us who ate the chocolates. In October the Leghorns averaged 26 per cent., Plymouth Rocks 36.08 per cent. During September the Leghorns averaged 17.03 per cent, Rocks 11.04. When they get their gait the Plymouth Rocks seem to lay more steadily than the Leghorns, there being several blanks in the Leghorn chart, showing a somewhat erratic laying. Plymouth Rock eggs averaged about six per cent. heavier in weight and Professor Graham told us that the Rock eggs come more quickly to a stable weight. At the time of our visit there was a steady demand, in fact an over demand for fresh eggs, and the College was getting thirty-five cents for hen eggs. They were to be advanced five cents in both cases the week following. Showing what individuals can do, we saw one record, that of number 128, Barred Rock, which had laid her 64th consecutive egg on Nov. 6th, and number 41, another of the same breeding, had deposited her 60th consecutive egg on the same date.

We more than once have discussed with Prof. Graham the question of the hatchability of the eggs procured from hens of abnormal heavy laying ability, and he assured us that this had nothing whatever to do with the hatchability of the eggs procured had nothing in common that he could see, and that he could as well hatch eggs from a two hundred egg hen as from hens laying 50 eggs per annum.

In his opinion we have got to see the Barred Plymouth Rock attain quicker maturity and not pay quite so much attention to narrow barring. From a national standpoint a cockerel with eight or nine bars to a feather should be just as good as one showing fifteen. He also made the statement that he has made so many times before, that the best business in poultry culture is in the fresh egg trade. We found about two hundred cockerels of different varieties in the fattening crates and during the season about one hundred and fifty is the average. Leghorns did not lend themselves readily to fattening, being too restless and nervous. In fact, it took about fourteen pounds of grain to put one pound on a three pound Leghorn, that is to get the bird up to a four pound weight.

All birds are bled for killing, but on our asking Mr. Graham the question if for domestic use our own method of dislocating the neck and forming a sack by extension of the neck without breaking the skin was not just as good, he said that as far as he could see it was. Birds killed in this way without bleeding from the mouth would begin to discolor in two or three days.

We noticed that the pullets on the farm were averaging larger in size than when we saw them last, some two years ago, and we know that Mr. Graham had this in view. Possibly he or others would not notice it as we did. The producing line is strongly shown by the pedigrees, and in another year or two he has every hope that bred-to-lay Barred Plymouth Rocks will give high production with but very few, if any, slips.

All birds get milk in some shape. It was being used freely at the time of our visit. Feed hoppers are used. Some pens get just crushed oats, others oats and bran, still others oats and dry bone meal. This is a feeding experiment, results of which we hope to have later. There are about six hundred B. P. R. pullets in winter quarters, and 275 S. C. White Leghorns. The feathered population on the farm on November 1st was about three thousand.

The runs attached to the breeding pens, that we referred to above, are all planted as follows: one to wheat one to cabbage, the other to rape. This gives a fairly steady supply of succulent green feed, as the birds are let into one pen at a time.

In going through the pens we saw some actual records that were of interest. E. 128 (B. R.) laid her first egg on September 4th, and had not missed a day up to November 6th. E. 41, also a Barred Rock pullet, laid in September 28 eggs, October 31 and up to November 6th six eggs, a total of 58, that is an egg for each consecutive day.

Professor Graham breeds from well developed pullets or hens indiscriminately, but is careful to see that the pullets are entirely mature.

One of the prettiest sights we saw was a large pen of one hundred and sixty pure white S. C. Leghorn pullets that did the eye good to look at, and they were giving the eggs too.

The present staff consists of Prof. W. R. Graham at the head, L. F. N. Marcellus, who is his chief assistant, and by the way, for the benefit of our fair readers who may be taken with Mr. Marcellus' handsome face and dark, wavy hair, we might add that all hope is lost, he is already married, and at the time of our visit was receiving the congratulations of his friends on the advent of a lusty son and heir. Mr. J. P. Hales, however,

is a bachelor, and one who is making good. Mr. James Balfour is foreman of the plant and Mr. P. Vehey has charge of the hens, etc., that Mr. Hales has not time to look after. Mr. Hales has charge of the pedicured pull-its and other similar work. There is team work between the members of this plant, which is most encouraging and enthralling to see. Every man seems to fit into his right place as do the spokes of a wheel. Dick Graham, Jr., has a little pen of his own and though erratic in his feeding his Daddy tells us that the eggs were coming about as numerous as from anything on the place.

Perhaps we might add in reference to the building that a most efficient dark room for the development of the numerous photographic exposures given from time to time is found to be of great value.

And now if anyone asks us what egg type is we will simply point to five photographs given us, each one depicting a two-hundred egg individual, and each one differing in type, from the rather low set individual to the high, gamey pullet. Perhaps some day we will favor "Review people" with a reproduction of these photos. Years ago we thought we could tell an egg type hen. Experience has proven that we don't know anything about it as far as we are individually concerned, and we make the admission quite freely, in fact in dozens of ways we don't know half as much as we did twenty-five years ago.

We were impressed with the advancement that had been made since we visited the O. A. C. two years ago, with the enthusiasm that permeates the whole establishment and with the thought that surely Ontario poultry breeders were doubly blessed in having such a demonstration in their midst. We could go on for hours if only the Review were made of elastic instead of paper. To "Review people" we say—go to Guelph and see for yourselves.

**THE CANADIAN LOAN**

The success of the Canadian domestic loan is gratifying evidence of an improvement in the business condition of the country and of the patriotic desire of the people of all classes to participate in every movement that is calculated to strengthen the hands of the Government in the prosecution of Canada's part in the war. The price of the loan, for a security of such high class, is reasonably attractive and the terms are such as will enable the funds to be provided with a minimum of disturbance of ordinary business, the instalments being so distributed that the bulk of the money will not be called for until after the financial strain of the crop-moving period is passed.

The Minister of Finance is to be commended for his determination to give preference to the smaller applications, rather than to those of the large subscribers. To get the money is, of course, the first necessity, but if a large part of it can be obtained from the general public, from individual subscribers in moderate or small sums, that will be better than getting it from a few banks and other financial institutions. The providing of this money for the purposes of the war will be one of the means of bringing home to the Canadian people an increasing appreciation of their duty to the Empire in this crisis.

It is well, too, that they should make a beginning of rendering service of this kind, for there is more than a possibility that they may ere long have a further call upon them. The war is costing enormous sums, and Canada's share of the outlay must, under any circumstances, amount to a very large sum. If the ordinary sources of money supply, the London market, were fully open to us, it might still be well that we should avail ourselves of them, for Canada has at all times much need of capital for the development of her resources. But, though that market may not be actually closed against us, it has innumerable demands upon it for the financing of the war measures of Britain and her Allies, and Canada, does well under such conditions to draw as far as possible upon her own resources.

Economy must be the watchword now with Governments, municipalities, corporations and individuals. In all services not required for the war. A thousand things that would be desirable enough under happier circumstances must be denied now, in order that our people may be able to save for the support of the things that matter, the things that are necessary for the support of the army and navy, and of the many good causes which the war has brought before the Canadian people. Canada's war loan is a success. Let preparation be made even now for a similar success at a later period, when the Minister of Finance may be obliged to make another call on the patriotism and the purses of the people.

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**BEEF RAISING IN CANADA**

There has been issued at Ottawa a new edition of Bulletin No. 13 of the Live Stock Branch, "Beef Raising in Canada." It is available on application to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture. Upwards of one hundred pages, and nearly as many half-tone illustrations conveying valuable information are given. Among the contributors are many of the best informed and most experienced beef raisers and experimenters in Canada.

A section is devoted to descriptive accounts of the various breeds of beef cattle raised in this country, while practical information on breeding, rearing, housing and marketing is also contained.

In dealing with the finished steer it is rightly remarked that to succeed the requirements of the purchaser must be complied with. The standard of the beef market has changed greatly in recent years. The bullock that commands the highest price is a compact, well finished animal weighing not more than 1,500 pounds on foot and if he weighs only 1,200 pounds he will fetch the top figure provided he has the form, quality, and finish. Even the thousand pound "baby beef" is looked for by the best buyers on this side of the Atlantic, but such cattle are not shipped abroad. The change is greatly to the advantage of the producer, as other things being equal, the younger the animal goes to market, the less is the cost of food and the greater the profit to the producer. To secure delicate flavour and tenderness a certain proportion of fat is necessary and this should be incorporated with the flesh or lean meat rather than appear only as a covering to the muscles. The great secret is producing a carcass of beef to treat an animal in such a way that the fat grows with it during the entire period of its life time. It is unfortunately the too common practice of Canadian beef raisers to produce all the fat that an animal carries in the course of a few months. Much of the fat put on in this way is deposited on the outside of the carcass; it is largely wasted, as it is useful for little else than tallow. The carcass that dresses out showing specks and streaks of fat throughout the lean tissues commands the highest price. The only way to be sure of prime quality is to maintain the animal in good condition by a system of liberal feeding from birth to maturity. Then the finishing period is comparatively short, and the carcass produces the highly desirable marbled beef.

Pat has always been celebrated the world over for his repartee, and he did not belie his reputation for smart retorts quite recently.

It happened that a warship touched at a military port on the coast of Ireland, and a "Tommy" meeting a full-bearded Irish "tar" on the street, accosted him with:—

"Here, I say Pat, when are you going to put those whiskers of yours on the reserve list?"

Pat turned and eyed his questioner thoughtfully for the space of half a second, then:—

"Begorra, just as soon as ever you place your own tongue on the civil list," was his reply.

**ACID AND ALKALINE SOILS AFFECT DISEASES OF PLANTS**

Common potato scab flourishes in an alkaline soil, a condition produced by the addition of excessive quantities of either wood ashes or lime. This is because the fungus which causes the scab grows best in an alkaline medium.

Club-root or finger-and-toe of turnips, on the other hand, grows best in an acid soil and according to recent investigations the bulk of Nova Scotia soils are acid. The club-root is caused by a slime mold which will not develop in an alkaline medium. The application therefore of sufficient quantities of lime to counteract the acidity of prevailing soils is an antidote for club-root.

A difficulty is at once suggested by these considerations. In counteracting club-root in turnips you produce conditions favorable for scab in potatoes and if you have ideal conditions for avoiding potato scab you have just the conditions for club-root in turnips.

The difficulty is solvable. It will be fully discussed at the Short Course at the College of Agriculture, Truro, Jan. 4-14 next, and is one of numerous agricultural problems which every young farmer in the country should be familiar with. Write to the Principal at Truro for full particulars.

Shortly after the Civil War a woman in New York asked her colored cook to get her husband to come over and help move some furniture. She noticed that the negro man had several bad scars on his head.

"Was your husband in the war, Dinah?" she asked.

"No, ma'am."

"How did he get all of those scars on his head?" she asked.

"Oh, dat's whar we had words together."

"How could you, Dinah," he seems like a nice man," said the mistress.

"Oh, he's good 'nough now, but it took a lot of work wid de tater masher to persuade him to be good."

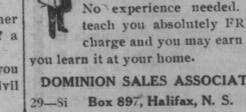
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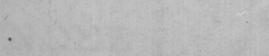
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**NO. 7 STATIONARY HOSPITAL**  
 The meeting held in Primrose Theatre on Friday evening was a decided success from every point of view.  
 At 8.30, Mayor Longmire took the chair and asked Mr. F. R. Beckwith to lead the singing of "The Soldiers of the King," the words of which were thrown on the canvas, after which Rev. G. C. Warren offered prayer.  
 The first speaker was his honor, Mr. Justice Ritchie, who explained the object of the proposed Hospital, and that the desire of the Hospital Aid Association was to raise \$10,000 to aid the Medical officers of the Hospital, of whom the well known Dr. Stewart of Halifax is the President, to provide extras which might be needed for the comfort and recovery to health of any soldiers committed to their care, at the Front, and of this sum Bridgetown was requested to furnish \$200. He then showed very clearly that this war is not only England's war, but, in a very real sense is Canada's war, as German greed in its desire for world empire had fastened its eyes upon Canada as the most promising portion of the Empire.  
 Professor Spidle being then called upon, dwelt chiefly upon Nietzsche's philosophy of the superman, which had moulded the opinions of the German leaders, led to the adoption of the diabolic maxims that "Necessity knows no law," that "Might is right," that a solemn treaty is but "a scrap of paper," and involved the world in this greatest of all wars. He closed with some pointed questions to the two kinds of shirkers, those who are physically fit for active service, but refuse to volunteer and those who have the ability to contribute money in response to necessary calls, but refuse to aid what they call "England's War."

**Christmas**  
 Many thoughts come to us at the approach of Christmas; mingled thoughts, never perhaps, more mingled than at the present season.  
 The angels are repeating the joyful song, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace among men, in whom He is well pleased." And, at the same time a voice is heard in Ramah, "Weeping and great mourning." Many a mother is like Rachel, who was "weeping for her children, and would not be comforted because they were not."  
 Yet, there is reason for comfort, even among the mourners.  
 "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm."  
 Through the whole course of history, evil has, at times, risen up and sought to override all rights and liberties, in order to gain for itself a sure supremacy. Even in heaven there was silence "about the space of half an hour" when the seven trumpets were about to announce the Divine judgements upon the world. Evil has boasted that "might is right" and has frequently prevailed for a time. Men of fearful hearts have become despondent because they have seen no way of deliverance. But, in the hour of evil's great triumph, the seers have discerned a hand, writing on the wall, "God has numbered thy Kingdom, and brought it to an end. Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting."  
 This is the sentence which the conscience of the world is to-day uniting against the nation which has for many years, with malice aforethought, been heaping together its engines of destruction, and perfecting a system of espionage and deception, worthy of the pit of darkness, and at last, confident of victory, rushed its battalions upon unsuspecting neighbours in an avalanche of destruction and death.

But, the blood that is shed in the cause of truth and righteousness is not shed in vain. Out of this most cruel and most guilty of wars will come a better world—a world which will recognize more clearly and insist more earnestly upon those great moral and spiritual verities which are fundamental and unchangeable in the Divine government.  
 It is this confidence that men and women, even those whose eyes are most dimmed with tears, may say to one and all, "Happy Christmas."

**Christmas with the Navy**  
 There is one time honored Christmas day usage in the British Navy which is worthy of special mention. On Christmas day, after divine service on board every ship, the Captain, followed by the officers visits the men at their messes, which are always, on this occasion gay with reasonable decorations. The cook of the men stands at the end of each table and offers the Captain and officers tastes of the prepared dinner. They all pass from table to table, tasting from each plate, and offer their hearty good wishes which are reciprocated by the men.  
 The officers of the Grand Fleet also make subscriptions among themselves for the purpose of providing Christmas dinners for the children of the men in the homes.  
 Never were the British people prouder of their navy than they have been during the present greatest of all wars. The work of the Navy, it is true, has largely been that of watchful waiting, and we dread to think of what would most certainly have occurred had it not been for its alertness and readiness during these last trying months. We hope that all the brave boys of the navy and army will enjoy the good Christmas dinner which is being forwarded to them from all parts of the Dominion, and the home land.

Belcher's Farmers' Almanac for 1916, issued by Royal Print & Litho, Ltd., Halifax, Canada, is here again with its usual wealth of information. It contains the important items of the calendar and the five eclipses of the year—the fullest information of tidal movements at various points in the Maritime Provinces, and the latest additions and changes pertaining to the lighthouse service along the different coast lines. The fact that this publication has been issued continuously for 93 years should be proof of its usefulness.

**Methodist Church Circuit Notes**  
 Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Services next Sunday, December 26:  
 Bridgetown—Sunday school and Bible study at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11. At the evening service a Sacred Cantata, "The Heart of the Bells," will be given by the choir and young people of the Sunday school.  
 Other services: Granville 11 a. m. Bentville 3 p. m.

**Bridgetown United Baptist Church**  
 Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.  
 A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in the vestry on Thursday at 7.30 p. m. The children of the Sunday School and their parents are requested to be present.  
 Sunday services: Bible school at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Christmas Sunday will be observed with exercises appropriate to the anniversary of the Nativity.  
 Our annual "Acadia Night" will be celebrated on New Years eve. The speakers of the evening will be Dr. H. T. DeWolf, Principal of Acadia Seminary, and Hon. A. L. Davidson, M. P.  
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**THE DAWN OF MANHOOD**  
 The recent death of Booker T. Washington, the noted educator of the negro race in America has made a vacancy which cannot easily be filled. It gives pleasure to observe that Nova Scotians are beginning to notice the dawn of manhood in this race, and that it is largely due to the beneficent influence of this wise, prudent and courageous man.  
 Our cup of joy would be full to overflowing, if we could see these people, who have in the past been so shamefully treated by the Celt and Saxon races, understand the possibility of manhood which lies before them and the necessity of intellectual and moral training in order to its attainment.  
 That there are hindrances in the way is evident to every well-wisher of the negro race. Even those who enjoy the privilege of academic life will be tempted to set loose from the Christian faith of their fathers. But this trend toward unbelief may be avoided, if they will listen to the voice of conscience and endeavor to work out the divine life within them by obedience to this inward monitor.  
 Let them remember that there are examples all around them of men who have become lost because they have given way to unworthy desires, and have allowed self-trust, self seeking, and covetousness to take the place of that holy trust which would have brought them out into the clear light of a happy experience.  
 For some special purpose God has brought the negro race into this land and has now set before them unusual opportunities for reaching out into a higher and better manhood, just as the chosen people of God of ancient times found, when by the hand of Moses they were brought out of the bondage of Egypt into the promised land.  
 The great question is will they be allured and led astray into the downward path by turning their newfound liberty into license, or will they take as their example and Guide the Galilean Carpenter, and find in following Him, the true kind of manhood, the only manhood which makes life worth living. If they fall or fail, it will be because they look to false guides, rather than to Him in whom are "hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."  
 —Contributed.

The total number of enlistments in the Canadian expeditionary forces to December 2nd, is over 190,000 of whom 115,000 have gone overseas. It is expected that the authorized total of 250,000 will be reached shortly.

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**Special Xmas Prices**  
 Men's Arctic Felt Slipper, made of neat pattern felt with combination felt and leather sole. Another very suitable Xmas gift for any man. Sizes 6 to 10 **\$1.15**  
 Men's Black or Chocolate Dongola leather slipper leather sole and heel, particularly good value at **1.50**  
 Men's "Packard" Slipper of Black or Chocolate alligator leather, soft padded elk soles. Very serviceable. Sizes 6 to 10 **1.50**  
 Boy's "Packard" slipper same style as above. Sure to please "the Boy" Sizes 1 to 5 **1.25**  
 Girls' Kozy Felt Slippers, with elk or combination Felt and leather soles, in colors Red and assorted pattern, felt. Sizes 11 to 2 **.60**  
 Child's Slippers in the above styles, Sizes 8 to 10 **.50**  
 Infants' Slippers in the above styles, Sizes 3 to 7 **.45**

**MEN'S PATENT COLT BOOT**  
 No. 3100.—A fine dress boot, Blucher style, genuine year welt Calf top, Good soles. Perfect fitting lasts. "Derby Brand." Sizes 5 to 10. Special Xmas Price \$4.75.

**MEN'S "PRESIDENT" OVERSHOE**  
 Fine Cashmere waterproof upper, 4 buckle overshoe, best quality rubber soles and heels. Sizes 6 to 10. Special Xmas Price \$3.25.

**MEN'S "ELKA" OVERSHOE**  
 Same style as above but with heavy waterproof cloth uppers, best quality rubber. Sizes 6 to 11. Special Xmas Price \$3.20.

**WOMEN'S FINE QUALITY BUTTON OVERSHOE**  
 Made on a very neat last to fit our Cuban or military heel shoes. Best quality rubber. Sizes 2 1/2 to 6. Special Xmas Price \$2.25.

**WOMEN'S "DOLPHIN" OVERSHOE**  
 Fine quality Cashmere Waterproof tops, 1 buckle and 2 strap style. Best quality rubber soles and heels. When sending mail orders please state whether high or low heels are wanted. Sizes 2 1/2 to 7. Special Xmas Price \$2.50.

**BOYS' "ATHABASCA" OVERSHOE**  
 Same style as above with buckles. Waterproof Cashmere top and good quality rubber soles. Sizes 1 to 5. Special Xmas Price \$2.00.

**MEN'S LARRIGANS**  
 Made from selected No. 1 oil tanned stock. 6-inch top. Sizes 6 to 13. Special Xmas Price \$2.75.  
 No. 2 quality Men's larrigans. Sizes 6 to 13. Price \$2.50.  
**BOYS' BEST QUALITY LARRIGANS**  
 Boys' Sizes 1 to 5, Price . . . . . \$2.25  
 Youths' Sizes 11 to 13. . . . . 1.75  
 Little Gents', Sizes 6 to 10. . . . . 1.35  
 We can also supply Boys' and Youths' No. 2 quality larrigans at 25 cents less than above prices.

**MEN'S "DOUGLAS" OVER**  
 A very neat style for dress wear. Fine waterproof cashmere upper with best quality rubber soles and heels. Styles to fit high and low heels. When sending mail order please state which style wanted. Sizes 6 to 10. Special Xmas Price \$1.45.

**MEN'S "ADMIRAL" OVERSHOE**  
 One buckle style with Fine Cashmere uppers and best quality rubber soles and heels. A very neat overshoe. Sizes 6 to 10. Special Xmas Price \$1.90.

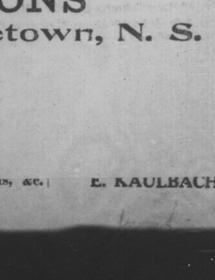
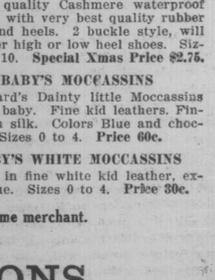
**MEN'S "MONARCH" OVERSHOE**  
 Fine quality Cashmere waterproof uppers, with very best quality rubber soles and heels. 2 buckle style, will fit either high or low heel shoes. Sizes 6 to 10. Special Xmas Price \$2.75.

**BABY'S MOCCASSINS**  
 Packard's Dainty little Moccassins for the baby. Fine kid leathers. Finished in silk. Colors Blue and chocolate. Sizes 0 to 4. Price 60c.  
**BABY'S WHITE MOCCASSINS**  
 Made in fine white kid leather, extra value. Sizes 0 to 4. Price 50c.

**CHILD'S "CLASSIC" BUTTON BOOT**  
 No. 205.—Made of Patent Colt with either calf or black cloth top and sewed soles. Sizes 11 to 2. Special Xmas Price \$2.75.  
 No. 7420.—Same style as above for girls. Sizes 8 to 10 1/2. Special Xmas Price \$2.00.

**CHILD'S "CLASSIC" VICI KID BOOTS**  
 No. 2120.—Button or Lace style. Turn soles very flexible. Sizes 5 to 7 1/2. Special Xmas Price \$1.35.

**CUT THIS ADV. OUT, SAVE IT, and buy your Shoes from your home merchant.**  
 Our prices are lowest and quality THE BEST.  
**J. H. LONGMIRE & SONS**  
 Queen Street - - - - - Bridgetown, N. S.



**LOCAL AND SPECIAL**

3 lbs. good mixed candy 25c. at Mrs. Turner's.

The formal opening of the new Baptist Church at Kingston takes place on January 2nd.

Try Bishop and Durling for your confectionary, nuts and fruit. Fresh supplies always on hand.

All trimmed and untrimmed hats and fancy feathers at reduced prices at Dearness and Phelan's.

For Sale.—A very nice farm horse; six years old, weight 1390 lbs. Apply to N. H. Phinney & Co., Ltd., Lawrencetown.

The monthly united service of intercession will be held next Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church, convening at 8.30.

There are now between 80 and 90 recruits drilling at the Armoury at Middleton under command of Capt. Spurr and Lieut. Parsons.

By doing your Christmas shopping at Bishop and Durling's we feel assured that you will have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The St. James Church Adult Bible Class will meet to-night (Wednesday) at 7.30 instead of Friday next. The session of the Class will be followed by choir practice.

Four black male foxes were killed at the Raynor, Clarke and Harlow Co's ranch here last week. Their pelts it is expected, will be sold in the New York fur market. Black fox fur is said to be high just now.

Mr. and Mrs. Phineas DeW. Phinney of Upper Granville, announce the engagement of their daughter Annie Mildred to Mr. Lloyd Carleton Patterson, of Margareville. The marriage will take place January 5th, 1916.

Fruit, Nuts and Raisins.—I have purchased large quantities of oranges, grapes, nuts and raisins, which will be sold at small profits for cash. MRS. S. C. TURNER.

The supper and sale held by the ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle last Thursday evening was well patronized and the sum of \$75.00 was realized which will be expended later on repairs to the interior of the church.

A delegation from the Bridgetown Board of Trade interviewed Mr. Graham, the new general manager of the D. A. R., recently, with regard to a new station for Bridgetown. The present building is scarcely creditable to the D. A. R., and no town on the whole system is more deserving of a new station.

A selection of a Silk Waist for a Christmas present from J. W. Beckwith's large assortment could not but be much appreciated by the receiver.

Mr. Charles Ruffee lost a very valuable cow this week. The animal seemed all right at milking time in the morning but a couple of hours later when Mr. Ruffee went into the stable he found her in distress and before he could administer any relief she died. Mr. Ruffee refused \$100 for her a few months ago.

The Annual Christmas Tree for the inmates of the County Institutions will be held in Recreation Hall on Monday evening next, December 27th. Supt. Hiltz informs us that admission this year will be by ticket, 25c. each. Any one desiring to help in this good cause may hand in their contributions to either Mr. Hiltz or Mr. Myers.

Bridgetown stores are open every night this week, with the exception of Christmas night. Our merchants are carrying a large assortment of goods suitable for Christmas gifts, and trust their sales will be well up to the average. Read over the advertisements in to-day's Monitor and you will be sure to find many suggestions for Christmas giving.

Saturday next being Christmas, there will be a service in the morning in St. James Church convening at 11 o'clock, to which a cordial invitation is extended to one and all. The service in St. Mary's Church, Belleisle, will be at 8 a. m. At both the services the Christmas Communion will be celebrated. Christmas carols will be sung at the Sunday evening service in St. James.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Phinney were "at home" to about 50 of their friends at their residence in South Farmington on Friday evening, Dec. 17th, it being the 25th anniversary of their marriage. A dainty luncheon was served about 10.30. Mr. and Mrs. Phinney were the recipients of many tangible tokens of esteem from their friends, quite a few of whom were unable to be present.

**LOCAL AND SPECIAL**

Sweet oranges 18c. to 50c. doz. at C. L. Piggott's.

Do not miss the bargains which are being had in Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats at J. W. Beckwith's.

Wanted.—Housekeeper for a family of four, middle aged woman preferred. Apply to Monitor Office for particulars.

Rev. Mr. Kyle will be the preacher for the next two Sundays, Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd, at Gordon Memorial (Presbyterian) Church.

Regal flour and all kinds of feed always on hand at Bishop and Durling's.

A mild case of scarlet fever has developed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Pike, their youngest son being afflicted with the disease.

**WANTED**

Rabbits and old horses. Rabbits 10 cents a pair. Correspond with me before shooting your old horse. 37-11 z A. B. CLARKE.

A special passenger train on the D. A. R. is scheduled for Friday of this week. This train going west will arrive at Bridgetown at 11.40, going east at 3.39.

The engagement is announced, of Harriet Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Primrose Nelly, of Middleton, to Mr. Thomas Lord, of Lawrence, Mass.

Your choice: 3 lbs. dates, 3 lbs. best hard mixture, or 2 lbs. cream candy for 25c. at C. L. Piggott's.

If you send an absent relative or friend The Monitor for a Christmas gift, they will have a gift that will be sure to please them, and they will think of you every week in the year.

It seems to be the general expression that J. W. Beckwith's is the place to buy useful Xmas presents which will be appreciated and remembered long after the day has passed.

There died at Fort Lawrence, Cumberland County, on December the first, 1915, Mary Elizabeth, widow of Alexander F. Etter, and eldest daughter of the late Rev. Thomas H. Davies, formerly of Bridgetown.

A fresh stock of useful presents for mother, father, and child, at Bishop and Durling's.

Dr. Herdman, who has been practising his profession at Bass River and Economy, with Mrs. Herdman, is about to take up his residence in Middleton and will fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Morton, who recently joined the R.A.M.C.

We are indebted to Mr. J. N. Barsa for a copy of "The Vermonter," a bright 32 page monthly magazine. Among its articles is one giving a history, with illustrations of the Vermont Industrial School, of which Mr. Barsa has been the superintendent since 1907.

Please your boy by making him a Christmas present of a nice pair of Red Sole Lumberman's Rubbers, from Bishop and Durling's.

Mrs. Ronald Whiteway informs the Monitor that she has received to date and forwarded to "Our Dumb Friends' League" in London, \$320.00 for the Blue Cross Fund, which cares for disabled horses in war time. A list of local contributors to this Fund will be published in our next issue.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS**

Mr. A. Steel Crowe arrived home yesterday from Cobalt to spend the Christmas season with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry MacAvity and daughter, Nona, are spending the Christmas season at Mr. MacAvity's home in St. John.

Milledge Salter, law student at Dalhousie University, arrived home on Saturday to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Salter.

Mr. Horace Bishop, who has been employed for several months past with the Nova Scotia Steel Company in New Glasgow, has returned home for an indefinite stay.

Mr. C. E. Tanner, M. P. P., leader of the opposition in the Provincial Legislature, and Mr. A. L. Davidson, M. P., Dominion member for Annapolis County, spent a few hours in Bridgetown last Thursday.

Perceval Sinclair Elliott, Barrister, of Watrous, Saskatchewan, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus W. Elliott, of Paradise, has been re-elected Mayor by acclamation, for the Town of Watrous, for the year 1916.

Excursion Fares, Holiday Season.—The Halifax and South Western Railway will authorize cheap excursion fares for Christmas and New Year. Ask agents for particulars.

**St. James Parish Church Notes**

Saturday in this week being Xmas day, services will be held in St. Mary's, Belleisle, 8 a. m.; St. James', Bridgetown, 11 a. m. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at each of these services.

SUNDAY NEXT  
Bridgetown—8 a. m. (Holy Communion) 11 a. m. (with second celebration of Holy Communion) 7 p. m. Carols will be sung at the evening service.  
St. Mary's, Belleisle—3 p. m.

FRIDAY  
Bridgetown—Service of Intercession on behalf of the war, 4.30 p. m.

**Auction**

The sale of household furniture, of late S. S. Ruggles, will be continued on Thursday afternoon the 23rd instant at two o'clock on the premises, as there was not time to finish the sale and a lot of valuable furniture still remains to be disposed of.

E. and H. RUGGLES  
Dec. 21st 11 Administrators

**Caution**

I hereby give notice that Naomi my wife, having left my bed and board, I will not be accountable, or pay any bills contracted by her.

HENRY MILBURY  
Mt. Rose  
37-31 December 21 Annapolis Co.

**Notice**

All person having any legal demands against the estate of the late Christopher Borden, of Carleton's Corner, in the County of Annapolis, farmer, are requested to render the same duly attested within twelve months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate to

MARY L. BORDEN  
Dec. 22nd 37-3mo Administratrix



**Xmas Goods**

**Confectionery**

Royal Mixture, Spanish Cream, Christmas Mixture, Edinborough Mixture, Empire Mixture, Moir's Chocolates in bulk and 1/2 lb and 1 lb Fancy Boxes and a large assortment of Penny Goods.

Oranges  
Try our Sweet Florida Oranges, 30 cents per dozen.

Nuts  
Walnut, Filburts, Almonds, Brazil, and Mixed Nuts.

J. I. FOSTER

**Christmas Gifts THAT ARE USEFUL**

Dainty Toilet Cases, Ebony Brushes and Mirror, Shopping Bag, Bill Folds, Purses, Collar bags, Card Cases, Perfumes, Stationery, Pipes, Fountain Pens, Safety Razors, Strops, Shaving Soap, Lather Brushes, Thermos Bottles, Infant Brushes.

ROYAL PHARMACY  
W. A. Warren, Phm, B.  
The *Rexall* Store

**Business Notices**

Good mixed nuts 18c. per pound at C. L. Piggott's.

2 lbs. Moir's cream candy 25c. at Mrs. Turner's.

Buy your Grapes, Figs, Dates, table Raisins, Coconut, etc., at C. L. Piggott's.

For Service.—A pure bred Yorkshire Boar, at Phelan's Stables, Bridgetown.

HAIR WORK DONE.  
Combs or cut hair made into Puffs, Transformations and Switches. Terms moderate. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mail orders promptly attended to.  
MISS GEORGINA BANCROFT  
Annapolis Royal, R. F. D. No. 1.

When shopping be sure to call at—  
**Santa Claus' Headquarters**

Come and see the new goods, we can meet your wants. Be sure to see our fine line of Holiday Dishes. We have a variety of beautiful presents that will appeal to you as just the right thing. We have genuine new attractions for the Christmas Trade. Come and see these goods. A splendid stock of choice Groceries. Better variety of Confectionery, than we are showing for Xmas trade, cannot be found.

As square deal and A Merry Christmas to ALL

MRS. S. C. TURNER  
MASONIC BUILDING

**Does He Smoke?**

BUY HIM A BOX OF CIGARS FOR CHRISTMAS

Nothing will please him better than a box of good cigars. Every time he smokes he will think of the giver.

We have them in boxes of 10, 25 and 50

at reasonable prices. Also full line of Pipes from 5c Corn Cob to \$5.00 Briar.

**O. P. COVERT**

**XMAS AT FREEMAN'S**

**Snaps in Presents**

Meccano for Boys from Sandy Andy	25c to \$10.00
Doll Carriages	75c
Dolls	30c to \$1.00
	25c to \$2.50
Games and Blocks	
Blackboards	50c
Harmonicas	20c to \$1.50
Pocket Knives	10c to \$1.75
Indian Work	25c to \$1.00
Khaki Suits and Hats	25c to \$2.50
Snow Shoes	
Air Rifles	\$1 to \$3.50
Steam Engines	85c to \$1.50

Sleds 30c to \$2, Carts and Barrows 40c to \$2.85, Carving Sets and Brass Goods, Casseroles \$2 and many more Real Bargains

**KARL FREEMAN**

Hardware, and Paints

**The Bridgetown Importing House**

We take this opportunity of wishing all our Friends and Customers 'A Bright and Happy Christmas'



**J. W. BECKWITH**

**CHRISTMAS FURNITURE**

We are showing this season a particularly fine line of Furniture suitable for Christmas Gifts.

MUSIC CABINETS  
PARLOR TABLES  
WRITING DESKS  
WORK BASKETS  
JARDINIERE STANDS  
FOLDING CARD TABLES  
ROCKERS and CHAIRS of all kinds

ALL GOODS DELIVERED FREE OF CHARGE

**J. H. HICKS & SONS**

QUEEN STREET, BRIDGETOWN, N. S.

**Useful Christmas Gifts**

<b>FOR FATHER</b>	<b>FOR MOTHER</b>	
Jack Knives 15c to \$1.50	Granite Ware	Parlor Clocks
Razors 75c to \$2.00	Aluminum Ware	Silver Ware
Safety Razors \$1.25 to \$5.00	Bread Mixers	Cold Meat Forks
Carpenter's Tools—Hand Saws	Cargot Sweepers	Sugar Shells
Hammers and Screw Drivers	O-Cedar Mops, 75c up	Butter Knives
Flash Lights Alarm Clocks	Sad Irons	Berry spoons
Razor Strops Lather Brushes	Brass Water Kettles	Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons
	Wringers	Nickel Trays
		Scissors in Sets

We draw special attention to our line of Carving Sets running in price from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per set.

<b>FOR THE BOY</b>	<b>FOR THE GIRL</b>
Sleds, 25 cents up.	Jack Knives 15 cents to \$1.50
Flash Lights 75 cents to \$1.00	Carpenter Tools
Snow Shovels.	Skates all prices from 60 cents up
Hockey Sticks and Pucks.	Boxing Gloves
	Sleds, from 50 cents up
	Skates
	Brooms and Washboards
	Silver Knife, Fork and Spoon (in sets) 50c to \$1.00
	Scissors in sets

With every \$2.00 Cash Purchase, we give you a 25c bottle of Furniture Polish FREE  
See Our Window Display of above goods **CROWE & MUNDEE**

# CHRISTMAS

—AT—

## CLARKE BROS.

Opening of Holiday Goods Dec. 7 and following days

LIFE has no nobler pleasure than that of friendship. At the end of the busy year, full of effort and struggle, comes the season when we forget the trials and welcome the opportunities, when we count our friends, when we choose for them remembrances, not because of their cost, but because of the pleasure they will bring, when we realize to the full that life is worth living because for once it is unselfish.

### The Worries of the Season

If our store may play its part during the trying days that lie between now and Christmas Eve, if it may lighten the strain of your purse (for everybody's is too small at such a time), if by good service and splendid assortment for your choosing it may help to keep the puzzle wrinkles from your forehead, it will have done all we have hoped and planned to have it do. We have given very careful thought to things useful. The list below does not represent all of what we have on our counters, but we trust its suggestions may prove helpful to you. If you should see any article that you would like later on, we will gladly put it aside for delivery at a future date. We would suggest, however, that you do this at once, while our stocks are complete and before the best are taken.

#### Fancy and Useful

We have many novelties in fancy and useful articles for Christmas Gifts, including Mirrors, Photo Frames, Leather Hand Bags, Brush and Comb Sets, Clocks, Jewel Cases, Music Bells, Atomizers, Cigar Cases, Leather Travelling Cases, Brass Novelties and many other articles that space does not permit us here to mention.

#### Gifts for Women

Had you thought of a dress or waist pattern for Xmas? Such a practical gift as this would be welcomed surely and then it would serve to remind the one who wears it of the giver. We are also well supplied with fancy neckwear, handkerchiefs, table linens, napkins, towels, gloves, boots and shoes, rubber footwear, winter jackets, umbrellas, fancy linens, etc.

#### Gifts for Men

There are many nice appropriate things to give a man and yet when one sits down to think of something suitable it is not an easy task. What to give father, brother, husband, son or friend can be found in our store. Neckwear, gloves, suspenders, hoisery, coat sweaters, hats, caps, mufflers, overcoats, suits, underwear, boots and shoes, rubber footwear, fancy shirts, etc.

#### Xmas Cards

We have them in endless variety, little remembrances of the season, such as everybody is looking for, 12c per dozen.

#### Books

A good book for girl or boy is the choicest of gifts. We invite you to our Book Department.

#### Holiday Stationery

Why not give stationery? Always an acceptable gift. We have a most attractive assortment. Dainty boxes containing high class stationery, quality the very best and style strictly up-to-date.

Price 15c to \$1.00 per box

#### Fountain Pens

Why not give a real good fountain pen? Buy the best as a poor pen is a poor remembrance. We sell "Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens" and they are fully guaranteed.

Prices \$1.25 to \$5.00 each

#### Silverware and Cut Glass

Among the pretty novelties for Christmas giving there are many dainty things in Silverware and Cut Glass which not only adds attractiveness to the table but in themselves are serviceable. We invite your inspection when visiting our store.

### FINAL WORD

Buying early is an immense advantage. In the first place it is possible to make much better selection as the stock is more complete. In the second place you have more leisure and can take your time in buying. We are always pleased to put away goods selected early and deliver them at anytime you desire.

Soliciting your Holiday Trade and wishing you a Merry Xmas

We are, yours very truly

## CLARKE BROS.

BEAR RIVER, N. S., November 27th, 1915.

### Bear River

December 20

Capt. Harry Moore has returned to his home for the winter.

Mr. E. W. Dyre arrived home from Litchfield on Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Roope returned to her home in Bear River on Tuesday.

Mr. Judson Spears is spending the Christmas week at his home here.

Miss Marion Ray, Metegen Convent, is spending her holidays at home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller on the birth of a son.

Pte. Chester Morgan of the 85th Battalion, Halifax, is home on sick leave.

Pte. Thomas Hancock of "reinforcements," Halifax, spent a few days at home.

Miss Dorothy Lovett, Mt. Allison College, came home Thursday to spend her Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. P. Annis who has been visiting her sister in Yarmouth, returned to her home on Tuesday.

Messrs. Carrel and Ira Clarke of Acadia College, Wolfville, arrived home Wednesday, to spend their Christmas holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clarke.

#### THE PURE SEED CAMPAIGN

Year by year the importance of pure seed is being more and more recognized. Anything, therefore, of a helpful nature bearing on the subject is welcome, but when results are forthcoming from widespread and actively pursued experience then we have something of which every farmer, every grain grower, everybody interested in agriculture or in any kind of soil production, should possess a knowledge. Of such character is the Report of the Dominion Seed Commissioner for 1914, which has just been issued, and which can be had free by making application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The work of the Seed Branch Commissioner, Mr. George H. Clark, tells us falls naturally into three main parts—seed growing, seed testing and seed inspection. Seed growing includes educational and other work directed towards encouraging the production and use of better seed. For this purpose financial and other assistance is rendered by the Dominion towards conducting crop competition, seed fairs and provincial seed exhibitions. A statement of the amounts earned by the provinces under this heading in 1913-14 is as follows: Prince Edward Island, \$900.19; Nova Scotia \$1,743.11; New Brunswick \$1,051.66; Quebec \$4,522.27; Ontario \$9,399.42; Manitoba \$2,292.37; Saskatchewan \$3,717.52; Alberta \$3,658.98 and British Columbia \$1,000, making a total of \$28,285.52. Apart from these subventions, the Branch is rendering service in many ways. Information has been secured in regard to the purity and germination of seed grain being used by farmers. Other problems in relation to seed production, such as weed seed content of soil under different systems of cultivation, and the disposition, weed seed content, and feeding value of terminal elevator screenings, are being investigated.

Seed testing involves the analysis of samples which are sent to the laboratories at Ottawa and Calgary by seed merchants and farmers and investigation by experiment.

Seed inspection involves the enforcement of the law governing the sale of seed, the visiting of seed merchants and farmers and the furnishing of information regarding the Seed Control Act. For this work the permanent district officers are assisted by temporary inspectors who are employed during the busy season of the seed trade. The Commissioner is able to announce that with very few exceptions seed dealers, both wholesale and retail, are doing their best to conduct business in conformity with the Act, and that there has been a marked improvement in the trade and a gradual decrease in the violations in proportion to the number of dealers and farmers whose seed has been inspected.

The Reports supplies a comprehensive summary of information obtained by inquiry regarding the wheat, oats, barley and flax being used for seed in Canada; reviews of the corn situation and timothy seed production and full details, with tables of results of seed testing operations. A great deal of attention is given to noxious weed seeds, the different kinds that are found in different circumstances being fully set forth.

It is reported that the C. P. R. has acquired the steamship Empress which has been running between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, and will place her on the Bay of Fundy route next summer in the place of the S. S. St. George, and that the Yarmouth will remain on the route as usual.

#### CHRISTMAS HYMNS

The first which follows is taken from "Our Dumb Animals." The second by Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Phelps, is based upon a supposed incident in the childhood of Jesus, taken from the Pseudo, "Gospel of the Infancy," one of the several similar fictitious writings which were circulated during the early centuries.

#### TO THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

(By Louella C. Poole.)

Once more the Blessed Day has come  
To sooth the hearts of Christendom—  
Like some cool hand that's pressed  
Upon the fevered pulse of pain,  
The Christmas Spirit comes again  
To quiet our unrest.

Forget awhile are grief and loss,  
The brooding cares that irk and cross,  
From farthest sea to sea,  
From northern lands of ice and snow,  
To where the rose and jasmine blow,  
The Holy Mystery.

Its influence benign outspreads;  
On bended knees, with low-bowed heads,  
With myrrh and spices sweet,  
Fit recognition we would make,  
Our alabaster boxes break  
In tribute at His feet.

O holy, blessed Christmas-time,  
Of perfumed censers, pealing chime,  
Thy fairest gifts, we pray,  
In boundless measures, full and free,  
Bestow on those across the sea,  
So sore their need to-day.

The old and frail, forget them not;  
And those about whose lives are wrought  
So much of hope and prayer—  
Our little ones, the coming race—  
Bestow on them thy tenderest grace  
To grow in wisdom fair!

Sweet Yule-tide, of thy fulness bring  
Peace unto hearts now sorrowing,  
And unto great and small,  
To man, bird, beast—to all that live—  
Thy happiness to all!  
—"Our Dumb Animals."

#### A CHRISTMAS LEGEND

I like that old sweet legend  
Not found in Holy Writ  
And wish that John or Matthew  
Had made Bible out of it.

But though it is not a gospel,  
There is no-law to hold  
The heart from growing better  
That hears the story hold.

How the little Jewish children  
Upon a summer day  
Went down across the meadows  
With the Child Christ to play.

And in the gold green valley  
Where low the reed grass lay  
They made them mock mud sparrows  
Out of the meadow clay.

So, when these all were fashioned  
And ranged in flocks about,  
"Now" said the little Jesus,  
"We'll let the birds fly out."

Then all the happy children  
Did call and coax and cry  
Each to his own mud sparrow  
"Fly, as I bid you—fly!"

But earthen were the sparrows  
And earth they did remain,  
Though loud the Jewish children  
Cried out and cried again.

Except the one bird only  
The little Lord Christ made,  
The earth that owned Him master,  
His earth heard and obeyed.

Softly he leaned and whispered,  
"Fly up to Heaven, fly!"  
And swift his little sparrow  
Went soaring to the sky.

And silent all the children  
Stood awestruck looking on  
Till deep into the heavens  
The bird of earth had gone.

I like to think for playmates  
We have the Lord Christ still  
And that still above our weakness  
He works His mighty will;

That all our little playthings  
Of earthen hopes and joys  
Shall be by His commandment  
Changed into heavenly joys

Our souls are like the sparrows  
Imprisoned in the clay—  
Bless Him who came to give them wings  
Upon a Christmas day.

Readers are warned not to believe all the stories of disaster and disappointment which now emanate from Washington. There is apparently a press bureau there, of pro-German proclivities which pursues a policy of seeking to dishearten or discourage the people of Canada by the circulation of depressing statements either in whole or in part falsehoods or inferentially so. The story of the uprising in India a few days ago is a case in point.

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#### PROGRAM OF THE LADIES' SHORT COURSE

To be Held at the Agricultural College, Truro, N. S., From January 4th to January 14th, 1916

The Ladies' Short Course this year to be the best of the many good ones that have been put in at this College. Owing to the increased facilities the work should be much more interesting, as more individual work on the part of the students can be undertaken.

The splendid new building, which occupies such a prominent place on the campus, will give ample scope for the Household Science classes. It has been splendidly equipped, and we feel sure the ladies will enjoy the work this year much more than formerly, because they can literally have "a finger in the pie," and each one will have her own particular table at which to work.

Therefore, will each lady provide herself with a large white apron and sleeve protectors or wear a short sleeved blouse while attending the cooking classes?

The usual classes in Cooking, Dairying and Horticulture will be arranged and there will be special lectures in Home Nursing and Extermination of Household Pests.

Horticulture promises such interesting topics as the growing of bulbs, hardy perennials, roses and ornamental shrubs, with special reference to the growing of house plants, not forgetting such necessary things as the growing of strawberries, tomatoes and all kinds of vegetables.

Dairy work will include milk-testing, churning, butter-making, soft cheese-making and ice cream.

The lectures and practical work in poultry will give many excellent suggestions on how to make hens lay and pay.

The work in Household Science, owing to the shortness of the time, must naturally be incomplete, but no effort will be spared to make the work as interesting as possible. If prospective students wish any particular subject demonstrated and will communicate such desire we will do our best to meet their wishes.

Bring note book and pencil and come ready to not only receive information but to give it and please remember that more information is gained by asking questions than in any other way.

Tea and coffee will be provided at the new building at noon each day during the Short Course. If any of the students desire to bring their lunches with them they will be sure of a cup of either of these cheering beverages.

The lecture hours, subject to change, will be as follows:  
Tuesday, Jan. 4.—10-12, Poultry. 2-4.30, Household Science.  
Wednesday, Jan. 5.—10-12, Poultry. 2-4.30, Household Science.  
Thursday, Jan. 6.—10-12, Poultry. 2-4.30, Household Science.  
Friday, Jan. 7.—10-12, Dairy. 2-4.30, Horticulture.  
Saturday, Jan. 8.—10-12, Household Science 2-4.30 Dairy.  
Monday, Jan. 10.—10-12, Horticulture. 2-4.30, Household Science.  
Tuesday, Jan. 11.—10-12, Dairy. 2-4.30, Household Science.  
Wednesday, Jan. 12.—10-12, Horticulture. 2-4.30, Household Science.  
Thursday, Jan. 13.—10-12, Dressmaking. 2-4.30, Dressmaking.  
Friday, Jan. 14.—10-12, Household Science. 2-4.30, Household Science.

The special lectures will be announced later.

The Third Annual Convention of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia will hold its meetings from the evening of Jan. 11th, to the evening of Jan. 13th, inclusive. An attractive program is being arranged.

Students attending this Course should purchase a single ticket at their nearest railway station to Truro and ask their station agent for a Certificate, which, after being signed at the College, will give them free return.

For further information apply to  
M. CUMMING,  
Agricultural College, Truro;  
or MISS JENNIE A. FRASER,  
New Glasgow.

#### THE LIME STONE QUESTION

The use of lime as a fertilizer has during the past two years attracted the attention of almost every farmer in the Maritime Provinces—not burnt lime, but ground rock. Correspondence in regard to the subject has appeared in the press, scores of letters have been received at the College, and at least three plants have been established for the grinding of lime stone in the Maritime Provinces, and more people are contemplating going into the business.

At the College at Truro ground lime stone was applied a year ago last spring to alternate strips on a field that was being sown to oats and seeded down to clover and timothy. The experiment was repeated this year. In 1914 little if any result was observable in the oats, but in 1915 the clover on the lime treated land was nearly double that on the untreated land. This year the oats on the lime stone treated land were somewhat better than on the untreated land, due possibly to the fact that the lime stone used was somewhat finer ground.

Now these are matters of fundamental importance. If lime stone will accomplish nothing else than cause a big increase in the clover fields of the country, it will pay up for thousands of tons of it to the farms of the Maritime Provinces, for everyone knows that clover is a great soil enricher and that once a farmer has established the clover crop on his farm, he has to a large extent solved the whole question of soil fertility. More clover and yet more clover has changed many a run out farm into productiveness and has laid the foundation for the successful growing of all kinds of crops and for the raising of live stock.

Now lime is abundant in all the Eastern counties of Nova Scotia and transportation facilities should make it accessible to the Western County farmer. The questions therefore arise can I afford to do without lime? What can I afford to pay for it? Should the farmers in my section of the country co-operate to buy a portable lime stone grinding machine? How much lime stone shall I apply per acre? And so on. These and many other questions in regard to the use of lime stone will be discussed at the short course at the College of Agriculture, Truro, to be held Jan. 4 to 14 next.

Mind that many a person has a mistaken notion in regard to the use and value of lime stone. It is not a fertilizer. It is a soil amendment that corrects soil acidity and improves the physical texture of the soil and so makes it possible for manure and fertilizer and cultivation to do better work. Be sure you understand this question fully before you make up your mind definitely as to what you will do. Nowhere will you have a better chance to study the question than at the short course at the College of Agriculture, Truro. Write for full particulars to M. Cumming, Principal, Truro.

#### CANADA'S TIMBER SUPPLY

According to R. H. Campbell, Director of the Dominion Forestry Branch, Canada's present supply of commercial timber has been variously estimated to be between five hundred and seven hundred billion feet, board measure, and to cover an area of approximately 17,000,000 acres. This estimate of quantity and area refers only to timber of commercial value as saw timber. It does not include pulpwood, firewood, tie, and pole material nor small timber of any description, although this has undoubtedly a very large commercial value.

The Commission of Conservation is engaged upon an investigation of the forest resources of Canada, which when completed, will furnish the basis for a more accurate estimate of the amount of timber in the various sections of the country than has previously been practicable.—Conservation.

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Read the Special Christmas Advertisements in this issue of the Monitor and you will find suggestions for your Christmas Gifts

# SHARP ATTACK REPULSED

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## A QUEER BUSINESS

To the Editor:

A Toronto Hotel keeper who is displeased at the 8 o'clock closing order complained that no other business is treated in that way. Will some of the saloon fraternity tell us what other business is a burden on the tax payer? Every other business is self-supporting but the saloon has to be bolstered up with a tax on the people that in the United States amounts to almost seven dollars on every man, woman and child, including of course those who never touch the stuff. That is no haphazard guess but accurate statistics gathered from publicity accounts by the American Issue Newspaper showing that taxes in license states are nearly seven dollars per capita higher than in prohibition states.

Supposing that it is only half of that in Canada it amounts to \$17.50 to the average family of five. Why should I be compelled to pay an increase tax to support a business that I abhor? If the traffic had to support the paupers, orphans and criminals which it causes they would not get so rich and I would not have to pay so much taxes. One hundred million dollars wasted in drink, twenty-eight million increase taxation and thousands of paupers, orphans, criminals, etc., that is the work of the saloon. Why should it be allowed to exist?

Several so called hotel keepers say they will have to go out of business which is an acknowledgment that they are not hotel keepers at all but saloon keepers. It is surely time that the hotel business be separated from the business of making drunkards. The real hotel business requires a superior class of man with more than ordinary business abilities and there are many such but the majority of those who parade the name hotel are a shame and disgrace to the hotel business. It is too bad that there is a stigma attached to the very name hotel keeper which should not be. Let a hotel be a hotel and a saloon be known for what it is—the greatest curse on earth.

Commercial travellers say that they do not get as good accommodation in hotels where liquor is sold as they do in local option towns. One traveller puts it this way. In the ordinary hotel we pay one dollar and a half and get fifty cents worth. In the local option hotel we pay two dollars and get the worth of our money.

It is time for a change from making drunkards to making munitions, from making paupers to making prosperity and from making criminals to making men honest and industrious. H. ARNOLD, M.B., M.C.P.S.

Englishman (to Pat)—Say Pat, have you any cure for corns? Pat—I might; but where are they? Englishman—On the soles of my feet. Pat—That's one consolation, anyway. Englishman—(surprised) Why? Pat—(with a twinkle in his eye) Because nobody can stand on them but yourself!

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# THE AFTERMATH A Christmas Story

(By Annie S. Swain)

There was an odd little hush and strain in the workroom when Mrs. Eldridge entered, because her face was sufficient indication that she had something quite serious to say. The head of a certain art and fine needlework guild with premises in an exclusive Belgravia street, her business had suffered so much through war that the moment had come for her to close her doors. Her workers, now reduced to five, responded to her good-morning courteously, yet with a sort of furtive anxiety. For it was eleven o'clock in the morning and Mrs. Eldridge was in walking dress, her beautiful high-bred face looking a little worn and thin, partly with over-anxiety for her sons at the front and partly with the acuter, because more imminent, anxiety concerning the enterprise by which she had supported herself in respect and refinement for the last nine years.

"I'm very sorry," she said clearly and simply, "but we can't go on. I held on till this month hoping that sufficient Christmas orders would come in to keep us occupied, at least on half time, till the end of the year, but they simply haven't come. I've done everything I can, and I'm sorry to say that after this week I can't pay any more salaries, and will have to close the doors."

The staff, five women of varying ages, looked more or less dismayed. To three it did not so much matter, because they had homes of comparative comfort wherein they could shelter until times improved. The other two looked blank, and the youngest of all began to cry.

Mrs. Eldridge stepped forward and patted her shoulder.

"Cheer up Ruby. I've thought about you, and I'm going down to Shere to a cottage a cousin is lending me. I'll take you, and you can do some work at home and we can lay it by till happier days dawn."

"Oh, thank you, dear Mrs. Eldridge," said Ruby Gage-Fox, and dried the tears which, all too ready, had started to fall.

Mrs. Eldridge then spoke to Hester Davenant, in some respects the most valuable of her staff, who had been with her for nearly four years, and whose rare and exceptional artistic sense had set its seal on the whole establishment.

"I'm most awfully sorry, Hester; but you've expected it, haven't you?"

She put the question a trifle hesitatingly, because even after four years she was not sure that she knew Hester well. She had never probed the depths of that still, silent nature, nor been able to break down the aloofness which sometimes attracted and sometimes repelled. Well-born herself, it had needed no questions to assure Anne Eldridge what class Hester Davenant belonged to, on the day when she called at the gallery to offer some samples of her work and to ask for employment. But she had learned very little of her in these years, nothing beyond the fact that she was the daughter of a Somerset rector, left orphaned and penniless in a difficult world.

And Hester had never volunteered any personal items of information, and had evidently preferred to be treated merely as an employee. The only thing she had disliked and shrank from was coming in personal contact with the fashionable customers who made Eldridge's a haunt of their idle hours, seeking for odd bits of fine embroideries and skillful imitations of coveted needlework, and all the other expensive and sometimes bizarre bric-a-brac with which the fashionable and idle woman loves to crowd her boudoir. But in a moment of time all these foolish fancies had been swept into oblivion, and the idle women were either masquerading as nurses, or knitting violently at working parties, meeting alternately at each other's houses. And poor Anne Eldridge was left to sink or swim as she best could, nobody troubling to inquire how she and her workers were going to breast the winter, which threatened to try the mettle of every creature.

"Yes, I've expected it of course," said Hester, striving to speak cheerfully. "Don't look so woebegone, dear Mrs. Eldridge. After all, we are able-bodied women and can always work with our hands. There is no need for anybody to starve, even in war time, if she is willing to work."

They were brave words, spoken bravely, with a little uplift of a very pretty head and a sudden quickening of colour, in a face which, though it had lost its first bloom, was still a very sweet, attractive one.

Mrs. Eldridge smiled as if relieved, but a sigh followed quickly upon her smile.

"I wish I knew what was going to become of you. You'll promise to come down to Shere, won't you, if you are in any difficulty? We could

go on working there, as Ruby and I intend to do. Remember, there will be room for you."

Hester thanked her, but in her heart she knew that she would never go to Shere, or claim the charity of an employer who had been both kind and considerate in prosperous times, but who was now in straits herself.

With Ruby it was different. She was so young, so helpless, and an orphan too. She needed looking after. Hester felt thankful that Mrs. Eldridge had definitely decided what was to be done with her.

The working day ended about three o'clock that afternoon, because there was no work in hand, and it was needless to add to expenses by burning electric light.

It was the nineteenth of November, little over a month till Christmas, but there was very little Christmas cheer anywhere visible in London as Hester made her way through the muddy and swiftly darkening streets to her boarding house in Brunswick square. She had tried all kinds of domestic arrangements since she left the Somerset rectory, and had finally decided that the boarding house with all its drawbacks, offered certain advantages to the unattached woman which ordinary lodgings did not offer. She had come to an arrangement whereby she had two very small attic rooms, where she had put the few things she had saved from the wreck of her home, and where she could be absolutely alone. For these two rooms, to be near the sky to be financially valuable to her landlady, she paid twenty-five shillings per week, which included her breakfast and her dinner. Her other meals she had taken out, or at her place of business occasionally. But she had reduced the art of living to the finest proportions, and could make one shilling do the reasonable work of two.

She did not carry her head less high or lose a bit of her personal dignity as she tramped all the way back on foot to her boarding house that afternoon, and when she let herself in she remembered thankfully that she had a penny-in-the-slot gas arrangement in her sitting room, and could get herself a cup of tea without disturbing anybody. That had been one of her no-lunch days.

When she had locked herself in there the proud tension of her face relaxed and she let her mackintosh drop on the door, then picked it up and hung it over a chair, and lit the cheerful flare of gas and sat down to draw off her boots. Then her face aged a bit, and her sweet, sensitive mouth visibly trembled. A cup of tea, quickly got, revived her, and, having cleared away her cup and saucer after washing it in the water left hot in the little kettle she set down to go into a commode of soap and means. For this purpose it was necessary to draw up a chair to the old bureau which had once stood in the study at Rivedon, and open sundry mysterious drawers and study a variety of little books. Finally she had marshalled all her financial resources and laid them out on the old faded green flap of the bureau.

Hester had never had a bankbook, though one year she very nearly achieved it. She had rather a distressing habit of finding out needy people especially among working women, with whom she was always ready to share what she had. She had obtained a great deal of pleasure out of such ministry, indeed it had been the one bright spot in her very lonely life, but even now when she had to face the day of misfortune, she would not have recalled one single gift. A slender sheaf of the odd little pound notes, which she had recently added to the English currency, four or five gold pieces, and a handful of silver made quite an imposing show, but once counted, it amounted to astonishingly little. Thirteen pounds eighteen and sixpence, that was all she had between her and Hester. It kept her in her present quarters, for all day, a couple of months, but that would leave no margin for anything except bare living.

She decided, wrinkling her brows while, that she could really only calculate on her present shelter till Christmas, unless she was fortunate enough to obtain another post in the interval. That would have to be her business on the morrow, to seek work in London in war time, when so many of the normal channels were closed. She thought distressfully, even a little resentfully, of the folly of rearing a creature so helpless as she, without a definite occupation by which she could have earned her bread. The gifts she had by her own surprising skill and ingenuity turned to such excellent account were native-born, and had never been fostered or perfected by systematic training.

"Now if I had only been taught to teach or nurse," she said, and her voice faltered on the last word, which in war time is a lure to every woman



on earth. But Hester had no illusions about the profession. She had heard endless discussions and comments on the craze at Mrs. Eldridge's during the last weeks, and knew exactly the state of affairs in the nursing world.

That night at the boarding house dinner table she said nothing at all about her changed circumstances, though all her fellow inmates were more than friendly, and would doubtless have sympathized to the full.

She listened in rather a detached way to the usual lively discussion of the various campaigns at the front and the freddie criticism of those who knew least about it all. Next morning she sallied forth at the usual time, not to go to the familiar workroom, but merely to pay numerous and perfectly fruitless visits to employment officers, as well as to answer in person one or two advertisements which she thought might suit her.

By three o'clock in the afternoon the net total was nil, added to a real and chilling weight of disappointment. Disheartened certainly, but not surprised, was poor Hester, for what had she to offer, after all, for serious consideration in any market in the world? Her few accomplishments could hardly be put into words, let alone offered to a nation in a serious crisis fighting for its existence.

Her experience that day was repeated during many days—that that remained of November, indeed; and by the time Christmas loomed so near, that in spite of war clouds it was beginning to dominate the atmosphere, she was approaching the end of her resources.

The day came at last when she was obliged to tell Mrs. Proctor, her Scotch landlady, that she was afraid she would have to vacate her rooms and sell her furniture. The hard-faced Scotch woman after years of boarding-house life, looked with compassion into Hester Davenant's now rather pinched and weary face.

"I'm very sorry, my dear, but anyway you'll not make any move until after Christmas. Nobody wants the rooms, and I'll be pleased for the things to bide in them. Don't sell them. I know by experience what you get for old sticks, though," she added grimly, "if you happen to want a second-hand bed in a hurry, you have to pay more for it than if you went to a decent shop and bought a brand new one."

Hester's eyes became suddenly suffused. She never had grown intimate with Mrs. Proctor, but there was a kind of steady, solid wall of mutual esteem between them, the kind of esteem born of good sound qualities and unostentatious duty quietly, even heroically, done. Each in her own place was typical of the vast army of unattached womanhood, fighting against odds for recognition and a place in a somewhat hostile world.

"If only you had learned nursing! Couldn't you get it somewhere at the Red Cross and you, speaking German and French so splendidly! Surely they might find you a corner over in France as an interpreter, if nothing else." Hester's face brightened, and she smiled gratefully into Mrs. Proctor's face. "I've a great mind to try, Mrs. Proctor. Not that I think it's of the smallest use, but I won't go to any voluntary thing, but right to the War Office. I'll go to-day."

"Do, my dear, and good luck to you; and anyway, not a step do you budge from this house till after the New Year. Half of them will be away home for Christmas, and I'll be more than pleased for you to stop, and not a penny will I take till then. It's nothing, nothing at all, what's your bite and sup, and I know what you've done for lots of them that did not deserve it half as much as you. Off you go!"

Her manner was brusque, for she greatly feared any demonstration of gratitude from Hester Davenant. It would have been painful for both. All day, while Hester was out, the good soul pondered sundry feasible schemes for obtaining suitable occupation for Miss Davenant, and even went to the length of writing several letters to likely friends of her own in her behalf.

But that day was the most dismal and altogether hopeless. It seemed to add the last touch of misery to an intolerable situation, and as she pushed past a tall man in uniform coming through the door at the moment that she wished to go out, she lifted her eyes rather rebelliously to his face. It was a very thin, worn face, with a look of strain in the tired eyes which was infinitely pathetic. He was very thin, and lean and brown, though he carried himself with all the soldier's uprightness and conscious air of command.

"Hester!" he said in an abrupt, guttural whisper. "Good God, Hester you here!"

"And you, Hugh! I thought you

were in India."

"I was up till the middle of August. I've been up at the front since the third week in September. I'm home now on a three or four days' leave. What are you doing here?"

"I! Oh, I was seeking a job." The policeman here indicated politely but firmly that they were obstructing the entrance, and they withdrew rather hurriedly outside.

"Look here! I won't be long upstairs. I've to deliver a message from one of the chaps out there. Will you wait here for me now, and we'll go to lunch somewhere?"

"Oh, yes." Hester would wait. She had nothing to do except wait. Life had resolved itself into a waiting game.

He was gone about a quarter of an hour, and had a ready apology on his grave lips when he rejoined her.

"It's a matter of no consequence," she assured him brightly. "I'm a woman without occupation for whom time has ceased to have a meaning."

"You must tell me about yourself presently," he said with an air of great solicitude which Hester's forlorn heart found dangerously sweet.

He caught the quiver of her brave mouth as she turned her head away, and quickly changed the subject by asking where she would like to go for lunch. She answered "Anywhere," very nearly added that she had long been compelled through stress of circumstances to join the no-lunch brigade."

"I'm stopping at the Metropole," he said quickly. "I'll do as well as anywhere else. It's near too, and as we're early we can get a quiet corner."

It was easy for Hester to forget all that had passed of misery and anxiety in the vivid recital of the soldier's experiences at the battle front. It was less what he told than what he suggested which held her enthralled.

"I'll tell you what, Hester, it's hell out there—hell redeemed by unexpected glimpses of heaven in the heroism, the beauty, the self-sacrifice! You are beside human nature in its supremest moments, and the light is blinding, don't you know? That's why some of us have been let off for a breathing space. For me it happens to be a sorry business, for I had no body to come to, nobody who cared particularly what became of me. I offered to stand by for other chaps, but the Colonel packed me off. He's coming himself when I get back. I'm second in command now. Promotion is quick in war time, but who cares? Now tell me about yourself?"

She told him not very much, but all he wished to know. He had a way of getting at the bottom of things, and it was his business to get at the bottom of Hester Davenant's affairs. They had been old friends and playmates in the village of their youth, and might have been more had not circumstances intervened. When he had heard all he wished to know he simply changed the subject without comment or even an expression of sympathy, and went on interesting her in other topics.

They lingered in their private corner till after two o'clock, then Waleran rose.

"We'll have to be moving on, Hester. I've a lot to put in between now and the end of the day. But I want to see you again. Will you come out and dine with me, or have you anywhere where we could meet and have a quiet talk?"

"I have a little errand near the sky, and some of the old Rivedon things are in it. Come after dinner, and let us talk there."

"Right-o! Good-bye, dear woman. I know now why I had to come back. There was something for me to do here, as important as my bit at the front."

She did not ask what he meant, nor did she greatly care. Sufficient to the moment was the deep happiness thereof, and a bit of Christmas cheer having come to her, she would hold on to it with both hands and not even speculate on the outer darkness which must follow. On the way home she expended twopence on a bunch of cheap chrysanthemums, and went down to dinner that night in her only evening frock, a very simple black affair her own hands had fashioned. At half-past eight Major Waleran came. He was still in khaki, and rather toilworn khaki at that, but he made no apology for it, though his eyes rested admiringly on Hester's sweet face.

"You are very snug here," he said, as she pulled forward the best chair so that it was close to the little table with its modest box of cigarettes. But he did not take it. Quite suddenly he stood in front of her, put his two strong brown hands on her shoulders, and looked deep into her eyes.

"I've been busy all the afternoon, Hester—what about, do you think?" She shook her head.

"It's very short leave, after all, I find, when a chap wants to get married. But it can be done. I've seen the Dean, and we can be married tomorrow by special licence. You're not going to say no, Hester, because of course, that is why I came home.

That I didn't know makes no earthly difference. It has been written and it's coming to pass."

She swayed under his touch, but his arm round her shoulders steadied her.

"It's no use protesting dear woman, because, as I say, it's written. You'll be better left in London as a Major's wife than as you are now, and if the worst happens—well, you'll be provided for. But nothing is going to happen. Please God, I'll come back again after the war, and torment you for the rest of your natural life."

"Hugh, Hugh, is it pity?" she faltered, hiding her face on his sleeve. His answer was to lift her head and look once more deep into her eyes.

"What do you think, eh?" he asked. "Do I look like a man goaded by pity alone? I don't feel like one, do I now?"

So one more was added to the list of war marriages. Hester remains in her little eyrie in the boarding house, but all the world and life has changed. She is no longer a superfluous woman, but one with a tremendous stake in the country, with the right to hope and fear and rejoice, and, if need be, weep. It is a right she would not barter for the crown of any queen.

## Joker's Corner

"Had a puncture, my friend?" asked the passer-by, with an air of interest. The chauffeur looked up and swallowed his feelings with a huge gulp.

"No, sir," he replied. "I'm just changing the air in the tires. The other lot's worn out, you know."

The following interesting notice appeared in the columns of an enterprising Minnesota newspaper:—"I have been instructed by the Village Council to enforce the ordinance against chickens running at large and riding bicycles on the sidewalk—Harry Shells, Village Marshal."

A fussy old party managed to buttonhole Lord Kitchener the other day in one of the British war lord's less busy moments. "And what would you do, sir," he inquired, "if the Germans should manage to land 25,000 men on ah—comparatively—ah, unprotected part of our coast?"

"Bury 'em," replied Kitchener.

A farmer's wife bought a box of matches in a shop in Limerick on her weekly visit to the city. On the next day she returned the matches as they were damp.

"They're all right, ma'am," said the shopkeeper. "Look at this, and he lit one of the matches by rubbing it on the leg of his trousers.

"Arrah, get out wid ye," cried the country woman "When I want to light the fire must I come in six miles from Ballyneety to strike a match on your ould britches?"

The teacher, wishing to impress on her pupils' minds the vast population of China, said: "Just think of it, children, two Chinamen die every time you draw your breath!"

A minute later her attention was attracted to little Jimmie James, who stood at the foot of the class puffing vigorously, with his face reddened and his cheeks distended.

"What is the matter, Jimmy?" asked the teacher. "What on earth are you doing?"

"Nothin', Miss Mary," was the indifferent response of Jimmy. "Just killing Chinamen."

Among the passengers on a train on a one-track road in the middle west was a talkative jewelry drummer. Presently the train stopped to take on water, and the conductor neglected to send back a flagman. An express came along and before it could be stopped bumped the rear end of the first train. The drummer was lifted from his seat and pitched head first into the seat ahead. His silk hat was jammed clear over his ears. He picked himself up and settled back in his seat. No bones had been broken. He drew a long breath, straightened up, and said: "Well, they didn't get by us, anyway."

Sir Frederick Bridge the organist of Westminster Abbey, tells some excellent stories.

"Two ladies," he once said, "were in Westminster Abbey, when one of them suddenly raised her hand. 'Hush, listen!' she said. 'There's suddenly he stood in front of her, put his two strong brown hands on her shoulders, and looked deep into her eyes."

"I've been busy all the afternoon, Hester—what about, do you think?" She shook her head.

"It's very short leave, after all, I find, when a chap wants to get married. But it can be done. I've seen the Dean, and we can be married tomorrow by special licence. You're not going to say no, Hester, because of course, that is why I came home.

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## H. & S. W. RAILWAY

Accom. Time Table in effect Jan. 4, 1915

Mon. & Fri.	Stations	Read up.
11.10	Lv. Middleton A.S.	15.45
11.38	"Clarence	15.37
11.55	Frigate Cove	15.01
12.23	Granville Centre	14.36
12.39	Granville Ferry	14.21
12.55	"Kersdale	14.05
13.15	Ar. Port Wade L.V.	13.45

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Everything that he can wear, but boots. He always wants Ties, Gloves, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, and last but not least, an Overcoat or Suit. Come in and we will suggest many new things that will be sure to please.

## LINENS! LINENS!

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### PARADISE

December 20

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Langley very pleasantly entertained a number of our young people at their home on Friday evening.

Don't forget to come to the vestry of the Baptist Church on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. You will enjoy the exercises, recitations and singing by the pupils of the Sunday school. Silver collection will be received.

A public meeting was held in the Baptist Church on Friday evening in the interest of the Endowment Fund for No. 7 Stationary Hospital Unit from Nova Scotia. Rev. J. D. McLeod presided. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. A. R. Reynolds of Acadia College, gave an eloquent address. He made a strong appeal for the No. 7 Stationary Hospital Unit and held the close attention of the audience throughout. An earnest address was given by Rev. A. R. Reynolds. At the conclusion of this part of the meeting Private Albert Jodie, who is home on a six months' leave, was called to the platform. He was welcomed to our community by Rev. A. M. McNitch and H.A. Langley. He responded in well chosen words. Remarks were also made by J. S. Longley.

### HILLSBURN

December 20

Mr. Bernard Longmire and family have moved into their new home.

Mr. Russell attended the Sunday School Convention at Goat Island on Friday 17th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rafuse on the arrival of a daughter, Dec. 14.

The ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle will hold a sale and 10 cent tea on Thursday evening in the Hall.

A smoke house belonging to Capt. A. and B. Longmire was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. It was filled with fish, which became a total loss. No insurance.

Mr. Curtis Hamilton of Litchfield, who has been spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Halliday, fell on the ice and injured his back. He is now unable to walk.

### DEEP BROOK

December 20

Frank Ditmars is at home again after a visit in Halifax.

Mrs. George Pinckney came home from Digby last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Milner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James R. Ditmars.

Capt. Frank Spurr left last Wednesday for Pictou, where he joins the steamer Port Dalhousie.

Mrs. Alfred Wilson of Clarence has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berry during the past week.

Capt. and Mrs. F. W. Rice arrived home from Halifax last Wednesday. They expect to remain the winter.

We are glad to have the good news that Miss Ruth Hutchinson is improving after her prolonged illness and recent critical surgical operation.

Miss Ethel Ditmars left on Monday last for Annapolis Royal where she is employed in the Post Office during the holiday season.

The Christmas sale and supper of the Dorcas Society held on Wednesday evening last, added over \$40.00 to the funds. This is to be equally divided between Red Cross and Community work.

### OUTRAM

December 20

Preaching service Sunday, Jan. 2, at 3 p. m.

Mr. Charles Healy has returned home from Hampton.

Mr. Roy Marshall was the guest of Wm. A. Marshall Jr., on Sunday last.

We are sorry to report Mr. James Slocumb in poor health at time of writing.

Mr. James Slocumb purchased a very fine colt from Mr. W. Fenerty of Clarence.

Mr. John Slocumb and Miss Effie Marshall spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Marshall.

Mrs. John Baltzer is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Marshall at Arlington.

A Merry Christmas to the Monitor staff and its many readers, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Mr. Wilbur Beardsley is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal.

### PARKE'S COVE

School will close on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Alice Hudson after spending several months in Granville Centre, came home on the 17th.

Wishing the Monitor readers a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

Service in the Methodist Church on Sunday at 2.45 o'clock by the Rev. H. J. Indoe.

Mrs. Harry Longmire of Hillsburn visited Harry's mother, Mrs. David Milner, quite recently.

Miss Clytia Ellis of Victoria Beach was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Weir on December 17th.

Mrs. Adams of Deep Brook is visiting her daughter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orbin Oliver.

Mrs. Edward Hudson of Hillsburn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Milner on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Longmire and baby Emma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Milner quite recently.

Miss Minnie Weir went to Victoria Beach to spend the Xmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Stanley McCaul.

Miss Beatrice Weir returned from Port Wade quite recently, she was accompanied by her friend Miss Clytia Ellis of Victoria Beach.

The ladies of the Methodist Sewing Circle will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson on Tuesday evening.

Messrs Lloyd and Robie Longmire Charles Wade and Miss Abbey Longmire, called on Mr. and Mrs. David Milner on Dec. 21st.

We are nearing the Christmas tide again and Old St. Nick, I know, is busy. At last the little ones are like busy bees, talking and planning for him.

### INGLEWOOD

December 20

At Bridgetown, Dec. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Clements, a daughter.

Preparations are being made to have a Christmas Tree for the Sunday school, Wednesday evening, Dec. 29.

The painters thought it best not to paint the Church until Spring, so it has been decided to leave this work until then.

### CLARENCE

December 21

Dr. Cutten of Wolfville, lectured here on Tuesday evening.

Gladstone Bishop of Halifax, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. A. L. Bishop.

A. E. Woodworth, Divisional Supervisor of the Northern Aluminum Co., was here on Saturday.

The community was very much surprised to learn that Mrs. Lemuel Messenger had passed away on Sunday morning at three o'clock.

The departed had been a great sufferer for a number of years past, all of which had been borne quietly and with Christian patience.

### POTTER-GORDON

Miss Annie E. Gordon of 15 Porter street, Lynn, and Fred O. Potter of 144 Beach Bluff avenue, Swampscott, were united in marriage at the home of Rev. W. A. Kinzie, 15 Jackson St., Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The couple were accompanied by Watson Potter, brother of the groom, and Mrs. Jones, a friend of the contracting parties. The double ring service was used, Rev. Mr. Kinzie performing the ceremony. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Potter will reside in Swampscott.

Monsieur:

For 15 days in the month of January I was suffering with pain of rheumatism in the foot. I tried all kinds of remedies but nothing did me any good. One person told me about MINARD'S LINIMENT; as soon as I tried it the Saturday night, the next morning I was feeling very good; I could give you a good certificate any time that you would like to have one. If at any time I come to hear about any person sick of rheumatism, I could tell them about this remedy.

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Feb. 14, 1908.

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