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Our

# New Years Greeting!

We beg to extend to all our best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year. The year just passed has been a record breaker for us, as our sales book shows the largest year's sales since we began business away back in 1852.

We begin to take stock at once, and from now until February 1st when our stock is entered we will place before you in this space a special list of bargains for each day's selling. In addition to these daily bargains, "Our Administration Sale" prices will continue throughout the month. The stock is not yet as low as required and it must be very largely reduced before Feb 1st, when the business will be taken over by the junior partner and carried on under the old firm name of Thomas Stone & Son In a few days we will open our Annual January "White Wear Sale" for which we have made the biggest preparation possible and will eclipse every previous year's showing Further notice of this will appear later.

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# Old Year, Good-Bye

THE last hours of the dying year are fraught with memories. Instead of pounding away at prices, we look backward and make comparisons; we look forward and commence cutting the leaves of a new volume. Old year, gratefully good-bye. When we have closed our doors to-night we have finished a most successful year's business. 41899 has come and gone and with it its successes and failures. Trade conditions demand constant improvement. There must be no backsliding. We gather inspiration from past successes; we open the new volume and will endeavor to have its pages record 1900 a worthy successor to 1899. We judge everything by results, shoppers will go where their interests are most carefully guarded. You can see the practical side of that here everyday. Anybody can buy newspaper space and give full vent to their egotism, regardless of facts. You may possibly question what is written here, but no one hesitates to believe what they see. During the coming year the same opportunity for development and growth will continue. The same feeling and purpose will animate us. The same influence will be at work, and we believe we shall deserve better than ever the confidence and good will of all discerning people within trading distance. Experience lends force to the prospectus of the New Year and makes success more promised. Monday the store will be closed and we give the day to rest and enjoyment, while wishing you and yours

Happy And Prosperous New Year

# JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.,

# AT MODDER RIVER.

The Boers are Wearing Themselves Out

Watching for a British Attack-They May Retreat to Spyfontien.

London, Dec. 30 .- The Modder River correspondent of the Times, referring to the scare-firing of the Boers, says: "Their nervousness causes very much amusement among the British. It is quite certain that half the Boer force is employed watching by day and the other half by night. Probably the consequent warrings. consequent weariness, with the scarcity of water and the presence of ty-

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phoid fever, will render the Boer posi-tions intolerable. Their present ac-tion is due either to a scare, or to a wish to cover retirement to Spytfon-

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says:—"A leading resi-dent of Vryburg, who was released by the Boers, saw 2,000 colonials from Griquiland West. He says colonial faces are to be seen everywhere in the Reer ranks"

Boer ranks."

The War Office has received this despatch:—"Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—The Indwe colliery line is now working again."

The Daily Mail asserts that several guns have been removed from the forts of Plymouth by night, and that these will be sent to Cape To vn.

A reconnaissance from Kimberley shows that the Boers still have batter-ies turned on the town and on sum-mon reinforcements readily

### THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 30 .- "An evening in the Trans . vani," will be given on Monday, Jan. 1st., in the Opera House, in the interests of the Methodist Sabbath school. Miss McKnight, a former teacher in this vicinity is visiting friends in

Guy Young, of Croton, died on Fri day, Dec. 29th, after a lingering attack of typhoid. The funeral services will be held in the Croton church on Sunday at one o'clock, p. m. Deceased was a very popullar young man and his death will be much regretted by

host of friends.
Good ice has been secured in the rink and curling and skating will now be the popular amusements.

John Hogg, of Selton, is seriously

Miss Lydia Duffus returned from Hamilton yesterday. She will recite in Wheatley on New Year's night.



# On the Boer Position to the Boers were captured and taken to Frere Camp. The Boers heliographed, among other questions, "How is Buller?" The ruse failed to draw any reply from the British. It is still very lost and the grass is badly burned up. The Times publishes the following despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Dec. 24:—"Parties of Boers appeared to-day within three miles of Chieveley camp, threatening our watering par-

BULLER MAY AGAIN TRY TO REACH LADYSMITH-WAR

London, Saturday, Dec. 30., 5 a. m. he latest special despatches from Chieveley Camp hint at some important movement as imminent. This is interpreted to mean that Gen. Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith on New Years day, when the Boers may not be expecting an attack. It is reported by the same despatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their langers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of bringing further pressure on the garrison which now seems to be suffering prettily heavily from the bombardment. It is difficult, how-ever, to conceive that General Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere. The Boer movements north-ward from the Tugela river are quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Gen, Buller, but the belief here is that his forces even then will be too weak.

PROVISIONS CAPTURED. London, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated December 27,

says six wagons conveying provisions

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camp, threatening our watering par ties, who are compelled to go some two miles, owing to the scarcity of water." It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie on Thursday and captured a bidl.

FIRE GETTING HOTTER.

Ladysmith , Sunday, December 24, via Pietermaritzburg.-Gen. White has had a slight attack of fever, but he is now convalescent. The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed fourteen horses. Another just missed the Fifth Lancers lines, slightly wounding six oficers. Several shells have fallen close to Gen. White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another point. It is reported that Gen Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent. Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers. WAR NOTES.

It is rumored that General Methuen's big naval gun has exploded. Three transports with the second contingent will sail from Halifax, two on January 16 and the third on Jan.

William Waldorf Astor has subcribed £1000 to the Buckinghamshire fund to equip the county's contingent of yeomanry

There is nothing in the threat the Boers will reduce the rations of their prisoners if foodstuffs are blockaded

from Delagoa Bay.

The Earl of Mount-Edgeumbe, brother of Lord Lansdowne, says the war office would countenance a scheme to enroll volunteers in a sort of preparatory stage in order to learn drills and

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RAISING THE LAKE LEVELS.

Congressman Corliss only propose to raise the level of Lake Erie from two to two and a half feet. This, of course, would not affect Lake St. Clair to a great extent, because Lake St. Clair is nine feet above Lake Erie. If the latter were raised two and a half feet the present free outflow through the Detroit river would be obstructed and the low lands around Lake St., Clair would be more liable to submersion. Much damage in the same way would result along the northern shore of Lake Erie. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is hardly likely the Canadian government will agree to the artificial raising of Lake Erie just to accommodate Mr. Corliss' friends.

Dr. George B. Russell, of Detroit. who has a farm and residence near the Puce, on this side, has lived in Detroit for 60 years and was a close observer of the state of the water. He

"It would be a universal annoyance, and regret, too, if our beautiful Belle Isle park were brought back to its condition in 1838 and 1876, when it was nothing but a mosquito swamp and snake and hog pend.

"I speak of what I know," continued the doctor. "My residence on the shores of Detroit River and Lake St. Clair extends through the full period of 60 years from April, 1836, to date I was 20 years or more in the active practice of medicine and surgery on both sides of the river and lake, and knew every resident and the shore of every farm.

"Both rainfall and warm seasons were the factors which caused high level in 1836, 1837 and 1838, and the flood that made a vast lake and swamp of all the lands on the shores of the river and Lake St. Clair. For months in summer and for part of three years the road for the traveller on horseback was marked by stakes in the ditches. 'Water, water, every where.' Four thousand acres of what is now beautiful residence property this side of Grosse Pointe were over flowed and boggy, abounding in frogs, snakes and mosquitoes, causing malaria and inflicting fever, ague, neuralgia, and all the dire troubles conse quent. All this was caused by a rise of level not exceeding 18 inches on the average of the years thereafter.

"In past days the travel on both sides of the Detroit fiver and Lake St. Clair was on the sandy beach, dry and above the level. When the high water came the beach and all evidences of former roads were washed away. On the Canadian side from 'Little river' to Pike Creek, for miles the inhabitants moved back and built new homes, where is now the gravel road, one and one-fourth miles back from Windsor to Belle Isle.

"Another exceptional time of high water was in the year 1876. It was the highest level in 55 years, or since 1837-1840, the average being one foot above the present, and one foot below the high mark of these years. And yet this one foot rise swamped thousands of acres on these shores,"

A Happy New Year.

Monday is swearing-off day.

A number of citizens who voted early and ofter last year will cast but one aldermanic ballot this, Consequently, the vote, which will be light anyway, owing to the absence of a mayoralty contest, will be further reduced by from 100 to 200.

### STIR IN KENMORE

Durham Brown's Letter Pub lished last Week Cause of Comment.

One of Many Such Cases in Kenmore - Dodd's Kidney Pills Well Known There-Unanimous Corroboration of Brown's Statement.

Kenmore, Dec. 29.-No little com-Kenmore, Dec. 29.—No little comment has been caused here by the publication of a letter signed by Durham Brown, in the papers last week.

Mr. Brown is one of the most expert boxmakers in the country, his cheese boxes, while models of good workmanship, being turned out in remarkably quick time. He has the reputation of being able to drive one-and-a-quarter inch nails at the rate of five hundred in eighteen minutes and keep it up steadily.

Mr. Brown is an enthusiast about Dodd's Kidney Pills. He cannot say enough in their fayor, and he means every word of it. His brother also thoroughly believes in Dodd's Kidney Pills, having seen how they affected Darham. Durham Brown's letter, as Durham. Durham Brown's letter, as published last week, is corroborat-ed by his brother and all who know

Many other people in Kenmore know from personal experience the value of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Whether for the Dodd's Kidney Pills. Whether for the two formerly incurable and fatal maladies, Bright's Disease and Diabetes, or for any of the other forms of kidney disease—Rheumatism, heart disease, dropsy, urinary and bladder complaints, female troubles, blood discorders—Dodd's Kidney Pills are considered infallible. Dodd's Kidney Pills is the only medicine that ever cured Bright's disease or diabetes, and the people here have a wonderful faith in them.

Winston Churchill hasn't been long n South Africa, but he seems to have already learned to trek like a native.

Our neighbors, the Fenians, may no know it, but we can assure them. that Canada can yet send a dozen contingents to the Transvaal and still have enough drilled men left and willing to make the finest of funerals out of every mother's son of them without half trying.

The Fenian blatherskites who talk nonsense about invading Canada, say they expect help from the French Canadians. For this libelous charge against the French Canadians, the Liberal press of Ontario is responsible. Papers like the Globe and London Advertiser have been raising the question of French-Canadian loyalty to try and shield Mr. Tarte. Hence the false impression that has been sent abroad.

The school board scrap at Belle River looks as if there were something radically wrong with another part of Hon. G. W. Ross' wonderfully mixedup school law. There surely must be some method provided for establishing a separate school without trustees resorting to acts of violence. And the school act ought to be clear enough to show what that method is. These disgraceful doings at Belle River are not by any means a desirable advertisement for Ontario's school system in the neighboring cities of Michigan.

THE CROSS THAT LAURIER BEARS

Detroit Tribune. It's pretty hard on Premier Laurier to have his loyalty cost him the sup-

port of his followers. PRODUCE LITTLE SHOCK.

London Telegraph. In South Africa all the wounded men agree as to the very small amount of shock produced by the Mauser bullet, many stating that they went on some distance after feeling they were hit, one man telling me that he did not notice being hit at all until he began to feel dizzy and found that he had lost a lot of blood. One notable circumstance is that the vast majority of the wounds are in the extremities. This the men attribute to the wild firing of the Boers, and to the fact that they were generally hit just at the moment of leaving or taking cover.

SOME SENSIBLE DOOLEYISM.

Mr. Dooley.

"If th' British had said, 'This unclean an' raypeecious people that we're against is also very tough. Dirty though they be, they'll fight. Foul though their nature is, they have cartridges in their belts. This not bein' England an' th' inimy we have again us not bein' our frinds, we will forget th' gloryous thraditions iv' th' English an' Soudan arrmies an' instead iv' r-rushin' on thim, sneak along you kindly fence an' hit thim on th' back iv th' neck, they'd be less 'I r-regretto-states' and more 'I'm plazed-to-reports.' They wud so, an' I'm a man that's been through columns an' columns iv war. Ye'll find, Hinnissy, that 'tis on'y ar-rmies fights in th' open. Nations fights behind threes an' rocks. Ye can put that in ye're little book. 'Tis a sayin' I med as I wint along."

THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.

We p'raded out at the stroke of four But the girls was there two hours be-

We slung along thro' mud an' mist, Each with 'is love clung close to 'is wrist :

The kiddies' torches paled the moon, An' my girl called f'r the roarin' toon, Tatra-rara-rara,

'The girl I lef' be'ind me." Er eyes wos red, but 'er smile wos brave, She'd brock a tup'ny flag to wave; She perched it up in 'er sailor 'at, An she led the cheerin' smart an 'pat, As the band burst out with a sudden

While every trooper kissed 'is girl-"The girl I lef' be'ind me."

skirl.

She's 'ard at work in a garrit, guess, Stitchen like fun at a big swell's

dress, 'mid the whirr of 'er old machine, I'll back she'll fancy th' roar between, When the reg'ment leaps in the foeman's lair, An' then she'll breathe a tiny pray'r, "Ta ra rara-rara,
"The girl I lef' be'ind me."

An' if, as we carry the 'eightst I fall, With the girdling smoke f'r a soldier's pall, When we rush the bush an' the artful

trench, Or ford the river's chilly drench, You'll find in the breast o' me bloom in' shirt, The face, with a frame o' ribbin be-

girt, Tabra-rara-rara, "The girl I lef' be'ind me."

The Planet is in receipt of a copy of Kerry Mills' new cake walk, entitled, "Impecunious Davis," Mr. Mills is the composer of "Whistling Rufus," "Rastus on Parade," and other popular two steps.

A FINE NUMBER.

The Christmas number of the Farmers' Advocate, published in London, is really a credit to that excellent agricultural journal. The colored front- Ask for Minard's and take no other.

ispiece is very artistic, and the edition is otherwise profusely and handsomely is otherwise profusely and handsomely illustrated by photo engravings. The reading matter is very abundant, and covers a wide range of information. Many valuable articles have been written expressly for this edition by leading British, American and Canadian agricultural experts, among the latter being the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture; Hon. David Ferguson, of Prince Edward Island; Hon. F. R. Black, of Nova Scotia; C. Marker, of Alberta, N. W. T.; Prof. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

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For his overcoat he had to paughn,

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and the consciousness that the evil how had come seemed to turn my very blood

"Fearful sounds arose all over Khartoom, for the signal had been given that

was to indicate Gordon's downfall. The

enemy assaulted the walls. A portion of the late defenders joined them, and

Khartoom became the scene of a mas-

"I assure you, my friends, I did not

stand idle while all this was going on.

the clouds, my sword leaped from its

scabbard. Giving a true Yankee yell,

the chin, and through all time I shall

arm of an American avenged Gordon's

"What happened after that is mor

like a dream than a reality to me, but

I shall give it for what it is worth. I remember plunging into the thick o

the fight. All around me rose the most fearful sounds of a desperage battle.

while through Khartoom rang the

shricks of poor women and the shouts

of exulting demons; for the black horde had swarmed over the walls, and in

their great fury, seemed to spare none.

"More thn one went down before my

sword and revolvers; for, expecting only

"In the midst of the melee, covered

with grime and blood, I could hardly

be distinguished from one of the traitor

soldiers who had at last turned upon

their general. Suddenly my body was

clasped by a pair of arms from behind.

and I found myself hurled to the

"Naturally I expected instant death

when, to my surprise, a voice called in

my ear:
"'Feign death! I would save th

"It was my faithful servant Kassee

whom I had brought from Bombay.

hardly know why I obeyed him; it mus

have been because I had so little power

to resist, for life did not seem worth

"He dragged me into a house that

overlooked the river, and there secreted

me. All through the day I heard the

shouts of the victorious hordes as they

thing had come into my mind, and I

found that I had an object to live for

a mission to perform. The news of Gordon's death must be carried to his

people, and I had come to the conclu-

sion that of all the faithful within the

walls of Khartoom, Joe Miner was the

made his appearance. He had dis-

guised himself as one of the enemy, and

thus escaped the common fate that be-

"From him I learned that a clever scheme had been arranged whereby we

could make our escape down the river.

The water was very low, but Gordon

had several small, light-draught steam-

ers for use upon the upper waters of

the Nile. One of these lay not more

than a stone's throw down the river,

drop to the river from the back of the

aboard, and, aided by the darkness, cast

her adrift. When some distance down

steam, and, so soon as daylight came,

about the adventure, particularly as it

faithful Kassee I clambered through the slit of a window in the mud wall

of the house, lowered myself by means

of the convenient rope, and finally stood knee-deep in the waters of the Nile be

"When the ex-sepoy joined me," continued Mynheer Joe, "we began to creep along down in the direction of the little

steamer. It was guarded, but Kassee

knew where the sentry was posted, and

he attended to his case while I got ready

"I heard a single splash, but not a

clared everything was working all right. We pushed out into the stream and began to leave the doomed city behind.

"I will not dwell on this part of my trip. In the morning we got up steam and began to make good headway.

"Until half-way to the Second Catar-

act we were not molested. Then a troop of scouting followers of the Mahdi sight-

ed us, and, riding into the river, at-

"We had prepared for this. There

was a small cannon on board, which we

kept in readiness for just an emergency

as this; and when we sent its contents into the midst of the black rascals they

scattered to the winds.
"Below we had another fight, and this

time they very nearly took the vessel; but our fire was a trifle too warm, and

"As we drew near the cataract, we

knew we would have to abandon the

little steamer; but we had determined

to continue the voyage in her light yawl.

which could be carried around the catar

they finally allowed us to go on.

act by two stout men.

As yet discovery had not come.

tempted to take the steamer.

Then Kassee came to me and de-

"Acting under the instructions of my

promised to be our only chance.

make good progress north.

"Kassee's bright plan was for us to

wade down to the boat, climb

only living soul that remained.

fell the defeaders of the city.

tied to the bank.

low, waiting.

to unfasten the nopes.

thronged through Khartoom.

any trouble just then.

death, I fought as a madman might.

sacre too terrible for words.

ne who had even fought at his side.

on that awful 20th of January.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE OPENING CHAP-TERS.

The story opens at Cairo, where Mr. Grimes, who passes as an American sidver king; Sandy Barlow, a newspaper correspondent; Mr. Tanner, a millionaire traveller, and his daughter Molly, all meet. Mr. Grimes informs Grimes that his dahabeah on its way down the Nile picked up Mynheer Joe a messenger from Gordon As, both Grimes and Sandy know Joe they go down to the boat to find him. Joe gives them the first news of the fall of Khartonm and Gordon's death.

vested. The weeks passed us by in a way that was maddening. Our eyes were strained looking for succor that never came. Through it all Gordon was the same man I have ever known him, cheerful, sober and never faltering. If It was his fate to die at his post, death would find him there.

"I shall never, while I have breath, cease to remember that man with all the wonder and admiration my soul can express. God never made a human be-ing more in the mould of a hero than when he gave us Gordon. The world

will keep is memory green for ever. "Thus, as the months passed away, our stores grew low, and a spirit of discontent arose. Money was scarce, and the soldiers were in a state of constant Irritation bordering on frenzy. Mutiny would have long since broken out but for the astonishing power this man seemed to have over his subjects. I marveled at it then, and it will never

cease to be a source of wonder to me.
"At last came the fatal hour when this magnetism could no longer hold the fragments of his little army together. I knew it was coming as well as I knew anything. Signs pointed to it from all quarters, and each morning as the sun arose in the east I wondered whether it would ever be my good fortune to look on its setting again.
"Gordon never despaired of a rescue.

He had no doubt prepared for the worst, but his fuith in the ultimate coming of his comrades was sublime. 'They will come to-morrow,' he would say each night as the darkness settled about us, and deep down in my heart I firmly believed that to-morrow would never arrive.

"Thus the days moved along, each sun showing new difficulties that at its setting Gordon had managed to smooth over in a way that was simply marvelous; but each time I noticed that things looked worse, and it was only a question of how long it would be before certain matters came into conjunction and bore us asunder. What I most dreaded was a mutuny during one of the enemy's fierce assaults. Should a portion of our troops turn upon us, even the fierce ardor of the Bashi Bazouks, who remained

"My fears proved to be well grounded, as you shall soon see. It happened on the 26th day of January, and that should be a day of mourning for all time to case in England.

"Gorden came from his room that morning as cheerful as was his wont, and ready to meet the duties of the day, whatever Heaven might send him. The storm was gathering, but his presence had chased away the clouds so often that all of us had come to believe him as invincible.

"We knew the enemy was about to make a desperate assault, but we had hurled them back from the walls of Khartoon so often in bleeding masses, that we did not doubt our ability to do the same thing again, although ammuni-tion was beginning to grow scarce.

"I have since come to the conclusion that during the night of the 25th some arrangement had been made between our native troops and the sheiks who led the hordes of the Prophet, Certainly, the events of the day justified

"Gordon, as usual, assembled his leaders and harangued them. Up to now he had never once failed to impart some of his own enthusiasm to those in charge of his men, so that they went to their several stations inspired to fight like heroes in the cause of this mag-

netic man. "With wonder and uneasiness I saw that his words this morning appeared to fall upon deaf ears. The dark faces grew moody. As it happened, I was the only white man close by, though I could hear some of his officers giving

orders near the Governor's house. "One man threw the spark that exploded the whole magazine. He dared answer Gordon back and tell him it would be best to give up Khartoom while El Mahdi was willing to let them depart in peace, since the doom of the

city was a settled thing anyhow. "The general's face flamed up as he heard this cowardly plea. I can see him now as in seathing terms he rebuked the officer. The man hung his head. I expected to see him fall on his knees and beg for pardon. "My attention was drawn from him

for just a few seconds, while I swept my eyes around to see how the others were taking it. I found that they, too, scowled and looked ugly.

"Then I heard a shot just beside me.
With a horror I can't explain, I
whirled around to see the black devil of a traitor aiming a revolver, from the muzzle of which smoke still curled. General Gordon had his hand pressed to his heart, and I could see the blood trick-ling over his fingers. That sight will haunt me all my life. I who have seen many strange and terrible things in my

### DR. PIERCE'S **FAVORITE** PRESCRIPTION

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> hippgootami, and in a rage one of the monsters crushed our boat. It was in the night. I believe my poor Kassee must have fallen a victim to the savage beasts, for I saw him no more.

landed a mile down the stream. At break of day I pushed on. Fate threw me in with a native, who carried me as far as the First Cataract in his boat. Here I met an English hunter, a bold fellow, who, with some guides, had been up the river shooting river horses, as

he called the hippopotami.
"He was horrified at my news, and gladly gave me a place in his comfortable boat, after which we set out for Cairo, hundreds of miles away.

"All went well until we were about two days' run above the city, when a sudden squall took us unawares; the boat capsized, and I found myself wrecked again in the darkness.

"I spent weary hours clinging to the hatch which had somehow come under my hands. Several times boats came near me in the morning, but no one would take me off. They pretended not to hear me; in fact, I might as well have been a thousand miles away, for all they noticed me. You see, they have a dread of being held as witnesses, and. must be a legal inquiry, which will comfrom their work.

"As the day was passing, I felt I must leave my raft and try to gain the distant shore, where the railroad ran. unless soon rescued. Just then, this by. I called to the captain, telling him I was from Khartoom, with news of Gordon; he at once put about and came to my rescue. The rest you already know, friends."

Thus Mynheer Joe finishes his story. It has not taken a great while to tell the facts, but volumes could be filled with the details. He endeavors to contral himself when speaking of Gordon's death, but it is evident that event has made a powerful impression on the sturdy explorer, who so often has fought side by side with the Christian here.

(To be Continued.) A GOOD EXCUSE. Proprietor—How did you make the mistake of giving that gentleman vegetable soup when he ordered chick-en?

the river, we could light a fire, start up Waiter-Isthought the celery tops "There was something fascinating in it were feathers.

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Westman

Monday being a holiday there will be no issue of the Daily Planet.

The election returns will be received at the Planet office Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kelly, of Bothwell are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jas.

Wm. Morrison, Adelaide street, underwent an operation on his leg at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cherry, of To-ronto, are spending their holidays with Mrs. Cherry's parents, Dufferin

Geo Stephens is still confined to the but hopes to be able to be out

Sam. Joyce and John Bagnell came up from the lighthouse this morning, a distance of 18 miles, in one hour, on

L. Trembley drove up with a grist

on the river to-day from near the French church. He reports the ice solid and his team came along in great

The serial story now running in The

Planet, The Messenger From Khar-toum, is just beginning to get inter-esting. Don't miss reading it.

The Planet to-day contains an ex-

The Planet to-day contains an ex-cellent Christmas story by Miss Ellen Vavasour Noel. We would like to re-ceive more articles from local talent, but in each case they ought to be ac-companied by the author's name.

The Grand Trunk Express Killed

Donald Burke

Usually Ran Along The Other Line inquest Again Adjourned.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Christmas entertainment, given under the aupices of the Sunday school of Holy Trinity church, was held last evening in the lecture hall and proved a most enjoyable and largely attended presentation.

The rector, Rev. Robert A. Sims, presided over a delightful program, in which the little students of the school were prominent in their exquisite cantata, a very pleasing se-

school were prominent in their ex-quisite cantata, a very pleasing se-quel being the presentation, at the close, of two handsome pictures to the popular and energetic superin-tendent. John E. Johnston.

A GOOD IDEA.

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The dedication of the new Oddfellows' temple will take place about the first of March. It is suggested that a feature of the affair should be a Chatham old boys' reunion. This proposal will be discussed at the regular meeting of No. 29 on Tuesday evening next.

Donald McNish, ex-M. P. P. for West

Eigin, does not wish any protest in West Eigin.
Alfred Morrison, a New York pro-fessor of languages, shot his wife in

Pritchard.

house, but h on Monday.

an icerboat.

G w cornell

:::: Dentist Over Geo E. Young's Groom

HE PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 30, 10 a.m.—North to west winds; fine and continued cold. Decidedly cold to-day and to-morrow, with light snow falls in a few places.

Eat Richard's Bread, Fabio Romani at the Grand Monday

Thermometer just touched zero last

Edward Pritchard is visiting with friends in Bothwell. The inquest will be resumed at 6.30

this evening. Aiden Benedict's "Fabio Romani,"

Aiden Benedict's "Fabio Romani," which will be presented at the Grand Opera House, on Monday evening, is a play with a striong and stirring interest in it. Those who have read the book entitled "The Vendetta" will easily remember the pretext of the story. A deceived husband is buried alive, but escapes from the tomb, and returns in disguise to torture the unfaithful wife, killing her at the moment he makes himself known. The novel furnishes intense scenes which are ably interpreted by a strong company, the principal members being specially engaged for the characters assigned them. A special feature of the performance will be the introduction by Miss Grace Hunter of her celebrated Serpentine, Fire, Stereopticon and Spanish dances, in which specialties she is pronounced everywhere to be the best exponent travelling.

cents a bag. In the shed, the offerings of turkeys were quite large and and the quality was excellent. The market being heavily stocked, and combined with mild weather lest Saturday, made the Christmas sales slow. To-day, however, there was a fairly good supply of this holiday fowl, but the prices were considerably firmer, and all the offerings sold much more readily than a week ago, and the prices realized were better. The price ganged as high as \$2 down to 90 cents prices realized were better. The price ganged as high as \$2 down to 90 cents for the best birds. Other kinds of fowl were also offered in fair quantity and sold easily. Butter sold readily at 20 cents, but the supply being limited, the price showed upward tendency by 11 o'clock, and 22 cents was asked. Eggs were scarce, and all offerings were readily disposed of at from 19 to 20 cents.



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It will Undoubtedly be Fought Next Week.

Every Available Man Ordered To Support Buller at the Tugela,

London, Dec. 30 .- Two battalions of field artillery and an ammunition column, which arrived at Cape Town yesterday, were at once ordered to reinforce Gen. Buller. Every available man is being rushed to the Tugela and next week will see the greatest battle of the campaign. Buller will have 30,000 men, exclusive of 10,000 more cooped up in Ladysmith. Roberts is only 12 days' sail from Cape Town, and the feeling here is that Buller is going to finally lose or else win back his military reputation by a desperate fight.

The German steamer Bundesrath has been captured trying to enter Delagoa Bay. She had twenty-three Germans on board who wanted to join the Boers.

the Boers.

The Boers say that in a sortie at Mafeking 109 British were killed and wounded. The Boer loss was two killed and seven wounded.

Two thousand more infantry will land at Cape Town to-day, and next week 400 cavalry will arrive. These will complete the present reinforcements. ments.

Electors of the Township Raleigh.

Ladies and Gentlemen:-The condi tion of the roads making it impossible for many of you to attend nomination this year I take this opportunity of in-forming you that I am a candidate for the office of Reeve for the year 1900, and thanking you for many past favors I respectfully solicit your votes and in-fluence in the coming election to be held on New Year's day. Permit me to acquaint you with a few of the happenings of nomination day, some which I understand are being used against me in this campaign. I under stood my opponent to say they (meaning the council of 1899) did wrong in ling the council of 1899) did wrong in allowing us to put in report on the R. P. D. while they were so busy making out their reports. Had we not as good a right to put in our report as they had theirs. We did submit our report and it passed without discussion, and our account likewise, they asking no questions and not objecting to any our account likewise, they asking no questions and not objecting to anything in the accounts while we were there. After the account was passed and we were gone they then take our account and go very minutely into its merits and demerits and, lo and behold; they find an elephant with two legs, and oh, how their conscience burns then for passing it before this animal had been rubbed down. The fore leg is an item in the account where we enarged for being before the counsel. My opponent got up and said inquest Again Adjourned.

Inquest Again Adjourned.

The adjourned inquest into the death of Donald Burke was continued before Coroner Bray at the old town held last evening, a large number of the market on the square for the Saturday after Christmas was rather well attended considering the struck by the engine and killed. He would be to be combined with mild weather seal Saturday, made the Christmas sales slow. Today, however, there was a fairly good supply of this holding fowl, but the prices were considerably firmer, and all the offerings sold much more readily than a week ago, and the prices realized were better. The prices reanged as highly as 2 done to 90 cents. years and had never seen a commission-er get pay for making out a report be-fore. He surely never could have heard a by law read all the way through or else he was so very busy looking after the interest of his rate-payers he had not time to pay the at-tention it demanded in order to under-stand it thoroughly or he would not with rails was on the track which this train would otherwise have taken.
This may have misled the deceased to

payers he had not time to pay the attention it demanded in order to understand it thoroughly or he would not have said that.

I have been in the council a little longer than he has and I say and can prove from many by-laws that I never yet saw a committee put in a final report on a drain and not get pay for it. For proof I refer my learned friend to a late by-law where he was one of the committee himself viz., the Moody drain by-law. If he will just turn to the last part o' clause five he will read as follows: "And for the due performance of these and all duties of commissioners there shall be paid the sum of forty dollars." What is the forty dollars for? For the performance of all their duties, surely making out the report comes under the requirements of the by-law. Then why did they not get pay for their report and did not know it. In this case the committee got the bulk sum for performing the duties set forth in the by-law. I was appointed commissioner on the R P D by by-law at \$2 per day for every the duties set forth in the by-law. I was appointed commissioner on the R P D by by-law at \$2 per day for every day necessarily spent and I thought it quite necessary to make a report on a scheme so large as this is and to have that report as full as possible. And I drove over to Mr. Morrisoo's two days with that end in view and charged for those two days, \$2 for each day as set forth in the by-law which I consider a reasonable charge especially when fessor of languages, showing the mistake for a burglar.

Col. Hutchison, of Nashville, Tenn., has wired to Ottawa an offer of 200 men from his command, all veterans of Cuba and the Philippines, for South Africa. er a reasonable charge especially when you consider the number of years we had to go over to give an intelligent re-

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opponent has sat in the council all these years and received pay for making out his report and has voted your money to other commissioners. his report and has voted your money to other commissioners for making out their reports and did not know what the mobey was paid out for. Is there not danger of his paying out money where it should not go unknowingly? This is the man who is asking you to make him reeve of the township. Don't you think he needs a little more educayou think he needs a little more educa-tion along these lines first? I leave you to judge. Your obedient servant, N. H. SHEPLEY.

Major Stuart of B Company Writes to Major Kankin

Speaking Highly of the Chathan Members of the First Contingent.

This morning Major J. B. Rankin received the following communication from Cape Town, South Africa, from the pen of Major Duncan Stuart, capthe pen of Major Duncan Stuart, cap-tain of the Western Ontario company of the first Canadian contingent, in which the Chatham recruits are en-

S. Sardinian, off Coast of Africa, Nov. 21, '99.

Nov. 21, '99.

Dear Rankin,—I never had time to thank you for writing me, and haven't much now. I never worked so continuously in my life. I just want to say that all the Chatham boys are well and giving every satisfaction. Tell their people so, especially Mr. Donnegan, who I know is not well, and that I will look after them to the utmost.—Yours,

DUNCAN STUART. Major J. B. Rankin, Chatham, Ont.

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hursday morning in. 4th, at 9 o'clock the wholesale t price

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Wheat-Dec May. July.	691 692	69 <u>1</u> 70	691 691	694 70
Corn -Sept Dec May	324	327	324	32
Oats - Sept Dec May	237	233	238	23
Pork - Dec Jan May		10.10 10 45	10.07 10.40	10 10
Lard - Dec Jan May.,	5 62 5.82	5.65 5.82	5.62 5.80	5 6
Ribs-Oot Jam	5.50	5 55	5 50	5.5

### FILBURY.

Dec. 30.-Mrs. J. Balmer and daughter Marion, of Woodetock, arrive to-day to spend New Year's with the former's parents here, Mr. and Mrs.

J. Stewart.
C. G. Phillip's Company will give
"Uncle Tom's Cabin" here in Anderson hall on Monday evening, Jan. 1st.
W. A. Shaw was in Detroit yester-

The W. C. T. U. meets this after-moon at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Richardson. C. C. Kippen, of Windsor, is in

Or. Milligan is holidaying at his

bome in Toronto.

The evangelists, Crossley and Hunter, who passed through here yesterday en route for Minneapolis, were met at the station, by a host of friends, and they were kept busy for about ten minutes shaking hands

Miss Rice milling for Powell & Co.,

Miss Rice, milliner for Powell & Co., leaves to-day for her home in Ridgetown, having finished her season. She will resume charge again in the apring. spring.
At the annual meeting of the village Separate school supporters, E. Duteau. Alex. Campbell, Francis Dupuis were

QUARTERLY MEETING. Last hight Court Hope No 6244, A.O.

F., held their final quarterly meeting for this year. There was a large number present and a good deal of important business was disposed of. A vote of congratulation was tendered Bro. A. Weber upon his safe return from his recent very exciting ship-wreck. Bro. Weber gave the court a yery interesting account of the shipwreck from the time the tow line broke until the crew reached civilization.

resolution of condolence to Court Unity on the loss of their secretary, the late Chas. Sullivan, was passed. As there are nome of the members of this court going to South Africa with the second contingent it was decided to keep them good on the books while they are away. It was decided to give a social at home to the members and their families in the court room on Friday evening the 19th of January. All members should make it a point to be in attendance next Friday for the installation of the

BOOK BINDING.

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"The Ark" has a special ONE DOL LAR bargain window to-day. The Kraus- Conservatory of Music pens on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

For true economy in school matters vote for VonGunten in Ward Three. The board of health will hold their final meeting next Tuesday afternoon, Post office store to rent in the village of Port Alma. No opposition. Box C., Port Alma, Ont. 1w

The contractors will commence cuting the ice on the sedimentation basin next week,

Frank E. Schlenker, of Ridgetown, is spending his New Year's holidays with friends in the city.

Hazel and Georgie Fielder are spend-ing the holidays with their grand-mother, Mrs. Kiborn, at London. Vote for the People's Candidate for school trustee in Ward Three-Von-Gunten-who is pledged to no ring or

Wm. Hackett lost his purse yester-day, containing seven dollars. The finder will be rewarded by returning

t to this office. The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colonelcy of the Imperial Yeomanry, and has contributed £100 for the use of the organization.

The choir of the Park St. Methodist church will repeat to-morrow, by spe-cial request, the new Christmas anthems rendered last Sunday. The house of refuge committee of the county council, Commissioners Willson, Hickey, and the Warden, are

in session at Harrison Hall to-day. Miss Ida StC. Colles has made an engagement with Christ church as leading soprano, and will sing a solo with organ and violin accompaniments at the evening service to-morrow.

The number of members of the house of commons who have volunteered for the front threatens seriously to reduce the government's majority when parliament reassembles.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the ex-cellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Phone 181.

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The Rothschilds have donated \$2,000 to the Buckinghamshire volunteer fund. It is estimated that £200,000 will be contributed privately to vol-unteer funds throughout the country. Already the fund for the relief of the families of soldiers exceeds £500,-

When you mark your ballot for school trustee in Ward Three mark it for VonGunten and have equal rights for all schools.

John J. Beil, Mgr. of the Pearl Button Works, Rochester, N. Y., has re-turned to his home, after spending Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Arthur Dale, Lansdowne Ave.

Chief of Police Colhurst, of Bothwell, this morning brought in Wm. Taylor, charged with larceny. Taylor was recently released on suspended sentence for stealing apples.

Rev. F. Lee, of Ridgetown, has been appointed to the charge of Hespeler, recently separated from Preston. Mr. Lee's place at Ridgetown will be filled by Rev. F. M. Baldwin, who has recovered from his illness, and is able to resume regular work. to resume regular work.

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Mr. R. Victor Carter returns to this city on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, and will resume his class on Thursday, the 4th. resume his class on Thursday, the 4th. All intending to enter classes forming should make early application as same will be limited to a very small number of personal students. Mr. Carter's students have the great advantage of a full FREE course in harmony in connection with their piano work. These classes are only open to Mr. Carter's personal pupils.

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THE SLY DETECTIVE.

There was quite a generous attendance at the Grand last evening to witance at the Grand last evening to witness the presentation of a spirited comedy-drama by the Poole Comedy Company, a local organization of considerable merit. The young people composing the company made their initial bow to patrons of the Grand in the presentation of the Sly Detective, a sensational and decidedly thriffing play. Their work was really good and the audience was quite general company. thriffing play. Their work was really good and the audience was quite generous in its applause. Individual mention of the caste would perhaps be out of place, but the specialties were capital and very much enjoyed. The work of Comedians Alf. Wrigley and Tom Poole was especially popular. The company play in Ridgetown next week.

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London, Dec. 29.-The text of Col. Baden-Powell's proclamation to the burghers besieging Mafeking, the gist of which has already been cable burghers besieging Mafeking, the gist of which has already been cable comes from horenzo Marques. His assertions are calculated to surprise others besides the Boer General Snyman, who has already voiced the anger of the recipients. After asserting that the republics cannot hope for foreign intervention and pretending to relate the exact attitude of all the European powers, including Emper. William, who, the colonel said, "fully sympathizes with England," Baden-Powell makes the extraordinary statement, "that the American Baden-Towell makes the American ary statement, "that the American government has warned the others of her intention to side with England should any of them interfere."

FIGHTING AT MAFEKING. FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

Commandant Snyman reports as follows from Molopo:—On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, Maxims, and an armored train, not so persistently that there was furting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported as 55.

The other commandos report "all quiet," with the exception of the usual bombardment of Ladysmith.

Gen. Lucas Meyer has recovered and returned to the front.

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### A Story of Two

# Christmases.

There was a dull grey sky overhead, stretching gloomily across the calm waters of the St. Clair river. Its bank in this particular part of which I write, was a long stretch of lowlying land with few trees shading the smooth, wide road. A short distance from the river, almost hidden among cluster of fine old trees at a turn f the road, the gables of a quaint old brown house are visible.

Winter has been late in donning her Winter has been late in donning her white, icy mantle this year, for though it is the day before Christmas the grass is unusually green and the breeze soft and balmy as it flutters around two children sitting quietly on a low, moss grown log on the river bank. The eldest, a girl about eight, is anxiously scanning the river, her lovely dark eyes filled with an eager expectancy which has flushed her deexpectancy which has flushed her de-licate young cheek.

"Oh! he is coming; there is dear father at last. I'm so tired watching for him; Aren't you, Reggie!" She for him, Aren't you reggier she turns to her companion, a bright boy of five, who is playing with the pebbles, seeing how far he can throw into the water and weefully coming short of the mark in his efforts.

"So is I; and I'm drefful hungry, too," he answers, starting up and wav-

ing his cap towards an approaching boat which has turned around the bend in the river near them, and is being quickly rowed towards the bank by its solitary occupant, who, resting a moment on his oars, returns his little son's salute. A few moments later and he has housed his boat and, laden

with sundry packages, joins the chil-dren who fondly greet him.

"Well, father, did you see Santa Claus at the viliage, and tell him to be sure and come down our chimney to night ?"

"Yes, my boy; he is coming, so you and Irene hang up the biggest stock-

"All right." Reggie's chubby face beams with satisfaction. "I love San-ta Claus, He's the bestest man in all "Oh, father!" exclaims Irene, point-

ing to the brown house at the turn in the road, 'Do you think our chim-ney will be wide enough to get his Reggie's face falls as he looks up

anxiously at his father, who though his coat is only a frieze one, and his soft felt hat has seen good service, no one can fail to notice his aristocratic bearing and the dark beauty of his refined face, as he smiles fondly at the hittle fellow, saying: "Then he will have to leave his sleigh at the top and slide down."

"Father," Irene quietly eneeps closer to his side. "Mother is ill again."
Her father starts perceptibly. A cold numbness steals about his heart, which almost ceases beating as he

'Aunty said she was delirious and not know what she was saying, and sent us out on the beach to watch

He answers not a word, but the palfor of death creeps over his handsome face as hecries out silently. Again! Again! God of Heaven, all hope has

Wonderingly the children try to keep up with their parent's hasty steps, who, apparently deaf, dumb, and blind to all, strides on. Reggie's stout little legs fail him at length, and he piteously entreats his sister to wait for him, as his eyec fill with tears at his father's strange conduct. Irene's cheek is flushed and her breath comes quickly. Very willingly she slackens her pace and takes him lovingly by the hand, and they watch their father as he goes through the evening shadows to his house.

Entering the front garden, he opens the hall door quietly. Tall, strong man as he is, has hand trembles as he does so. A door near him is open. Someone in the room is talking and singing in muttered, indistinct tones It is a woman's voice. As he hears it a look of bitter disgust comes into his white face, and he smothers a curse beneath his brown moustache "Guy; where is Guy! I want him. the cry comes in shrill tones.

He goes quickly through the hal

into the kitchen, anywhere away from the sound of that voice calling him. He comes face to face with a stout, elderly woman on whose usually cheery countenance a dejected ex-pression is settled. As she sees him she cries out sorrowfully, "Oh, Guy; it is again the old story with her!"

"How! Where did she get it ".
His voice is calm, but it is the call ness of despair. A sob escapes her as she meets the look of utter misery she meets the look of utter misery in his dark eyes, and mentally she exclaims: "Poor fellow!" God pity him!" as she answers:: "I can't tell. We have been alone since you left for the village. She went upstairs to straighten things in that closet which we have not used for some time. When she came down, to my horror, Guy, I saw she wasn't herself. As she was rather wild I sent the chil-dren out of the house. Did you meet

them?" she anxiously inquires.
"Yes, Ann; poor, unfortunate children. See to them, for I must be alone?" He turns to leave the apartment. She calls datreatingly after him, "If you'd only go to her, Guy; it might quiet her."

him, "If you'd only go to her, Guy; it might quiet her."
"No; I wish I might never look upon her face again," he bitterly exclaims, as he passes from the room, going quickly up stairs to a small apartment at the top of the house, bolting himself in. It is almost bare of furniture, gloomy and cold, but he does not heed it. Throwing himself on a seat, sobs, such as are only on a seat, sobs, such as are only wrung from strong men in the hour of unutterable anguish, burst from him. The evening shadows creep away and the moon is lighting up the little chamber, still he sits there si-lent, motionless, his bent head buried s cold hands, his thoughts busy with the past, his ruined life by one mad act of his, when, in early years, he had married the handsome, ignorant, low-born daughter of his father's butler. The opposition of his aristo-oratic relations availed nothing. He gave up all, home, wealth, and friends, to wed the village beauty, Lizzie Norto wed the village beauty, Lizzie Nor-ton. Nine years have passed since then, years during which he has re-gretted bitterly that fatal act, for as time went by he discovered that the girl, for whom he had sacrificed his life in his mad infatuation, proved not colk an ill-tempered isolons woman. only an ill-tempered, jealous woman, but was constantly giving way to the rists,

His watchful care and passionate appeals were in vain. Who can express the untold misery Be endured? He, with his proud, refined, sensitive nature. Separated from his family, who looked with contemptuous anger on his marriage, he resolved to go away and bury himself in some strange land from all who had ever known him. So he crossed the ocean with his unfor-tuinate wife, two little children and a widowed sister of his wife s, who in love and pity for her young sister and her helpless babies, accompanied them

to their distant home.

God, and his own heart, alone, knew God, and his own heart, alone, knew what Guy Nevile suffered in that loaely brown house near the river. Life at times would have been unbearable were it not for his children. His wife had returned from an inebriate asylum a few weeks before, repentant and resolved to amend her life. Sister and husband, trembling with hope guarded and sustained her life. Sister and husband trembling with hope, guarded and sustained her in this, the last chance for her redemption, but my story shows how fruitless their efforts to save her from the miserable, debasing habit, for she had come across, in that disused closet, some inebriating dram hidden away by herself and forogeten. Numb with cold and misery, Guy Neville at length arises wearily and goes to the window ofthe little room. The moonlit river stretches calmly before him, the glorious stars look peacefully out of a cloudless heaven from the various houses near and far along the river bank, lights gleam,

along the river bank, lights gleam, telling, perhaps, of mirth and gladness in happy homes on this bright Christ-

mas eve.
Over thousands of miles of land, across the wide ocean, his thoughts fly, before his mental vision a stately hall arises on which that same moon will shed her light and gleam here and there through fine old trees in the park around. One face and form of his boyhood he yearns for to-night, in his boyhood he yearns for to-night, in hopeless sorrow. Does she ever think of him, the son who nearly broke her proud heart, an outcast from all once 

shriek is heard from the lower rooms. He rushes quickly from the apartment, down the stairs, with an unde fined terror filling his breast. On the way Irene calls to him, "Oh! father,

what's the matter?"
She stands at the door of the children's bedchamber. A sweet picture in her white drapery, her small hands outstretched, her dark eyes full of alarmed entreaty. Only a glance can he give the lovely vision, as he hurriedly exclaims: "My darling, shut the door and go

to bed! She obeys, sobbing quietly, her young heart filled with dread as she

thinks: "Oh! the trouble has come to us again, and we thought mamma would be well now. When auntie sent us to bed she said we couldn't see our dear father! What will he do, and all "Is it Christmas now, and Santa

Claus come, Irene?" Reggie asks in sleepy tones, as he sits up in his lit-tle bed and peers anxiously about.

"No, it's dark night yet. Santa Claus won't be here for hours." "I thought I heard his sleigh rattling down the chimney, and the bells ringing. Is my stocking all right; I

"Look over there near the chimney, Reggie. He turns and gazes in the direction indicated, where two immense black stockings, lent for the occasion by

aunty, are grimly suspended, await-ing the midnight visitor. "Yes; I remember now. Lots of things can fit in them. I must go to

sleep, 'cause he won't come if I don't, and that would be drefful."

\*Nestling down, he draws the clothes about his curly head so Santa Claus can't see him, he whispers to Irene, who, fondly kissing and tucking him snugly in his small bed, as she has seen aunty do, goes to her own couch, wondering why her father or aunt do not as usual, come to night, until wearied out, the troubled

onely child falls asieep.
It is Christmas morning, very early yet and stormy for it is snowing heav-ily. The wind blows cold and bleak from the river around the homestead of the Nevells. Reggie is the first to awake, as he sees the morning light coming dimly through the window a shout of delight that it is at last Christmas, springs from bed, and goes swiftly to the chimney, thrust-ing his hand eagerly into the stocking intended for him. It is empty, quite empty, and so is Irene's, which he next examines in breathless amaze-

Santa Claus never came! There's nothing in our stockings.
What shall I do; what shall I do!"
His bitter sobs of disappointment arouse his sister, whose wonder and grief is almost as great as his own at the sad fact that Santa Claus has forgotten to bring the nice presents he told father he would. "He is a bad old man, I would like

to kick him !" exclaims Reggie, in angry indignation.
"Oh! Reggie, don't say that; it's naughty," remonstrates Irene through

"Yes, I would, and hard, too, for he is just the baddest man in the "What will father say?" returned

"He will fight him like this," and the tures. little fellow doubled up his small fists

"He said he would be sure to come," mused Irene.
"He told a lie and the Devil will get him!" cried Reggie, with evident

satisfaction.
"I wish father or aunty would come to us, for the door is locked and we can't get out," exclaims his sister, who has attempted to leave the room. They had often before been locked in when their poor mamma was ill, as they were told. They feared, rather than loved, their unfortunate parent, of whom they saw very little, but Irene was old enough to perceive that all the trouble and sorrow in their home was caused by her, and her young heart hardened towards her wretched

mamma when she saw the distress of her father, whom she idolized. The light of the quiet Christmas morning shines cheerlessly into one of the lower apartments, where un-



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ly away during the night, and he sits alone, dazed, shocked, by the sudden-ness of the event which has freed him

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her to God's mercy and lay her in her quiet grave is all that is to be

He thinks of his children and, go-

ing to seek them, they are soon cling-ing about his neck, telling him of their bitter disappointment; and when he

sees their empty stockings remembers that it is Christmas morning, and sun-

dry packages come to his recollection

thrown aside in his despair the night before, which were to have made glad the hearts of his darling little ones.

It is a chilly evening towards the

end of the summer, damp and foggy, having rained all day. Around the fire in one of the cosy, luxurious apartments of Glynne Hall, a quaint, ivy-covered old mansion, situated in

one of the most picturesque parts of Devoushire, a family party are gath-

ered. On a low couch near the fire

a lady and little boy are seated. The child is showing his mother some pic-

tures, while she holds a piece of fancy work in her white, jewelled hands, but her gaze and thoughts are fur-

tively directed towards a handsome, elderly lady in widow's weeds, sitting

in an easy chair opposite, and a tall, slender young man who is earnestly perusing a letter. He folds it up presently, saying to the lady beside

"What a relief, mother, to know

that woman is dead; that the haunting fear of his bringing her here to be mistress need no longer trouble us."

have felt the disgrace of his marriage as time went on, when he would never

"Was he aware of father's death when he first wrote to you, and that

we were looking the world over for him?"

he longed to come home and bring his children if I would receive them."

"And you will be glad to see him, mother, if he comes?" questions her

"He must return, Chester, and take

his father's place now," she sadly answers, "and though in my bitter pride

and anger I sent him from me, I have often wept to think how he must have suffered for his madness through

these long years, and yearned

look once more on the face of my first born,—and the children, poor lit-tle things!"

Glynne?" inquires her daughter-in-law, from the other side of the fire,

her heart full of bitter envy towards

the absent heir and his family, for

she had hoped he might never be found

she had hoped he might never be found and that her husband would become Sir Chester Glynne. "Two, Guy writes. He called his daughter after me,"—a pleased smile flitting across her sad face as "she

think of the low-born mother !" ejacu-

lates Mrs. Chester Glynne, an expres-sion of scornful indignation resting on

her haughty and unprepossessing fea-

not thinking of what you are saying," remonstrates her husband, with an

angry frown.

"Oh, yes, I am, Chester, for such a disgraceful episode in the family record is not easily forgotten," she answers contemptuously, bent on paining her mother-in-law, with whom she

knows she is no favorite. "I am constantly in terror when walking about the grounds that some of your brother's wife's miserable relatives will meet and claim relationship with me."

Her husband is silent, through sheer

amazement and anger, but Lady Glynne replies with flushed cheeks and

something of her old haughtiness:
"Do not, I pray, be alarmed by the

fear of coming in contact with them any longer, for my son has no rela-tives here except those of his own fam-

"Are they all dead, too? How considerate of them, eh, Chester?"

He is too much annoyed to answer her, but, turning eagerly towards his mother, inquires, "Is that the case? I knew old Norton was gone, but there was, I think! a sister also?"

"Yes; but she accompanied them when they left home, and has decided to remain where they now are Gue.

to remain where they now are. Guy writes it is far better so, though he feels grateful to her for the children's

'Impertinence! Why, Sara, you are

epeaks.
"What impertinence, when

"How many are there, Lady

"He was not, but as she was dead

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something that will be of practical utility to the recipient, handsome in design and of the sort that will be sure of genuine appreciation. We have capedially for this season's trade, an excellent variety of Leather Uphola ered Easy Chairs, Couches and R cases, deep-seated and comfortable, trimmed in the latest style, with the best of springs and material used in their constitution. Our show recommended with the things that have that little touch of ortainality about them, so much to be desired in phoosing a New Years gift. Purchases made now can be set aside and

### McDonald Hugh

FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY.

Opp Garner House, Chathar

Far better so, to part from the light of her eyes, the little ones she has lov-ed and cared for since their infancy. Far better she kept from them so they may forget her, and all recoilection of their young lives be banished from their memory. So, martyr-like, the faithful aunt resolved to remain in the lonely, old brown house, brokenhearted, set willing to suffer for her darlings' sake, though never again to look upon their sweet faces. It is the only restitution she can make to them and their father for all they have suf-fered through their connection with her. Poor aunt! Your rare, unselfish devotion will surely meet its reward some day, when for you the sorrow of living is over. "Hark! the Herald Angels sing

Glory to the New Born King. Sweet and clear the ancient hymn thrills through the tastefully decor-ated church in the village of Glynne. It is the close of the early morning service. There are not many worship pers in the little edifice at that hour. One form we notice as he turns, to One form we notice as he turns to leave the crimson-lined, curtained pew, where for an age, as is tablets and monuments above it promises aim, the noble family of Glynne have a fitly reposed, screened from the vulgar gaze of the humble villagers, languidly confessing themselves miserable sinners, while their hearts swell with the pride of hearty rank and fortune and in of beauty, rank and fortune, and in their secret sonl, like the Pharisee of

old, they rejoice that they are not like other men. A monument recently erected to the nemory of Sir Guy Glynne stands out prominently, he pauses before it with gravε, sad face. It is Guy Neville's bandsome features, we see once more, now Sir Guy Neville Glynne come back to the land of his birth to find himself Lord of the Manor. The poor, lowborn wife sleeps is a foreign grave. Seemingly forgotten in his past folly. as his poble relatives and the surround

ing gentry welcome him home.
He turns presently and looks around the ancient sanctuary bright with its Christmas decorations. His gaze rests on the beautiful stained window in the chancel through which the sun is lighting up the form of the blessed Curist kneeling alone in the garden in the bour of His agony. How familiar it looks although the few faces around him are nearly all strange. He goes out into the frosty air and takes his solitary way through the little killage, until he passes into the grounds about Glynne Hall. The well known towers of Glynne Hall. The well-known towers of his old home stand proudly amid the picturesque beauty of the surrounding country, on that bright, glad morning Back to his memory rushes the remembrance of that hour spent in the little room at the top of the old gabled house, so far away by the river side, when in that dark hour, of his despain he looked out on the mornlit waters in that land of his lonely exile and yearning with passionate longing for the eight he was now gazing upon. That life was forever over but the in tense misery of it could never be utter ly effaced. He hasten his steps going up the wide terrace through the ancient portal into the spacious tessellated hall, with its antiquated winding staircase, and quaint-stained

windows. As in days of yore he seeks his mother's boudoir. She is there now stately as ever and retaining much of the beauty of face and form for which she was distinguished in earlier days.

He bends tenderly towards her and in
his clasping arms, she thanks Heaven
he has come back to her in her lonely
widowhood.

# Xmas Is Here

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Ladies' Gold Chains, Rings in endless variety. Just received a lot of mond and Op & Rings of the latest style. Solid Gold G in Rings for ! Silverware the cheapest in the city. Our pig a in Slippers is far helow anything ever offered before.

All are invited. Don't forget the Sign of

# The Big Clock

Presently hurrying footsteps in the and son enter the apartment, havin ? corridor are heard, with the sound of come to the Hall much against Mrs. oyous laughter. Lady Glyppe looks expectantly towards the door, ejaculating in pleased accents, "Here come the children, my son!" Sir Guy turns to greet his darlings, as they are ushered in by a trim waiting maid. What are those handsomely dressed, merry, little ones, the disappointed, tear-stained children whom we last saw, in that small, dim room across the last Christmas morning, because Santa Claus had forgotten them?

Yes, the same indeed, but this year he has not passed them by; for as they wish their father and newly found grandmother a "Merry Christmas," they tell of wonderful things the old gentleman has brought this time. gentleman has brought this time.

"Oh father!" cries Reggie excitedly, old Santa Claus has brought me, my stockings wouldn't hold them, and Irene got heaps too. I think he must be awful rich."

Ilis graudmother smiled amusedly at the little fellow's innocent delight, while her mental remark is, "Poor boy, what has his life been?"

Irene's soft dark eyes, so like his own, are raised to her father's:—
"I think I must bave heard the angels singing. It was pretty dark and angels singing. It was pretty dark and they woke me up, such beautiful singing about our Saviour and the King. I tried to open the window and look out to see them, but I couldn't. Oh! it was lovely, sweet singing!" Her father glauced at his mother. Her eyes were moist with tears which were very

near his own.
"I heard the angels singing too! exclaims Reggie, but in rather hesitating way. "Were they angels?" gravely queries Irene.
"No, my darling they were people from

the village singing carols or hymns for Christmas morning."
"They never used to sing to us," she answers musingly.
'Oh! cause there is no carols of

hymne in our home far, far away, cries her brother shaking his curly locks impressively, "I like England the bestest," and advancing timidly to her side with a winning smile, "My grandma too,"

The stately lady caught the beautitul boy to her bosom tenderly kissing him.
It is just at this moment that Sir

come to the Hall much against Mrs. Chester's wishes to spend Christmas. For the first time she looks on Si Guy's children, and her mental remar is "Why they are Glynnes! possessing the beauty of their father's pround race, instead of the common looking children I hoped to see." Lady Glynne was infatuated with them. She plainly saw, they would always come first to the exclusion of her own spoiled dar ling, and a bitter hate arose in he heart towards the unconscious childre Here we will say "Good bye" to E Guy and his little ones, whom we me. on the solitary beach of a Canadian river, leaving them in their home in Glypne Hall, baving portrayed the con-trast between two Christmases in their

A DRUGGIST'S FAITH.

What's Most Called for Must Be The Best Remedy.

druggist's testimony of the popu-A druggist's testimony of the popularity of a remedy is the strongest kind of a proof that it will do what it promises. Paul Livingood, druggist of Allentown, Pa., says: "Dr. Agnew's remedies have sold away beyond my expectations. You can quote me for saying that Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is the best seller for catarrh I have in the store. Many of my customers praise it highly." It is a great remedy and has a continental reports It is a great remedy and has a continental reputa-

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shine and Shadow on the Cradle of the Saviour.

ORY OF THE INCARNATION

age Takes His Text From What

hington, Dec. 24 .- The story of irnation is here told by Dr. ge in a new way, and practical made of these days of festiviext, Matthew i, 17, "So all the erations from Abraham to David 14 generations, and from David the carrying away into Babyare 14 generations, and from the away into Babylon unto

st are 14 generations."
om what many consider the dullnd most unimportant chapter of Testament I take my text "id it full of practical, startld eternal interest. This chap-he front door of the New Tesrough which all the splenangelism and apostolicity hree times 14 generations ken of in my text-that is,

nerations, reaching down all had relation to And at least 42 generations affect us. If they were good, el the result of the goodness. If were bad, we feel the results of wickedness. If some were good ne were bad, it is an interinfluence that puts its

hand upon us. And as we effect of at least 42 generapast we will in turn influence east 42 generations to come, if world shall last 1,000 years. So see the cradle is more important

the grave. dws upon the Christic cradle of chem and then the sunshine that ed in upon the pillow of straw. ice among the shadows on that int's hed that there was here and a specimen of dissolute ances-

Beautiful Ruth his ancestress? yes! Devout Asa one of his fathers? Oh, yes! Honest Johis father? Oh, yes! Holy Mary mother? Oh, yes! But in that ealogical table were idolatrous ad cruel Ammon and oppressive Rebboam and some men whose abomi-tions may not be particularized. you see bad men may have good One of the most conrated men I ever knew was the of a man who lived and died a sphemer. In the line of an opssive Rehoboam comes a gracious erciful and glorious Christ. encouragement for those who the 42 generations that prethem, however close by vever far back, some instances of nicious and baleful and corrupt

to my amazement I found in those rts of Australia to which many ars ago felons were transported om England that the percentage of me was less than in those parts of stralia originally settled by honmen and good women. Some who now on judicial benches in Ausia and in high governmental posions and leaders in social life are grandsons and granddaughters of n and women who were exiled in Great Britain to Australia for n and theft and assault and

and murder. ad by our ancestry we ought to patient with those who go wrong, emembering that they may be ictims of unhappy antecedents. How nient it ought to make us in our adgments of the fallen! Perhaps hey had 42 generations back of them shing them the wrong way. Five undred years before they were born here may have been a parentage of uity augmented by a corrupt parage 200 years ago. Do not blame man because he cannot swim up

rapids of Niagara. Do not blame ship captain because he cannot outgide a Caribbean whirlwind. The faof this man who does wrong hay have been all right and his moher all right, but away back in the centuries there may have started a bad propensity which he now feels ne of the Ten Commandments given n Mount Sinai recognizes the fact that evil may skip a generation, when the commandment speaks of visiting "the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and ourth generation," but says nothing about the second generation; and if evil may skip one generation why not two and three and four and five making a mighty leap ng very hard upon the head and the heart of some poor vic-tim? Better be a little merciful towards the culprit lest after awhile some hereditary evil born in the year having skipped the centuries, alight just as heavy upon

Another shadow on the Christic eradle was that it stood under a depraved king. Herod was at that time ruler and the complete impersonation of all depravities. It was an unfavorable time for innocence to

expect good treatment.
Historians say that it was at time of peace that Christ was born, but his birth aroused an antagonism of which the Bethlehem massacre was only a feeble expression. War of the mightiest nation of the earth opened against that cradle! The influence oxen challenged the iniquities of all the centuries and will not cease un il it has destroyed them. What a black and barbarian throne, practiany saying, "Slay all the babes un 2 years of age, and that wide include the ughter will surely of the one child that ens my dominion!" Awful time for the occupant of that If he escape the knife of the in, then the wild boast's paw bandit's clutch, or the

night chill between Bethlehem of Judaea and Cairo, will secure his destruction. All the powers of earth and all the demons of hell bombard-

ed that cradle. Another shadow upon that Christic cradle was the obscurity of the place of birth. Bethlehem was an obscure village. David, the shepherd boy, had been born there, but after he be came general and king he gave it no significance, I think never mentioning it but to ask for a drink of water out of the old well to which he used to go in childhood—the village so small and unimportant that it had to be separated in mind from other Bethlehem then existing and so was called Bethlehem of Judaea. There was a great capital of Jerusalem; there were the 15 beautiful cities on the beach of Galilee, any of them a good place to be born there were great towns famous at that time, but the nativity we day celebrate was in a village which Christ intimated had been called by some "the least among the princes of Juda." Christ himself was to make the town famous for all time and all eternity. So heroes in later days by their deeds have given celebrity neighborhoods that would never otherwise have been heard of beyond the radius of a few hundred miles. What a place for Christ to arrive at and to start from! The hero of the eternities!

O men and women of Messianic opportunity, why do you not make the place of your nativity memorable for your philanthropies—by the churches you build, the free libraries you open, the college you endow? Go bach to the village where you were born, as George Peabody went back to Danvers, Mass., and with your wealth bless the neighborhood where in childhood you played and near by where your father and mother sleep the last sleep. By some such charity invite the Bethlehem angels to come back again, and over the plain house of your nativity ring out the old anthem of "Good will to men." Christ, born in an obscure place, made it so widely known by his selfsacrifices and divine charity that all around the earth the village of Bethlehem has its name woven in garlands and chanted in

and built in houses of prayer.
It was while the peasant and his wife were on a visit for purposes of rollment that Jesus was born. The Bible translators got the wrong word when they said that Joseph and Mary had gone to Bethlehem to "taxed." People went no farther then to get taxed than they do now. The eaort of most people always has been to escape taxation. Besides that, these two humble folk had nothing to tax. The man's turban that protected his head from the sun was not worth taxing; the woman's sandals which kept her feet from being cut by the limestone rock, of which Bethlehem is mostly made up, were not worth taxing. No; the fact is that a proclamation had been made by the emperor that all the people between Great Britain and Parthia and of those lands included should go to some appointed place and give their names in, be registered and announce their loyalty to the Roman emperor. During that patri-otic and loyal visit the first cry. of the Divine Boy was heard.

They had walked 80 miles over a rough road to give in their names in palaces! take the oath of allegiance. Would we walk 80 miles to announce our allegiance to our King, Jesus? Caesar Augustus wanted to know by the record on which that man and that woman wrote their names, or had them written, how many people in his empire he

could depend on in case of exigency. In all our churches there are so many half and half disciples, so many one-third espousers. They rather think the Bible is true, at any rate parts of it, and they hope that somehow Christianity will disenthrall the nations. They stay away from church on communion days and hope when they have lived as long as they can in this world they can somehow sneak into heaven. Oh, give in your names! Be registered on the church record down here and in the Lamb's Book of Life up there. Let all the world know where you stand, if you have to go as far as Joseph Mary walked, if you have to go 80 miles before you find just the right form of worship and just the right creed, start in this modern December, as those villagers started in an ancient December, and amid the con-gratulations of church militant and church triumphant give in your It was while Joseph and Mary were on a visit of duty and obeying a reasonable command Augustus that the star Emperor

pointed to the place of nativity. Another gleam of sunshine striking through the shadows above that Christic cradle was the fact of a special divine protection. Herod was determined upon the child's destruction. The monster put all his wits together in stratagem for the stopping of that young life just started.
He dramatized piety. He suddenly
got religious. He would leave his
palace and take chariot and have steeds whipped up so that he could kneel at that cradle. We have to smile at what the imperial vil'ain said when he ordered, "Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him bring me word, that I may go and worship him also." All the detectives he sent out failed in the search. cannot reasonably account for that unhurt cradle except on the theory of a special divine protection. And most cradles are likewise defended. Can you understand why so many children, with all the epidemics that assail them and all their climbing to dangerous heights and all their perilous experiments with explosives and running against horses' hoofs and daring of trolleys and carts fast driven, yet somehow get through, especially boys of high spirit and that are going to amount to much? I account for their coming through all right, with only a few and bruises, by the fact that they are divinely protected. All your charges of "Don't do this" and "Don't go there" seem to amount to nothing.

They are the same reckless creatures

about whom you are constantly anxious and wondering what is the

matter now. Divinely protected!

The most of your children would have been dead long ago but for that, Another gleam of light scattering some of the gloom of that Christic pillow in Bethlehem was the fact that it was the starting place of the most wonderful of all careers. Looking at Christ's life from mere world-ly standpoints, it was amazingly beyond all capacity of pen or tongue or canvas to express. Without taking a year's curriculum in any college or even a day at any school, yet say-ing things that the mightiest intellects of subsequent days have quoted and tried to expound. Great literary works have for the most part been the result of much elaboration. Edmund Burke rewrote the conclusion of his speech against Warren Hastings 16 times. Lord Brougham rewrote his speech in behalf of Queen Caroline 20 times, but the sermon on the mount seemed extemporaneous. Christ was eloquent without ever having studied one of the laws of oratory. He was the greatest orator that ever lived. It was not an eloquence Demosthenic or Ciceronic or like that of Jean Baptiste Massillon or like that which William Wirt, himself a great orator, was overcome with in log cabin meeting houses of Virginia when the blind preacher cried out in his sermon, "Socrates died like a philosopher, but Jesus Christ died like a God.

Christ's oratory was unlike anything that went before or came af-Even the criticism of the world "Never man spake like this" Dramatic? Why he took up a child out of the audience and set him on a table and by the embarrassed look of the child taught humility. He sent the prosecutors of a poor, sinful woman, blushing and confounded, out of the room by one sentence of sarcasm. Notice his power of emphasis and enunciation when he revealed himself after his resurrection by the peculiar way he pronounced the one word "Mary." His power of look shown by the way Peter, the great apostle, wilted under it. The book says, "The Lord turned and looked upon Peter." It was an omnipotent facial expression.

His power of hyperbole: A camel trying to crowd its hump through the eye of a sewing woman's needle and all that learned talk about a gate called the "needle's eye," only belittling the hyperbole. Power of sarcasm: The hypocrite styled by him the whole who need not a physician." His power of peroration: The crashing of the timbers of the poorly built house on the beach of the Mediterranean. Power to take advantage of circumstances: When an auditor asked him whether they ought to pay taxes to Caesar, Christ practically said, "If any gentleman in this audience has in his pocket a Roman penny, I wish he would just hand it up to me." And someone handed him a penny, and then came the overwhelming answer of Christ, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

So I have shown you the shadows and the sunshine of that Christic cradle of Bethlehem. In these Christmas times I realize that there are many cradles under shadows. the story of empty cradles all up and down the earth, in cabins and There are standing garrets or in storerooms cradles that will never rock again. "Rachel mouring for her children and will not be comforted because they are not. But through all the shadows break gleams of sunshine, as the clouds of the Christic cradle were cleft by glorious light. Escaped from struggles through which we have all passed and must yet pass, those lit-tle ones took heaven at one bound. Instead of an earthly career it is a heavenly career, with capacities, with velocities, with opportunities beyond our comprehension. Instead of celebrating on earth the Saviour's birth they stand in the Saviour's Instead of the holiday celebrations of the old homestead it is to them eternal jubilee at a table where the angels of God are the cupbearers and amid the festivities that resound with a laughter and a music and blaze with a brilliance and a glory "that eye hath not see nor ear heard." No use in wishing them a merry Christmas, for the merriments of heaven ring out upon them from temples that are always open, amid pleasures that never die. Oh, it is not a dull heaven, but a lively heaven, for there are so many children there! They throng streets; they look out of the "House of Many Mansions;" they stand on the beach to see the fleets cast anchor within the vale; they crowd the gates with greetings when the old folks come in; they clap their hands in an eternal gladness; they dance in

an eternal glee. See you not the sunshine that pours into the shadows of that cradle until they are all gone? But the shadows have their uses. There must be a background to every good picture. Turner always put at least one fleck of cloud of his canvas, and the clouds of earth will be the background to bring out more mightily the brightness of heaven.
And will it not be glor ous if after all this scene of earthly vicissitude we meet again in our Father's house and talk over the past in an ever lasting holiday. But meanwhile look out for the cradles. How much they decide for this world and the next! When Christ was born at Bethlehem that decided the redemption of the world. Oh, look out for the cradles! May a Bethlehem star of hope point down to each one of them and every hovering cloud be filled with chant-

ing angels of mercy. Just Like Boys. You may see young gar-fish play-

ing a game of leap-frog, just as you have seen the big boys at it.

A floating hawk's-bill turtle just now is the under boy, and again and again the gar-fish leap over him.
Sometimes in the game the gar-fish lands squarely on the sleeper's back, when the indignant turtle takes a long breath and dashes away, scat-tering the various little fishes that have assembled to see the fun. If you have ever had an aquarium

be sure and have some gar-fish in it and the turtle, and you can see the

sport for yourselves.

AN XMAS ACCIDEST

Little Willie was having a splen-did time. Sitting up in bed, he was licking the yellow paint off a jumping Jack, that Santa Claus, with a care-Jack, that Santa Claus, with a care-less disregard of the rules of hygiene, had left at the foot of the bed for him It was just daylight, and at the rate Willie was travelling it was quite possible he would need a Dodd's Bys-pepsia Tablet before breakfast. He certainly would if he persevered with his intention of licking all the color off his Naoh's ark after he had finish-ed his immoing Jack.

off his Naoh's ark after he had thushed his jumping Jack.
Willie was not particularly fond of yellow paint; in fact he was rather impartial as to color. But he did enjoy paint of some kind, if only the harmless red stuff on the back of his mother's hand mirror.

There was one thing Willie couldn't stand, however—rattles. Egad, give him no rattles! There was no taste to 'em. He liked a good rich, brown—

stand, however—rattles. Egad, give him no rattles! There was no taste to 'em. He liked a good rich, brown paint like they put on wooden horses, or a dark Paris green. It was a lucky thing for Willie that his mother always kept Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets in the house.

This jumping Jack, however, was new. It was of a good rich yellow, thick and oily. It was beginning to creep across Willie's mind that he

low, thick and oily. It was beginning to creep across Willie's mind that he couldn't quite grasp the flavor. It was a little beyond him. As a matter of simple fact, the jumping Jack was too strong for Willie. He was getting sick before he had finished the job and in urgent need of a Dodd's Dyspensia. Tablet already.

Dyspepsia Tablet already.
Willie feet deeply humiliated. Besides that he felt a peculiar and deidedly unpleasant sensation in his little stomach. So coming to the con-clusion that the jumping Jack was a snare and a fraud, little Willie raised

share and a fraud, fittle whis voice and bawled lustily.

Of course there was a great to do. His mother said it was his father's fault—the poor, precious, innocent lamb—and incoherent works to that effect. However, Willie's digestive was strong, and a couple of bystem was strong, and a couple of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets had him all right by dinner time.



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## TINY TIM.

How many of us have spent a de-licious hour with Dickens' little "Tiny Tim." He pleased us because he was for ever helping, or ready to help

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POR ALDERMEN. To the Flectors of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen I again solicit your vote and influence for alderman. Circumstances prevent a personal canvas, which I trust will not influence your support.

O. G. FLEMING.

To the Flectors of the City of Chat-

Ladies and Gentlemen: As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

JOHN HENDERSHOTT. To the Electors of the City of Chat

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for alderman for 1900, and beg to solicit your vote and

Faithfully yours, W. E. McKEOUGH. To the Electors of Chatham

adies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the council for the ensuing year and shall be pleased to have your vote and influ-ence. Wishing you the compliments of the season. I remain, Yours truly. GEO. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Year, I remain.
Your obedient servant,
A. B. McCOIG. To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen: I again solicit your vote and influ-ance for one of the aldermen for the ence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900, As I. will be out of the city during the incoming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New

Respectfully yours. To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am again a candidate for alderman for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for your vote and influence, I wish you all the compliments of the season. I am,

Yours respectfully, W. S. MARSHALL

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FOR ALDERMAN 1900

POR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence respect-fully solicited for public school trus-

WM. ROBERTSON. To the Electors of Ward No 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

ALEX. GREGORY.

To the Electors of Wards No 2 Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for re-election as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall es-teem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain, ladies and gentlemen.

ladies and gentlemen, Your obedient servant. J. A. WILSON. To the Electors of Ward No. 3

Ladies and Gentlemen I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No 3 Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of rate-payers, I am a candidate for the po-sition of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence. Yours sincerely, ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen: Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School
Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Re-

and ANDREW THOMSON.

To the Flectors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen: Your vote and influence is respect-fully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for School Trustee for your ward and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ANDREW J. PIKE.

To the Electors of Ward 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for School Trustee for No. 5 JOHN E. JOHNSTON.

To the Electors of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having consented to enter the arena of municipal politics, I respectfully request your support and influence.

JIM McCORMICK.

To the Flectors of the Township

of Harwich. Ladies and Gentlemen: Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the position of Reevee for the Township of Harwich for the coming year, I therefore solicit your votes and influence in my behalf, to secure my election. Thanking you for past honors, if elected I will endeavor t oguard your interests to the very best of my ability. Believe me to be yours very truly.

E. B. TOLIS.

The Wabash Ry. System For Christmas

and New Years Round trip tickets will be sold for single first class fare and one-third, good going Dec. 22d, 23d, 4th and 5th, returning December 27th, and good going December 27th, and good going Dec. 30th, 31st and Jan. turning Jan. 3rd, 1900; for single fare good going Dec. 23rd, 4th and 5th, returning Dec. 26th, and good going Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 2nd, 1900. Tickets at fare and one-third for the round trip will also be sold Louis, Chicago, and all points in Cen-

tral Passenger Association, good going Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31st, and Jan. 1st, returning Jan'y 2nd, 1900. Stu-dents tickets can also be obtained by W. E. Rispin,

CANADIAN PACIFIC

115 King Street, Chatham

NEW YEAR'S RATES

Beturn tickets will be sold as follows GENERAL PUBLIC Single First Class Fare, going Dec. 30, 31, 1899, Jan. 1, 1930; returning until Jan 2, 1900. Single First Class Fare and Che-third, going Dec. 29, 30 and 31, 1899, and Jan. 1 1900; returning until Jan. 3, 1900.

TEACHERS and STUDENTS (On surrouder of Certificate signed by pri On surroader of Certaincase signatures of persons of the First Class Fare and One Third, going Dec. 9 to 31, 1899; returning until Jan 17, 1900.

B. tween all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor and Fast, to and from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Det.olt, Mich.; and to, but NOT FROM Suspension Bridge, N. Y., and Buffalo, N. Y.

A. H. NOTMAM, A. G. P. A., 1 King St., East, Toronto W. H. HARPER, City Pass. Agt.

# GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

New Year Holidays

Single First-Class Pare, ood going Dec. 30th and 31st, 1899, Jan. 1st, 19 valid to return until Jan. 2nd, 1900, Single Pirst Class Pare and One-Third Good going D.c. 29th, 30th and 3ist, 1899, and Jan.
1st, 1990, valid to return until Jan. 3rd, 1940,
B. tween all Stati, as in Canada on Urand Trunk
Railway System.
From Grand Trunk Stations in Canada to Detroit

and Pt. Huron.
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NOT FROM Enffalo, Plack Rock, Niagara Falls and
Suapension Brid. e, N. Y. CHRISTMAS SCHOOL VACATION Single First Class Fare and One-Taird, (on sur reader of Certificate) from tree, 9th to 31st inclu-sive, valid to return until Jan, 17th, 1900.

CONTERCIAL TRAVELLERS DISTRICT—Between retations in Camada only. Single First-Class Fare on presentation of 'ertificate, Dec. 13th to 25th, 1899, inclusive, valid i return until Jan, 3rd, 1940.

Tickets and a l in ormation from Agents Grand Truns Ralway System. Apply to W. E. RISPIN, C. P. A. 115 King St., Chacham. M. C. DICKSON,
District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

# It's like Eating at Home

To take a Meal at Somerville's Restaurant Menu and Service the best Appetizing Oysters and Lunches.

Wm. Somerville PHONE 36. Next Standard Bank.

**Dover Taxes** 

The collector of Dover, for Division 2 and 3, will be at the Montana House, every Saturday until Jacus y to receive taxes and give receipts for the same.

H. N. BECHARD!

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# If You Are One Of The Few

Who don't know that you can save money on everything in Shoes and Rubbers and all footwear by trading at this store. There never was a better time to find it out than now Our store is full of convincers to be seen every day, if you haven't yet examined our stock there is a pleasure in store for you. We are sellers o the J. D. King. King quality \$3 00 kshoes, in hal, and button, sure fitters

The Boston Shoe House

# Campbel

# BENNETT **SELLS**

Table Raisins, Table Figs

Xmas M xed and

Cream Candies TELEPHONE 212,

# Triangle Block

NEW G. T. R. COACHES.

Five flore New and Modernly Built Cars Added to the Rolling Stock.

The Grand Trunk have added an other lot of five bandsomely built first-class coaches to their already up-to-date equipment. Already during the past year some fifty of these mcd-ern cars have been built and placed in service, taking the place of some of the older coaches, and these new cars have been greatly admired by all who see them. Everything that science, excen do has been brought into requisition to make these new creations perfect in every detail, and great credit is reflected on the Grand Trunk shops at Point St. Charles, where the present lot of cars were turned out. In completeness of detail, artistic workmanship, appoint ments and finish, they surpass any-thing of their kind yet built in America, and, in fact, it would be hard to

equal them in the world. The new cars form part of what is known as the 800 series, and are of the wide veetibale order, 68 feet long, with four wheeled trucks, making the riding of the cars easy, and with the least possible jolting effect. The cars are equipped with Westinghouse quick action triple brakes and air signals. A special feature of the cars is the peculiar construction of the platform, which is built of steel, and an adjustable covering is arranged over the steps. making the whole platform a vestibule. By this means dust is excluded, and perfect safety to passen-gers on the platform is assured. The vestibule is also lighted with a power-ful light, which though unusual is a

most convenient appointment. e total weight of these coaches is 72,100 pound each, and they have each a seating capacity for 72 passengers. There are 20 windows on each side of the cars, figished on the outside and inside in Gothic architecture in oak and mahogany combination. The in-teriors are finished in quartered oak and are extremely handsome. The seats are Grand Trunk standard reversible pattern, upholstered in crimson plush. The other trimmings are of exquisite designs in bronze. A large and comfortable smoking room with a seating capacity for eight passengers is provided where the lovers of the fragrant weed can enjoy their smoke with luxurious ease and comfort. The saloons are fitted with the latest devices to make them as near perfection as possible. The aisles of the cars are carpeted with Brussels, and linoleum covers the floor in the compartment. The closets are self flushing and separate lavatories are provided for ladies. The cars are heated by steam, and the ventilating arrangements are ample and satisfac-tory. The tout ensemble of these hand-some couches is one of elegance and everything about them wears an air of ease and comfort.

# GEORGE AND GRIM

They Spend Chi I mas Together in the Northern Woods.

n Interesting and Chatty Letter From an Old Friend George C. Renkin

To the Planet .- One of the condi-

tions in life in which one will perforce seek the occupation of writing for occupation's sake, is to be alone in these woods, clothed in the silent stillness of their winter garb, with no other domestic companion within three miles of one than a cat—albeit, a very of one than a cat—albeit, a very clever, fawn colored, handsome, aristocratic looking cat, whose name in full is "Grim Logic." He was given me last winter as a New Year s present at a time when he was in the callow state of half grown cathood, and I was sick almost unto death. I therefore called him "Grim," and "Grim" consequently may be regarded as his Christian name, while his sobriquet of "Logic" is his surname and was earned after the manner of the knights errant of old in their wars of extermination and because he has reextermination and because he has re-peatedly shown that he can reason within himself from cause to effect as well as any other knight errant. Late one night last summer I heard him jumping about playing or scuffling with something in the lean-to shed at the rear of this cabin, and on going out to see what the row was about, I found that he was playing with a half BURNESS CONTRACTOR found that he was playing with a half grown rabit which was just in the last throes of death. I took it away from him and gave him a saucer of milk, which out here in the bush is a great luxury to him. Since then he has caught two more rabbits and at least a dozen red squirrels and chipmunks and one weasel (a thing I never heard of being caught by a cat before) and everyone of these he has brought to me with an expectant look as if he or being caught by a cat between and everyone of these he has brought to me with an expectant look as if he would say: "See here; what are you going to give me for this?" Of course I always trade with him by taking the animal away from him and giving him something that he'll eat or drink in lieu of it, and make a point of congratulating him upon his provess and perspicacity. But notwithstanding all this cleverness on the part of Mr. Grim Logic, he can't talk English, and that is rather a drawback to his partner who wouldn't mind at this particular moment hailing any fellow that might happen along with a that might happen along with a "Merry Xmas" and "A Happy New Year," who could answer back in any kind of vernacular to the same ef-fect. Just as this particular moment Master Grim is in an abnormal state of excitement, as indeed he has been all morning, and to such an obtrusive ex-tent that he's been several times "scatted" back to his chair and cushscatted back to his characteristic beside the kitchen stove. This is due to the fact that, he knows quite as well as his bipedal partner does that we're going to have roast partridge for dinner, and if there's anything he likes better than anything else in his little world, it is roast partridge with brown gravy and bread sauce.

ABOUT ELECTRIC ROADS.

But Father of Time! I didn't intend when I began this missive, to inflict upon you any reference to the cares and panates of this primitive isolated household or the clever eccentricities of its picturesque fawn colored 'enfant gate." I suppose my doing so, however, may be ascribed to the fact that a gregarious biped with the faculty of recollection should not e found alone in an Algoma bush on Xmas day with a fawn colored cat as his sole companion if he would not be maudlin and gushingly communicaive on paper.
The truth is I want to

something about the Chatham City and Suburban Electric Railway project and my desire to do so is chiefly prompted by an item which appeared in The Planet of the 30th ult, announcing the return of Mayor Smith from Buffalo, whither he had gone to negotiate "with empiralists for gone to negotiate "with capitalists for the construction of a radial electric road in this (Kent) county." But, I see on looking over the item again that the Mayor is credited with saying that he had arranged with the afore-said capitalists that they were not to broach the subject to the city until after next year's council is elected, and this being the case, I think the suggestion I have to make looking to the construction of the proposed railway had perhaps better remain in railway had perhaps better remain in abeyance until after the new council is installed in office. Meanwhile, beg to observe that when Mayor Smith beg to observe that when Mayor Smith says, as he is further credited with saying in the item referred to, "These capitalists will look into the project thoroughly and if they can see any prospect of making a fair interest on their investment after the road is well actablished they will undertake well established, they will undertake it,' he is simply fetching coals to Newcastle in making such an announce-ment. Because he need not have gone beyond the limits of his own city to have found the sort of genus cap talist,-(a universally common one)-who would build the road if they could but be convinced that when it was built it could be operated with sufficient profit to ensure a fair return up on the investment. I respectfully submit that my own lamentably abortive efforts of two years ago to bring about a combination of conditions such as would lead to the carrying out of the enterprise amply proved this both as to local capitalists and several other more conspicuous one foreign to the city. However, before going further into the subject of the railway and offering the suggestion I have to make, as I said before, I shall wait until the new council is astalled in office for 1900. IN A FAMOUS TRIP.

In the meantime-at this momen I am sadly reminded of the finale of

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In the meantime—at this moment—I am sadly reminded of the finale of my experience as a railway promoter at 'Chatham, and the work of super-erogation of mine enemies in sending Chief Young all the (way up here into these woods in midwinter to escort me down to give evidence which in the most solemn way I had assured the press, the public and the lawyers on both sides of the prosecution of Ald. Blight, I did not have to give. It was all very humiliating, but under the existing circumstances could not have terminated otherwise than as it did—the discomfiture of the bitter little people who sent the chief here on his abortive and withal perilous journey, One of the funny incidents of this famous journey was that The Planet, the Banner, and the Toronto Globe gave somewhat highly colored, not to say

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER.

# BAKING

Highest Honors, World's Fair Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair Avoid Baking Powders containing alum. They are injurious to health

exaggerated, accounts of the perils and hair-breadth escapes the chief was likely to encounter in the trackless snow and frost-bound region which aspersion upon its colonization roads and the winter hospitality of its climate so incensed the people of Sault Ste. Marie, that, headed by Mayor Biggings, (who as editor of The Pioneer, for forty years, has been ever watchful of Algoma's interests) they held a public indignation meeting at which resolutions were vehemently passed, denouncing the yellow" methods of journalism, practiced by The Globe and the Chatham papers respecting Algoma's propitious climate. And then the town's fire engine was resuscitated, the hose stretched and the pump set a-going to show that resuscitated, the hose stretched and the rump set a going to show that even at that inclement period of the "inverted year" water was still available as a fluid. If any of the representatives of the culprit papers had happened along about that time they would have unquestionably gotten a cold bath and wet reception—and I doubt not that if I as the primary, albeit innocent cause of all the bothdoubt not that if I as the primary, albeit innocent, cause of all the bother, had appeared upon the scene, they'd have pumped upon me, too. Altogether, the wind-up of my experience incidental to Chief Young's "perilous" journey to this hyperborgean region, as the late Col. Prince was anything but wont to call it, was anything but pleasant.

PROSPECTS BRIGHTENING. It was annihilating, and following It was annihilating, and following, as it did, the sometime cessation of work upon the mine, I'm interested in in this neighborhood, I was left seriously crippled and well nigh hors de combat. But my position is improving, thanks to the infinite mercy of Almighty God, and I have hopes for the future, as who should not who properly reveres and believes in the auspiciousness of this blessed Xmas day as an institution? Between the two disastrous experiences referred to my then condition is suggestive of a my then condition is suggestive of a story I heard of a certain Irish dra goon in the present lamentable Boer war. His especial comrade had been wounded and taken to the hospital, and he was asked how he was getting on. "Well, sor," he replied, "he have two wounds. Wan ov thim is fatal, but he'll recover all right from the

other wan, sor."
My Chatham wound was fatal, but
I think I'll recover all right with the
promising and healing one I have
here. Meanwhile, in due course, I
hope to be enabled to give The Planet ther wan, sor. an occasional resume of the mining operations and the new copper deposit discoveries in this part of New On-

Till then I beg to wish the whole Planet staff and any other Chatham-ite who may read this letter, "A Merry Xmas, and a prosperous New

GEO. C. RANKIN. Gordon Lake, Ontario,

Xmas Day, 1899.

HOWIE-TAYLOR.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Howie and Walter Hulme (Jim) Taylor, two of and waiter Hume (Jim) Taylor, two of Chatham favorites, was celebrated at the residence of W. C. Baxter, 21st Ave., Bensonburst, New York, at six o'clock on Wednesday evening, Dec 27th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Wellwood, of the church of the Holy Spirit. The bride looked sweet in a travelling gove of dark blue. in a travelling gown of dark blue broadcloth carrying a beautiful bouquet of pink and white roses, while the groom looked his genial self. The wedding was a very pretty one but quist, only a few of the old Chatham friends of the couple being present.
After the wedding supper Mr. and
Mrs. Taylor left amidst the usual
shower of rice and good wishes for shower of rice and good wishes for Philadelphia, Washington and other points. The following Chathamites were present:—Mrs. Marentette, Mrs. and Miss Garrett, Miss Pegley, Miss Monck, Miss Baxter, Gerald Pegley, Torrence Pegley, Mr. Monck and Rev. and Mrs. Wellwood, of New York.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Week of Prayer, now generally observed by the churches everywhere, commences Monday, January the 8th. The services here will be as follows:— Monday—Holy Trinity Schoolhouse; subject, The Necessity and Value of Prayer; speakers, Revs. Dr. McColl and R. McCosh.

Tuesday-Park St. Methodist Church Schoolhouse; subject, The Christian in the World; speakers, Revs. F. H. Lar-kin and Robt. Sims. Wednesday—St. Andrew's Church

Schoolhouse; subject, The Relation of the Holy Spirit to Church Work; speakers, Revs. H. W. Locke and Dr. Hannon. Thursday-Christ Church School

house; subject, Preparation for Service; speakers, Revs. Dr. Battisby and J. J. Ross.

Friday—First Presbyterian Church Schoolhouse; Bible Society Meeting; speakers, Revs. Dr. Hannon and Robt. Sims. A collection will be taken up at this meeting on behalf of the Bible

### HARWICH--TAX NOTICE

I will be at Geo. Stephens store, Chatham on Saturday Dec. 30th, and January 13ch, from 9 a.m. to 3 p. m. to receive taxes. WILBER J. HUFFMAN,

Ask for Min a s and take no other.

# BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Mayor Peter Haggart and wife are visiting in Brantford.

W. H. McIntosh, of Comber, is Blenheim visiting friends. Miss Lettie Gibson, of Windsor, is

visiting Mrs. Stephenson. Ray Bill, of Chatham, is visiting John McCullough, Blenheim. Mrs. J. M. Gardiner had a large social gathering on Christmas day.

John Glassford, of Chatham, was in Blenheim Thursday and Friday. Miss Rena Langford, Kent Bridge, is visiting her brother, Dr. Langford.

Mrs. Jas. Springstein, who recently returned from the Public General Hos-pital, is doing well. Mrs. J. W. Gibson, wife of Town Clerk Gibson, is spending a few days

in Florence. Miss Josie Sterling and Harvey Hildreth were married by the Rev. Mr. McLaren this week.

Miss Lois Vester returned to De troit to-day, after spending Christ-mas with her father.

Chas. Kitchen and his two daughters, of Chatham, spent Christmas with J. Kitchen, of this town. G. N. Babcock, the popular drug-

gist; entertained a number of friends at his pleasant residence last evening. Geo. Breeze is selling out his stock of household effects and will remove to Colorado, where he will engage in

Mrs. W. H. Stevenson entertained a few friends Thursday evening, in hon-or of her guest, Miss Lettie Gibson, of Windsor.

Miss Gertie Johnson has returned from Goschen, Ind.1 where she has been teaching singing in the public

Arch. Samson reports that the Blen-heim merchants all claim that they did an excellent business last week and were highly pleased.

John Bond, of the Old Street, was in Blenheim yesterday. Mr. Bond is still weak, but is recovering nicely from his attack of appendicitis. The Bell Telephone Co. have completed their new line down the principal street. All the old poles have been replaced with new ones, quite high.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

Miss Ethel Newsom, of Detroit, who has been visiting her father, went to Wardsville to-day to spend a few days before returning to the City of the

The whole town is talking of a sensational case in which a Chatham man wanted to ay an information against a prominent Blenheimite for alleged breach of promise. Learoyd Bros., who have been dis-

posing of a bankrupt stock in Blen-neim for the past three or four months, are going to move to an east-ern town shortly. Miss Lena Newsom, who has been

wisiting her father, started for her home in Cookshire, Que., to-day. Miss Newsome will spend a few days in Baker and Confectioner J. M. Gard

iner reports business good tast week On Saturday there was a regular bread famine, and by four o'clock it was impossible to get a loaf in town. Sandy Robinson, who recently returned from the Klondike, broken down in health, is slightly improved. Dr. Story thinks that the Blenheim air will soon make Mr. Robinson his old self again.

The Blenheim Masonic lodge had an enjoyable supper at Pickering's res-taurant last Wednesday evening. The I. O. F. will hold their supper at the same place next Wednesday night, and the Maccabees will also hold theirs at Mr. Pickering's establishment a weel from Monday.

The public library board met on Thursday evening. There were pres-ent Chairman A. Denholm, R. M. Thompson, Frank McLean, George M. Baird and C. L. VonGunten. "A number of accounts were passed and the books recently purchased were order-paid, to the amount of \$200.

Will Beeston has received a letter from his friend, Frank C. Powell, for merly in the employ of Drs. Holmes & McKeough, Chatham. Mr. Powell is in Dawson City and reports that his health is excellent. He is in the employ of Orr & Tukey, freight contrac-tors, and receives \$5 a day and his

Librarian Deacon is highly gratified with the increase made this year in the number of books in the Library. "We have a fine line of new books," said Mr. Deacon yesterday, "and these, with our present excellent range of valuable works, makes one of the best reading rooms in this part of the county. Some of the new books addcounty. Some of the new books added are, Social England, Napoleon the Third, by Archibald Forbes, Lowell's complete works, West African Studies, by Mary Kingsley, Life of Nelson, by Capt. Mahun, and The United Kingdom, by Goldwin Smith. These are only a few of the books, but they show the high class of literature read in Blenheim. The public library contains, besides a wide range of fiction, biography and history, all the latest and best magazines and papers, and the institution is a credit to Blenheim.

the institution is a credit to Blenheim.

All the municipal officers of Blenheim went in by acclamation, so that there is no contest. The great question, however, which is agitating the electors is, whether there is to be a night watchman or no night watchman. The business men are universally anxious to have a nocturnal constable, and the electors will be asked what they wish on New Year's day. One citizen, speaking on the question, said: "The travelling public are surprised when they come to Blenheim to find that a town its size has no night watchman. It is a matter of some wonder to them to find that so many are opposed to the best interests of the town. A few public-spirited townsmen paid the watchman out of their own pockets this year. The merchants need a watchman to protect their business interests, and in

Miss Otley McGregor is somewhat better.

R. L. Gosnell, P. M., was in Chatham yesterday.

Mayor Peter Haggart and wife are visiting in Brantford.

There is no change in the condition of W. R. Fellows, sr.

W. H. McIntosh, of Comber, is in Blenheim visiting friends.

patrol was shown one night this week.
A young fellow went into the livery
stable of Tom McCallum in the McGregor block. He was in a badly confused state and filled the stove with fused state and filled the stove with blankets, harness, etc. The night watchman detected the odor of burning wool. He notified the proprietor, who went down and put out the blaze just in time to avert a disastrous conflagration. The merchants, who pay the heaviest part of the taxes, feel that they should reap some benefit from what they pay. The great majority of those opposed to the payment of the night watchman by the town are not tax-payers, and it seems hard that the merchants should be saddled with the bulk of the taxes, and also with the merchants should be saddled with the bulk of the taxes, and also have to pay the night watchman. However, the people of Blenheim will themselves have the say on New Year's day, and they will no doubt give a good majority for the night watchman."

LADIES OF THE HOME MEET.

The ladies of the Home met Friday afternoon at the usual hour. It being the last meeting for this year, many extra accounts had to be settled. The ladies present were:—Mesdames Stevens, Ferguson, Gardiner, Fleming, Tisaman, Tyhurst and Misses McColl, Kingston and Kran

The ladies, who visited the Home, found everything on and about the place in good order. The inmates enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner prepared by the worthy matron, Miss

The following accounts were ordered

-: Lisq Ward 1-W. Weaver \$1. Ward 1.—W. Weaver \$1.
Ward\$2.—Edgar Putman \$2 75.
Ward 2.—Edgar Putman \$12 45.
Ward 2.—Mr. Dunlop \$1.
Ward 2.—J. H. Bogart \$2.25.
Ward 4.—W. F. Cornish \$6.60.
Ward 5.—James Paul \$6.
Wards 1 and 5.—Wood account, F.

Johnston \$5.75. Ward 2-Mr. Reddick \$1.50. Ward 3 and 4-Chas. Badgley \$6 Ward 4-R. Suider \$4.25. It was moved and carried that the same draymen continue the work for the year 1900.

Home accounts. G W Cowan \$1. T H Taylor & Co. 80 cents. Mr Marquand \$1. E R Snuck \$16.25.
Public General crospital \$12.50.
George Stevens \$37.17.
Water rates \$12.50.

Meefer \$1. Central Drug Store 40c. 1 C Wanless \$2 63. Milk account \$3 D. Gorrie, \$5.

Christmas Cheer Disbursement. J McConnell \$5 72. Edgar Putman 50 cents. W F Cornish \$6 95. Mrs Graves \$5.60. Fred Wood \$10 75.

No. 2 and 3 wards-Respectively \$6.50 and \$4 50. Two burials \$19 Re passes G. T. R. \$5.85. Several kind friends have made

Xmas donations to the Home.

Ladies who were appointed to visit the Home for January: - Mesdames, Scane, Gardiner, Fleming, McDonald. Investigating committee :- Mesdame

Stevens, Ferguson, Ball. The regular rountine business being transacted the meeting broke up with greetings and good wishes to all for the New Year.

# SUNDAY SERVICES

Hours of Service.

First Presbyterian—11 a.m.; 7 p.m. Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m. St. Andrew's—11 a.m.; 7 p.m. Holy Trinity—11 a.m.; 7 p.m. St. Joseph's, R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30, Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 a.m.; 7 p.m. Park St. Methodist—11 a.m.; 7 p.m. Park St. Methodist—11 a.m.; 7 p.m. Seventh Day Adventists—3 and 7. Seventh Day Adventists-3 and 7. Latter Day Saints—7 p.m. Campbell A.M.E.—11 a.m.; 7.45 p.m. First Baptist—11 a.m.; 7.30 p.m.

Unuren Notes. Park St. Methodist pulpit will be oc-cupied by the pastor in the morning and Rev. Vern Thompson in the even-

Rev. R. McCosh, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to morrow.

Young People's Church and S. S. Society of Christ church meets every Monday night at 7.45. Divine service is held in Christ church every Wednesday evening at half-past seven.

Rev. F. H. Larkin will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow. Sunday school and Mr. Rankin's Bible class at 3 in the afternoon.

The pulpit of Victoria Ave. Methodist church will be occupied to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Locke.
Rev. J. J. Ross will preach on both occasions in William St. Baptist church to-morrow, and teach his Bible class in the effective of the control of the cont

High mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's church at midnight to-mor-

Watch meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church to-morrow evening, beginning at 10.45, There will be three or four speakers, and the public are cordially invited. Morning and

evening services as usual. The music at the First Presbyteria church to-morrow will be the same as that rendered last Sunday, with the exception that instead of the solo sung by Miss Edna Martin Mrs. Coop-er will sing "Judith."

# ABOUT SALARI

The Recent Increase Was Just and Right.

Mr. Wilson Qives Some Fact Figures Concerning the

To The Planet .-- A great dex been said about the high pay teachers of our schools during the two weeks occasioned by the actithe trustees in raising the salacertain of the teachers of the (
School. The argument of exosolaries seems to be the sole r trade of the candidates who posing those trustees who vote slight but just and fair raise salaries of the teachers in 9 whom I will name:-

First, Miss Green, the dis-of the kindergarten, who former ceived the sum of \$400 a yea about the e years ago on acco the smallness of the class aldropped to \$300 with the disti surance from the mover and softhe motion that if her class of the motion that if her class a respectable number in the they would just as willingly her former salary. She not class averaging 60 with 7 which is as large as is posto teach, and the board her salary to its former figure carrying out the promises of th

Then with regard to Miss an Miss Thompson who are both ing fourth book classes: The of their salaries to \$500 each amount paid to all teachers fourth book class in the past same as Miss Abram, of school, has had for years for

We will now take up the sala principal of the model school. We paying him \$850 up to two year when certain members of the thought he should not receive than the principal of the Mc school and reduced his salary to the thought he was the control of the Mc school and reduced his salary to the control of the Mc schoo But the trustees who voted for duction were not willing to gi principal of the model school any for his superior qualifications n for his position as teacher of the class which requires special c tion in order that he may fill

Now the county and the gover Now the county and the gover anticipate that model school tewho must be high up in the profshall be paid more than the a
principal of the public schools each gives a grant to model sch
as follows: The government of
tario, \$150; the county in which
school is held, \$150. Then we
from each pupil in attendance
From this we raised the sum of
last year, making a total of
From this amount we paid an a
ant \$175, and we added to the light From this amount we paid an a ant \$175, and we added to the lives say \$50, and pay for the jamin making a total of, \$235 ou fund, thus leaving us \$280 w. board has used from year to ye school purposes. Now, if we ha model school we would not secure cent of the foregoing grants and a libary positied out that the grant have pointed out that the gran given for the express purpose ing the principal of the model se an extra salary. New, if we a this \$280 to the salary of the prin of the school it just gost the cit the past two years. \$320 per years. as salary, and by paying meeting of the board, he will cosity \$610, while the principal Keough school costs the city \$6-

In the following list, taken from report of the minister of educativity will be found the salaries paid to day model school masters in cities towns similar to Chatham, which, sidering the number in class and grants and fees received, will me Chatham appear very small indeed. have no doubt everyone giving matter any serious thought will clude that the trustees, in making small increase were only doing w is just and right between ratepa and teacher.

A COMPARISON. Hamilton, teachers in traini government grant and fees, \$42 ary of principal, \$1,300.
Brantford, 7, \$333, \$1,275.
London, 34, \$470, \$1,200.
Plantagenet, 18, \$390, \$1,20
Berlin, 10, \$350, \$1,150. Berlin, 10, \$350, \$1,150.
Toronto, 39, \$495, \$1,150.
Kingston, 36, \$480, \$1,100
Galt, 13, \$365, \$1,000.
Gann noque, 12, \$60, \$1.
Lindsay, 36, \$49, \$1,000.
Oven Sound, \$4, \$430, \$4.
Perth, 34, \$470, \$1,000.
Port Hope, 15, \$375, \$1,000.
Prescott, 25, \$425, \$1,000.
St. Thomas, 16, \$380, \$1,000. St. Thomas, 16, \$380 Stratford, 33, \$465, \$ Collingwood, 10, \$350 Collingwood, 10, \$350, \$950.

Sarnia, 15, \$375, \$950.

Whitby, 7, \$335, \$950.

Barrie, 20, \$400, \$900.

Cornwall, 33, \$465, \$900.

Goderich, 25, \$425, \$900,

Ingersoll, 6, \$330 \$900.

Toronto Junction, 24, \$426, \$900.

Windsor, 22, \$410, \$900.

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