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The season of Advent had draw tice exaltation of soul which the
Christian religion ammually nourrshes in its acherente finds lits fulifimen and reward in the birth of that In
ant for whose coming Time and Hu manity were solong consumed with he Holy Church has been putting efore us day by clay the most sub
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ime of the blith of Christ. There
outhing in the tragedy of Sophocle nothing in the tragedy of Sophocles
or Shakspeare so grantiose, so stern-
y true and solemn, so heart-gripping y true and solemn, so heart-gripping hese weeks the Church unroils the ceaning of the Old Testament from
the Creation to the Nativity. Like the Greak choragus she accompanies
the prophets and the singers with her own inteppretation and comment. It and significant, yet intinitely simple
for it is the first time that history
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SERVICES.
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into ever fewer a and deeper
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the immemorial wrong and injustice of the world, all the stonyhear yedineee and stifnneckedness, the ingratitude
and the treachierg, the vanity and the
waywandness, tall Waywandness, Lall awwa from the
stage, and in their place moves out
the central The central figure of Humanity-its
Teacher and its Lawgiver, its Liberator, ito Reconciler.
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withhn the soul of man, the Enternal Within the soul of man, the External
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Christ. Here is a trllogy worthy
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that Jeas a Cheacher and a Lámgiver the Eterinal Hather. Ho to ue b of Himeels Ho is rent, eo Ho himselt, but is called by one choon
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mouth of the Most High, reachest ram end urto end, and disposest all
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come and teach us the way of pru-
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d shed thy rays upon those seated in darkness, even in
adow of death, O Adonai didst appear unto. Moses in the Burre
ing Bush, come and redeem us in the strength of the anne."
mn the fuliness of time He came, a divine and incomprogensible ta
He filled the world with His teachin First and only one of mankind, Ho ing. Anself as perfect as His beach-
ing. Anve to His new and perfect law its firmest support in the
commientary of His-own life and
death death. In His law there is nothing
imperfect, confuspd, false, sensual and
narrow as in the law of Bahomet: nothing fundamentally immoral as
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ike sign-posts, directive; the holy Law saves us, and makes us what in and our Lawgiver, the desired of Na-
tions, their Saviour, come and save us, o Lord our God!"
COMMUNION WITH MANKind. The true teacher must feel with and
or đisciples. And so, when Christ on Adam and Eve, He entered into tho most intimate relations wfth $\mathrm{H}_{u}$
manity. Most men are poor, un appy, pitiable; it is only the few who are otherwise, nor is their lot a cen
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and whip of poverty and sorrow; He
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## BANK OF OTTTAWA

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

| The thirty-first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Ottawa, was held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1905, in the Bank. Among those present weres Messrs.'J. Raberts Allam, A. O. Anderson, H. N. Bate, Newell Bate, Hon. George Bryson, A. H. Edwarde, H. K. Egan, John B. Fraser, Rev. Thomas Garrett, George Hay, W. D. LeSueur, David Maclaren, D. Murphy, John L. Murphy, Gearge H. Pearley M.P., Colin Rankin (Mattawa), Neil S. Robertson (Amiprior), John Christie, w. C. Hughson C. E. Russell, Sheriff Sweetland, F. G. Wait, J. G. Whyte. <br> Moved by Mr. Gearge H. Perley, M.i., seconded by Mr. Henry K. K. Egan: "That the Prestdent take the ohair, and the General Manager be requested to act as Secretary." <br> The Chairman then asked the Secretary to read the <br> REPORT OF MHE DIRECTORS. <br> The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Thirty-first Annual Report, showing the requit of the business fof the Bank for the year ended 30th November, 1905, together with Balance Sheet to that date. The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account on the 30th <br> Nolvember, 1904, was ..... ............... ......... ..... ............ <br> Net profits for the year onding 30th'November, 1905, after deducting expenses of managemeert, and roaking necessary provision for interast due to depositors, unearned interest on current discounts, and for all bad and doubtlul debts ... .. 360,18757 |
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Branches of the Bank have been opened during the year at Stoughton, Saskatchewan, and at the following points in Ontario: Ottawa, corner Bank street and Gladstone avenue; Toronto, corner Gerrard street and
Broadview avenue; Chesterville, Martintown, Richmoni, Peterborough, and Broadview avenue; Chesterville, Martintown, Richmond, Pettorborough, and
a suboffice to Virden, Manitoba, has been opened at Leertore. It is the ina suboffice to Vírien, Manitoba, has been opened at Lererore. In is the at
tention of the Directors to open a branch at Routean, Saskathewan, at an early date, and arrangements are, also being made for the establish-
ment of an office at Powassan, Ontario, to be, for the present, under the management of the Manager at Norti Bay. At the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders in 1902 authority was
given to increase the Capital Stock by $\$ 1,000,000$ of which $\$ 500,000$ was issued in February, 1903, and your Directors have thought it advisable to issue the remaining $\$ 500,000$ at a premium of 100 per cent.
The usual inspections of the offices of the Bank have been made during
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CEORCE BURN, General Manager.
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of the Board, Mr. George Hay was olected President, and Mr. David Macof the Board, Mr. Geo
Laren, Vice-President.


## Presents That Please


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