

Florenceville.

Christmas—May its suggestiveness, its fostering and stimulating of human thoughtfulness, sympathy, kindness and goodwill last. Again we have cause to be grateful for its beneficent visit. Again have we been reminded of the place the child holds in the world, its wonderful influence: again it has been brought home to us that the Christ child came to uplift ennobled and enrich childhood; Again, has it been illustrated that the child spirit, "the spirit that is easily pleased, that loves and gives pleasure" is the Christmas spirit. What a good spirit to foster, cherish and continue throughout the year! Again have been brought to our notice the eager, self-denying, successful seekers of the Christ, the dismay and trouble of the selfish practices of sin, the indifference of the many, the fact of its being possible to know the letter of the gospel and yet not thrill with the thought of its blessings for one's self. We have seen the adoration and gift giving to the greatest gift Giver. Again have we received the reminder that it is not the size of a place that gives it importance, but the character and personality of the boys and the girls it produces, fosters trains for local living, or for sending forth into the world's arenas of thought, action, influence, enterprise.

Again has the season visited us that suspends the stern spirit of competition and substitutes therefore the spirit of affection, kindness and brotherhood. We have been led again to look beneath the stress hardened surface of humanity, and had revealed to us the beautiful hidden working of the hearts, the fountain of human kindness has been again revealed, and we have another proof that the Creator whose essence is love, has made man in His own image, enstamping the love element in human nature. Again the advent and mission of the Christ have called for our reverent thoughtful contemplation and our better nature has been stirred, and we feel the new inspiration to pray that, that kingdom of peace, love, ennoblement, enterprise, progress and uplifting influence may come progress and exert its wholesome leavening influence in the world.

Mr. Manuel had a large congregation on the 26th at Greenfield. Preaching from Luke 2:10 "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." He graphically depicted with a few rapid touches that gliding sleighs, the merrily ringing bells, the special throngs at big railway stations, connected with the observance of the anniversary of the Saviour's birth. Jesus came as a Worker of Righteousness, a Revealer of God, a Representative of Progress, a Conveyor of Comfort, Cheer and Help. Wise is it for us to willingly obey His yearning command, "Follow me."

The McCain Christmas reunion was held at Samuel McCain's. There were about fifty present, among whom was the Presbyterian student. Speeches, recitations, readings and music enriched the program. Jas. McCain received the experiences of twenty-five years recalling the causes for thankfulness in the unity that had held the families together, and noted that during the years they had stood for the same church, the same political party, the conservative from their point of view, the best representative of wholesome politics and had stood for liberty.

John V. Kearney referred with appreciation to the inviolable bond of brotherly union that had prevailed. Mr. Manuel spoke of its being a new experience to him to be present at such a gathering as this and rendered his fitting tribute to the features of the evening.

Miss Jennie Kilpatrick gave a recitation and a reading.

Allison McCain and daughter rendered a duet.

Mrs. Scott McCain rendered Tennyson's poem, Lady Clara Vere de Vere. How fitting for Christmas are the words contained:

How'er it be, it seems to me,
This only noble to be good.

"Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."
and these:

Oh! teach the orphan boy to read,
Oh! teach the orphan girl to sew,
Pray heaven for a human heart
And let the foolish yeoman go.

The reply was given by Mrs. C. H. Kilpatrick. The cementing influence of these family re-unions is incalculable.

Charles Boyer, has the contract for carrying the Florenceville mail for 1910.

Earl and Fred Ross are home for vacation.

Fenwick Waugh is home from Green River for the Christmas visit. He returns Tuesday. He says there are seventy-five camps in the Green River section.

Mrs. T. A. McCain has returned from the Woodstock Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hagerman were at Glassville for Christmas.

Mrs. Hayward and Miss Alveretta Estabrooks go to Rockland for a month-or-two sojourn.

Gordon Thompson has gone away for two months and a half to Moncton and elsewhere.

Mr. Johnson Thompson has been appointed as leader of the Bible Class at Greenfield for a time, and Principal Tuttle as Supt., and Bible Class teacher at East Florenceville.

Miss Edith Haughn leaves today (Monday) for a visit to Woodstock.

W. W. Jewett, wife and son spent Christmas at F. McNally's Beechwood.

Hedley Jewett leaves on Tuesday, the 28th for a short business visit to St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Taylor had Christmas dinner at the home of their son, Howard, at Connell.

Mrs. Jas. Peters and family spent Christmas at the home of Jas. Jones, Bath.

Miss Muriel McCain is home from Acadia College, Wolfville, on vacation.

Holland Estey, wife and family spent Christmas at Furguson McCain's.

Mrs. Fred Kilpatrick is home on a visit to Central Norton.

Mr. Manuel leaves today (Monday) for a visit to York County, and returns on Friday.

Miss Frances Kinney, teacher at Debec, and her brother, Burton, teacher at Benton, are home for vacation.

The speech re tuberculosis given by Rev. Hunter Boyd at the Teachers' Institute, Woodstock, in its constructive character is wholesome in its suggestiveness as to the best method of fighting evil and establishing good. It is not the mere destructive critic that is the real agent of blessing, but the one who suggests something good to replace or defeat the evil. It requires little brain power or intelligence to find fault. It requires insight and thought to suggest remedies. But the one who furnishes helpful suggestiveness is the one who is needed in all lines of physical, social, moral and religious reform. A man was once railing against the Bible. One who heard him advised him to suggest a desirable substitute. "O, I'm no Architect," he replied. What an encouraging augury for future it is that there are so many of the historical Biblical critics of today wholesomely constructive, seizers and appliers of the substance.

Governor Fraser, of N. S., in his speech at Woodstock, emphasizing the importance of home and work to produce successful lives, and Clarence McKinnon, Principal of Halifax Presbyterian College in his recent article in the Presbyterian Witness of Halifax, on Maritime men found in the mines and on the ranches of the west, cutting down the monarchs of the forest in the Rockies, guiding the plough over the soil of the prairies, managing the increases of finance, or guiding and controlling the destinies of Universities, and showing the place in the training of these men that work and intelligence have had give wholesome words. The people who rejoice at the presence of "another scholar in the lan," and who conscientiously work and aim to make home life moral, religious, thrifty, industrious and elevatingly social, and those who value work intelligently as one of the best character training agencies in operation—these are the true patriots of Canada or any other country and the contributors to the substance and stamina of the national life, truly worthy of appreciation.

The Christmas missionary programme at the Baptist church came off very nicely, notwithstanding the storm. A fair attendance. The parts were rendered well by the participants. It was remarked by the pastor that it was worth driving ten miles to be present. The principal part of programme was "The Prince of Peace." Songs and recitations bearing on this theme. The proceeds were missions. The programme is as follows:—

- Voluntary.....Mozart
- Chorus:—No. 1, "We Bring you Glad Tidings." by Pastor
- Scripture reading.....by Pastor
- Prayer.....
- Duet:—"Sometime Somewhere," Miss Eva and Edith McCain.
- Scripture exercise.....by these young ladies
- Song:—"Welcome, welcome," by the Children
- Address.....by Pastor
- Duet and Chorus:—"The Angels Song," No. 18
- Song:—"When Christ the Lord was Born," by Children
- Recitation:—"Christmas Bells," Katie Haughn
- Solo and Chorus:—"Share With the Poor," Annie Thompson
- Recitation:—"The True Christmas Spirit," Nita Gallupe
- Solo and obligate Quartette:—"Give to the Poor"
- Recitation:—"O Day of Exultation," Jennie Chapman
- Chorus:—"The Christ Child Born," by Children
- Recitation:—"The Christmas Star," Annie Thompson
- Solo:—"Little Ones of Bethlehem," Jean Charlton
- Recitation:—"The Prince and King is Born," Katie Thompson
- Solo and Chorus:—"The Prince of Peace," No. 4
- Recitation:—"Unawares," Edith Haughn
- Solo and Trio:—"No Room in The Inn"
- Chorus:—"Hark the Bells are Ringing," No. 7
- Reading:—"The Journey of The Wise Men," Miss Ethel Thompson
- Solo:—"Jesus Lover of My Soul," Miss Estabrooks
- Recitation.....by Ella Colwell
- Chorus:—"Lovely Star," No. 16
- Reading:—"Mrs. Pickett Missionary Box," Mrs. Charlton
- Offering—(Song)—"Only Pennies"
- Closing Anthem:—"Glory to God in The Highest"
- Benediction.

There Are Others.

A big-hearted Irish politician in a Western city had just left a theatre one night when he was approached by a beggar, who said: "Heaven bless your bright, benevolent face! A little charity, sir, for a poor cripple." The politician gave the man some coins, saying: "And how are you crippled, old man?" "Financially, sir," answered the beggar, as he made off. Patience—You ought to just see her in her new hat! It improves her looks immensely. Patrice—Oh, is it one of those things that entirely hides the face?

Ex-President Zelaya Takes His Departure.

Managua, Dec. 25—Jose Santos Zelaya, the ex-president of Nicaragua, has taken himself out of the country and is now aboard the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero, bound for Salina Cruz.

Under the cover of darkness Thursday morning, Zelaya, accompanied by a heavily armed guard, proceeded to Corinto in which port the Mexican warship had been lying for several days close beside the United States protected cruiser Albany. Other American warships swung at anchor in the harbor with marines aboard, lazily awaiting instructions.

Zelaya's coming was unheralded, but a guard from the Guerrero received him and soon he was safe under the protection of the Mexican flag. At five o'clock in the afternoon, the warships weighed anchor and pointed out to sea. A salute of thirteen guns was fired from the shore, and hundreds of officers and citizens waved the former dictator a farewell from the beach. Zelaya stood alone and waved back in answer. He uncovered when abreast of the Albany, but the American cruiser made no response. Then he turned again towards the shore, gazing until out of sight.

Shortly before the arrival of Zelaya at Corinto, the United States gunboat Princeton got up steam and proceeded for San Juan del Sur. The rumor spread that the Princeton intended to watch the movements of the Mexican gunboat, but she proceeded directly down the coast and her arrival at her destination was later reported, greatly relieving the anxiety of the Zelaya adherents.

Zelaya was entertained at luncheon at Corinto, by the commandant of the port, whose guests included the Mexican minister and the officers of the General Guerrero.

Devastating Floods.

Portland, Me., Dec. 26.—Driven by the blizzard that swept the Maine coast to-day the highest tide in the history of the state virtually culminating in a tidal wave this noon flooded Portland's commercial water front, washed away a score of small buildings set adrift anywhere from 75 to a hundred crafts, small and large, and was responsible for at least four narrow escapes from death. A rough estimate places the damage at \$100,000 at the least. Not only Portland proper, but the many summer resort islands in Casco Bay which are annually visited by hundreds of Canadians were devastated, and at Trefethens Landing Peaks Island one hundred feet of wharf was torn away.

The water to-night stands three feet deep in the cellars of Portland's big water front commercial houses, and the damage to stock is great. The police station was flooded, and the prisoners driven from their cells to the second storey.

Deeds, Mortgages, Bills of Sale Capias, Summons and Execution Blanks for sale at the Dispatch Office

NOTICE.

THE ELECTION OF MAYOR

AND TOWN COUNCILLORS

For the Town of Woodstock, will be held on Monday, the 17th Day of January next, At the following places:

Polling Places for District No. One.
All ratepayers whose surnames commence with any letter of the alphabet from A to Z, both inclusive, who reside in District Number One, comprising Kings and Queens Wards, shall vote at or near the Council Chamber in the Town Hall, up stairs.

Polling Places for District No. Two.
All ratepayers whose surnames commence with any letter of the alphabet from M to Z, both inclusive, who reside in said District Number One, shall vote at or near the office of the Town Marshal in the Town Hall, down stairs.

Nomination of Candidates for Mayor and Councillors.
Nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councillors shall be filed with the Town Clerk at the Council Chamber, in the said Town of Woodstock, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and the hour of twelve of the clock noon, of THURSDAY, the THIRTEENTH day of JANUARY next. Blank nomination papers can be had on application at the office of the Town Clerk. Dated this Twentieth day of December, A. D., 1909. J. C. HARTLEY, Town Clerk.

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