MODERN CHARITY.

It Demands That Tramps Should Not be Fed at the Door.

They Should Be Sent to Some Organized Charitable Society—Dr Merriman Preaches Against Promiscuous Giving.

Rev. Dr. Merriman at Central church, Worcester, Mass., recently preached a practical sermon upon Christian giving, taking as his text: St. Luke, xvi: 20, "A certain beggar, named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores."

The preacher began by outlining the story of the rich man and the beggar, as told by St. Luke. The story does not teach, he said, that riches are a sin, and that poverty is a virtue, necessarily. We cannot affirm that a man's sinfulness is directly proportioned to the length of his purse and his elegance and expense of living; nor, on the other hand, that his piety and favor with God are to be exactly measured by the degree of his want, and of the squalor and dirt in which he lives. The real point of the parable is that the wretched beggar presented day after day a great opportunity to do a splendid, generous, brotherly act of charity, and the rich man, in his ease, his luxury, his wealth, selfishly and inhumanly neglected it.

Against the shining background of this peculiar opportunity, the careless, ease-loving, selfishness and inhumanity of the rich man stand out in ugly distinctness. It is not his riches, nor his faring sumptuously every day, not his purple and fine linen, but this selfish inhumanity in the face of the most abject need and suffering of a brother man, that constitutes the rich man's damning sin.

We must, in our endeavor to apply the parable, see that there is not merely a principle involved. Lazarus is here opportunity dramatized. But opportunity giving play to sympathetic and generous benevolence on the one hand, or setting in strong light or condemning indifferent, self-absorbed, comfort-loving inhumanity on the other hand—such opportunity by no means always presents itself to people in these days in the form of a hungry and leprous beggar. We do not have such objects on our doorsteps today. We have an occasional tramp, hungry and ragged, but we are forbidden by common sense, by our own sorry experience, by scientific charity, to give even some crumbs at the back door to him. Modern organization manages these things better.

But because civilization has put Lazarus out of sight of the modern Dives, in a hospital or poor house, has it therefore removed the stress and judging force of opportunity from the selfish and self-indulgent rich man of today? By no means. It has rather increased and sharpened that stress and judging force. Civilization enormously enlarges the scope for the wise, sympathetic and benevolent use of wealth in the interests of humanity. The skill and insight of civilization do not stop up, but erect channels for unselfish well-doing. Moreover, in this proportion, civilization makes opportunity infringe with a ten-fold sharper edge of obligation than ever before on the conscience.

Do you say to the tramp who comes to your house when you are entertaining your friends, or are sitting at ease with your feet on the fender and the evening paper in your hand, "No, my friend, I cannot help you. It is not right for you or for the public that I should. You must go to the Associated Charities or to the Welcome missioner." Do you say that? Well, that is all right, for if you fed and clothed, or gave money to one tramp, a thousand and one would follow in his footsteps, making your house a nuisance and fostering the evil you try to relieve.

No, you are right in sending them away to those institutions, such as I have named. The hospital, the temporary home and day nursery, and our own City Missionary Society, each one of which could easily, wisely and effectively use twice as much money as it receives in the abatement of the ignorance, the poverty, the vice, the helplessness of multitudes here in this city. When these institutions present their appeal for support and sympathy from you, then do you refuse them or turn them off with a crumb, saying that they are no particular affair of yours? God pity and forgive you if you do. You are playing the part of Dives over again and exhibiting his condemning inhumanity, only you are doing it in an aggravated form, for in such institutions as these, the Lazarus not merely of hunger and poverty, but of ignorance and friendlessness and temptation and folly, of the leprosy of drunkenness and blasphemy and vice, or irreligion and unbelief, these multitudinous Lazaruses of want and neglected homes and broken hopes, are, as it were, laid daily at the porches of your homes.

When you have turned the tramp from your door you have done a part, but only a part, of your duty by him. He is a sort of shifting delegate from these organized and wisely administered charities. It is your further duty to follow him to these charities, see and take part in their work, and give them liberal pecuniary support.

In saying that one should make it a prime duty to know and help these agencies of missionary and charitable relief, I am very far from denying the duty and advantage of giving direct, personal sympathy and assistance to the needy and suffering. It would be good for every one of us who has any strength or substance to have a poor, shiftless or vicious individual, or an ignorant, improvident, foolish and neglected family as an object of our immediate personal care and charity. Not always, by any means, to give money or material aid, for this is often only injurious, but to give sympathy or rebuke, instruction and friendship, guidance and will power so as to bring about self-respect and self-support. These cost more than money, bread or clothes.

Our Lazarus must have these or he will hang about our doorsteps forever; and if, in our riches, material or mental, in our love of our ambitions, in our own enjoyments, in our own sumptuous fare of good society and amusements, our purple and fine linen of agreeable surroundings and people—if in these our mean, selfish hearts shut themselves up to the appeal of our poor, poor in body and in mind, we shall surely be condemned for our inhumanity as Dives was. For there is much inhumanity in our day that is eminently respectable and cultured, that not only dresses well and has good things to eat, but has a soft, agreeable voice that exhibits delightful manners and can talk sweetly about literature, art, morals and even religion, but at heart is as cold and as cruel as the grave.

This organization of modern charity sadly enough, however, makes it possible for the covetous and hard-hearted man to evade his obligations. Often it clothes opportunity with artificiality, makes it easy to push it off at arm's length or out of sight entirely. This is the difficulty under which all our benevolent organizations labor. For this reason we need to be on our guard, lest in the midst of the organized agencies for the relief of human ignorance we thoughtlessly grow up even more inhuman than Dives, and bring upon ourselves his condemnation. Do not let me lead you believe that money or clothes are after even the chief things that modern Lazarus asks of modern Dives. Money is a great good, but Lazarus asks for sympathy, for personal guidance, for instruction, for love, and these are more costly than food or clothes, and may be withheld by the careless, inhuman heart.

Oh, dear friends, as life with its wonderful panorama swiftly passes, let us struggle against this selfish, cruel neglect of opportunity to do good; let us crucify this self-absorbed and heartless disregard of the claims of our fellowmen, this contempt which, if persisted in, creates at length the outer darkness of the soul.

I have seen one of the dearest friends I ever had or ever shall have, who has passed on into the other life—a man upon whose photograph I cannot look and whose old, faded letters I cannot read without choking emotion—I have seen this knightly and Christ-like soul, Gen. Armstrong, personifying the needs of the colored race into whose cause he had identified himself. I have seen him knocking and knocking in vain for a contribution to his work at the doors of many rich men, any one of whom would spend in purely idle luxury as much in a year as the entire cost of maintaining the institution at Hampton. And I have seen this heroic soul, with an iron constitution, whose life was of priceless value to his countrymen, broken down and dying at 57 from the frightful cost of these miserable and fruitless appeals and the burden which their uselessness brought upon him.

And today I fear that the man he discovered and raised out of that subject race, who is proving himself by his extraordinary genius, character and leadership, a second Armstrong, and whose life is of uncounted money worth to this coutry in the adjustment of the negro problem, I fear that this splendid leader is in danger of breaking down in the same way from the terrible stress of this often perfectly hopeless solicitation for help for his needy people at the doors of the rich who foolishly consume their substance on their lusts and turn their backs upon the poor.

It is Lazarus and Dives over again, and the condemnation of these rich men will be like the condemnation of Dives.

TO REGULATE MILK DEALERS.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

There was considerable discussion at the meeting of the Board of Health on Monday over the controlling of the milk supply in the city. A copy of the act that is to go before the legislature was read. The board wants to have all the dealers licensed, so as to control them. Some were in favor of fixing the license at a high figure. The chairman said all the big dealers were in favor of this. Ald. O'Donnell said this would be unfair, as it would crowd out the small dealer who was unable to pay any large figure. He also thought that persons who sell milk in the city and who reside outside should pay a license, as they do not pay any taxes. The board did not decide to fix the amount of the license, though it favored it. It will be left to the city council to regulate. Persons who reside outside of the city and who send milk here will have to furnish a monthly medical certificate as regards the sanitary conditions of the place, etc.

MARINE MATTERS.

The following charters are reported: Str. Dora, St. John, N. B., to Rochefort, deals, 57 francs; Genoa, 58 francs, or Rouen, 59 francs; ships Troop, New York to Japan, oil, 22½c.; Bowman B. Law, Philadelphia to Japan, oil, 23c. and 24c; Marabout, Pensacola to Rio de Janeiro, lumber, at or about $15, $2 form; bark Osberga, Boston to Buenos Ayres, lumber, $8; schs. Allan A. McIntyre, Kings Ferry to Trinite, Martinique, lumber, $5.50; Laconia, New York to Bahia, general cargo, 58c. and free lighterage; Gypsum Queen, New York to Martinique, general cargo, $1,900; Gladstone, Mobile to Havana, lumber, $5.50 Spanish gold; Walter Sumner, Mobile to Matanzas, lumber, p. t.; Calabria, New York to Demerara, $1,600; Roger Drury, Perth Amboy to Boston, coal, 70c.; Gypsum Empress, Jamaica to North of Hatteras, logwood, p. t.; Wentworth, San Domingo to New York, sugar, $2.50 and port charges; Pefonia, Port Liberty to St. John, N. B., coal, 75c.; J. E. Woodhouse, Perth Amboy to St. John, N. B., coal, 85c.; Marion, Cartaret to St. Andrews, N. B., fertilizer, $1.75 and loaded; Exception, Buenos Ayres or Rosario to New York or Boston, hides and wool, p. t.; barktn. St. Peter, same; sch. Syanara, Jacksonville to Bermuda, lumber.

A Liverpool, N. S., despatch of the 1st says: "Bark Clara E. McGilvery, Lynch (supposed from Louisburg, C. B., for Portsmouth) parted moorings during easterly gale last night and dragged ashore on eastern side of this harbor. She is not seriously damaged; will be floated.

Capt. W. R. Palmer of the bark Kelverdale, and Mrs. Palmer, who accompanied him on his last voyage to Rio Janeiro, arrived at Dorchester last Saturday. The Kelverdale is now being re-coppered and re-classed in New York, where she is chartered to take lumber and cased oil from Rio Janeiro. The captain expects to return to the Kelverdale in about two weeks.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

ST JOHN, Feb 2—Ard, str Lake Superior, Capt Carey, from Liverpool, Troop and Son, mail, pass and gen cargo.

Feb 2—Str St Croix, 1064, Allan, from Boston, C E Laechler, mdse and pass.

Sch Winnie Lawry, 234, Smith, from Beverly, D J Purdy, bal.

Sch Eric, 124, Harrington, from New York, N C Scott, coal.

Sch Clayola, 123, McDade, from New York, J W Smith, coal.

Sch Avalon, 116, Wagner, from Halifax, J W Smith, coal.

Sch Sarah H Seeton, 95, Gainier, from Halifax, F Tufts, coal.

Sch Hazelwoode, 114, Ferris, from New London, J W Smith, bal.

Sch Walter Miller, 124, Barton, from New York, N C Scott, coal.

Coastwise—Schs Westfield, 80, Cameron, from Black River; Alph B Parker, 39, Outhouse, from Tiverton; Louisa, 15, Hargraves, from fishing; E M Oliver, 14, Harkins, from fishing; L M Ellis, 34, Lent, from Tiverton; Satellite, 26, Hicks, from Westport; Yarmouth Packet, 76, Shaw, from Yarmouth.

Cleared.

Cld—Coastwise—Schs Meteor, Benson, for North Head; Harry Morris, McLean, for Quaco; Thelma, Milner, for Annapolis; Audrey R, Thomas, for North Head; str Flushing, Ingersoll, from Grand Manan.

3rd—Coastwise—Schs E M Oliver, Harkins, for fishing; L M Ellis, Lent, for Westport; Satellite, Hicks, do; Republic, Carson, for St Andrews; str Westport, Payson, for Westport.

Sailed.

3rd—Str Lake Huron, Taylor, for Liverpool via Halifax.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived.

HALIFAX, Feb 2—Ard, strs Pro Patria, Henri, from St Pierre, Miq; Siberian, Main, from Glasgow and Liverpool for Philadelphia.

HALIFAX, Feb 3—Ard, str Barcelona, from Liverpool via St Johns, NF.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

At London, Feb 3, Allan line str Livonian, from St John.

At Shanghai, Feb 3, ship Marathon, Crossley, from New York.

SHANGHAI, Jan 31—Ard, ship Brynhilda, Meikle, from New York.

JERSEY, Jan 29—Ard, brig C R C, Romeril, from Rio Janeiro.

Sailed.

LIVERPOOL, Feb 3—Sld, str Canada, for Boston.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb 3—Sld, str Britannic, from Liverpool for New York.

NEWCASTLE, NSW, Dec 22—Sld, barks Armenia, Anderson, for Manila; 23rd, Dominion, Beqvist, for San Francisco.

BARRY, Jan 31—Sld, str Anaces, Robinson, for Galveston.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

PORTLAND, Me, Feb 1—Ard, str Mongolian, Moore, from Liverpool via Halifax.

NEW YORK, Jan 30—Ard, brigt Curlew, Grundmark, from Pernambuco.

PUNCE, P R, Jan 20—Ard, brig Moss Glen, Hire, from Halifax to load for Boston.

CIENFUEGOS, Jan 20—Ard, brig Harry Stewart, Brinton, from Bear River, NS.

PORTLAND, Me, Feb 2—Ard, str Cacouna, Whalen, from Louisburg, CB.

Sld, strs Labrador, Erskine, for Liverpool; Grecian, Nunan, for Glasgow.

At Brunswick, Ga, Jan 31, sch W R Huntley, Howard, from Sanchez, San Domingo.

BOSTON, Feb 3—Ard, strs Boston, for Yarmouth, NS; Halifax, for Halifax.

Cld, schs Otis Miller and Rondo, for St John.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec 31—Ard, bark Mauna Loa, Graham, from Boston.

Cld, Dec 29, sch Arona, Parker, for Boston (another account says for Rosario and New York or Boston.)

In port Dec 30, barks Ontario, Lawrence, for Rosario to load for Boston or New York; Abeona, Manthorn, for do and Sandy Hook for orders; J H Bowers, Maguire, for Boston; Cubana, Dobson, from Liverpool; Hector, Morrill, from St John; C W Janes, Corivean, from Pensacola; Cedar Croft, Young, from St John; John Gill, McKenzie, for Rosario and New York or Boston; Ensenada, Toye, for Durban; brig Aldine, Heany, from St John; schs Mola, Parker, from Yarmouth, NS; Americana, Smith, from St John.

FERNANDINA, Feb 1—Ard, str Olar Kyrre, Falsen, from Halifax.

PETERSBURG, Va, Feb 1—Ard, sch E V Glover, from New York.

SALEM, Mass, Feb. 2—Ard, sch Tay, from St John for Bridgeport.

Sld, schs Irene and Sackville Packet, from St John for Bridgeport; Helen G King, from Calais.

In port, schs Addie Schlaefer, Leona, Ira D Sturgis and Cathie C Berrie, having ridden out the gale in safety. Also in port, schs Addie Harper, Caroline Knight, Georgia, Addie E Snow, Jas R Talbot, M H Reed, and Nat Meader, all badly crippled from the storm.

Cleared.

At Jacksonville, Jan 31, sch Keewaydin, McLean, for Barbados.

At Mobile, Jan 31, sch Gladstone, Read, for Havana.

At Boston, Jan 31, sch Allarette S Snare, Lawson, for Pisarinco.

Sailed.

From Baltimore, Jan 31, bark Severn, Reid, for Rio Janeiro.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Feb 2—Sld, schs Rebecca W Huddell, Pefetta, Harvard H Havey, etc.

COLON, Jan 14—Sld, sch San Blas, Cohan, for Carthagena.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan 17—Sld, brig Union, Davey, for Jersey.

PERTH AMBOY, Feb 1—Sld, sch Roger Drury, Dixon, for Boston.

NEW YORK, Feb 1—Sld, bark Endora, for Sydney, NSW.

MEMORANDA.

In port at Cataret, Jan 29, sch Marion, Reicker, to load for St Andrews, NB.

In port at Buenos Ayres, Dec 23, bark Abeona, Manthorn, for Rosario to load wool and hides for Sandy Hook for orders at $2.60 per bale.

Passed Flushing, Jan 15, ship Andelana, Gillies, from Antwerp for New York.

In port at Calcutta, Dec 30, bark Sofala, Auld, for New York.

Passed Kinsale, Jan 31, bark Sagona, Thompson, from Darien for Queenstown.

Passed St Helena, Jan 23, previously, bark Kate F Troop, Fownes, from Manila for New York.

PORTLAND BILL, Feb 2—Psd, str Livonian, from St John for London.

KINSALE, Feb 2—Psd, str Numidian, from Portland via St Johns, NF, for Liverpool.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb 1—Bark Muskoka, Crowe, from San Francisco for Havre.

Passed Anjer, Jan 4, bark Savona, McDougall, from Manila for Philadelphia.

SPOKEN.

Ship Andora, Passmore, from Junin for Dunkirk, Jan 20, lat 45 N, lon 34 W.

Ship Andelana, Gillies, from Antwerp for New York, Jan 27, lat 50 N, lon 20 W.

Bark Australia, Korff, from New York for Shanghai, Jan 10, on the Equator, lon 28.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Puerta Rico, North Coast—Intended Light at Arecibo, Feb 21, 1898—A fixed white light of the third order will be exhibited on the Morillo de Arecibo (Punta Morillo), east side of Arecibo Road. The light is 120 feet above the sea and in clear weather will be visible about 18 miles. The lighthouse is a rectangular building with a hexagonal tower attached, both painted white. Photometric experiments are being made to determine the visibility of the light, and further notice will be given when the particulars are known. Approximate position—Lat 18.29.30 N, lon 66.41.30 W (NM 5, 1898).

Canary Islands, Gran Canaria, Isletta Point—Character of Light—The commander of the German man-of-war Wolf reports that Isletta Light shows as follows: White light, 40s; eclipse, 17s; red flash, 6s; eclipse, 17s, thus completing a revolution in 80s.

BOSTON, Jan 31—Nantucket Shoals Lightship, before reported broke adrift from her moorings, has been replaced on her station.

BALTIMORE, Jan 29—Capt Nickerson of steamer Alleghany, reports the red can buoy marking the lower entrance to Craighill Channel partly sunk.

WASHINGTON, Feb 1—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board than on Jan 21 the gas buoy, painted with red and black horizontal stripes and showing a fixed white light, established at the entrance to Hampton Roads, to mark the wreck of the sch Walker Armington, was discontinued and the wreck was marked by a second class can buoy similarly painted. The wreck is being removed by the United States engineers.

REPORTS.

LYNN, Mass, Feb 1—The schooner Charles A Brigg, bound for Philadelphia from Portland, struck on a rock at Nahant this morning during the storm, and is fast going to pieces. The crew of five men were all lost. The body of one unknown man was washed ashore.

BOSTON, Feb 2—The two masted schooner Clara Jane of Calais, Me, is ashore at Great Breaster Island, Boston Harbor. The vessel ran ashore during the storm yesterday. The United States life savers and the volunteer crew of the Massachusetts Humane society, stationed at Hull, rescued Captain Maloney and crew, after a hard struggle. The schooner was badly damaged and may not be floated again. She was bound from Salem to Calais.

MACHIAS, Me, Feb 3—Sch B C Borden, Fettis, from New York for Parraboro, NS, is ashore at Cutler with rudder and keel gone and the vessel full of water. Can buoy No 4, opposite the Fort, was broken adrift by the ice Tuesday.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Births, Marriages and Deaths occurring in the families of subscribers will be published FREE in THE SUN. In all cases, however, the name of the sender must accompany the notice.

BIRTHS.

DAVISON—At Amherst, N. S., Jan. 28th, to the wife of Clarence O. Davison, a daughter.

MILLER—At Outram, Annapolis Co., N. S., Jan. 25th, to the wife of Edgar F. Miller, a daughter.

DEATHS.

CONSTANTINE—At Hortonville, N. S., Jan. 25th, Pharez Constantine, aged 73. He leaves a widow and a number of children and grandchildren to mourn.

ERB—At Kingston, Kings Co., N. B., Jan. 13th, of consumption, Amanda, aged 14 years, beloved daughter of Warren and Augusta Erb. Her end was peace.

FRASER—In this city, Feb. 2nd, 1898, after a very short illness, of pneumonia, Roderick Fraser, late of Halifax, N. S., in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

GANTER—At Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 23rd, Eliza, aged 75 years, wife of Peter Ganter, leaving eight children to mourn their loss.

HARRISON—Suddenly, on January 28th, at Edmonton, N. W. T., Jennie, wife of Dr. J. Darley Harrison, formerly of Fredericton, N. B., and eldest daughter of the late Thomas Logan, aged 28 years.

MACKEY—At Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 31st, of meningitis, Henry Mackey, aged 60 years.

RISING—At 62 Queen street, on Feb. 3rd, Edward L., infant son of Elizabeth and E. L. Rising, aged 11 days.

SEAMAN—At Humphrey's Mills, N. B., Feb. 1st, of meningitis, Jack, aged six months, infant son of John and Augusta Seaman.

STEWART—At Milford, N. B., on Feb. 1st, Thomas Stewart, in the 73rd year of his age.

WHITEHOUSE—At Knowlesville, Carleton Co., N. B., on Jan. 22, Joseph Whitehouse, in the 85th year of his age.

WINTER PORT ITEMS.

The Beaver liner Lake Superior, which is due here at an early hour this morning, brought out the following passengers: Saloon—Rev. J. Atkinson, Mrs. W. Macaulay, Miss. Macaulay, S. Mavell, St. John; Mr. White, Major H. Smythe, Mrs. Smythe, Miss M. Ross, Halifax; A. C. Oxton, Mrs. A. C. Oxton, Master Oxton, Montreal; Miss Vincent, Port Hope. Intermediate—John Hunter, M. Smith, Mrs. J. Mowatt, W. Mowatt and child, H. Beeman, H. Stanton, Corporal Walker, A. Mayer, M. H. Bell, St. John; P. E. Embleton, H. F. Hards, A. White, W. Robson, A. H. Phillips, Halifax; E. H. Morrison, J. Gall, Vancouver; G. E. Penney, Toronto; C. D. Ydren, Chicago; T. Richards, Victoria; 34 steerage passengers for St. John, Halifax, New York, Philadelphia, Denver, Montreal, Regina, Detroit, Baltimore, Boston and Toronto. The St. John cargo is: 2 pkgs. mdse., T. McAvity and Scns; 200 kegs soda, A. P. Tippet and Co.; 4 crates earthenware, W. H. Hayward; 1,224 sacks salt, order; 1 cs. mdse., C. and E. Everett; 2 cs. do., W. H. Thorne and Co.; 10 pkgs. do., A. Miller and Co.; 59 cs. oranges, A. L. Goodwin; 4 cs. mdse., J. F. Marsters; 3 cs. do., John Vassie; 2 cs. do., A. Gilmour; 42 cs. do., Manchester, Robertson and Allison; 20 cs. oranges, J. F. Estabrook and Son.

The Allan-Thomson steamer Mantinea will probably sail from here Saturday morning. Her cargo will consist of 30,000 bushels of clipped oats, 25,000 of corn, 43,000 of mixed oats; 17,000 of peas and 36,000 of white oats; 12 cars of flour; 2 of hay; 6,500 boxes of cheese; 500 case of whiskey; 250 sacks of clover seed; 50 standards of deals and a lot of sundries. The steamer has only received a part of her grain so far.

There are some thirty or forty carloads of flour here for the Head liner Teelin Head.

The mail steamer Lake Huron, Capt. Taylor, sailed at noon yesterday for Liverpool with a full cargo. The detention was due to the delay in the arrival of the live stock. The work of putting the animals on board was done in quick time.

The mail steamer Lake Superior, Capt. Carey, which arrived from Liverpool via Halifax, Wednesday night, has got rid of nearly all of her cargo. Two train loads of western goods, brought out by her, were despatched before midnight. The Superior had a hard time of it coming over from Halifax. When the steamer left Halifax at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the ice was so thick that the ferry boats could not run, and notwithstanding the fact that the Lake Superior had full steam on, she could barely move through the ice. After she got clear of the harbor she encountered a severe storm. The wind blew with great force and a heavy snow storm was met. At times the steamer made scarcely four knots an hour. The run up the bay was fine. Pilot Doherty of St. John brought the steamer around. Pilot Hayes of Halifax, who took the steamer out of that port, was unable to get off at the accustomed place, and had to come all the way around. He returned in the Huron this morning. When asked by a Globe reporter why the Superior had to enter Halifax without a pilot, he replied by asking: "How was a pilot to get out to her, by snowshoes?" He then added that the ice was so thick that the pilot boats could not get out of the harbor.

Ship Andromeda, Capt. Kelrstead, from San Francisco with grain, arrived off Queenstown Wednesday and was ordered to Hull to discharge. She will proceed to Cardiff to load coals for Capetown.

Sch. B. C. Borden, Capt. Pettis, from New York from Port-Greville, went ashore at Little River Monday night. She came off without assistance, but is full of water and is considerably damaged. Capt. J. A. Ewing left here yesterday to look after her in the interest of the insurance people.

P. E. ISLAND.

Measles, Mumps and Scarlet Fever are Very Prevalent.

Farmers Advocate the Establishment of a Co-operative Pork Packing Institution at Summerside.

LONG RIVER, P. E. I., Jan. 31.—Times are dull on the island; so are the markets. Measles, mumps and scarlet fever are very prevalent. Real winter weather prevails. The mercury is anywhere from 15 to 21 below, with heavy snow storms, that have played havoc cwith country travelling.

Allen C. Doughart, a young lad, was chopping in the woods, when his axe caught a little tree and glancing struck one of his feet, inflicting a deep wound three and a half inches in length and severing two arteries. With commendable presence of mind he instantly bandaged the wound tightly with his handkerchief, thus saving his life, till a man who was with him secured surgical aid.

J. Cann, barrister, is attending the supreme court at Charlottetown, conducting a suit to recover property. Mr. C. is the gentleman who unearthed a gang of whiskey thieves that had infested this locality for three years.

The breakwater built at New London last winter at considerable expense to the country has been swept away. This is the second time the breakwater has gone.

Horse trotting here received quite an impetus last fall, and several local sports now handle the ribbons over good trotters. Little Nell has done particularly well, lowering her record to within the registration eligibility limit.

The erection of a public hall at Long river is being agitated. J. Bell, J. Gillespie, J. Bernard, Isaac Doughart, Daniel Johnston, John Johnston, Andrew Johnston and a score of others lately met to consider the question, and A. R. Doughart, contractor, to whom the plans were submitted, estimated the cost at about one thousand dollars.

BEDEQUE, P. E. I., Jan. 31.—The largest meeting of representative farmers ever held in Summerside took place there last Friday. Farmers from nearly every township in Prince county and a considerable number from Queens county attended to discuss the project of establishing a pork packing institution somewhere in Prince county. The spacious Market hall was crowded to the doors. The meeting was presided over by Wm. McN. Simpson of Cavendish, and was addressed by Messrs. Warren of Queens Co., Walter Simpson of Bay View, R. Fitzsimmons of New London, Benj. Hasland of Springfield, Wm. Hogan of Hope river, Alex. Nicholson of Summerfield, Ephraim Bell of Cape Traverse, Chas. Craig of Middleton, D. S. Wright of Searletown, W. A. Leard of Bedeque, Hon. Stewart Burns of Freetown, Jas. Carruthers of North Bedeque, Wm. Brown of Margate, John Curtis of Wilmot, Geo. Stavert of Summerside, Robt. Douglas of Norborough, Eli Arsenault and John Goodwin of Lot 16, Jas. E. Brown and John Praught of Lot 14, Mr. Kilbride of Lot 11, J. A. Smith of Abram's Village, T. McNutt of Malpeque and others, most of whom had attended local meetings which had been called for the purpose of discussing the matter of co-operative pork packing. A provisional committee of nine directors was appointed to foster the scheme till $30,000 of stock is taken up. After that amount is raised the company will be formed under the name of The Curing, Packing and Shipping Co. of P. E. Island (limited). The total capital stock is to be $100,000, being 10,000 shares at $10 each. A vote was passed allowing each shareholder only one vote regardless of the number of shares he has taken. Resolutions were passed to the effect that such an institution on P. E. I. is a necessity; that it should be located in Summerside; that at the first meeting of the legislature an act of incorporation should be applied for; that the business of the company be managed by nine directors; that the nine provisional directors be Walter Simpson, D. H. McDonald, John McFarlane, Daniel McKenzie, Peter Doyle, H. R. Baker, Geo. Compton, Wm. F. Deagan and John Praught, and that the stock books be immediately opened and put into the hands of a committee to sell shares.

NOTES.

Barrett Henderson and family of North river have left for the Klondyke. They will stop over for a time at Winnipeg, and Mr. H. intends taking with him a number of cattle from Manitoba. Wm. Small of the McKay Woollen Co. and Alex. McRae of the firm of Hickey & Nicholson have, says the Guardian, also left for the Klondyke.

The death is announced of James Laird of New Glasgow, one of Queens Co.'s most prominent farmers. He went to Hunter river on business, and while in the act of tying his horse fell to the ground and expired. He was a brother of Hon. David Laird of Charlottetown.

W. J. O'Reilly of the Singer Manufacturing company of Charlottetown and Miss Eugene Marie Benoit were married in St. Dunstan's cathedral, Jan. 31, by his lordship Bishop McDonald, assisted by Rev. Dr. Doyle of Vernon river and Rev. P. C. Gauthier of St. Dunstan's college. The groom was supported by Prof. J. A. Ready, B. A., of Burlington, while Miss May Benoit attended the bride. The happy couple left via Cape Traverse on a tour through the mainland.

The history of the Summerside public schools savings bank, says the Guardian, is becoming an interesting one. The books of this institution were opened on September 20th, and on Jan. 31st the total deposit to the credit of pupils in excess of withdrawals was $406. This amount is on deposit in the Summerside bank bearing interest at the rate of 3 1-2 per cent. Usually with institutions of this kind the withdrawals nearly equal the deposits. This is, however, not true of the Summerside school saving bank, the amount withdrawn by the pupils being very small, even when the schools were closing for the Christmas holidays, when the demands on the children's resources are at their highest.

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AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 1.—Amherst is in possession of a genuine old fashioned snow storm. Outside communication is greatly interfered with. The day east freight did not put in an appearance, and the expresses were several hours late. Tonight the storm is raging as bad again.

Avoid it, after the most exciting contest held here since incorporation for the mayoralty and the councillors, today's election resulted as follows: Mayor, D. C. Allen, M. D., 415; Amos Purdy, 347. Councillors, Jno. D. Ross, 433; J. N. Page, 431; Robert B. King, 409; James Donalds, 340; Seaman Lowe, 362; Wm. Read, 339.

ANNAPOLIS, N. S., Feb. 1.—Gillis defeated Ritchie today by twenty-four majority. Ritchie only accepted a nomination three days before nomination, consequently over forty conservatives were on Gillis's paper. The grits made it a pure party question. The new councillors are Messrs. McCormick, Pickles and Fisher.

PARRSBORO, N. S., Jan. 27.—The first skating carnival for two years was held in the Aberdeen rink last evening and was a decided success. The attendance of townspeople was very large, and a special from Spring Hill mines brought 120 visitors, including the 93rd batt. band. Some of the costumes were very pretty. Prizes for the best costumes were awarded to Miss Hattie Pettis and Master Thomas Day.

The tern schooner Phoenix is loading laths for the United States.

SOUTHAMPTON, N. S., Jan 21.—The Baptist quarterly meeting convened with West Brook church on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The clergymen present were Rev. Messrs. Haverstock of Pugwash, McDonald and McLeod of Amherst, Parker of River Hebert, Bancroft of Springhill, Howe of Parrsboro, and Cooney of Advocate. Only three delegates were present representing two churches, Maccan and Salem. The first session was devoted to business. In the evening a sermon was preached by Mr. McDonald; subject, Secret Discipleship. This was followed by an address on the Organization of the Early Christian Churches by Mr. Bancroft. Wednesday morning's session was entirely taken up by a discussion on some difficulties that have arisen between the Westbrook church proper and its subordinate branch in Southampton, the latter having engaged a preacher without the sanction of the main body. The second session opened by a continuation of the subject, followed by a paper on Adoption by Mr. Haverstock and the outline of a sermon by Mr. Parker. The evening was devoted to an excellent paper by Mr. Howe on the Revival of Bible Study and an address on the subject of Personal Work by Mr. Cooney, who afterwards conducted a short evangelistic service.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Westchester.

DIGBY, Jan. 31.—The town elections take place here tomorrow. Two of the retiring councillors, Thos. W. Longstaff and G. M. White, have been re-elected by acclamation, and Martin L. Oliver has been elected by acclamation in the place of Sidney Wood, who has retired. There is considerable comment in regard to the auditor's report, which, under the town incorporation act, should have been published and will not until after the election tomorrow. The electors are therefore in the dark as to the town finances. Enough has been learned, however, to show that the town is not in a very prosperous condition. It appears by the balance sheet that the receipts for the year were $8,527.90 and the expenditures $11,481.39, showing an overdraft of $2,953.49.

In the matter of the Scott act prosecution the accounts show a deficit of $78.08.

T. C. Shreve, who has been mayor for some years, is seeking re-election, and is being opposed by Orban Sproul of the firm of D. & O. Sproul.

DIGBY, Feb. 2.—Owing to a heavy snow storm yesterday the number of votes polled was small, as persons living out of the town proper did not face the storm and blockaded roads. T. C. Shreve was re-elected with a majority of 15, the poll standing 84 for Shreve and 69 for Sproul.

CORNWALLIS, Jan. 27.—The severest snow storm ever known in Cornwallis was experienced on Monday, 24th.

Newell Holmes, resident of Centreville died last week at the age of eighty years.

Harry Patterson of New Ross cut one of his feet more than half off while chopping in the woods recently.

Henry Cogswell of Church street is lying ill at his home, the result of a recent accident. He stepped on a pond where a man had been cutting ice, which made it thin. The ice gave way and Mr. Cogswell was rescued with difficulty. The sufferer is 79 years old.

Thirty years ago a ship was built at Kingsport by the late J. E. Woodworth. It was launched on the 26th day of January and sent to New York on its maiden trip, laden with plaster. She was cast away on the shores of Nantucket. On the first of this month of January, surf dashing upon the banks of Tom Never's Heart revealed the top of the hull of a vessel. Some seamen noticed it and dug away the sand, when they discovered the remains bore the name: "J. E. Woodworth, Windsor, N. S.," inscribed on the side. Between these lines they found the Masonic emblem of the square and compass.

A Shelburne despatch of the 3rd says: The St. John schooner Deer Hill broke away from the breakwater at Jordan River, Tuesday night, and went ashore. The vessel is lying easy and no damage is likely to occur. A tug from Liverpool will arrive tomorrow and tow the vessel off. The Gloucester schooner Davy Crockett is ashore off Gunning Cove, Shelburne Co., and is a total wreck. Crew saved.