

Short Story of the Day

THE PRIVATE THOUGHTS AND REMINISCENCES OF DOROTHY HELEN HUNTINGDON.

It was raining dimly, and I stood watching the drops fall wildly down, splashing against the window as they came. A despondent face I had, as I stood there thinking. Oh, the time, some dreary day! I turned and went out of the library and up the broad staircase. We lived in an old house on the outskirts of the city. This old place had been in the possession of the family for over a century now. A weather-beaten old rookery it was, but withal the most delightful place to live in, with its broad halls, great winding staircase, and a perfect wonder of a garret, extending the whole length of the house. It was a wonder in more ways than one. Old presses and old trunks were stowed away against the walls, full of relics and fancies of departed Huntingdons. Old books and manuscripts were piled on queer old chairs and tables, and all sorts of odd, interesting things were to be found there.

Dec. 25th, 1730.—Saturday—I rode forth upon my dear Gypsy this morning with father. It was beautiful. My Cousin Patience comes this day. I am very glad, for Patience is my favorite cousin. Father did tell me that her mother was my dear mother's sister. Patience has hair that shines gold like in the sun, and her eyes are blue as speedwells. She hath some years more than I, being 20. She doth ride like she hath a most beautiful habit of green velvet, trimmed with silver lace. "But you will not have Patience long, mayhaps," said father. "I think someone is going to take her away."

Dec. 26th, 1730.—Sunday.—Patience has come! I was standing on the porch, watching her as she alighted from the coach wheels, and in a moment there was my dear at the door, looking so beautiful! But with her was a gentleman, so tall and straight, but with such a handsome face and eyes all a-laughing, that somehow I was not a bit afraid till it came to me that he might be the one who would take my Patience from me. Then I did go up to him right boldly, and when he did take my hand, said, "My dear, I am your father's friend, and I have come to see you."

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away; mayhap you know her? And then of a sudden it did flash across me that the little girl was my very self, and I did speak out quite boldly and say, "Oh, sir, is it mine?"

And father laughingly did say, "Yes, little friend, it is a late Christmas gift and an early New Year's one. 'What will you call her?'"

"Gypsy, dear father," said I, and I was so glad that I knew not what to do.

So I did think me what I could give father in return, and I did go to the kitchen and ask cook if she would kindly allow me to make a pie for father.

And I did make a most beautiful one, albeit I did let it fall upon the floor in carrying it to the pantry. But I dusted it off quite cleanly, and father was greatly pleased.

I took a lesson in riding, and father did make me a present of a beautiful gold handled whip, that did belong to my mother.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

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PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Str. Orford, Buchanan, from West Indies. Str. Orford, Buchanan, from West Indies.

STOCK MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(Wall Street)—Railroad declines were the rule in the railroad list at the opening of the market.

EXPORTS. Per str. Degana, for Liverpool—10,000 lbs. wool, 10,000 lbs. cotton, 10,000 lbs. sugar.

BANK RATE REDUCED. LONDON, Feb. 21.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from 4 1/2 to 4 per cent today.

SPORTING NEWS. YACHTING. The Lewiston Boat. When everybody thought all parts of the Lewiston boat were ready to be put together, the hands engaged in smoothing up the gunwale.

MORNING'S NEWS.

The Halifax Recorder reports 25 counterfeit bills again in circulation in that city. The mail steamer Lusitania, from Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, sailed from Queenstown yesterday.

The mail steamer Lake Superior will, it is expected, sail Friday for Liverpool. She will take away about 300 cattle and 700 sheep.

J. Harry Durick of the north end has gone to Halifax in the interests of George McKean, this city, to survey a cargo of lumber for steamer Florida.

A London cable says it is expected that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall will visit Halifax, St. John, Quebec and Montreal, during their Canadian tour.

George Kirk, who served in South Africa with the second Canadian contingent, was banqueted last night at Langs by his fellow-employees of the firm of Brock & Paterson.

Steamer Manchester City is now out eight days from Manchester and should reach Halifax on Saturday. The Manchester Commerce steamer Manchester on Wednesday next.

Mr. Knott, head gardener for the Horticultural association, has purchased the residence of James Davidson, Prospect street. Mr. Davidson will leave today for New Hampshire, to engage in farming.

Prof. W. J. Hutchins, an eminent organist of London, Eng., will give an organ recital this evening in St. Andrews church. Mrs. Grigsby and the St. John male quartette will assist at the recital, which promises to be thoroughly enjoyable.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

Table with columns: DEPARTURES, Local Time, and ARRIVALS, Local Time. Lists train schedules for various routes.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.

Pertaining to legitimate business is ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL. You will receive greater return for money spent than by using any other kind of advertising.

Salacia is a fore and aft rigged steel steamer of 2344 tons gross measurement. She was built at Glasgow for a Spanish concern five years ago and was formerly called the Manila.

PASTIME ATHLETIC CLUB. A new athletic organization has been formed in the city under the name of the Pastime Athletic Club, whose object is to foster indoor athletics, gymnastic work and boxing.

MISSIONARY TO TRINIDAD. St. Andrew's church contained a large congregation last evening on the occasion of the dedication of the mission to Trinidad of Rev. H. H. Morton, formerly pastor of St. Matthew's church, Douglas avenue.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S CONCERT. The concert to be held in the institute Friday evening, under the auspices of the St. John Fire Department and Salvage Corps, in aid of deserving cases of charity, will be a grand musical event, thoroughly deserving of very large patronage.

GOVERNMENT IN SESSION. The members of the provincial government visited the Provincial Lunatic Asylum yesterday morning and in the afternoon they had a meeting in their rooms, Prince William street. Several delegates were heard.

INSURANCE RATES INCREASED. TORONTO, Feb. 20.—The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association after a lengthy session here today, decided, in view of the recent great fire at Ottawa and Montreal and the enormous losses resulting therefrom, to increase the rates very materially and arrange on entirely new schedule of rates and risks. There will be no flat rates for the district, but each risk will be judged on its merits and advances made not only on all hazardous risks, but on buildings in the neighborhood of such risks.

COMMERCIAL.

ST. JOHN COUNTY SCARLET ROYAL CHAPTEL met last evening in annual session in the Orange hall and elected the following officers: Scott E. Morrell, W. C. C. in C.; Geo. Jenkins, E. C. in C.; E. C. Moran, chaplain; W. B. Wallace, R. scriber; A. J. Armstrong, treasurer; Wm. Mose, H. K. Adams, A. J. Stevenson, I. H. and Wm. Rogers, O. H.

Wardens McGoldrick has decided to go to St. Martins by train on Monday morning next, for the purpose of making a presentation of the address and chair to James Ross. The presentation will be of a public nature, and will take place in the Mas sic hall at St. Martins. W. E. Skiller has kindly tendered his services to procure the hall and assist in perfecting all arrangements for the admission of the general public on that occasion.

Rev. Heber Hamilton, returned missionary from Japan, gave a very interesting illustrated lecture last evening in the school room of St. Mary's church. The speaker's subject was Japan, its people and customs. Rev. W. O. Raymond was in charge of the line light views, and such scenes as native blacksmiths, carpenters, planters, and various others were shown and fully explained. The attendance was large.

The contract for reporting the proceedings of the near-by session of the legislature has been awarded to Dr. James Hannay. The great mass of newspaper readers, who are more interested in knowing what the members say when on their feet, will be gratified to learn that the official report of this year will cover the business transacted in addition to giving a summary of the debates. Dr. Hannay's all-round newspaper training and political knowledge eminently qualify him for the work of legislative reporting.

A happy wedding took place last evening at the Methodist parsonage, Charlotte street, when William Carnell was united in marriage to Miss Laura Conacher. Miss Phillips McAndrews was bridesmaid and E. L. Sage acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Weddall, after which a wedding supper was served to a number of friends at 54 Elliott row, where Mr. and Mrs. Carnell will in future reside. They were the recipients of many costly and useful presents, among which was a handsome parlor set from a number of friends.

S. S. SALACIA. The Donaldson liner Salacia, Capt. Mitchell, arrived yesterday morning from Glasgow. She is the largest steamer this firm have ever sent here, and one of the finest ships that ever entered the port of St. John. The

Hotel Arrivals. DUPERRIN HOTEL, Feb. 21.—Chas. Good, N. S. 100; Dr. W. H. W. 100; G. R. Cunningham, Halifax; A. B. Rudd, Toronto; J. Nelson, Toronto; M. Duggan, Boston.

A STATE ELECTRICAL SCHOOL. Bill to Establish One Introduced in the Legislature at Albany—Outline of Its Provisions. ALBANY, Feb. 18.—A bill has been introduced in the legislature appropriating \$150,000 to establish a state laboratory of electrical engineering at Union College, Schenectady. It also provides that \$25,000 shall be annually appropriated for maintaining the electrical institution.