

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF LIFE IN AND ABOUT ST. JOHN

Today's Events

It is always a mistake to generalize about children, and never more so than in connection with the books they read. The question is: Do children want books that are definitely written for them? Very young children do, perhaps, who cannot yet read for themselves. They seem to like picture-books of the kind that leaves something to the imagination. Mrs. Anderson's enchanting tale of the little boy who got inside the picture on the wall and explored it, would show if nothing else did, how well he knew the child's mind.

Colonel and Mrs. Sharples, who have been residing in Halifax, for the past three years, have returned to Quebec, to reside permanently and will spend the winter at the Chateau Frontenac.

Mrs. Paul B. Cross entertained most enjoyably on Thursday, when bridge was played at five tables. Those winning prizes were: Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and Mrs. Joseph R. Hamm. The pretty tea table which was presided over by Mrs. W. C. Cross, was decorated with lovely chrysanthemums of many colors.

In spite of the busy season, the interest shown in Badminton does not diminish. There were many players in the court on Saturday afternoon and the keenly contested matches were watched intently by many. Mrs. Walter E. Foster and Mrs. Sherwood Skinner had charge of the tea equipage.

At the Free Public Library, Saturday morning, the children had a wonderful treat, when Mrs. D. W. Roberts was the story teller. She gave a graphic description of elephant life, their surroundings and habits. In her charming manner, she recited Kipling, who describes the subject vividly. Seventy-two children listened in rapt attention for over an hour and were unanimous in wishing that Mrs. Roberts will be their entertainer soon again.

Mr. Stanley Thornton, of New York, is in town, having come here to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Thornton, who was formerly Miss Harris, of a family once well-known among the leaders in St. Paul's church with the Rev. Archdeacon Crowfoot officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis entertained at their residence last week, at an evening bridge of eight tables.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Tibbitts, of Ottawa, are expected in town to spend Christmas with Sir Douglas and Lady Hazen.

The many friends of Mrs. Roy Skinner are delighted to hear that she will be able to leave the hospital for the festive season.

Miss Harriet Hazen, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Ward Hazen and Mrs. Hazen, of Moncton, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schofield entertained at their residence Germain street at a very charmingly arranged weekend tea. The table was artistically decorated with yellow cluster chrysanthemums and greenery and was presided over by Mrs. Heber Vroom. Included among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Elkin, Mr. and Mrs. William Vassie, Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacDonald, Mrs. Kinnear, Mr. and Mrs. Allan McAvity, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vroom, Miss Winnifred Barker, Miss Bessie Dawson, Mr. F. M. Keator, Mr. Beady, Mr. Cyrus Ingers and others.

LARK.

FAIRVILLE REHEARSAL

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ross, Main St. Fairville, were at home to the choir of the Baptist church Thursday evening, when a rehearsal was held for the Christmas music, after which a musical evening was conducted. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Long, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. George Curry, Mrs. Harry Ricker, Mrs. Harry Prime, Misses Bernice Schofield, Marion Stephens, Edna Conrad, Bebe Kimball, Mrs. Fred McCuskey, Mrs. Harry Carr, Messrs Burton Goddard, Bulle Osborne. Mrs. Ross served refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Carr.

Mrs. Clifford T. Clark entertained the ladies of the W.M.S. of the Fairville Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon, leading the devotional service, after which the study of the book "The World in Error" was carried out. Those participating in the profitable exercises were Mesdames Harris, Fox, Ross, Carr and Clark. Special prayers were offered for Mrs. Harry Hurder, whose little son is very ill.

PERSONALS

Miss Stella Wyman, formerly of this city, but now residing in Boston, became suddenly ill on Monday last and was forced to undergo a serious operation. Her many friends will be glad to learn that Miss Wyman is slowly recovering.

J. B. Hawthorne, of Fredericton, chief inspector under the prohibition law, was at the Victoria Saturday.

R. Lobay, of Newcastle, was at the Victoria on Saturday.

F. O. Creighton and L. A. Taylor, of Woodstock, were guests of the Victoria on Saturday.

M. F. Blacklock, of River Glade, was at the Victoria Saturday.

A Brotherston, of Campbellton, was a guest of the Royal on Saturday.

F. Webster, and Daniel Richard, of Moncton, were at the Royal on Saturday.

J. H. Carr, Mrs. Carr and Max Learn, of Sussex, registered at the Royal on Saturday.

Harry Harvey, of Grand Manan, was at the Dufferin on Saturday.

William J. Carter, of Fredericton, was registered at the Dufferin on Saturday.

E. Hawker, of Moncton, was at the Dufferin on Saturday.

W. P. Todd, of St. Stephen, was a guest of the Dufferin on Saturday.

WHITE GIFTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Several Churches Make Provision for Christmas Treat for Needy.

In several city Sunday schools the annual "white gifts" day was observed and the response this year was the most generous yet. The children seemed to take a keener interest in doing something to make this gladdest day of the Christian year a real feast day for many who would otherwise have very little, if any, of the usual Christmas cheer.

There was a large attendance at St. Andrew's Sunday school yesterday afternoon, the session being held in the hall. An orchestra, led by William Stratton, took part in the exercises. The gifts for the Christmas cheer baskets were brought forward and laid on the platform by the various classes. Later in the week the baskets will be packed and delivered to the families for whom they are intended. An address was delivered by Rev. J. M. Courtenay.

Tabernacle Baptist
The "white gift" day was observed at the Tabernacle church and the children took many gifts. No special service was held, the gifts being laid on the platform as the children came in. The response to this appeal was generous. On Friday evening a committee will meet at the church and make up the baskets which will be distributed on Saturday.

At St. David's church yesterday afternoon a very large number of the school and their parents assembled with the spirit of Christmas in their hearts to make contributions to twenty baskets for those who are less fortunate than themselves. The junior classes gave gifts of toys, games and dolls. The senior classes gave groceries amounting to three barrels of potatoes, a barrel of apples, and about twelve dozen of canned goods. In addition to this they presented gifts of wearing apparel. The offering which was presented to the superintendent by the two senior classes, consisting of one dollar bills, and amounted to \$52. The church was prettily decorated. Miss K. Shaw gave a reading, which was followed by a selection from a hidden gramophone, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," which was especially touching. Mrs. Hugh Miller most beautifully sang "Silent Night, Holy Night." The pastor, Rev. Hugh Miller, made a short address.

MANY RESPONDED TO THE TAG DAY APPEAL FOR THE BOY SCOUTS

Very few citizens were seen without the tag with the green cord and the Boy Scout crest and motto last Saturday, as the girls and women of the city tried to help the helpers for that is what the Scouts are all the time, on every occasion. Those nearest to the boys were the most earnest, namely, the mothers and sisters, who have learned how much the work has done for their boys, making them more thoughtful in the home and more useful everywhere.

Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell was general convener, with headquarters at the Y.M.C.A., and was assisted by Mrs. C. D. H. Jones, Mrs. H. Fisher Miller, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, Mrs. Leslie Peters, Mrs. H. O. Clark, Mrs. J. R. Haycock, Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. W. L. Caldwell, Mrs. C. W. Holder, Mrs. Allan Beattie, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Sydney Jones, Mrs. J. Ernest Waring, Mrs. Katherine Miller, Mrs. Horstman, Mrs. Maher, Miss Katherine O'Neill, Mrs. Nicholas, Miss M. McCloskey, Miss Gladys Gibbon, Miss Thelma Alward. Luncheon was under the direction of Mrs. A. C. Skelton, Mrs. E. H. Turnbull, Mrs. Ralph Fowler, Mrs. Rowland Frith, Miss McColegan, Mrs. H. O. Evans, Mrs. J. H. Doody.

The banks were in charge of Mrs. Campbell, who was assisted by Miss Alice Etey, Mrs. H. B. Peck and Mrs. T. L. Coughlan. The finances were in charge of T. E. Simpson, H. J. Sheehan, Guy Short, T. E. Drummie, H. Usher Miller, while V. C. Timberley directed the distribution of the tags, having previously prepared them for the workers, with a committee of the boys. The sum of \$1001 was collected.

PHYSICAL TRAINING EXHIBITION JAN. 1

Arrangements are under way for a physical training demonstration to be held at the Y.M.C.A. on the afternoon of New Year's day. Already several community groups, the Leaders' Corps of the South and East End boys' clubs, are in training for this exhibition. The Leaders' Corps from the East and South End Boys' Clubs were at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday evening for a combined work-out with the Y.M.C.A. Junior Leaders' Corps.

The object of this demonstration is to show the public what is being done in different parts of the city in physical training, it will also serve to bring all these groups together and co-ordinate their work in a combined demonstration. The type of work is of a high order, and merit all the support the public can give it.

REMEMBER H. H. MELANSON

The passenger officials of the C. N. R. lines have presented H. H. Melanson, general passenger traffic manager, with a solid leather dressing case with fittings.

Mr. Melanson is a native of Soudou, parish of Shediac, and before going to Toronto, was stationed at Moncton.

FRENCH NEGLIGEEES

A new note in French negligees is the use of huge cords and fastenings of rope-like material that are introduced on the plain or elaborate model.

FOR LADY NIC.

New smoking jackets and suits for women, imported from England, show short coats and full trousers of velvets, brocades and satins, banded with fur and elaborately trimmed.

A London Craze



Boots, not the dainty little creations that our American girls have been sporting, but real, honest-to-goodness boots, are the latest rage in London, according to Miss Kitty Rachman, who has just returned from a trip to England.

GERMAIN STREET BAPTIST SERVICE FOR YOUNG MEN

Rev. Dr. S. S. Pooler in Address Gives Much Good Advice—A Strong Church.

At Germain St. Baptist church last evening, the service was given over to the Young Men's Association, when a choir of 22 male voices furnished a program, in which was included a solo by J. Stewart Smith and Bert Nichol. The pastor Rev. S. S. Pooler, D. D., gave a direct address to the young men, with the presentation of the highest ideals in every day life. He set before them the wisdom of the valuing of their time, by reading the best literature and not frittering time away on trivial reading. Money was a good thing, but life was frittered away that was spent wholly in making money for that alone.

Right choice of pleasures was also emphasized. Many pleasures are good, but one must estimate just how much time he can afford to give to pleasure. Splendid illustrations brought out the true purpose of life, from a young man's standpoint, with the final lesson, that pointed to the desire for God, when all other things would swing into their proper place, in accord with the Divine Will.

The work of this church is, well apportioned, with the young men and women actively engaged in the several departments, the Sunday School being well organized under the direction of Mr. W. C. Cross, the C. Y. M. S., under Mrs. W. C. Cross and Mrs. G. W. Park, who are also interested in the Willing Workers, and the Philanthropy Class, of which the latter is the president. Miss Winnie Dunbrack is president of the class and there is a large band of girls organized into a G. I. T. group, with Miss Anne as leader.

Mrs. Blake Ferris is the soprano soloist and leader of the choir, which is a great assistance to the pastor, with up-lifting music at each and every service, where Mrs. Ferris makes generous offerings of her beautiful voice.

MISS JARVIS HAS RETURNED TO CITY

Miss E. Jarvis has returned from De-bee Junction after a very successful trip, when she lectured on the Red Cross principles for peace time on Thursday evening, and went to Benton for Friday. The Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick, who was at one time with F. G. Spencer in the Unique, is now a Methodist clergyman at Benton, and it was at his invitation that Miss Jarvis gave her address there.

He operated the Red Cross lantern, which did excellent service, especially under his skilful direction.

Miss Jarvis spent Saturday at Mr. Adam among her friends of the Red Cross and came into the city in the evening. It was twenty below zero at the places she visited, and Miss Jarvis thinks that St. John is not a bad place to be in, in cold weather, despite the kind hospitality of her Red Cross friends. The Rev. Mr. Swan, Presbyterian clergyman, assisted her at De-bee, and Clara Johnson operated the lantern with good effect.

Tennis Championship Dates For 1923

New York, Dec. 17.—Recommendations that the principal tennis championship dates for 1923, be awarded in accordance with last season's schedule and that arrangements be made for the erection of a permanent tennis stadium along the lines of the structure at Wimbledon, England, were the outstanding features of the executive committee meeting of the United Lawn Tennis As-

is here shall we shop today?

From "Liberty's" so well-known the world over, come many little novelties suitable for Christmas giving, and F. W. Daniel & Co., LTD., bring the credit of giving St. John people an opportunity of purchasing them in this city. You'll find in their Christmas show-room paper weights, book marks, jewelry cases, shopping lists, cigarette cases, book ends, bill folders, name calendars, sachets and pin cushions.

If you want something decidedly new, ask to see the Oriental table squares. These are being used as covers for mahogany tables now and the fad has just reached this city.

In Madeira work there is a wide selection for you from a twenty-five cent doily to a large centre at \$4.85. The luncheon sets in these are particularly lovely and these range in price from \$3.75 to \$13.25. Runners are here too, and in various attractive prices.

Brushed wool gloves for the young girl would be a very acceptable gift and a special lot in this store are offered at \$1.25 in a gay Christmas box.

For the man of the house there are neckties—the kinds he likes—in plain colors, in stripes, embroidered satins and silks. Christmas is only a week off now, but you have only five shopping days left.

Mary. Marie

MANY CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS SEEN IN SHOPS IN ST. JOHN

Wonderful Showings for Shoppers to Make Gift Selection Easy Task.

"Christmas is coming," is one of the sayings that never grown old, but one realizes it more this year in St. John than for many seasons, on account of their bewildering display in the shops of the city. In looking at the first counter that came under notice in one of the upstairs departments of a big store, one has an impression that the stock has been sending Santa Claus special messages, for there is an array such as never met the eye before of everything for wee folks, even to tiny coat hangers, all fussed up with ribbon and lace. In another shoe store, there are wonderful showings of small footwear, and for baby's doll toys.

Nothing is forgotten in the way of toys and the toy shops or departments of stores are full of fascinating toys that attract many very large girls and boys, who have long since stopped telling their ages. The pocket knives are very enticing and one has visions of many a chequered career for desks, etc., if the average boy gets his desire for a real knife.

Who would not have good tea or coffee? Surely no lady in St. John will lack, after viewing the extraordinary supply of utensils for making these beverages, in all kinds of wear, for stoves, and for electricity. Mother can have all kinds of useful things for her kitchen, and the lady friend who if the prospective donor uses good judgment.

Jewelry is alluringly displayed, and none can gainsay its variety and beauty, and its reasonableness in price, too, if one is inclined to give his lady love a lasting gift.

That Dear Blouse.

"There is a dear of a blouse!" which remark attracted the reporter, looking for pretty things, and the speaker further stated that she was going into that store at once to look at blouses. I was a periwinkle blue of some soft material and beaded in exquisite taste and it was only one of many things that will doubtless adorn "my lady," if money is available and friends are discerning. Dressing gowns are seen in another window and if one wants to send a small gift and likes cards, buy an up-to-date handkerchief, that is prettily decorated with floral designs, that look like cards, but are vastly more useful on a cold day.

One does not go to buy a hat for another, unless foolhardy; but this may be overruled this year, for there are sport hats with scarves that would suit anybody and with stockings to match in a store near by and a nob by skirt elsewhere, with lace to trim a pretty business blouse, or a wool jersey that is becoming in color and warm as to weight. One window that was particularly noticed had everything that is included in all that has been told, about the clothes and small fancy goods, gloves, too, that are needed for the days when parcels make nuisances. Books there are a plenty and cards of fine art. Five cents may revive a friend-ship as fast as five dollars.

Dainty things for women, warm things, fine things, with dolls and toys for children, everything for babies young and old, repeat the theme, with a strong emphasis, that Christmas is coming, is here and is full of joyful anticipation for St. John, if everyone does their share in helping the merchants who have made all this description possible.

association yesterday. A change in the amateur code which would bar from competition any player who permitted moving pictures of himself or herself to be shown for gain or a percentage of the box office receipts also was advocated. All these recommendations will be acted upon at the annual meeting of the association to be held in this city in February.

A Few

Boudoir Suggestions

for the Gift Giver

Woman can always be delighted with a gift of a charming negligee. Almost any type is acceptable from the warm blanket velour or corduroy robe to crepe de chene, satin or pongee. Not to forget the ever serviceable cotton crepe gowns in short or long styles.

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CHRISTMAS JOY AT CENTENARY

Hall a Fairyland and Scene of Beauty—Young Folks Aid Poor.

Centenary hall was a fairyland, full of Christmas joy and beautiful scenic effects, yesterday afternoon, when under the direction of Mrs. C. F. Sanford, Mrs. W. H. Barker and Mrs. John Sealy, "The Christmas Shining Star" was presented by the children. The procession of the classes with their trees, was very effective and there was a thrill of pleasure throughout the large audience, when in the pantomime the circle of untrammelled trees unfolded, showing gleaming streamers and the star above, became suddenly bright as the children brought representatives from the whole world to share in their joy. This, added to the big tree built up from the ones in the procession, made a fine effect, when Harry Boyer threw the various colored lights on the platform. The singing of the Christmas hymns was harmonious and expressive.

The idea of the White Christmas at Centenary is to help the poor of the city, and large gifts of food of all kinds are brought by the children and are stacked around the platform. The broader idea is to send the Gospel to all nations, and so a collection is taken for missions as well. Mary Fulton and Annie McCavour held the tray, which received the envelopes that were brought with money gifts by nearly all the girls and boys.

The work of the orchestra is particularly good, and was wholly in accord with the season yesterday. Those who so greatly aid the music of the school are Miss Hilda Brittain, pianist; Morton Harrison, first violin; Harrison Morgan Allan Sparling and Robert Langstroth, second, third and fourth violins. They play every Sunday and are gaining prestige in their rendition of ensemble music.

The Programme
The programme follows:
"The Shining of the Christmas Star," Hymn—"Rejoice, the Lord is King." School.
Responsive Reading.
Prayer—Rev. R. G. Fulton.
Lord's Prayer—Chanted by the Junior Department.
Hymn—"O Little Town of Bethlehem." (Illustrated by slides)
"The Shepherd's Story," by Mary Harding, Nellie Phillips, Margaret MacDonald, Margaret Sealy.
Carol—"Silent Night." (Illustrated by slides).The Boys' Choir
"The Old, Old Story."
by Lillian Thomas and Jack Gunn.
"Away in a Manger." Primary Class.
Hymn—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
Exercise—"When the Star Shone."
Processional of classes bearing offerings and Christmas Trees.
Hymn—"Noel."School.
Here are the characters—"When the Star Shone." Frances Elkin, Christmas Angel; Gordon Black, trumpeter; Christmas tree children, Jack Gunn, Cyril Parfitt, Muriel Langstroth, Harold Goodwin, Vivian Colpitts, Jean Jenkins.
Friends—Joseph Likely, Wm. Hayward, Guthrie Gunn, Norma Chamberlain, Jean Humphrey, Constance McLaughlin.
Workers—Mary Hinchcliff, Gertrude Hughes, Helen McLaughlin, Edward

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Hose, All Wool Heather mixtures, Cashmere and Silk from 75c. to \$1.25

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Mufflers, soft and cosy, Pure Wool in all the popular shades \$2 and \$3

Sweaters for Dad or for the Boy—Both Coat and Pull-over, Pure Wool and Jersey in Maroon, Grey, Brown and all the Local Club colors. Suspenders and Garters in Separate or Combination Gift Boxes.

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