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CHRISTMAS.

"A Merry Christmas! The phrase has become stereotyped. Uttered joyously, sincerely, often thoughtlessly, the prevailing wish of Christendom today is one of good will to all mankind. At this season the spirit of good will becomes epidemic, the world becomes charged with something of that spirit which brooded over the Judean plains two thousand years ago when the shepherds were mystified by the angels' song, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good-will to men." "Christmas, day of rejoicing," alas, also, a day of sadness! Each anniversary brings its remembrances. To many in our city and throughout the province the backward look to former Christmases will linger lovingly and longingly around scenes hallowed by sacred memories and they will "sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still." To these in their perplexed questioning may there come from that lone way, between the Manger and Gethsemane, the message "Ye shall know hereafter."

Who is He in yonder stall At whose feet the shepherds fall? The problem which lies behind the Manger scene at Bethlehem refuses to be solved "scientifically" or "philosophically." We are gravely told that Christ is the creation of the church, of infatuated ignorance, of perverted history. The Gospels and the ruling Figure in the Gospels could not have been imagined by any genius that has ever appeared in the world, much less by ignorant fishermen whose minds were saturated with the errors and superstitions of their time. The Gospel narratives are told out of experience and not out of imagination. The evangelists could not have imagined the life of the Saviour of the world and they could not have invented His sayings. These sayings that have laid hold of the heart of the world and charged it with life were wholly beyond the natural reach of their spiritual and intellectual force. That a few ignorant disciples, in a remote corner of the world, could put together a story based on two or three years of our Lord's incarnate life, which has mastered all time and masters it still, would be a greater miracle if possible than the miracle of the incarnation. The story of the Manger, of the solitary way, of Calvary is true. The anniversary will be commemorated tomorrow by millions and God's greatest gift to the world will be reproduced, in small measure, by the millions who will hand out their gifts of friendship, of love, of remembrance, of charity—even to the cup of cold water given to one of the least of these His brethren. The Guardian wishes all its readers a good Christmas.

THE WINTER-SERVICE.

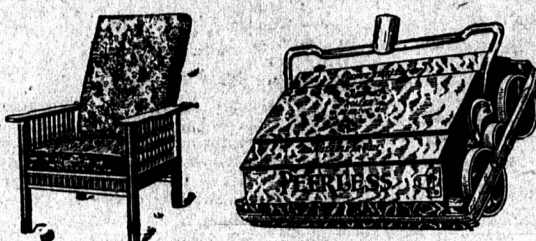
The service with the mainland this winter opens most promisingly. The Minto took up the service at Summerside immediately on the withdrawal of the Empress and without a break. The Earl Grey is ready to go on the Charlottetown-Pictou route as soon as conditions make it necessary. Both steamers will make return trips daily giving the province a winter service practically equal to that of the summer. It is gratifying to find that at least a good beginning is being made and there is no reason why it should be otherwise. With the past and all its errors of omissions and commissions to guide, there is no excuse for further blundering and we hope to see, this winter, a service which will be in keeping with the progress and prosperity now evident in all directions throughout the province. Transportation has always been one of the weak spots in our connection with the rest of the continent. We have made many blunders and the cost of our blunders will never be known. There can be no excuse for their continuance. Every experience is a new lesson and some of ours, in this connection, have been repeated many times, so many that there can now be no possibility of perpetrating a new mistake. The Minto's instructions are to remain on the western route as long as it is possible to ply between Summerside and Tormentine. Her Captain, John L. Read, may be depended upon to carry out his instructions and although his ship is not as able as she has been, we have faith enough in him to know that he will not quit until he has reached the ultimate limit of the possible. The Earl Grey, still in her prime and one of the most powerful ice-breakers in the world, is to undertake daily round trips and to continue them at least as long as the Minto remains on the Western route. Her commander, Captain Murchison, with a creditable record on the Minto, has his reputation to make with the larger and more powerful ship. It will be his to break records on the Charlottetown-Pictou route and the public is looking to him for the best service yet. We look forward to a longer season than usual on this route, a season of daily round trips which will prove the strength of the service.

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of the ship, the navigability of the port of Charlottetown in winter and last but not least, the good judgment and persistence of her captain, her officers and her crew. With the service now mapped out, if carried out, the sting will be taken out of our isolation and our winter difficulties will be reduced almost to the vanishing point.

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GOOD RECEIPTS.

Beet preserves.—Boil beets until tender, skin them and cut into half-inch cubes. Weigh and use an equal weight of sugar, wet with water, to make a syrup. Pour this over the beets and cook until the syrup is as thick as you wish it. Flavor with stick cinnamon, or any other flavor you wish. Chocolate Cake.—Two cupsful of sugar, half cupful of butter, three eggs, one cupful cold water, one teaspoon of vanilla, one cupful sweet chocolate dissolved in half cupful of hot water; two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, sifted into two and one-half cupfuls of flour.

Mix well and bake in a loaf. Eggle's Raisin Cake.—Half cupful of butter, one cupful of granulated sugar, one cupful of sour milk, one teaspoonful of baking soda, one teaspoonful of clove ground, one cupful of chopped raisins dredged with flour half cupful of chopped nut meats, also dredged, flour to make a stiff batter. Mix well and bake. Ginger Snaps.—One pound of brown sugar, one-quarter cupful of lard, one-quarter cupful of butter, two eggs, one teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in one-quarter cupful of sour milk, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon one ounce ginger, enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll thin, cut into rounds and bake in a quick oven. Vanities.—Beat two eggs very light, add a pinch of salt, and on the size of a large cracker and fry in up thin as possible, cut into squares enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll hot fat to a golden brown.

AS TO YOU.

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of Man, And hearing about all the burden he can, Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue, And the smile would have helped him to battle it through. Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill, And this world—so I fancied—was using him ill, Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road, Or did you just let him go on with his load? Do you know what it means to be losing the fight, When a lift just in time, might set everything right? Do you know what it means—just the clasp of a hand, When a man's borne about all a man ought to stand? Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip, And the glistening tears down the pale cheek that slip? Were you a brother of his when the time came to be? Did you offer to help him or didn't you see? Don't you know it's the part of a brother Man To find what the grief is and help when you can? Did you stop when he asked you to give him a lift, Or were you so busy you left him to shift? Oh, I know what you meant—what say may be true— But the test of your manhood is: What Did You Do? Did you reach out a hand? Did you find him the road, Or did you just let him go by with his load?

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FUNERAL OF LATE SAMUEL INGS. The funeral of the late Samuel Ings, whose sudden and unexpected death was a great shock to the community, was held at Hazelbrook on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. Mr. Styles assisted by Rev. Mr. Erb, who led in prayer and read the scripture lesson, after which Mr. Styles delivered a very timely and excellent address from the words "What is your life; it is even as a vapor that appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth." The hymns sung were favorites of the deceased. Passing away! 'Tis sighed by the leaves when the chill autumn breeze tears rudely their hold from the wind-shaken trees. They whisper alike to the youthful and gay, man's life, like the autumn leaf, passeth away. Passing away! The dear ones we loved in youth's happy morn, now gone to that bourn whence none may return. Speak gently unto us, Oh list while ye may, Man's short life is passing, is passing away.

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