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Pownal News

Christmas trees and entertainments are the order of the day, the first one of the season being held at the Alexandra School house on Wednesday evening of last week. Despite the unfavorable weather a pleasing number of parents and ratepayers were present. A nicely balanced program of recitations, solos, exercises, dialogues, etc., was given by the children, young and old. A duet given by the Misses Helen and Edyth Judson brought down the house. One of these young ladies assumed the bold and dashing role of the teacher, Miss Mary MacLennan and her assistants for the pleasing entertainment provided. This is Miss MacLennan's first year as a pedagogue and the fact that she is making good in her home school speaks volumes. We wish her a pleasant holiday and continued success in the New Year.

Mr. Harold Lawton, student at Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lawton, Pownal Village, also Miss Edyth Lawton, student at P. W. C., Charlottetown.

Mr. Douglas Judson, student at Mt. Allison, Sackville, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Judson.

Mrs. Nathaniel Gay and Mrs. Colin Bruce have gone to Boston to spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs.

Iona MacLeod. They plan to remain a month when they will visit many relatives and friends.

Mr. Ernest Smith, third year student at P. W. C., is spending his Christmas season with his father, Mr. E. Smith.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment was held in Pownal Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24th. There was a capacity house and after a brief introductory remark by the chairman, Rev. H. E. Campbell, the curtain lifted on twenty youthful singers who extended a Merry Christmas in a lusty chorus to the accompaniment of piano and violin. This was followed by a youthful performer, Miss Dorothy Ings, who recited very sweetly, "Christ, the Little Christmas Stranger." Gordon Brown followed with "Welcome Him" which was well spoken. Little Helen Jenkins then favored the audience with a motion solo. At this point Master Bruce Jones came to the platform and made his debut to the waiting audience and judging from the round of applause and laughter Bruce made all sit up and take notice. Miss Reta Judson in her winsome manner gave a recitation. Miss Muriel Jones, carrying her big mama doll then came to the platform, made a pretty bow and her maiden speech which was heartily endorsed. A violin duet by Prudence Ings and Adele Smith was sweetly rendered. The Misses Reta Gay and Edyth Lawton here gave a duet to which they were compelled to respond with an encore. Master Charles Jones with his ever cool and deliberate manner gave his listeners a few tips about Christmas gleaned from Granddad. Miss Adele Smith, one of the senior performers gave a reading "Christmas Eve in a Mining Camp." Another one of the rising generation, Miss Ivy Gay made her advent to the stage world, also Master George Jones. Both pieces were well spoken for beginners and received hearty applause. A solo and exercise by Miss Helen Judson was a pleasing new feature. Fantomime "It came upon a Midnight Clear," by C. G. I. T. girls and Miss Wood, singer. Messrs. George and Wilfred Lawton and Jackie Herman made fine negro singers and were compelled to respond to an encore, Fantomime, "Silent Night," by C. G. I. T., a solo by Miss Helen Jenkins with Miss Bertha Wood as harp accompanist and a recitation by Lorne Ings were pleasantly rendered. A dialogue by the C. G. I. T. group. In act one we behold Miss Prudence Ings as Kiddy, an eccentric old lady sitting in

National Flag Raised By The Revolutionists

LAHORE, India, Dec. 31.—The executive committee of the all India National Congress party today declared for complete independence for India just prior to the opening of the 44th congress.

Mahatma Gandhi, long a leader of the Nationalist movement, led the fight against the proposed Dominion status in the British Empire and introduced non-cooperative measures to enforce the Congress Party demands for Independence. These included refusal to attend the round table conference called to meet in London to discuss the political situation of India

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Raised the National Flag

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as president of the Congress raised the National flag which he declared must never be lowered while a single person remained alive in India. The throng greeted this with cheers and cries of "long live the revolution." They broke through the police cordons and swarmed toward the platform. Several persons fainted in the crush, including Abbas Tyabji, a congressional veteran.

In his presidential address the Pandit said, "We want no exploitation of the poor of India, and to get the reality of power not merely the livery of office." He described dominion status as the shadow of authority for a handful of Indians but for more repression and exploitation of the masses.

The Pandit termed himself a Socialist Republican and advocated complete National Independence. He urged immediate boycott of the legislatures and the organization of a peaceful mass movement for a "no tax" campaign. Asia and India, he said must pay an independent part in the world movement which had begun in America. If India ignored the world she would do so at her own peril.

Law Enforcement Report Is Ready

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Facts marshalled by the Hoover Law Enforcement Commission have resulted in formulation of a report on four

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definite aspects in connection with enforcing all laws in general and prohibition a particular.

That report has been ready for about a month, and awaiting publication pending Congressional authorization of a point committee to cooperate with the administration and the commission in drafting a legislative programme. It is expected to be made public soon, perhaps by the commission, but possibly not until the House adopts the Senate resolution for appointment of the joint committee.

The four phases which have emerged as dominant from the findings of the commission, and which its reports touches, comes under these classifications:

Relief of court congestion;
Centralization at the Department of

Justice of work being done by the Prohibition Bureau, now under the Treasury Department

Unification of the various border controls now consisting of customs, coastguard, labor, prohibition and narcotics divisions.

Codification and re-enforcement of the multifold laws on prohibition.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

To Mrs. David McDonald and Mrs. Ramsay Auld.

Dear Sisters: We, the members of the W. M. S. desire to convey to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved father. We realize that words are a poor solace in the hour of affliction. Although your hearts are filled with grief, at the

parting, what a joy it is to know that you can meet again where there shall be no more parting and where sorrow and grief is unknown. After a life of useful toil here, ripened years fully prepared for another state of existence, he passed on to enjoy the reward of a life well spent on earth; most of us know how hard it is to part with our parents and now we can only direct you to the God of all comfort—hoping that in the beauty of His love you may find a balm for the aching heart.

Again we would assure you of our sincere sympathy.

Signed on behalf of W. M. S. members:

MRS. C. H. SHAW, (Pres.)
MRS. A. D. SHAW, (Sec.)
MRS. L. COLES, (Treas.)
Brackley Point, Dec. 11, 1929.

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