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THE CALL OF CHRISTMAS

ALL our exchanges of the past few days from far and near, breathe the pure spirit of Christmas. The keynote of all is charity, a plea for the children, particularly for the poor children, but not for these alone, it is a plea for all children for Christmas is essentially the children's day.

It is significant that from every town and village in Christendom there comes a reminder of Christian duty to others, of help for the poor and the unfortunate, of the Christmas claims of little children, of love and friendliness to others. Those who, during the gray days of the busy year are inclined to be despondent over the world's progress in civilization are cheered into a better optimism and a more optimistic outlook when they see the altruistic spirit that animates the Christmas season.

WESTERN FARMING.

THE development of mixed farming in the West is indicated very strikingly by the change that has taken place in Manitoba. Up to 1914 that province imported its butter. Last year it shipped 250 carloads of butter of a quality that carried off 49 per cent. of the prizes offered at five of the fairs held last year.

When the magnitude of these provinces is taken into consideration we may form some idea of the place that Canada will shortly occupy in the world's markets. We may also form some idea of the competition we in the smaller provinces, especially in the smallest, our own, are up against.

Ten years ago the Prairie Provinces produced nothing but wheat. There was a sure market for all the wheat they could produce. They opposed protection, for they had nothing to protect. Now they, like the other mixed farming provinces, will no doubt see the necessity of protecting their dairy and other farm products, and we may confidently expect that in the not distant future they will realize the need of the Conservative policy of adequate protection for the products of farm and factory.

"A PICK ON ME."

HOW often we hear the expression "he—or she—has a pick on me!" The person who harbors this idea has the material within himself or herself for the making of a miserable life. An unintended slight, such as not being recognized on the street or elsewhere, is by people of this mentality, interpreted into a deliberate "cut" when nothing of the kind was meant.

EDITORIAL NOTES

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Notes by the Way

IN twenty-nine countries women now possess the vote, usually on the same terms with men, but Britain and Northern Ireland have formed exceptions in elections so far held. In those countries women of less than thirty years were not enfranchised, but will be enabled to vote at elections in the future.

Ireland elected a woman to Parliament before England, Wales or Scotland. Britain's six women who hold seats in the House of Commons are divided equally between the Conservative and Labor parties, the Liberals having none. Northern Ireland has one Conservative woman member in its Parliament.

CONSERVATIVE POLICY.

THE Hon. R. B. Bennett, Leader of the Conservative Party, spent two days in Montreal this week and was one of the speakers at the annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association. Referring editorially to this speech and to the fact that none of the speeches delivered were in any way political, the Toronto Mail and Empire makes the following comment:

A point emphasized in the speech was the importance of Canada's domestic trade, especially the exchange between provinces. Vast as is the volume and value of our external trade, it tells but part of the story of Canada's commerce, and that not the larger part.

The total demand for the necessities and comforts of life than any other equal population outside of North America. In few countries are the producers a larger ratio of the total population than they are in Canada, and in no other country save the United States is the production of the average worker so high as in Canada.

That nearly half of the 338,000 immigrants admitted to the United States during the current year came from Canada and Mexico, is regarded by the Mail and Empire as humiliating. "We spend millions every year to bring immigrants to Canada, only to find that we are the greatest source of immigrants for the United States," and it asks the pertinent question, "Why do the newcomers leave us, and why are they joined by thousands of the best and boldest of the native born?"

It is true that the enterprising smuggler still is smuggling. It seems that the proceeds of 358 seizures by the Customs and Excise preventive force during the month of October last amounted to \$68,585. In Nova Scotia 101 Customs, and 11 Excise seizures were made during the month and eight Customs seizures in Prince Edward Island. And an Ottawa despatch tells of a "naval engagement" between the Canadian Government steamer Margaret and a rum-running schooner in Northumberland Straits. Pretty near home was that for a sea fight in which cannon and rifles were brought into action and an attempt was made to "board" the enemy. Very regrettably the enemy escaped beyond the three-mile limit.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

SUPPORTING ABDOMINAL ORGANS

If you were to go into some hospital you would find cases that did not appear to be very sick. The temperature is normal, pulse normal, and they appear to be pretty comfortable generally. However you would see that some of them are lying face downwards with a couple of pillows under the abdomen, others with pillows or supports under the shoulders, the small of back, under knees, and so forth.

What is the idea? There are cases where the abdominal organs have "dropped" due to various causes, and these "supporting" methods, with rest of mind and body, is the treatment advised. As you know any of the abdominal organs may drop. The stomach often swings from the position of nearly crossways in the body, until it is in a perpendicular, straight, or up and down position.

Also loops of the intestine that should be held up by a support from the spinal column drop downward, and food and waste remain at the V part of the loop for too long a period, causing delay in digestion, and distress from gas formation. Now what is the cause of this drooping of the contents of the abdomen? It is usually due to weakness, either hereditary or acquired. The fact that it is found in girls and young women, and is not common in men till toward middle age, would lead us to believe that women are naturally weaker.

Then from forty years if he neglects exercise entirely, he may have trouble with this "dropping" of the organs of the abdomen. Surgery has been used successfully in some of these cases, but the supportive treatment described above should first be tried. For most of these cases, in the early stages, a simple abdominal belt, and the development of the abdominal muscles by bending exercise, touching toes with the knees straight, will be effective treatment.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

December 24, 1927 THE WAY OUT.—Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Psalm 130:1. PRAYER: Lift up, Thou mighty God, out of the pit and set our feet upon a rock.

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OUR ETERNITY.—Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. Psalm 130:2. PRAYER:—Verily, Thou hast heard our cry, O our Father, and answered our need with Jesus.

THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT

What can a mother give her children Greater today than this one great thing—Faith—in an old, sweet, beautiful story. A star—a stable—a new-born King. Shining faith in the young lad, Jesus: Lover of high white things was He: Jesus—straight as a Lebanon cedar: Jesus—clean as the winds from the sea. Faith in the young lad come to manhood: Jesus, compassionate, tender and true. Oh, my children—what more glorious Gift in the world can I give to you? Carry it high like a lamp in the darkness. Hold it for warmth—when the day is cold—Keep it for joy when youth goes singing. Clasp it for peace when you are old.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE Q. What should a caller do when a second caller enters? A. Remain for a few minutes and then leave. Q. Is it good form to tilt the soup plate for the last spoonful? A. No; it is ill-bred. Q. Is it good form to hum or sing while walking through the corridors of a hotel? A. Never; one should pass through the corridors as noiselessly as possible. Belgian railways are arranging to equip their freight cars with automatic brakes, enabling engineers to control entire trains.

AN ATTIC SALT-SHAKER

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CHRISTMAS TOAST: "God Bless Us Every One." Tiny Tim.

IT WAS during a Christmas party at Charles Dickens' house, in the supper room, that George Cruikshank, the famous illustrator, and Dickens nearly came to blows. Cruikshank had at that time developed a mania for total abstinence, and seeing Mrs. E. M. Ward, the painter, about to sip a glass of wine snatched the glass from her hand to dash it on the floor.

"I HAD never seen Dickens so angry," recalls Mrs. Ward (relating the incident in her "Memories of Ninety Years.") "To Cruikshank he said: 'How dare you touch Mrs. Ward's glass? It is an unpardonable liberty. What do you mean? Because some one you know was a drunkard for forty years, it is not for you to object to an innocent glass of sherry.'"

"POOR Cruikshank," adds Mrs. Ward, "one of the largest-hearted creatures in the world, but too taken back to reply, and he disappeared for the rest of that evening."

MRS. WARD—a grand old lady—was an intimate friend of Dickens. "Tommy," Wilkie Collins "gave her away" at her marriage in 1848, and she knew Macaulay, Bulwer Lytton, Thackeray, Anthony Trollope, and a host of other eminent Victorians. At the age of ninety-three she wrote her reminiscences but did not live to see them in print.

ONCE she was driving with Bulwer Lytton when they came across Trollope about to fight a broad-shouldered rube and tradesman. "Anthony had divested himself of his coat and was shaking his fists in his opponent's face, as he danced around him," says Mrs. Ward. "Though we never heard which gladiator won, the betting was all on Anthony, who had a reputation for never risking defeat when he made a challenge."

MENTION of Dickens—Dickens and Christmas mix very well—recalls a reminiscence of Joseph H. Choate quoted by W. Pett Ridge, the novelist (sometimes called "The Modern Dickens") in his chat-book "A Story Teller."

MR. CHOATE, when American Ambassador in London, was a guest of the Boz Club. He recalled how in the early days in New York, before the advent of the cable or radio, when "Dombey and Son" was being issued in monthly parts, a large crowd of eager folk lined the quay awaiting the arrival of a steamer from Liverpool. As the ship drew near, one big cry went up from the waiting people: "Is Little Paul Dombey dead?"

BRET HARTE and Pett Ridge were once discussing the difference—if any—between American and British humor. Pett Ridge suggested that in America folk relied on exaggeration. Bret Harle pointed out that the effect could be gained by understatement, told his friend the story of the quiet, reticent man in the observation car of an American train.

TO HIM the other passengers ran, crying: "Did you see what happened? Did you see what happened? Apparently the cow stumbled on to the track, and the engine caught it and flung it aside. It staggered on again and was cut into a thousand pieces."

The quiet man nodded. "But," they argued, "can't you tell us something about the incident? You were the only one who saw it properly. How did the poor animal look?" "It looked," said the quiet man, "it looked discouraged!"

ANOTHER story along the same line (told by Pett Ridge) is about a dismal-looking horse being led to the farm by its owner. A neighbor was looking on over a gate. "Ever seen a horse in this condition?" demanded the owner. "Had one here." "And," eagerly, "what did you give it?" "Paraffin!"

The next morning the owner came by again, carrying the halter. He alluded to the conversation of the evening before. "Gave that horse of mine paraffin," he said, "and it died in the night." "So did mine!" remarked the other.

ONE of Pett Ridge's favorite stories concerns a young couple with one child, who decided to move from a house to an apartment. The husband, as a labor-saving device, was being done, while the wife was being done. At the first dinner given in the new apartment, he spoke to the guests with complacency of the ease with which the transfer had been effected. "No anxiety," he declared, "and absolutely no worry of any description. Isn't that true, my dear?" "Quite true," she agreed. "No more than there was when our little Gladys arrived!" (Continued on page 21)

Happenings of The Week



I like to feel that every house is full of cheer tonight; That everywhere—on every hearth—Warm fires are burning bright. God give our homes the gift of cheer. For no one ought to grieve On such a happy night as this—On Christmas Eve.

When the Prince of Wales takes possession of Marlborough House about the end of the year one room at least will remain practically untouched. This will be what was formerly the private sitting-room of King Edward, which His Royal Highness will utilize as a sort of smoking-room to which he can retreat for half an hour. Many of the most treasured possessions of the late King still remain there, including his wonderful collection of walking sticks of all countries and many ages. The Prince is also anxious to add other memories of his grandfather.

H. R. H. Prince George celebrated his 25th birthday on Tuesday last.

Mrs. A. A. Bartlett and little Miss Marion Morris are spending the holiday season in Boston, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gane-Morris.

Miss Ruth Heartz is home from McGill to spend the holidays with the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Heartz.

Mr. George J. Rogers is convalescing nicely after his long and tedious illness.

The closing of the Halifax Ladies' College, attending which are several P. E. Island girls, took place on Wednesday. There was a dinner party Tuesday evening at which a guest from each Form in the college presided. There was also a Christmas tree, brilliantly decorated, and on Wednesday morning each of the Forms placed on the tree a bag of candy which was distributed later at the Children's Hospital and Infants' Home—Miss Blackwood, principal of the college, will spend her vacation in Boston; Miss E. Smith, Fredericton; Miss Loggie, Charlottetown; Miss Rippey, Moncton; Miss Hart, Toronto; Miss MacMillan, Jacques River; Miss Freeman, Middleton; Miss Irene Freeman, Bridgeport; Miss Woodworth, Kentville, and Miss Ward, Clemenport.

Miss Irene Allen, daughter of Mr. L. R. Allen, M.L.A., and Mrs. Allen, of Summerside, has arrived home from Halifax to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Allen is taking a medical course at Dalhousie University and is also an interne in the Halifax Children's Hospital.

Miss Phyllis Winchester has arrived home from Dalhousie College to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winchester, Brighton. She is accompanied by her college chum, Miss Jessica Gladwin, of Bermuda. Miss Joan Winchester has also arrived home from Edgell for the holidays.

Mrs. McCready has returned from Saint John, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Boyle-Traverse, who is somewhat improved after her recent illness.

Rev. J. C. Martin and Mrs. Martin have gone to New York to visit their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Bennett. They will also visit Mr. A. E. Guild in Vermont before returning.

Christmas gatherings have been a part of Mount Allison during the past week. On Friday the Academy boys put on a jolly entertainment in Beethoven Hall, and on Saturday evening the Voice and Oratory departments were at home to the students and teachers of the Ladies' College, and a number of their friends. The guests, including many from P. E. Island, assembled in the Common room, where a large Christmas tree had been gaily decorated. Singing the carols and Christmas recitations made a delightful program, at the conclusion of which gifts were distributed.

The Queen of Spain, in a friendly chat with a pretty bobbed-haired manicurist, who was doing Her Majesty's nails in a Paris shop, bemoaned the restrictions to royalty which prevent a Queen from wearing short hair. "How very fortunate you are, mademoiselle," sighed the beautiful Queen, as she looked at the wavy, short, black locks of the blushing young French girl. "If I could, I would cut mine like yours. But the Royal headpieces a Queen must wear

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The 2 Macs DRUGSTORE 149 Great George Street Telephone 315 Flashlight dancing is the latest debutante fad. The idea came from a ball given in London for Princess Mary. The ballroom is darkened and the dancers carry flashlights, furnishing as much or as little illumination as they desire. Miss Lena McLure, who is continuing her musical studies in Boston, has arrived home to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chester S. McLure, Bonnahinley. Their many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. McLure's father, Mr. Brehaut, is very ill at his daughter's home.

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