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—WESTERN AGENT — Mr. Cyrus J. Gallant is now Guardian Agent in Howland and will receive news items, advertising and renewal subscriptions.

—BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH 11 a. m. Searletown 3 p. m. At Cape Traverse 3 p. m., service conducted by R. Claire Wright.

—COME TO THE DANCE in Kinkora Hall on Monday, Dec. 27th. Good music. Everybody welcome. 3432-12-20-ttm-31

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—CHURCH SERVICES for Dec. 26th, O'Leary United Church of Canada: West Devon at 10:30 a. m., Bloomfield at 3 p. m., O'Leary at 7 p. m. Rev. D. K. Ross of North Bedeque will preach.

—NORTH BEDEQUE at 11 a. m., Lower Bedeque at 3 p. m., Free town at 7 p. m. Mr. S. B. Proffitt will preach.

—CALENDARS Are being distributed at the Western Office of the Guardian in the MacNeill Building, Summerside. Subscribers of your subscription to the Guardian and get one.

—SILVER FOX SKINS—Mr. Daniel F. Meehan of Daniel F. Meehan Inc., New York, who recently purchased over \$100,000 worth of silver fox skins at the office of C. R. McQuarrie will again be at Mr. McQuarrie's office in Summerside on Thursday, Dec. 30, and will remain until he completes the purchase of another collection of all grades of silver and other fox skins. 3514-12-24-21

—ROUSING SCHOOL CONCERT—Wednesday afternoon Dec. 22 one of the largest gatherings seen at Bedeque school examination for some years assembled in the school building to attend the splendid review of the work for the term and to enjoy a fine program rendered by the pupils. When Miss Ruth Campbell resigned to take a position in Summerside school just after the fall term started, the trustees were somewhat perplexed but after a very careful survey of the situations they were most fortunate in securing the services of the pupils' and experienced teacher—Miss Isabel Martin. All the various subjects showed that she had been most thorough and painstaking. Not only did she display her ability as a teacher but the drilling in music demonstrated itself in the program. Her pupils rendered at this time was a revelation to many of the citizens as to the talent of the scholars. Miss Martin deserves great praise for the time spent outside of school hours on her work, as well as to her sterling qualities as a disciplinarian. After a very thorough examination the following program was carried out: Chorus—"Christmas Bells" School; Exercise—Merry Christmas Welcome—14 scholars; Recitation—"Putting Dolly to Bed"—Hazel Jewell; Exercise—"The Christmas Stocking"—6 boys; Recitation—"What I want for Christmas"—Charles Connelley; Song—"Last Year's Christmas Songs"—4 girls; Recitation—Claude Murray; Dialogue—"The Careless Mother"—Chorus and Solo—Hurray for Santa Claus; Recitation—Mrs. Murray; Dialogue—"Marjorie's Flapjack and Alma Gould"; Dialogue—"How We Caught Santa"; Recitation—"Daddy's Darling"—Betty Leard; Santa's Helpers—Eight boys and girls; Recitation—"The messages of old—3 girls; Song—"Drifting Across the Snow"—School; Exercise—"The Plea of the Christmas Gift"—6 pupils; Dialogue—"The Letter to Santa"; Chorus—Christmas Welcome Santa then appeared and distributed gifts from a well loaded tree. The teacher was remembered with a nice gift by the pupils. The visitors were treated with delicious candies. The National Anthem closed a fine afternoon's programme.

Christmas Lands Memories and Musings

Some Things Seen and Thought in the Best-Loved Land on Earth, Linking the Life of Today with the Scenes of the Sweetest Story of the Ages. Present Meanings of Christmas.

(By William T. Ellis. Author of "Bible Lands Today: A Traveller's Experiences.")

It is rather difficult for one who knows Bible lands not to be scornful of the tourists who "do" them in two or three days, or a week. Haste defeats the whole purpose of a serious-minded person's visit to Scripture scenes. If there is not time for thought, the whole trip has been in vain. A mood of meditation is indispensable in one who would really get anything out of this best of travel experiences. The visitor to Bible Lands who is possessed by the evil spirit of speed needs first of all to have that demon exorcised. Even the automobile, which has made accessible all the sacred sites, is not an unmixed blessing. Leisure for observing and musing is simply essential to any understanding of the meaning of this hallowed soil.

All the madonnas of all the art galleries of the world do not make Mother Mary as real as the young women by the wells and washpails of the Holy Land. How many madonnas have I seen carrying jars of water on their heads, as I have threaded the ancient roads of Syria! Oval face, lustrous dark eyes, with long lashes, shapely features, olive skin, regal carriage—such was the maiden to whom the Wonder Word came of the Child to be born.

"Protestantism, in revolting against what the old controversialists used to call 'Mariolatry,' has missed much of the meaning and ministry of the Virgin, who was most favored among women. Our times call for Mary. The sweet and simple spirituality of this Girl, who was found worthy to be the mother of the world's Redeemer, is an eternal standard of womanhood, sorely needed just now. Young womanhood of today is largely adrift in its ideals, befuddled as to its standards, and bewildered as to its mission. Scolding does not help. Ever-ridicule is not a remedy. But the beautiful example of Mary, she who wins hearts and rules minds and exalts spirits, is a clear and sisterly service to all other young women of the whole world. She is beautiful with the beauty that abides, and her example is worth while to a Christmas truth for all times. To meditate upon Mary is to learn what are the eternal values of life in America now as in Syria then.

Some pictures are painted by memory in colors of contrast. I associate the poodle-dogs of Paris and New York, led along the city streets by women in the smartest with the babies of Bible Lands. Perhaps my contempt for those pampered pups is overstrong; but the wisdom of the old, old East has taught me the paramountcy of childhood. In the Orient, the cult of childlessness is simply incredible. The prayers of the childless woman are for a son, not for a daughter. The Old Testament's portrait of Hannah, the woman of grief because she had no son, is repeated everywhere in the whole East.

From the Yellow Sea to the Atlantic, I have seen countless shrines sacred to the prayers of the childless. The churches are crowded with petitions for offspring on rags, and hang them on the branches of sacred trees, and on the window of the tombs of saints and temples of gods friendly to motherhood. A succession of sad-faced Hebrew women pray at the graves of the childless, the tombs of Sarah, in Hebron, to pray for sons. To all the women of the eastern world, a baby is the best blessing.

Christmas comes to admonish us, year by year, that for a woman there is no career equal to a child. The babe at the centre of this glad celebration is a token of the oldest and the newest joy of life. Where the child is sought and served, happy homes ensue. Where motherhood means most there is no thought of a divorce court. All the babies of the land where Jesus was born unite to call our errand-minded young people back to the oldest happiness, and to the greatest stabilizer of life, the presence of the Child in the midst. Our sophisticated generation has found no satisfactory substitute for the Babe.

More German than the Christmas tree is the custom of decorating churches, homes, etc., with wreaths, festoons and stars and other designs of red berries and green foliage.

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In the Christmas Land, the leisurely traveller learns something of the simplicity of the life of the Holy Family. People there do not have any possessions. Existence is not cluttered up with goods. Riches are not one of the essentials, our common western belief to the contrary, notwithstanding. By the standards of a modern workingman, Joseph and Mary and Jesus would be rated as poor people. They simply did not own any of our modern conveniences and comforts.

Yet their life was full of all the things that really count; and out of that primitive carpenter's home came more for mankind than out of all the palaces of all the world's wealthy. Love and labor, reverence and respect, service and spirituality, home-love and heart-love and heaven-love—those abounded in the family which gave the world its Saviour. Christmas bells ring out a summons to simplicity of living, and to a surer sense of relative values.

Life in the Land of the Lord is open-air life. An observer is impressed by how much of the people's time is spent out-of-doors, and close to nature. Christmas bells ring out a summons to simplicity of living, and to a surer sense of relative values.

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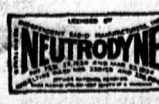


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REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

SUCCESS The members of this Institute met at the home of Mrs. John A. Brown 11 members and 7 visitors were present. Meeting opened with the playing of the National Anthem. Work was reported to with Riddle, Work of the Annual meeting occupied the business part of the meetings. The following Officers were elected: President—Mrs. J. Brown, Secretary—Mrs. M. A. MacLeod, Treasurer—Mrs. M. A. MacLeod. Expense \$64.65. The chief work for 1926 was the placing of a fence around the school grounds. Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Ann Green. Roll call to be responded to with "Home Cooking for Xmas."

MONTAGUE 15 members were present at the monthly meeting of this Institute which met at the new school. Meeting opened with the President in the Chair. The Minutes of the last meeting and last Annual meeting were read and adopted. Committees to visit the school and the sick reported and new Committees were appointed in their place. Mrs. E. C. Webb, Secretary, reported the year's work. The Secretary read the Financial Statement. The members were delighted with the excellent showing of the last eight months. The Minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and approved. Reports were read from the committees appointed to visit the school and the sick. New Committees were appointed. The following Officer were elected: President—Mrs. J. Simpson, Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Webb, Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Secretary—Mrs. T. L. MacNeill, Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Mrs. Allan Wyand. Roll call to be answered next month with Original Poetry. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. E. C. Webb.

PERSONALS

—Mrs. F. W. E. Haslam, Springfield, is spending Xmas with her mother, Mrs. Henderson, Centreville, Bedeque

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AVONLEA This Institute met at the home of B. C. Woodner, 10 members and 6 visitors were present. Meeting opened with the President in the Chair. The Minutes of the last Annual meeting and of the last monthly meeting were read and approved. Reports were read from the committees appointed to visit the school and the sick. New Committees were appointed. The following Officer were elected: President—Mrs. J. Simpson, Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Webb, Treasurer—Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Secretary—Mrs. T. L. MacNeill, Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Mrs. Allan Wyand. Roll call to be answered next month with Original Poetry. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. E. C. Webb.

MONTE CARMELO

The members of this Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ann Richard, 6 members and 1 visitor were present. In the absence of the President Mrs. Narcisse Gallant took the Chair. The Minutes of the last Annual meeting and the last regular meeting were read and approved. The Officers were re-elected with the exception of the Secretary Treasurer. Mrs. Dolan Richard is the newly appointed Secretary. Owing to the unavailability of members no new work was undertaken. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph J. T. Richard.

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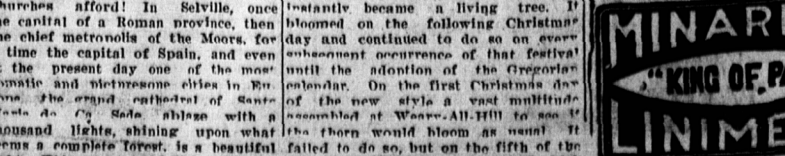
would have been December 25, 1926, it bloomed as before, and it is said to have done so ever since. Innumerable legends are associated with the hawthorn tree. The great excitement of the Puritans in the time of Cromwell, and a story is told how one, who was very prominent in the councils of the Roundhead leader, made an effort to chop it down, but his axe slipped, and cut him severely. This act was regarded as punishment and proof of the Puritans made no more attempts to destroy the miraculous tree. But the Puritans were bitterly opposed to decorating their churches, homes, etc., with evergreen.

The Holly has always been the most popular Christmas green in America. Trailing pine is also a favorite. Another "Icyopodium" which is a very beautiful Christmas green, is admiral for covering the walls of churches or any flat surface. The club moss or crowfoot. Nothing will give an altar a more beautiful appearance than a Christmas and evergreen. A very beautiful and useful Christmas green is the tea berry, also known as box berry or checker berry. Early in December it is a vivid crimson, and though it retains a beautiful color. Wonderful by brilliant effects in church decoration may be secured by forming festoons and wreaths in which all these various branches alternate.

Working in conjunction with the railways, the Ontario Government shortly will inaugurate a novel and very practical feature in connection with the Province's educational program. Highway cars will be used as class-rooms along the railway lines of the sparsely settled portions of Northern Ontario. They will be fully equipped with the most modern equipment and will provide accommodation for a teacher.

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