

MEDITATIONS ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST

CONSIDER CHRIST JESUS.

Christ's ministry was comfortless, During which time He was homeless; Removing was from place to place. That He might teach the Jewish race. He went not outside Palestine, For there the light was first to shine; There Jesus Christ His gospel preached, And to the sinners' hearts it reached. Jesus went throughout Galilee, Dwelt at Capernaum by the sea; The regions round about were dark Of Heavenly light had not a spark. Zebulun was without the light, And Nephthali in darkest night, But suddenly a light did shine; Christ Jesus came with truths Divine. The sun of righteousness arose, Throughout those regions the light goes, Capernaum exalted up to Heaven, By all the privileges given. And, oh, it was a glorious time, Abundance was of truths sublime, Many miracles there took place, Accompanied by healing grace. When Jesus comes into the heart, A healing power He will impart; The darkness then gives place to light, And then the Devil's put to flight. Think then of Jesus bringing peace, And gladness that shall never cease, By Christ is our new nature given, And Satan from the throne is driven. Our Saviour walked by Galilee, Where many fishers He did see, Casting their nets into the sea; To two He said, Follow Me. And then forthwith they left their net, By Christ to better work were set; Fishers of men there they became, And Simon got Peter for new name. The rest from time to time did call, And twice apostles made up all; These continued with Him all day, And travelled with Him every day. And these would ne'er from Christ depart, His loving kindness touched their heart; All earthly things they left behind, On Heavenly things was set their mind. Poorer than foxes Jesus was While on the way unto His cross, Foxes had holes to which they ran, When closely were pursued by man. Christ poorer was than birds of air, For to their nests they could repair, But Jesus had no dwelling place, While preaching gospel full of grace. He comfortless for us became, And for our sins He bore our shame, With sinners He was classified, And for their sins was crucified. But His great love was proof to all, For sinners here He came to call, And His Heavenly Kingdom take, And end them kings and priests to make. But Capernaum was slow to learn, Christ's glorious truths did not discern, His miracles did not bear fruit, For in their hearts sin had its root. Capernaum's doom the Saviour spoke, At last is left without a hope, She will then be thrust down to hell Where Satan the bright angel fell. The truth will bring condemnation, If it will not bring salvation, The gospel then we must accept, Or turn away and it reject. Many will be doomed at last, Because good times away they cast, They were exhorted to repent, To wholesome words would not consent. Pharisees from Christ sought a sign, A fire from Heaven down to shine, Jesus would not grant their desire, For soon they'd get enough of fire. With miracles they were not pleased, Opposing Christ their sin increased, The gospel then for Heaven were prepared. And what then is the greatest sin, 'Tis that the light has shining been, And men preferred the darkest night, To the Heavenly shining light. Sinners may now have their own choice, May in their sinful ways rejoice, But when comes the end of the way, 'Twill be with them a fearful day. But such as now the gospel hear, And will be moved with holy fear, Will rejoice in the judgment day, And will go home with Christ to stay. O, then, my friend, be wise in time, While yet you hear the gospel's chime, While still salvation's offered free, To Jesus Christ for refuge flee. In Him you'll holy pleasures find; Earth's sins and sorrows leave behind; You will forever joyful be; His face in glory you will see. —Donald MacLean, 137 Hillsboro St., Dec., 1925.

GRAND RIVER SCHOOL

The semi-annual public school examination of Cross River, No. 1 was held in the school on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, 1925. The teachers were assisted by Mrs. Leo P. Fraught. Notwithstanding the very disagreeable afternoon there were sixty pupils in attendance the secretary and trustees and a large number of rate-payers and visitors. The pupils were examined in all the principal branches of their grade and by their ready answers showed plainly that they have been doing good work. A very pleasing feature of the pupils of the 7th and 8th grade was the beautifully decorated classroom, which of itself was a lesson in art. Many flattering comments at the end of the examination were made by the parents on all the work done. A vote of thanks was tendered by the trustees to the teachers and the ladies of the women's institute for the great interest taken in the school during the afternoon. The singing and entertainment by the pupils which concluded the afternoon's work was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. Before the pupils and visitors repaired to the principal's room where the ladies of the institute had installed a gorgeously decorated Xmas tree laden with gifts and good things for everybody and over which Santa Claus presided in person, some of the senior pupils who were mysteriously plotting and planning together to take them by surprise. The girls of the hall-way and read the following address, to which the teachers suitably replied. To Mr John J. McInnis and Miss Margaret Neilligan. Dear Teachers, Again the joyous season approaches and we wish to extend to you our sincerest wishes and greetings for a joyous and happy Xmas. We thank you for your patience and the trouble you have taken to teach us and hope that we will further co-operate in the same amicable relations with each other. Please accept these gifts as a small token, praying that the Xmas joy and a new year blessed with many graces is the wish of your Cross River's pupils.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT BRACKLEY

The Sunday School of Brackley Upper Church held its annual Christmas tree concert on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd. The building was packed to its utmost capacity by an audience that enjoyed every item rendered. The programme was as follows:—Opening Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; Welcome Song by Chorus of Seven Girls; Recitation—Edith Diamond; Jean Emma; Recitation—Lester Sellick; Motion Song by Junior Class; Recitation—Gladys Rodd; Exercise—Eileen Rodd and Ivan Bryant; Recitation—Jean Emma; Song—Evelyn and Eileen Rodd; Instrumental Music—Organ and Violin; Recitation—By Junior Class; Fanny Sellick; Recitation—Ivan Bryant; Song—Good bye Christmas. At the close of the programme, the Christmas tree was stripped and it was found that Santa Claus—although unable to be there in person that evening—had not forgotten any of the little ones. The pastor and some of the officers and teachers were also the recipients of gifts that were very highly appreciated. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS MOUNT VERNON

On Friday evening, Dec. 18, an examination, concert and Christmas Tree was held in Mt. Vernon school-house. A large number of parents and ratepayers were present, and spent a most enjoyable evening. Capt. J. E. Purchase was appointed chairman, and a lengthy program was carried out by the pupils with exceptional ability. At the close of a concert sleigh-bells were heard appearing and happy faces lit up with eager expectation as Santa duly berobed in furs appeared around the new school room, and complimenting the teacher, Miss Mary MacCormac and scholars on the beautiful decorations, he proceeded to the stage, where a curtain was drawn back, revealing a large Christmas tree resplendent with lights and trimmings. Santa here spent a very busy hour distributing the many gifts with which the tree was laden, after which he greatly pleased the audience by singing a Gaelic song. A vote of thanks was tendered to the teacher and the chairman made a few remarks, praising the teacher and pupils for the great interest they had displayed in making the entertainment a success. The meeting closed by singing of the National Anthem and the exchange of the compliments of the season. Program:—Speech, Welcome, Bertha Bell; recitation, Greetings, Bertha, Mary and Janeva; Grade I (Junior) English, Donald, Mary and Willie D.; recitation, Soliloquy of an Old Maid, Christibel Morrow; Grade II (senior) English, Alexander and Billie; song, Old Santa Claus, by the School; Grade II, English, Janeva Morrow; speech, Stuart's Joy, Stuart Matheson; Grade III, English, Ernest and Bertha; recitation, As You Think, Murdoch Acorn; Grade IV, English, Murdoch Stuart, Emma and Murdoch; dialogue, Conversing, Christibel and Charlie; Grade IV, (senior), English, Freddie and Stephen; recitation, Christmas Questions, Billie Matheson; Grades V, and VI, English, Seven Pupils; drill, Santa

Time Table, Marion Purchase; Grades VI, and VIII, Miscellaneous; Annie, Katie, Marion and Christibel; drill, Merry Christmas; Fourteen Pupils; song, Jingle Bells; by the school; Visitor, Santa Claus; Anonymous (in this respect); dialogue, In Grandma's Days, Annie and Murdoch; hymn, The National Anthem, General.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN CENTRAL ROYALTY SCHOOL

The annual Christmas tree and Concert of the Central Royalty School was held on Tuesday, December 22nd. There was a large attendance of Parents and other visitors who heartily enjoyed the excellent program. The tree was heavily decorated with gifts which were distributed by Jack Hamby as Santa Claus. Following was the programme:—Opening address by Chairman T. Cullen. Recitation—Canada, by pupils. Night, by Nevita Haywood. Recitation—Always Christmas, by Mar on McLeod. Dialogue—by Jack Hamby and Reggie Peters. Recitation—Christmas Bells, by Sadie Chown. Solo—Friend of Mine, by Reggie Peters. Recitation—Quacker and the Robber, by Dorothy Cullen. Instrumental music, by Howard Roper, Lee Harvey, Mrs. E. Haywood and Nadine Roper. Recitation—Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, by Helen Chandler. Reading—How a married Man Sews on a Button, by Laura Cullen. Recitation—To Mr. Santa Claus, by Ada Swan. Recitation—The Truthful Tar, by Eldon McKay. Instrumental—Sale of Candy Christmas Play—The Magic Hour, by pupils. Distribution of presents. Mrs. E. Haywood and Mrs. Nadine Roper were panists for the evening.

CLERMONT SCHOOL

The semi annual examination of Clermont school was held Thursday, Dec. 17. The school was artistically decorated for the occasion. A Christmas tree was laden with gifts for the teacher and pupils and was the centre of much attraction. The pupils were examined in the different subjects by their teacher, Miss Mamie Mill, assisted by Miss J. Bowness, New Annan, and assisted by their prompt and correct answers. After an examination of the different grades being completed a very enjoyable program was rendered consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues, which was taken part in by nearly all the pupils. The number of rate-payers and visitors who attended taken very much the interest in this progressive school district. A distribution of prizes and candy was given the pupils. This was followed by complimentary remarks of the satisfactory work done. The teacher replied in a few chosen words, thanking the people for their gifts. A vote of thanks was granted by the teacher, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the examination to a close.

PISQUID EAST SCHOOL

The semi-annual examination of Pisquid East School took place on the evening of December 18. The school was tastefully decorated with spruce, holly, roses, etc., and a beautifully trimmed Christmas Tree heavily laden with gifts for teacher and pupils occupied the corner of the school. A very large number of rate-payers and visitors were present. The different classes were strictly examined in the various subjects by their teacher Mildred Wright. The prompt and accurate answers of the pupils showed they were deeply interested in their work and had received carefully training under their painstaking teacher. After the examination, Mr. Wilber Birt was appointed chairman and a very enjoyable programme consisting of dialogues, exercises and recitations was carried out by the pupils. Even the smallest pupils participated in the programme and each did his part well. Who did not feel hard to say "Jolly for the Master," acted by Mae McDonald, Florence Birt and Isabel Jay, was exceptionally well rendered. Santa arrived and was heartily welcomed. Much interest prevailed as he distributed the gifts to teachers and pupils. Complimentary remarks were made by Mr. Lloyd Jay and others. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the teacher for the pleasing entertainment provided and everyone felt that she deserved much credit for the pains taken in the preparation. The tree was saved each child a bag of home made candy and some of the ladies of the district kindly treated the visitors. The singing of God Save the King, brought the entertainment to a close. (Patriot please copy)

TARANTUM SCHOOL

The semi annual examination and Christmas closing exercises, Tarantum school took place on the evening of December 21. Although the weather was disagreeable almost every ratepayer, and a large number of visitors were present. The school room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a beautiful Christmas tree stood in one corner, laden with gifts for teacher and pupils. The pupils were examined in the various subjects by their teacher, Miss Hazel Curran, assisted by Miss Mary Smith, of Donagh school, and Mrs. Jas. McDonald, Webster's Corner. An interesting feature of the examination was a geography match. The pupils answered their ready and accurate answers that they had been thoroughly trained during the term. At the close of the program, complimentary remarks were made by the chairman, also by Messrs. Joseph Holland and Michael Murnaghan. Santa Claus then appeared and presented presents from the Christmas tree. The following address was read to the teacher by Miss Stella Holland, on behalf of the pupils, while Miss Mary Garland presented her with a beautiful gold ring. Dear Teacher,—As we are assembled here tonight at our Christmas examination, we your pupils desire to express towards you our deepest thanks for the kindness and affection you have shown us during the short period of time you have been with us as our teacher. Although we have sometimes disobeyed your ruling we hope you

MILLVIEW CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS TREE

On Dec. 23rd, the Millview school children had an entertainment and Christmas Tree in the Millview Hall. Although the night was stormy the hall was well filled with an appreciative audience. Mr. Lawson Jenkins acted as chairman, while Miss Ethel Grant presided at the organ. The program, consisting of choruses, duets, solos, drills, and dialogues, was well rendered by the pupils, showing the interest and ability of both teacher and pupils. After the program was ended, old Santa appeared, and the delight of the children and in his joyful mood

POINT DE ROCHE SCHOOL EXAMINATION

The half-yearly examination of Point de Roche school was held in the school room on Wednesday, Dec. 23. The school was artistically decorated with garlands and spruce. In one corner of the room stood a Christmas tree, laden down with presents both for teacher and pupils. There were a large number of ratepayers and visitors present. The pupils were examined by their teacher, Miss Carrie Kelly, and they showed by the excellent conduct and prompt answers that they had been well taught during the past term. A short program was then rendered. Then Santa Claus arrived. After treating the visitors and pupils with candy he was invited to unload the tree, assisted by Mrs. John P. McCormack. Each child took a gift and bag of candy from the tree. The teacher was the recipient of many nice presents from the pupils, which goes to show the love between teacher and pupils. The singing of the National Anthem brought the examination to a close everyone feeling that they spent an enjoyable afternoon.

FORT AUGUSTUS

The closing exercises of Fort Augustus school took place Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23. The school room was beautifully decorated for the occasion and presented a very Christmas appearance. There was a large attendance of rate-payers and visitors, showing the active interest taken in school work by the district. All the pupils were thoroughly examined in their various branches of study by their teacher, Miss Hannah McIsaac, assisted by Miss Louise Trainor, teacher of Auburn, and Mrs. Joseph Kelly, a former teacher, and showed by their prompt and accurate answers the careful training they had received during the past term. At the close of the examination the following program was rendered: Address of Welcome, seven pupils; recitation, A Christmas Dilemma; song, Christmas Cheer; violin selections, Mr. Chester O'Haer, of Boston; a Christmas drill, fourteen pupils; song, A Little Boy's Opinion; violin solo, Mr. O'Haer; recitation, The Red, White and Blue; solos, Mrs. Edmund Curley and Miss McIsaac; recitation, Welcome to Santa. The program completed, Santa Claus, in his usual jovial manner arrived, and after wishing all a Merry Christmas, distributed many presents to the teacher and pupils from the heavily-laden Christmas tree. The visitors were liberally treated to home-made candy and fruit. Margaret Campbell then read an address to the teacher, and Agnes Lawlor on behalf of the pupils presented her with a beautiful gift. Following is the address: Dear Teacher,—As the season of goodwill and good wishes is approaching, we take the opportunity of addressing these few lines to you to tell you how we appreciate your kindly interests in our behalf. We always wear a cheerful countenance when we know your patience must be truly tried on account of our indolence. Encouraged by your kindly manner we will try and improve on the past. As a slight token of the esteem in which we hold you we ask you to accept this small gift with our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Signed on behalf of the pupils: Margaret Campbell, Agnes Lawlor, Leo Duffy, Warren Osgood, Mary Kelly. Miss McIsaac, though taken by surprise, thanked her pupils in a few brief and warm words. Mr. Joseph Roper complimented the teacher on her excellent work done during the past term, and in so doing voiced the sentiments of the whole district. The examination was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

MILLCOVE SCHOOL EXAMINATION

The semi annual examination of Millcov school took place on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at a number of ladies and ratepayers of the district and several from the adjoining district being present. The school room was nicely decorated for the occasion. The pupils were examined in the various subjects by their teacher, Miss Margaret Coady, kindly assisted by Miss May C. McDonald, teacher at Donagh, and Miss Lillian Coady, teacher at Mt. Stewart, and showed by their prompt and accurate answers that they had received careful training. After the examination was over a short program was rendered by the pupils, after which addresses were given by Messrs. James Morris, Hugh Campbell, Joseph Court and Miss McDonald congratulating the teacher and pupils upon a successful examination and a well rendered program. Louise Arling and Margaret Hughes on behalf of the pupils then presented the teacher with a beautiful gift. Miss Coady replied in a few well chosen remarks, thanking the pupils for their kindness to her. A vote of thanks was then tendered Miss McDonald and Miss Lillian Coady for their assistance. After which the visitors and pupils were treated to home-made candy by the teacher, and chocolates kindly donated by Mr. Court, merchant at Bedford. The examination was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

HIGHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN S. SCHOOL CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS TREE

On the evening of Monday, December 21st, the Highfield Presbyterian S. School concert and Christmas Tree was held in the Highfield Presbyterian Church. Although the weather was not very favorable quite a large audience was present. Rev. R. H. Stavert presided and the following programme was well carried out. Opening Chorus—Choir. Address by Chairman—Rev. R. H. Stavert. Recitation—Katherine Dixon (encore). Solo—Marion Stead (encore). Recitation—Lloyd Duffett. Dialogue—"Pat's Dilemma." Instrumental Music by Wendell and Layton Phillips. Recitation—Raymond McConnon. Address—S. S. Supt. A. A. McNeill. Chorus—Choir. Recitation—Jean McConnon. Solo—Wendell Phillips (encore). Recitation—Helen McGregor. Recitation—Katherine Crabbe. Drill—Nine Girls. Recitation—Vivian Duffett. Duet—Miss Helen Storey and Mrs. Harold Storey. Recitation—Katherine McConnon. Reading—Wm. Bolser (encore). Solo—Mrs. Harold Stead (encore). Reading—Miss Annie Boiser (encore). Solo—Earl McInnis (encore). Reading—Arthur Lewis (encore). Presentation of awards by Rev. R. H. Stavert to Mar on Stead, Isabelle Storey and Mildred Dixon. These awards were given by the school for having memorized the Primary Catechism. Reading of address from the S. School to Mr. G. G. McNeill and presentation of gifts to him. The address was read by Mrs. Albert Middleton and the presentation of gifts was made by Mrs. Harold Storey. A copy of the address is given below. Closing Chorus—Choir. Scarcely was the chorus ended when Santa Claus arrived after having told of some of his striking incidents which had taken place on the way from the cold north he distributed the many gifts found on the Christmas tree. Besides the gifts for all the children there were also found on the tree a box of handkerchiefs and a necktie for Rev. R. H. Stavert, a beautiful pair of heavy lined kid gloves and several handkerchiefs for the Supt. A. A. McNeill and a box of handkerchiefs for the teacher of the Primary class, Miss Helen Storey. The entertainment was good throughout and enjoyed by all. The meeting was closed with the National Anthem. Address to Supt. A. A. McNeill

value but as a remembrance of our affection towards you. Signed on behalf of the pupils of Tarantum School.

The teacher, in a few well chosen words, thanked the pupils for their gift, and also the teachers, and others who helped to make the entertainment a success. The audience was then treated to home-made candy by the teacher. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. After the examination was completed, Mr. Jas. J. O'Connell was asked to act as chairman for the program, which was as follows:—Welcome, by Martha O'Connell; recitation, Easily Satisfied, James Murnaghan; dialogue, A Christmas Disappointment; recitation, St. Peter, Maurice I. O'Connell; recitation, A Letter to Santa, by Stephen Murnaghan; photograph selections; dialogue, A Minister's Mistake, by three pupils; recitation, If You're Good, by three pupils; recitation, Song, Kris Kringle dialogue, I Want of a Servant, by seven pupils; photograph selections; recitation, When Pa is Sick, by Andrew Murnaghan; recitation, 'Which is Santa, by Rudolph Murnaghan; dialogue, Uncle Hiram's Cold, by seven pupils; recitation, by Theresa and Stephen Murnaghan; dialogue, Solo—by two pupils; recitation, A Mortifying Mistake, by Martha O'Connell; song, Santa Claus is Coming; closing address, by pupils.

WINSLOE NORTH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

Winsloe North School held their semi-annual examination and Christmas Tree on Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd at 1:30 p.m. The pupils were examined in different branches by their teacher, and parents and showed by their ready answers that they had been carefully taught by their teacher. After the classes were through, Mr. Carter was appointed chairman while a splendid program was carried out. Each number was exceptionally well performed and speaks highly of the careful training they had received. Following is the programme: Chorus, Old Santa Claus, by the school; address of welcome by Vera Phillips; recitation, The Smaek in School, by Marjorie Roberts; Song, John Grim and Joe Grouch by Six Girls; Recitation by Alice Younker; Recitation, The Careless Mother, by Sadie Shaw and Walter Roberts; Christmas Drill by nine Juniors; Recitation, Car Riding in P. E. L., by Sadie McNaughton; Recitation, Just Before Christmas, by Lloyd Carter; Recitation by Norma Craswell; Song, Jolly Old St. Nicholas by Six Girls; Recitation When Father Carves the Duck, by Vera Nunn; Recitation by Joyce Younker; Solo by Dorothy Roberts; Recitation by Leith Carter; Dialogue Trouble in Santa Claus Land; Recitation by Edna McNaughton; Chorus Christmas is Coming, by the School. After the program was over speeches were then given by Mr. Oliver Saunders and Mr. Crosby and others complimenting the teacher on her good work. After which Santa Claus arrived and distributed presents from the well loaded tree to pupils and teacher. Candy, nuts and apples were then given to the pupils. The parents and visitors were treated to home made candy and nuts. It was then brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and wishing the teacher Miss Laura Crosby a merry Xmas.

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On the evening of Dec. 19, the Brookfield Presbyterian S. School concert and Christmas Tree was held in the Orange Hall, Brookfield. The evening was fine and the audience was large. Rev. R. H. Stavert presided, and the following program was well carried out: Opening chorus, "The Tidings Tell" choir; address by the chairman, Rev. R. H. Stavert; recitation, Mary Lane; monologue, Nell McNeill; solo, Lila Thompson; recitation, Hazel McLeod; recitation, Sheldon Wood; dialogue, "Woman's Business Meeting"; recitation, Vivian McPherson; recitation, Short man McDuff; trio, Helen Stewart, Molly Bell and Jean McLeod; recitation, Helen McPherson; monologue, Blanche McNeill; recitation, Spurgeon Moore; dialogue, "The Painted Chair"; recitation, Rena McPherson; recitation, Herbie Thompson (encore); recitation, Florence Paine; recitation, Earl Stewart; recitation, Wendell McPherson; recitation, Ernest Carter; dialogue, "The Train to Morrow"; recitation, Donald McPherson; duet, Herbie and Lila Thompson; recitation, Katherine McPherson; presentation of diplomas by Rev. R. H. Stavert to Janet McPherson, Katherine McPherson and Blanche McPherson. These diplomas were given by the Presbyterian church for having memorized the Primary Catechism. Closing chorus, choir. Just after the closing chorus was over Santa Claus arrived. He told of his more or less eventful journey from the frozen north, and proceeded to distribute the gifts found on the well-laden Christmas tree. All of the children were well remembered, and also some of the grown-up folk. Among the other presents for the grown-up people was a beautiful pair of heavy-lined kid gloves for the pastor, Rev. R. H. Stavert, and also dainty and useful gifts for the several teachers in the S. School—namely, Donald S. Campbell and Misses Ella Stewart, Helen McPherson and Mary Stewart. After Santa Claus had completed his task he had a fond farewell and set out for home. Upwards of \$35.00 was realized, the gathering was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

SEARLETTOWN SCHOOL CLOSING

The Christmas closing and semi-annual examination of Searlettown school No. 79, was held on December 23. Despite the unpleasant weather a large number of interested ratepayers and parents were present. The program was as follows:—Chorus, Old Santa Claus, by the school; address of welcome by Vera Phillips; recitation, The Smaek in School, by Marjorie Roberts; Song, John Grim and Joe Grouch by Six Girls; Recitation by Alice Younker; Recitation, The Careless Mother, by Sadie Shaw and Walter Roberts; Christmas Drill by nine Juniors; Recitation, Car Riding in P. E. L., by Sadie McNaughton; Recitation, Just Before Christmas, by Lloyd Carter; Recitation by Norma Craswell; Song, Jolly Old St. Nicholas by Six Girls; Recitation When Father Carves the Duck, by Vera Nunn; Recitation by Joyce Younker; Solo by Dorothy Roberts; Recitation by Leith Carter; Dialogue Trouble in Santa Claus Land; Recitation by Edna McNaughton; Chorus Christmas is Coming, by the School. After the program was over speeches were then given by Mr. Oliver Saunders and Mr. Crosby and others complimenting the teacher on her good work. After which Santa Claus arrived and distributed presents from the well loaded tree to pupils and teacher. Candy, nuts and apples were then given to the pupils. The parents and visitors were treated to home made candy and nuts. It was then brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and wishing the teacher Miss Laura Crosby a merry Xmas.

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are well aware the Christmas season has again rolled around.

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SEARLETTOWN SCHOOL CLOSING

The Christmas closing and semi-annual examination of Searlettown school No. 79, was held on December 23. Despite the unpleasant weather a large number of interested ratepayers and parents were present. The program was as follows:—Chorus, Old Santa Claus, by the school; address of welcome by Vera Phillips; recitation, The Smaek in School, by Marjorie Roberts; Song, John Grim and Joe Grouch by Six Girls; Recitation by Alice Younker; Recitation, The Careless Mother, by Sadie Shaw and Walter Roberts; Christmas Drill by nine Juniors; Recitation, Car Riding in P. E. L., by Sadie McNaughton; Recitation, Just Before Christmas, by Lloyd Carter; Recitation by Norma Craswell; Song, Jolly Old St. Nicholas by Six Girls; Recitation When Father Carves the Duck, by Vera Nunn; Recitation by Joyce Younker; Solo by Dorothy Roberts; Recitation by Leith Carter; Dialogue Trouble in Santa Claus Land; Recitation by Edna McNaughton; Chorus Christmas is Coming, by the School. After the program was over speeches were then given by Mr. Oliver Saunders and Mr. Crosby and others complimenting the teacher on her good work. After which Santa Claus arrived and distributed presents from the well loaded tree to pupils and teacher. Candy, nuts and apples were then given to the pupils. The parents and visitors were treated to home made candy and nuts. It was then brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and wishing the teacher Miss Laura Crosby a merry Xmas.

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The first part of the afternoon was taken up in the examination of the pupils in their various studies. In this the teacher, Miss Verna M. Bernard, was assisted by Mrs. Hugh McLean, Mrs. W. P. Cameron and Mrs. Walter Wright. When this had been concluded to the satisfaction of all a nicely prepared Christmas program was skillfully rendered, then Master Gilbert Bell read the following address to the teacher: Dear Teacher,—Another year has sped around since last Christmas, and we feel thankful to Divine Providence that we have all been spared to meet again at this joyous season. We, as your pupils, feel grateful to you for your interesting and faithful work among us, knowing that your patience must have been tried by our many faults and blunders. We therefore ask you to accept this small gift, glad to say that the goodwill that existed between us last year and the preceding is still the same. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain your loving pupils, recitation, Master Frank Silliker presented her with a French ivory clock, and Kenneth Green gave her a travel-writing set, for which Miss Bernard replied in a few words of thanks and appreciation. Prizes for perfect attendance were awarded to six pupils and both pupils and visitors were treated with an abundance of home-made candy and nuts. Complimentary speeches were made by many of those present, and the examination was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

PROGRAMME

- Christmas Greeting. Recitation—My Telephone. Drill—My Favorite Tree. Recitation—Hurrah for Xmas. Dialogue—Annet Rachel in the city. Recitation—Something to be Thankful For. Recitation—Kris Kringle. Recitation—Books. Drill by pupils. Recitation—The Engineer's Club. Recitation—Dorothy's Mistake. Dialogue—The Irish Politician. Recitation—To King. Recitation—Xmas in the North. Recitation—A Xmas Quez. Dialogue—Getting Information. Recitation by Albert and Rita Murphy. Flag Drill by 3 girls.

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