

W.C.T.U. NOTES

THE LAYMAN AND THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM

Alcohol should need no definition. Outstanding medical authority brands it as a progressive nerve depressant, an irritant, a habit forming drug with anaesthetic characteristics. Instead of stimulating, it deadens the power of perception. A person who has been drinking has a feeling of warmth, because the natural reaction to cold has been deadened. It has a great affinity for water and robs the moisture from body cells so that they do not function properly. put a moist piece of bread in alcohol and note how hard and dry it instantly becomes. The human brain is a nerve switch board, relaying messages to different parts of the body; then alcohol affects the nerves and the eyes, colors become blurred and uncertain, and the red signal light is mistaken for green and a collision occurs; the same results. It slows up one's thinking and causes uncertainty. Alcohol also decreases bodily resistance to infection and diminishes the likelihood of recovery. It is also the direct cause of various chronic diseases. It is the direct or indirect cause of a large percentage of the annual death toll. From 5 to ten per cent of admissions to mental institutions is caused by alcohol; 96 per cent of those in our jails are there directly or indirectly from the effects of alcohol, and a very high percentage of accidents on our highways may be attributed to alcohol. The Alcoholic Problem we are facing is not so much the drinker's thirst for gold. Are we, as Laymen, contented to sit back and annually have our Government balance its budget and declare a large surplus from the sale of alcoholic beverages? We create our own alcoholic problems by our complicity, whereas the problem is more or less self curative as far as Laymen are concerned. Must we, I ask, sell alcohol to our citizens to successfully negotiate the affairs of our Maritime provinces? Prohibition is the fundamental principle in law relating to things that are socially harmful. Oh, I know some people shy off when one mentions the word "prohibition," yet no term has been more misused, misunderstood and abused. All laws are either mandatory or prohibitory. They say to citizens "Thou shalt" or "Thou shalt not" with the latter predominating. The same relationship is found in the Holy Writ and although we often are resentful to our own hurt, yet there is nothing we can do about it. Personally, I believe Prohibition is the answer. It is increasing in popularity again in the country to the south of us, and I would sincerely recommend its favorable consideration by our Laymen as a solution to the alcohol problem. Stop the increasing ease whereby men and women, both young and old, may obtain alcoholic beverages. Eighteen taverns in the city of Halifax, I am told. Witness a mother with a child in each arm demanding that the closed door of a tavern be opened, so she may take her husband home, a recent occurrence. The alcohol problem is further augmented by the attitude the Laymen take toward moderation. The most dangerous person, to my mind, in a community, is the one who says he or she can take a drink or leave it alone at will. Many men and women have become drunkards thinking they can do the same. And unfortunately moderation is becoming alarmingly prevalent in our Churches. Pity the minister who when endeavoring to preach a Temperance sermon has to gaze into the eyes of one of the leading laymen, knowing him to be a moderate-ist. True Temperance is making moderate use of that which is not harmful, and totally abstaining from that which is. Knowing alcohol to be what it is, and as described in the first part of this talk, the alcohol problem would be solved if True Temperance were observed by every Layman.

Christmas Concert At Infirmary

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st, the Y.P.S.C.E. of Zion Church held their annual Christmas concert for the patients of the Provincial Infirmary Kensington Road. The first part of the program consisted of a service of worship in verse and song and a very inspiring Christmas message was given by Rev. G. C. Webster who also acted as chairman. Following the religious service a variety concert of instrumental and vocal music was enjoyed. A group of girls from Miss Ferguson's class of Prince St. School sang very beautifully under Master Basil Phillips who played the violin in his usual capable manner were among the young entertainers for the evening. Mr. John MacInnis at the piano, Mr. Robinson with his violin and Mr. Young with the guitar played some very lively selections which called for many encores. Group singing of choruses and carols were also beautifully rendered. Miss Joan Large and Mr. Wendell Phillips were the accompanists for the evening. At the close of the program the patients were treated to apples. On Dec. 7th, the Y.P.S.C.E. also held a service at the Infirmary and films were shown by Mr. Beaton. These entertainments by the Y.P.S.C.E. of Zion were deeply appreciated by the patients and staff of this institution.

Appreciation

The Provincial Sanatorium Commission takes this opportunity of thanking all firms, organizations, and individuals who assisted in making the Christmas Season at the Sanatorium so enjoyable. Through the thoughtfulness of the Rotary Club, Santa Claus (Mr. A. Trainor) and his assistant (Douglas Pineau), visited the patients on Saturday evening and through the kindness of the Red Cross, left very attractive parcels for the children. Mr. Edwin Johnson represented the Rotary Club, and Miss I. Arsenault, the Red Cross during the visit.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

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Stewart's Bakery - Fruit Cake.
Mrs. Mary A. Jarvis - Turkey.
G. H. Barbour - Hamper Apples.
James Tal - Floral Table Decoration.
Canadian Legion - Ditty Bags for Veterans.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MacDonald - Candy and Individual Gifts for Children.

OTHER DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR:

- Joseph MacDonald, Charlottetown \$30.00
Kelvin Grove Women's Institute 25.00
1st Queens District No. 1 Women's Institute Convention 14.00
Riverview Women's Institute Convention 11.50
Birch Grove, Freetown Women's Institute 10.00
Progress Club, Provincial Sanatorium 83.00
Cape Traverse Women's Institute - Two Quilts.
Parkdale Women's Institute - Individual bouquets for all patients during Sanatorium Week.
Catholic Women's League, Charlottetown - Individual Gifts and magazines during Sanatorium Week.
Bequests: Estate of the late Louis Fougere - \$27.06.
Estate of the late Howard R. Hillson - \$150.89.

Christmas Service At Cornwall Church

The service at Cornwall on Sunday, Christmas eve, was largely attended. The church was attractively decorated with festive decorations. The service consisted of carols by the organist, anthems by the choir, and several Christmas hymns including "Away in a Manger" for the children by the congregation. These were much enjoyed by all. Mr. Charman's message was "The First Christmas." The spirit of living the life of Christmas pervaded the whole beautiful service and the singing of the last hymn Rev. Mr. Charman spoke words of appreciation and commendation to the organist, Mrs. Stanley Newman, and on behalf of the choir. Mrs. M. Vickerson presented her with a purse; also to Mr. Harry Hyde who has been a faithful choir member for half a century who was presented on behalf of the choir by Mr. Harry Crosby with the beautiful signet ring, and lastly Mrs. Douglas MacDonald read an appreciative address to Mr. and Mrs. Charman, and on behalf of the congregation. Mrs. Reginald MacEwen presented them with a purse, and the good wishes of all for another happy and prosperous new year in the congregation.

Programme

- Carols - organist.
Good Christian Men Rejoice - Choir.
Invocation.
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear - Hymn.
Magnificat - Responsive Reading.
Lord's Prayer in unison.
Shine On O Christmas Star - Anthem.
Scripture Reading - Offering and Music - Star of the East.
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (Northrop)
Away in a Manger - (children's hymn).
Message - The First Christmas.
Xmas Solo - Mrs. C. Murchison.
Anthem and solo part - Mrs. S. Drake.
Once In Royal David's City - Hymn.

Atlantic Region Year-End Review

By W. E. Robinson, vice-president and general manager Atlantic Region Canadian National Railways. Events throughout the year just coming to a close so far as the Atlantic region is concerned have been confined more or less to the usual operating features. During March a severe snowstorm led up to train operations for a period of about a week on the Gaspe Line while spring floods also caused us considerable difficulty in operations on the line between Bonaventure and Gaspe when a steel bridge was washed out. A temporary pile structure was built which is being utilized pending the completion of a permanent structure. This pile bridge was again washed out during the heavy rains early in December, but service was resumed with a minimum of delay. Various improvements have been made throughout the year in the physical structure of the railway, including track and roadbed, buildings such as new stations, freight sheds, and extension to existing structures, and the installation of new facilities. Expenditures for these improvements totalled approximately \$17,000,000 of which nearly \$3,500,000 was for the improvement of track such as laying new rail, the installation of the plates and rail anchors, and ballasting. A considerable portion of which was crushed rock. Among the major new facilities provided for is a passenger car service plant at St. John, N. B., which includes a power house and car repair shop, and will be completed next year at a cost of \$2,500,000. A new station and freight shed is in the process of erection at Dorchester, N. B., and about completed, to replace the former structures destroyed by fire. An extension to the station at Newswick, N. B., to provide greater space for increased express business, a new freight shed at Inverness, N. S., new express business, at Springhill Junction, N. S., and a new station at Tignish, P. E. I., the former station having burned down. A new station has been erected at Les Ecroites, Que., and an immediate plan is to erect a passenger, mail and express building, provided at Rimouski, Que., a new station and freight shed at Port-Au-Pas, Nfld., were completed last year. P. E. I. Division

The year witnessed the complete dieselization of the Prince Edward Island division of the railway and the steam locomotives were moved over to the mainland to be used elsewhere. Orders have been placed for new rolling stock and among these were 1500 fifty-ton steel box cars at an approximate cost of \$9,000,000. Part of an order for 5,000; 23 air pump cars; and for the Newfoundland district 10 twenty-five ton steel-frame express refrigerators and 25 thirty-ton automobile cars along with 69 box cars. These orders being all placed with the eastern car company of New Glasgow, N. S. Of the 110,000 employees on the Canadian National System with a yearly payroll in excess of 311,000,000; 20,000 are on the Atlantic Region, which includes Newfoundland, with an annual payroll in excess of \$40,000,000. The purchase of materials is another big factor in the railway's contribution to Canada's economy. This amounts to over \$150,000,000 for the system, of which a sum in excess of \$15,000,000 is expended in the Maritime Provinces. Coal is one of the major items in the purchases, accounting for over \$8,000,000 and representing approximately 15 percent of the total output of the coal mines in the Maritime provinces. Outlook Uncertain

The outlook for the coming year is one which it is difficult to predict in any degree of accuracy owing to the disturbed international situation. Canada's economy is being affected by the expenditures for national defence in the effort to maintain world peace, and what the future will bring forth can only be answered by time. The recent increase in wages that has been granted to employees and the rising cost of materials will bring about comparatively greater increases in operating costs. Every effort is being made to maintain the railway at a high physical level and to improve our train services, and this policy will be continued throughout the coming year.

KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The December meeting of the Kingston W. I. was held on December 7th at the home of Mrs. Samuel Willis. Meeting opened with the singing of "The Christmas Song" followed by the reading of the minutes. It was decided to give boxes to sick for Christmas. Gifts for orphanage are to be left at Mrs. Edgar Newsom's. It was moved and seconded to give the school children a chocolate bar at Christmas. It was decided to give \$2.00 to T. B. League. The treasurer read the annual report: Balance from previous year - \$48.13
Receipts \$150.21
Total \$198.34
Expenditures \$138.77
Balance on hand \$59.57
Collection was taken amounting to \$1.00. Next place of meeting Mrs. Whitfield Yeo Lunch committee Miss Shirley Newson and Mrs. Samuel Willis. Mrs. Calvin Holmes moved the meeting be adjourned.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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THE CORCORAN BUSINESS TRAINING STUDIO will re-open on January 3rd.
CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SUNSET LODGE - The Rainbow Club auxiliary was host to the guests of Sunset Lodge on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19 when the members of the Lodge entertained and pumped the guests with their carol singing and other special items, one of which was a very humorous recitation by the president, Mrs. G. Ballingal. The program was in charge of Mrs. Neil MacLean and Mrs. John MacNair, with Mrs. MacNair at the piano. After a visit from Santa Claus, a delicious lunch was served to all present.

Island Odds And Ends

Charlottetown's aggressive "Islanders" may travel to that other home of so many Islanders, Boston, and show our exiles and other thousands of downeast natives there, the kind of hockey we have back home. Talks have been commenced with hockey promoters in the Hub, which if successful would date the Charlottetown team for a game in the big town during the last week in January. As planned now, the boys are scheduled to play in St. John Saturday, Jan. 27th, and immediately after the game would emplane for the American town to meet for the Boston Olympics for an afternoon game on January 28th. The team would remain in Boston until Monday afternoon, and then fly home to keep a Big Four engagement on Tuesday, January 30th. If arrangements are finalized, the big 60 passenger plane, recently purchased by the Maritime Central Airways will be used for the trip, to carry the many supporters of the team who would follow them across the border. It is a little more than twenty-five years since a Charlottetown team made its first and only appearance in Boston. The Abegweits of that day easily beat the organization in this part of Canada made a two-night stand in the Massachusetts Capital losing both games by the same score 2-1. But if they lost the games they captured the town and on both nights hundreds were unable to obtain seats, and a crush of downcasters was something to cope with even to obtain standing room. At that time Boston was still a stronghold of the amateurs, and the two clubs the Islanders tangled with, Boston College and the Boston Hockey Club, had beaten or held their own with the best yearly visitors to the city. The league of Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Ottawa, and only Toronto was able to win or break even against Boston competition. The club which had the most success was the Toronto Grads, brilliant University of Toronto aggregation which won the Olympic title, and remained in play for several years after graduation, after which many of them were signed to Big League contracts.

The Bostonians of course had a liberal sprinkling of Canadians in their line-ups, and some of the best homebreds ever raised on the south side of the border. The Boston Hockey Club had for its star a four-letter man known all over America as a football, track, baseball and hockey star. Later Owen, with the sensational Eddie Shore, formed the great Boston Bruin defence, on the team which really sold National League type hockey to the Boston public. It was very difficult for the Charlottetown team to get recognition by the hockey heads of Boston, and it was only after two years of wrangling that the Abegweits were grudgingly given a slim guarantee of nine hundred dollars for the two game visit. There was a reason for Boston reluctance to headline a Down East team. It showed their wariness there were few years, and had always given a poor display, and been trimmed by lopsided scores. It took much persuasion to convince the management of the old Boston Arena, (the Gardens had not been built then) that the Islanders could draw a crowd or put up the right kind of opposition. The overflow crowds at both games and the magnificent skating of the Abegweits amazed the rink officials, and they offered the boys a return engagement later in the season upon the guarantee from nine hundred to twenty-five hundred dollars. For various reasons the Charlottetown Club was unable to accept and no club representing the Island has ever appeared in Boston since. It was more than a hockey trip when the boys descended on the hub of New England. It was Old Home Week for all Islanders who came from all over the State of Massachusetts, and even from the adjoining states to see the Maritimers in action. There

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Personals

Miss Theresa Trainor, R.N. of Halifax arrived by plane on Saturday to spend New Year's with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Trainor of this city.
The many friends of Miss Angle Arsenault of Emerald, will regret to hear that she had to enter the Provincial Sanatorium for treatment. All wish her a speedy recovery.
Mrs. Betty McMillan and Miss Helen Garrett from Montreal, arrived home by plane Saturday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gillespie, 76 Douglas Street and Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett, 64 Douglas Street.
David and Robert Barwise of Halifax, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Barwise, Charlottetown, have returned to their respective duties, David to his studies at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, and Robert to his work with the R.C.M.P.

Miss Shirley McDonald, student nurse of Beverley, Mass., Hospital, is spending her New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald, Richmond Street, Charlottetown.
were re-unions all over the rink and all over the city before and after the games. The Irish and the Scots, the English and French who were born in the East, and their descendants who had never been in the Maritimes, were out in force and hospitality ruled the roost. The Bostonians bring their games on superior coaching but in the elements of skating and stick handling, the Islanders opened their eyes.
Among those who made the trip more than 25 years ago, were Jack "Sugar" Gordon, probably one of the fastest and most graceful skaters ever to come out of the Maritimes, "Chick" Williams, who later played for several Boston clubs, and in his hey-day a brilliant right winger, Fred Kelly, now athletic coach at Acadia, Fred Moore, now a member of the firm of Moore & MacLeod, John "Wacky" McEachern, who now works at Tom Davis' Red Indian Service Station in Charlottetown, Roy and Earl Frowse, goalie "Dutchie" Diamond, who deceased, Frank Cronin, now employed by the Charlottetown Post Office, Lou Campbell, vice-principal of West Kent School. Other names are not recalled.
Percy Rodd, perhaps the Club's greatest forward in those days, did not accompany the club.
Dozens of incidents of the historic visit could be told by thousands of people who saw the game.
One of the highlights of both games was the uncanny ability of "Sugar" Gordon to skate backwards in front of opposing forwards at any desired speed. Standing on top was the great defenceman of the defense duo, Fred Moore and Fred Kelly. Fred Moore was as fast as any forward on the club.
Time and again too, Williams, supreme as a right winger when the chips were down, brought the eight thousand in the rink right into the arena with an outstanding occasion for all Downeasters.

Thanks

I wish to thank the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of the P. E. I. Hospital, St. Paul's Church, coroner MacMillan and many others for lovely flowers, cards and visits at the time of my illness. And wish them one and all a Happy New Year.
Mrs. Barbara Mill, Sunset Lodge, 78 School Street, City.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank all my Guardian customers who were so kind to me during my illness at Christmas time. Also everyone else who were so thoughtful. A Very Happy New Year to all.
Everett Woodington.

Gov't Moves To Boost Immigration

OTTAWA, Dec. 30 - (CP) - The Government, moving to quicken immigration to meet a possible manpower shortage, offered today to lend immigrants part of the cost of their transportation to this country. The plan, a major development in Canada's immigration policy, becomes effective Feb. 1 and will apply to immigrants from the United Kingdom and Western Europe.

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON
NEW YEAR'S CALLERS
Thirty years ago every household expected at least some New Year's callers; but now only the birds seem to keep up this custom. Even in our city homes, if we prepare for them by putting out slabs or sticks with the favourite mixture of melted suet, nut-meats, sunflower and pumpkin seeds, instead of tea and cake, we should be able to watch our feathered friends through the window.
A good sized tree is quite liable to bring a Brown Creeper - that little fellow that goes marketing with bright eyes and a long, slender, down-curved bill. He examines every inch of bark for tiny larvae. Using his stiff, pointed tail feathers as props, his feet cling confidently to any upright surface, no matter how slippery. Because his coloring matches his surroundings so perfectly, we may miss seeing him as he spirals up the trunk, then drops to the bottom and starts all over again.
Movement might draw our attention to the Creeper, but not to the Owl, sitting motionless and huddled in a crotch. It may be a small Screech Owl of either the grey or the reddish brown phase, or a big, brown, Barred Owl, having its daytime sleep. On the other hand, the restless Black-capped Chickadee gives away its presence. When we provide afternoon tea in the form of suet, this cheerful little chap is more likely to be attracted. Woodpeckers and Nuthatches might come to our tree, which is certainly an acquisition on any bird watcher's property.
But a snow-covered lawn with just a few bushes can be a temporary resting place of a Slate-colored Junco, a Tree Sparrow, or a Song Sparrow. We must be alert to notice them, as they will not show themselves unnecessarily. Look at the edge of the shrubbery, and a Junco may be trying to find a few seeds there. Pale pink bill, white outer tail feathers, and a sharp contrast between dark breast and white underparts are its distinguishing marks. The Tree Sparrow is a decided reddish brown, with prominent white wing-bars and a single round, black spot, or "stiekwip" in the centre of its greyish white breast. With a front view, we cannot mistake a Song Sparrow because of its black (really dark brown) triangle on a white streaked breast.
Fortunate individuals living in southern Ontario will surely see on their own lawns some of those brilliant red birds known as Cardinals. They are indeed the most gorgeous New Year's callers.
Is Canada ever invaded?

IN MEMORIAM

ARCHIBALD THACKER

The funeral of the late Archibald Thacker, aged 62, was held on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 65 Rochford Street, by the Rev. J. T. Ibbott, rector. He was buried in St. Paul's Anglican Church where the service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Ibbott, rector. He leaves to mourn his passing his sorrowing widow, seven daughters and three sons, namely, Kathleen (Mrs. H. L. Buck of Montreal, N.B.), Eileen (in Hamilton, Ont.), Doreen (Mrs. Myron Shaw, Sable), Marjorie (in Victoria, B.C.), Joan, (Mrs. Hugh MacDonal, City), Archibald (in Summerside), Elsie (Mrs. Jim Kendall at home), Pauline (Mrs. Michael Szucs, in Hamilton, Ont.), Clifford and Keith at home. Also three brothers and three sisters in England and 12 grandchildren. Hymns sung were "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". Pallbearers were Ernest McKay, Winston McKay, Mark Young, James Hughes, William Munroe and E. V. Bell. Members of the Canadian Legion attended in a body at the graveside. Floral tributes from the family included a Pillow, wife, and daughters at home, wreath from daughters, Majorie, Michael, 2 wreaths from the grandchildren. Also many beautiful floral tributes from his many friends. Pauline and Michael, daughter and son-in-law in Hamilton, Ont., and Marjorie, daughter in Victoria, B.C., were unable to attend the funeral. The remains were laid to rest in the People's Cemetery, Charlottetown.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Mr. A. Thacker wish to thank all those who helped in any way during their recent sad bereavement. Also all those who sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of DANIEL MACDONALD who passed away January 2nd, 1950
You are not forgotten dear Father. Never shall your memory fade. Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger Around the grave where you are laid.
Inserted by his daughter, Mrs. Harry Larier.

Baptist Church Christmas Concerts

The Charlotte own Baptist Church School held their annual Christmas concerts on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, with the General Superintendent, R. J. Rupert presiding. On Tuesday afternoon, the beginner and primary departments entertained their parents and friends with a varied program of choruses, solos, recitations and dialogues, under the direction of their leaders, Mrs. Keith Robinson, Mrs. Ross Affleck and Miss Jean MacArthur. At the close of the program, the "real" Santa appeared to the tune of Jingle Bells and in his inimitable manner entertained young and old with his jolly songs and antics. He then distributed treats to the boys and girls and also made several presentations, including one to Mrs. W. J. Drake from the Officers and teachers of the school. Mrs. Drake has been associated with the Sunday School for more than forty years and following her custom of many years, presented hand-knitted mittens to a number of boys and girls having the most up-attended attendance during the year. On Wednesday evening the members of the Main School entertained a large gathering with a fine program of recitations, plays, and instrumental and vocal numbers. Santa again appeared and delighted everyone with his witty original songs and capers. He distributed treats to the boys and girls and also made several special presentations, among them: gifts from the Men's Association to the Pastor, Rev. J. D. Davison and the Caretaker, Edgar Gillespie, also gifts from the officers and teachers of the Sunday School to the Superintendent and the Caretaker. Another pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation from the children of the Junior Choir of the Church to their Director, Mrs. Allison MacRae. Accompanists for the concerts were: Mrs. Allison MacRae, Mrs. J. D. Davison, Mrs. Ernest MacKay and Mrs. Keith Robinson. Following is the program:
Beginner and Primary Depts.
Chorus, Away In a Manger - Beginner and Primary Departments.
Recitation, A Special Reason - Hal Ladner.
Drill, I Love The Star - Allan Burke, Charles Ford, Billy Ward.
Recitation, I Had a Reason - Kirby Arnold.
Recitation, I'm Not So Very Big - Nancy Duffett.
Recitation, A Dear Old Fellow - Charles Stokoe.
Solo, Frosty the Snowman - John Burhoe.
Recitation, A Greeting - Jonathan Davison.
Recitation, Last Yet First - Bob Ford.
Recitation, I Got a Book - Gordon MacKay.
Chorus, Long Ago There Was Born - Beginner and Primary Departments.
Recitation, New Year's Greeting - Ralph Runtz.
Recitation, The Little Christ-Child - Ronald MacLean.
Recitation, The Best I Can Do - Cynthia Cameron.
Recitation, A Very Good Boy - Donnie Gaster.
Chorus, Rudolph, The Red Nose Reindeer - Boys of the Beginner and Primary Departments.
Recitation, Keep the Smiles On - Marilyn Wakelin.
Recitation, Happy Christmas - Carol Ann Ward.
Recitation, Nicest Presents - Karen Ann Willis.
Recitation, Winds Thru' the Olive Trees - Linda Ward.
Chorus, Sing Little Children - Beginner and Primary Departments.
Recitation, Jitters - Charles Archer.
Recitation, No Time Like the Present - Eileen Andrews.
Recitation, I'm Worried - John Burhoe.
Drill, If - Donna Sherrin, Eldon Larabee and Ronnie Jenkins.
Chorus, Silent Night - Girls of the Beginner and Primary Departments.
Recitation, Little Boy's Dream - Ronnie Campbell.
Recitation, Merry Christmas - Fredie Johnson.
Recitation, The Difference - Gordon Hansen.
Recitation, Pa Says It's Christmas - Stirling Ladner.
Recitation, Guess Who - Virginia Shaw.
Chorus, Come Sing A Song Of Winter. This Is The Way The Snowflakes Fall, Merry Christmas To You - Beginner and Primary Departments.

RESEARCH HAVEN

Five million volumes are kept in the library of the British Museum in London.
Vimy Gregory.
Playette, What Is Your Song - Miss Betty Hamm's Class of girls.
Duet, Come All Ye Shepherds - Doris Duffett and Shirley Ladner.

When You're Worn Out and Worried

and drug second each day, unable to do the work - cranky with the children - feeling miserable don't blame it on "nerves". Your kidneys may be out of order - for when kidneys fail the system clogs with impurities - and headaches, backache, disturbed rest, frequently follow. To help keep your kidneys working properly - use Dodd's Kidney Pills - and see for yourself if that "all-in" feeling is not soon replaced by clear-headed energy and pep. Get and use Dodd's Kidney Pills today. 140

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Literature And Life

By BOOKMAN
LOOKING AT CHRISTMAS
Christmas is one of the great seasons of the year - possibly the greatest. It may be viewed from various angles: there is the angle of trade. No one can doubt that Christmas trade is one of the features of the modern business world. It is the season of gifts and a great many have to be bought and that makes trade. There is nothing wrong in that but we need to take care lest we come, to view it as merely a time to make gain. So many of the finer things of life have been commercialized - "Mothers' Day" for instance. Again we may look at it as an aid, - and a powerful aid - to memory. We know all too well how apt we are to forget. Christmas comes round and we think of old days and old friends. We look up our lists to those to whom we sent greetings last year. This helps us to keep old friendships "in repair." Today I received a card with this verse on it -
"Around the corner I have a friend,
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,
And I never see my old friend's face,
For life is a swift and terrible race
But he knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine.
We were younger then,
Now we are busy and tired men...
Tomorrow I say I will call on Jim,
But tomorrow comes and goes,
And the distance between us grows,
And round the corner is miles away -
A telegram tells Jim died today!"
A greeting at Christmas helps us avoid that regret. Christmas helps us to value a right personality, for Jesus was man as truly as we are, and took upon him our flesh, a real body that grew tired and hungry as we do. Moreover he valued man, respected him and said that he was of more value than the world. Christmas is a time when childhood comes first, and we trace this interest back to the cradle in Bethlehem. This is the season of song. Carols at Christmas are of long standing. The phrase, "Merry Christmas" has much in it. This verse from a traditional Christmas carol is typical:
"God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray -
O tidings of comfort and joy."
We must not leave the Christ out of Christmas. Christmas is full of poetry - the little child, the cradle, the inn which had no more room, the shepherds, the angels, the music, the wise men, the gifts - all this is poetry. There is this about the season of Christmas, it helps to keep our lives simple and real. "The wonder of it all!
"The very God! think, Abib; dost thou think,
So the All-Great, were the All-Loving too -
So through the thunder comes a human voice."
Did not Mr. Lecky say that religion was the one romance of the poor?
Christmas cuts time in two - B. C. and A. D. Hitler with all his fury, could not do that, but Christmas did it. It above all else tells us Jesus came into our world to save us from our sins. This must not be forgotten amid the festivities of this happy season. It has been caught up in our song, for this is one of the distinct features of Yuletide.

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