

THE DAILY EXAMINER. DECEMBER 24, 1881.

CHRISTMAS.

ANOTHER DAY will bring another Christmas to us. The year has now almost flown its round; and just before it leaves us it brings this great Festival to gladden our hearts.

These few days which precede Christmas are busy ones in most households. What innumerable cogitations are going on! What interviewing about presents! It would be a strange scene to one who had never heard of Christmas, to stand before some of our tempting shop windows, and watch all the passers in and out. The many "Santa Clauses" who visit the toy and candy shops, when morpheus has taken charge of the children! What a state of mind the children are in as the day looms up with all its mystery and expected joy? Santa Claus is a fine old fellow certainly to make so many happy—all at the same time—in this world, and to banish care from so many households for one day!

Well, what does all this mean? Why do we make so much of Christmas? Some one says "Christmas is the day which has been appointed by the Church from the earliest Christian times for the commemoration of the Nativity of Christ." Yearly, it calls on us to ponder over and profit by this great truth. Then the first duty, on Christmas Day, is to raise thanks to Him who gave us the great Christmas gift—the Saviour. When this is done, joy will fill our hearts, and we will try to make all about us joyful too. The Message rings in our ears: "Peace on Earth, Good will towards men." Let us do our best to fulfill it. Let us come to an "understanding," about all "misunderstandings," and try to make all about us happy.

We should not let that fine old custom of giving presents fall into disuse; for it has a very significant meaning. If we are grateful for the greatest of gifts, our hearts are sure to overflow in kind deeds and words to others. One thing must be remembered: Christmas gifts to friends alone will not do. There are many who cannot get the many Christmas joys which we have; so let a bountiful share fall to the poor. The givers are sure to feel the happier.

Now, we wish our readers all, a right merry Christmas; and say, in the words of the old carol:

"God rest you, merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas Day."

Christmas Jottings.

CHRISTMAS BELLS! How merrily they peal forth their chimes of royal welcome to the Babe of Bethlehem. A million clan gorons tongues fill the frosty air of England with their wild and wayward pealings. The far-famed bells of Belgium burst forth in thrilling carillons, changing in exquisite harmony the Christmas hymns of peace. The sultry air of Australia wafts the metallic echoes languidly o'er the land. Follow the rising sun, and in its course, the ear will get no rest from Christmas bells. In every quarter of the Globe; in countless towns and hamlets, bells swell their pealings, to greet the Birthday of the Lord.

—Nor will tongue of man be silent. The prayers and praises of "old men and maidens, young men and children," will rise like sweet-smelling incense to the throne of the true God-man. Around this Festival, all Christian sects seem to join hearts and minds; and for the moment, the arena of sophisms and subtle wranglings is deserted, all confessing that "For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, and was made man." How wonderfully unique is that attractive power of Bethlehem! It has never been equalled, it will never be equalled; it will ever cause ceaseless tears to flow and draw from our frail humanity the most exalted and holiest of impulses.

As celestial choristers chanted their undying Christmas Carol on the first Christmas, so now, as the anniversary comes round, Christians love to sing and to hear the Christmas Carols. We hear of the practice as early as the second century, as proved by the discovery of a sarcophagus belonging to that period, having sculptured upon it a Christian family joining in singing Nativity songs. The Puritan Parliament of the Commonwealth tried to abolish not only Carols, but the festival of Christmas altogether, and holly and ivy were made seditious badges.

—Poets have exhausted every trope and figure in idealizing the Nativity. Painters have never wearied in depicting the scene. Handel has wedded the immortal story to immortal music in his "Messiah." Listening to the "Pastoral Symphony," we seem borne along to the hillsides around Bethlehem, and there see the shepherds sitting down on the slopes for the night. Our eyes survey the scene of Ruth's romantic story, and the fields on which David followed the ewes great with young. The faint tinklings from the sheep-bells break the silence, and enliven the splendor of the starry night. Suddenly every sound is hushed in the echoes of the angelic song, bearing along the tidings of great joy, which evermore sweep the harp-strings of the ages.

The regular examination of candidates for entrance to the Prince of Wales College and Normal School, was held in August last. A supplementary examination was held on the 21st and 22nd instants, for candidates who failed in August, but made a creditable examination. Of these the following passed:— Gordon Laird, Charlottetown, 266. Benj F Messervey, do, 259. Robert H Campbell, Montague Bridge, 257. Mary Ann Henderson, Wood Islands, 252. Katie A McLachlin, Hillsborough, 243. Wellington McLaren, New Perth, 233. Douglas McMillan, Wood Islands, 217. Sarah Ann Bradley, Dunstaffnage, 216. Maggie M McQuigan, New Glasgow, 213. Mary McLean, Coluden, 212. Mary Eliza McLean, Nine Mile Creek, 211. Addie L McKay, Clifton, 210. Florence Currie, Charlottetown, 206. Angus Gallant, Rustico, 201. Lucy Palmer, Desable, 200. Bessie Stewart, Southport, 200. Mary McRae, Flat River, 200.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS.

Our Schools.

REASONABLE COMPLIMENTS AND GOOD WISHES.

THE town loses two excellent teachers in Miss Smith and Miss Annie Lawson. As Principal of Upper Prince Street School, Miss Smith has been held in high estimation; and Miss Lawson has, by her care and assiduity, won golden opinions from children and parents. At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held last evening, it was unanimously resolved that Miss Smith should be presented with the following address:—

To Miss Smith, Principal of Upper Prince Street School:

MADAM,—We, the Board of School Trustees of Charlottetown, cannot accept your resignation, tendered to us on Monday, the 19th inst., without, in this manner, giving expression to the high esteem which has always been extended towards you, by us, during the occupancy of the important position which you have held by our appointment, for the period of nearly five years.

By your assiduous devotion to your professional duties and manifest determination, not only to succeed, but to excel, as a teacher, you have won for yourself a good name, long to be remembered in this community, especially in connection with successful management of the Girls' High School, which, from the date of its inauguration to the present, has been placed under your charge.

We are sure that the regret which we feel at being hereafter deprived of your services is deeply shared in by your associate teachers and by your pupils; and that the warmest and best wishes for your future happiness and welfare are largely supplemented by those of your friends, not a few, in this city.

Signed by order and in behalf the Board, [L. S.] JOHN LONGWORTH, Chairman. ISAAC OXENHAM, Secretary.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Seaman, of West Kent School, has been presented with a valuable present, and the following address:— Mr. Seaman,

DEAR SIR,—Before the closing of the schools for the Christmas holidays, we wish to thank you for the deep interest you have at all times taken in our welfare, during the term about to close. Our school room has been made a pleasant place for us, and from the kind and careful manner in which you have conducted the work of the room, our studies have proved interesting, and we trust, profitable. We feel, in short, that our time has not been spent in vain.

And now, Dear Sir, as a small expression of our regard and esteem for you as our teacher, we present you with this Pickle Dish.

Hoping that you may enjoy a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and when the Holidays are over return invigorated for another year's work.

We remain, on behalf of the Dep't, Your affectionate scholars,

FRANK H. STEWART, WM. D. SMALL, JOHN J. MCKINNON, FREDK. G. HARVE.

Professor Mellish has, we learn, been appointed Principal of Upper Prince Street School, in the room of Miss Smith; and Miss Ellen Lawson takes the vacant room in West Kent Street School.

Messrs. L. Millan and J. D. Seaman, and Miss McKinnon of the West Kent Street School, were on Friday waited on by the pupils of their respective classes and presented with nicely written addresses, accompanied by handsome presents.

At the Queen Square School, yesterday, the Principal was presented with an address from his pupils accompanied by a handsome album. In the same department the following pupils received books as a reward for good conduct and diligence: Arthur Reddin and James Clinton. For Punctuality, Charles Burke, Charles Trainor, Patrick Power, Louis McMurrough, Richard Power and James Johnston.

The teachers also presented Miss Maria Lawson who, a short time ago retired from the profession, with a handsome and valuable gold ring.

OUR CHRISTMAS BOX.

THE FESTIVE SEASON UPON US—A BUSY DAY TO-DAY—WHERE TO SELECT THE MOST USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE PRESENTS:— WITH THE "EXAMINER'S" ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. D. EANKIN,

North Side Queen Square, is among the many druggists who are offering unique Christmas presents and New Year's gifts. These articles are direct from Paris, and consist of dressing cases, ivory hair brushes, pen and pencil cases, toilet sets, jewel cases, perfume, etc. A careful inspection will convince one that this importation is well suited for the present season.

W. W. WELLNER,

The jewelry on sale at the store of W. W. Wellner, North Side, Queen Square, is of the richest material, and the silver-plated ware surpasses anything, for variety of pattern, ever imported by the proprietor. In this store one cannot fail to find a suitable present for a person in any station of life. Call and examine.

J. D. MACLEOD AND CO.'S

Store is conveniently situated on the corner of Queen and Grafton Streets. It is one of the best equipped grocery stores in the city, and is conducted on excellent principles. Its stock is composed of the freshest groceries—tea, sugar, flour, etc.—all of which can be bought at moderate prices. For Christmas and New Year's supplies visit J. D. MacLeod & Co.'s.

A. A. BALDWIN AND CO.

has on hand an attractive stock of seasonable ware. The most attractive just now is their display of Acme Club Skates, for ladies and gentlemen, which are offered at special bargains during the holiday season. Go and examine them.

MR. S. T. NEILMS,

whose store is opposite the Post Office, offers a first-class selection of Christmas goods, in gold pins and pencil cases, albums, wallets, gift books, toys, etc. Mr. Neilms's stock is large and, notwithstanding the run which has been upon it, customers will yet find in it a varied stock from which to choose.

E. W. AND G. H. TAYLOR AND CO.

In the store of Mr. E. W. Taylor, on the south side of Queen Square, is to be seen a magnificent selection of watches, jewelry and various descriptions of silver ware. These goods have been well-selected, and are now offered as cheap as any in the city. The stock in Messrs. G. H. Taylor & Co.'s

store, north side Queen Square, is equally good and cheap. Those who wish to purchase elegant Christmas presents should visit these stores.

F. W. TREMAINE'S

Dry goods store, situated on Queen Street, opposite the Market, is among the best-stocked houses in the city. Mr. Tremaine did not fail to provide the store with a well selected line of seasonable goods, in addition to his usual stock. These are admirably suited for Christmas presents, and parties in search of useful gifts should give Mr. T. a call.

JOHN QUIRK, ESQ.

At the City Steam Bakery, situated on Prince Street, may be found in addition to various kinds of biscuits and crackers, which are fresh, a choice assortment of confectionery, canned goods, and Christmas cooking requisites. Dealers will find that they can here get an excellent article of the above mentioned goods at reasonable prices.

THE DIAMOND BOOKSTORE.

Mr. Chappelle's recently enlarged store on the north side of Queen Square affords every facility for numerous customers to inspect his varied stock of books, stationery, toys, Christmas cards, etc. Mr. C. reports doing a rushing business, during the holiday season, and he attributes this to the fact that while he has on hand a choice selection of holiday presents, he sells them for a small profit.

OWEN CONNOLLY, ESQ.

If we may judge from the positive mark down advertised by Mr. Connolly we should say that his is the store to deal in. It is furnished with a fine assortment of dry goods, gent's furnishing goods, woollens, etc., all of which are sold at a discount of 10 and 20 per cent.

ROBERTSON AND CAMERON

who have a very nice and well filled Grocery Store on the South Side of Queen Square, invite all to the inspection of their fall and winter stock. They warrant everything to be that which they represent. We, therefore, feel safe in directing all who require holiday requisites to visit the store.

MR. C. I. MORRISON

is showing a full line of Fall and Winter Goods in ready-made clothing, hats, caps, furs, cloths and tweeds. Those in search of a good fitting suit, at reasonable cost, should visit Mr. Morrison's, 61 Queen St.

R. K. BRUCE.

We need only refer our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Bruce, "Bank or No Bank," to show that they must have Christmas and New Year's Goods at any cost. The public need only call at Mr. B's store, North Side Queen Square, to find that he has a good stock of seasonable groceries for sale cheap.

GRAND CONCERT, BENEFIT OF MR. VINNICOMBE, — IN THE — Y. M. C. A. HALL, Under the Auspices of the Orchestral Club.

— ON — Friday, Dec. 30.

PROGRAMME.

- PART I. 1. Overture—"Le Souverain,"..... Herman ORCHESTRA. 2. Song—"When the Swallows Homeward Fly"..... Mrs. HERMANS. 3. Song—"The Unfinished Song,"..... Piusuti MRS. W. LONGWORTH. 4. Instrumental—"Den Sorgen Trost Waltzes"..... Faust ORCHESTRA. 5. Song—"A Great Secret"..... Wolf MRS. STRICKLAND. 6. Piano Solo—"Army and Navy March,"..... Warren MISS PALMER. 7. Song—"I fear no foe," with Orchestral accompaniment..... Piusuti PROF. CAVEN.

- PART II. 1. Instrumental—"Selections from "Il Trovatore"..... Verdi ORCHESTRA. 2. Song—"Dream of Lucknow," with Orchestral accompaniment..... Blockley MISS PALMER. 3. String Quartette—"Song without words (No. 48)..... Mendelssohn MESSRS. VINNICOMBE, FLETCHER, YOUNG AND CAVEN. 4. Song—"The Kerry Dance"..... Molloy MRS. STRICKLAND. 5. Violin Solo—"Happy Days"..... Diehl MR. VINNICOMBE. 6. Instrumental—"Selections from "Lucrazia Borgia"..... Donizetti ORCHESTRA. 7. Song—"As I view these Scenes so Charming"..... Bellini MR. HERMANS. 8. Instrumental—"Kautaufmann's Casino Waltzes"..... Gungl ORCHESTRA.

God Save the Queen. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock, sharp. Tickets—Reserved Seats 35 cents; unserved 25 cents, to be had at Fletcher's Music Store, and at the door. WILLIAM CAVEN, Sec'y. Dec. 24, 1881.

A MUSICAL & LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT will be held under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul Society, in St. Patrick's Hall, — ON — THURSDAY, THE 29th INST.

This Entertainment being held in aid of the poor, the public are invited to bestow upon it a fair patronage. Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents. J. A. MCKENNA, Secretary. Dec. 24—

PRESENTS!

The Usual Well-Selected stock of WATCHES, JEWELRY,

SILVER-PLATED WARE,

SUITABLE FOR PRESENTATION, WILL BE FOUND AT E. W. TAYLOR'S, South Side Queen Square. G. H. TAYLOR & CO'S, North Side Queen Square. [de 21 4]

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'CITY HARDWARE STORE.'

We have on hand a large assortment of SILVERWARE,

Cruets, Pickle Dishes, Toast Racks, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., &c.; Rogers Bro's 1847 A1 Plate, excellent value, newest designs, selling very low during the Holidays.

COME AND GET BARGAINS. BOURKE SON & CO., Dec. 3, 1881—2w 3aw, wkly 31, pat City Hardware Store

WEST INDIA EXTRAORDINARY WAREHOUSE.

- 50 chests and half-chests Tea, 20 hds. and barrels Sugar, 30 puns, Malassos, 100 barrels Superior Extra Flour, 20 boxes Tomacco (flat), 30 caddis Bright Smoking Tobacco, 70 boxes Assorted Soaps, 25 boxes White and Blue Starch, 30 boxes Nixy's Black Lead, 20 reams Wrapping Paper, 5 casks W. Soda, 20 boxes T. D. Pipes, 40 cans Kerosene Oil, 5 casks Turpentine, 100 barrel Bungs, 1/2 inch, 1,500 bushels Salt, 300 Pork Barrels, 500 Ash-Hooped Barrels, 50 tins Lard, 3 tons Wheat Bran, 5 tons Wheat Sorts, 1,000 bushels Oats, 90 boxes and half-boxes No. 1 Codfish, 50 quintals Codfish, in bulk, 100 quintals Large Hake, 100 bbls. and half-bbls. Labrador Herring, 30 cases Preserved Lobsters, 10 cases Preserved Salmon, 10 cases Preserved Herring, 50 boxes Tin, 100 ingots Refined Tin, 40 pigs Soft Lead, 5 bars 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 Copper, 5 tons Assorted Iron.

HORACE HASZARD, Lower Queen Street. Ch'town, Dec. 21, '81—1m eod

A. A. Baldwin & Co.

— WISH TO — CALL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING Seasonable Goods! WHICH THEY OFFER AT VERY LOW PRICES:

- 100 pairs Acme Club Skates, 100 pairs Common Skates, FRET SAWS—for hand and foot power. WOODS—in Walnut, Hickory, Ash, Cherry, Red Cedar and Holly. JOSEPH RODGERS SONS TABLE CUTLERY. SILVER-PLATED WARE, by standard makers. Dec. 22, '81—51

St. Lawrence Hotel.

THE above Hotel is now RE-OPENED, having been thoroughly repaired and refurnished in the best style. Being centrally situated and within three minutes walk of the Railway Depot and Steamboats, it offers inducements to the travelling public. Permanent and Transient Boarders accommodation unsurpassed by any other Hotel in the city. WM. E. HICKNY, Proprietor. Ch'town, Dec. 21, '81.

FLOUR.

300 BBL'S SUPERIOR EXTRA FLOUR. For sale by the subscriber. A. H. YATES. Water Street, Nov. 26, '81.

CHOICE WINTER STOCK.

I WILL SELL AT AUCTION, ON Thursday Next, the 29th Inst.,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, AT THE Queen Street Auction Rooms,

150 barrels choice No. 1 Apples in all varieties.

This lot of Fruit has been selected for the English market and is in prime order.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer. Dec. 24, '81—

THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING!

COME TO FRASER & REDDIN

for Fresh Essences, Spices and Canned Peels.

They also have a large and select stock of Hair, Nail and Tooth Brushes. Lubin's, Atkinson's, Chalmers' and other Perfumes. Ball Perfumes twenty cents per ounce. Charlottetown, Dec. 23, 1881.

DODD'S MEDICAL HALL.

Meerschaum and Briar Pipes

AT A GREAT REDUCTION. Until January 1st 25 per cent. discount will be taken on the marked price of all PIPES, and Bank of P. E. Island Notes taken in payment. Also 10,000 Choice CIGARS very cheap by the box; 4,000 finest Manillas and Cheroots. Dec. 15—pat 41 eod

IF YOU GIVE A TICKET

Holiday Gift Enterprise

To your Wife, or Child, or Friend. You may give a valuable Holiday present. E. H. BARRIE, Manager. Dec. 23, 1881—31

JULIUS KING'S

COMBINATION SPECTACLES & SYSTEM FOR FITTING EYES. RANGE OF VISION. SOLE AGENCY AT CHARLOTTETOWN

E. W. TAYLOR, South Side Queen Square.

We have sold numbers of the above Celebrated Spectacles, and they are giving better satisfaction than any hitherto in the market. [de 17 2w eod]

OPENING

Citizens Skating Rink

THE CITIZENS' SKATING RINK will be opened on Monday, the 26th inst.,

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The Band will be in attendance from eight till ten o'clock, p. m. Tickets for sale at Apothecaries Hall at the following prices:—

- Gentlemen's..... \$5 00 Ladies..... 3 50 Promenade..... 1 00 Afternoon skating (Boys)..... 2 50 Afternoon Skating (Girls)..... 2 00 Single Tickets all times..... 25 Single Tickets to Promenade..... 10

The services of Gallbreath's Band have been secured for the season. W. C. HOBKIRK, Secretary. Dec. 19, 1881—41

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED: by a Lady who writes a firm legible hand, employment as a copyist. Address, "Copista," Post Office, Charlottetown. d20 41

COOK WANTED—A good plain Cook wanted. Apply with references to Mrs. R. R. FitzGerald, Knockrout. de 19

FOR SALE—A stylish Carriage or Horse, color dark chestnut. Will be sold at a bargain.—D. REDDIN, jr. d15 1w

WANTED—An experienced Clerk. Must be well recommended. Apply, in writing to SULLIVAN & MONSO, Charlottetown. d20 41

TO LET—The office in the Union Bank Building lately occupied by Edward Bayfield, Esq. The use of a cellar, in which there are now two tons of coal, to go with same. Terms reasonable. Apply at this office. d20 41

NOTICE.

STEAMSHIP "PRINCE EDWARD," with general cargo from Liverpool, G. B., docked at Peake's No. 2 Wharf this forenoon, 21st December. After she is discharged will load with cargo of oats and will sail from Charlottetown or Georgetown.

On or about Saturday, the 24th December, inst.

Should the weather continue favorable, will sail from Charlottetown direct. Parties wishing to ship

LIVE STOCK on the Upper Deck, on freight, to Great Britain have an opportunity of doing so. For freight and other particulars apply to

PEAKE BROS' & CO., Managers. Dec. 21, 1881.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Just Opered at Rankin's Drug Store,

DIRECT FROM PARIS, a large assortment of FANCY ARTICLES in Glass, China, Plush, &c., suitable for Christmas and New Year's Presents.

DRESSING CASES, IVORY HAIR BRUSHES, FLUSH ODOR CASES, TOILET SETS, JEWEL CASES, VASES, PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

Goods at Pictou Landing.

AGENCY OF DEPT MARINE & FISHERIES, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND, 19th Dec., 1881.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Importers who desire their Goods to be shipped or board Dominion Steamer "NORTH RN LIGHT," must send orders to the Agent of the Intercolonial Railway, at Pictou Landing, before they will be delivered.

ARTEMAS LORD, Dec. 19—1w eod, wkly, press sp 11