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"TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR."—"PRINCIPLES NOT MEN."

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The Aftermath.

After the Christmas sales, which were extraordinarily large this year, we find left in stock a fine line of goods which we think everyone will concede is

Just the Thing for Wedding Presents.

These are the choichest of goods—no cheap trash. Come and see them anyway.

Alarm Clocks

To wake you up there dark mornings, and all kinds of Clocks at all kinds of prices.

Waterman Fountain Pens,
Fancy Ink Stands, etc., for sale.

W. A. Armstrong

Industrial Home Notes

(By an Inmate)

[Intended for last week.]

Christmas at the home. We do not think that any of the inmates of this institution has any reason to complain of not having enjoyed a very pleasant Christmas as far as treatment was concerned. Certainly they were not supplied with roast goose, turkey and cranberry sauce, legs of roast mutton, pork, etc., neither were they indulged with ale or beer, as a wash down, for temperance principles were strictly observed here. However, they were treated to a hot roast fowl supper at dinner time and most probably the description of fowl served was of a more modern character than might have been the case had the menu been goose and turkey. There were potatoes and other vegetables in plenty, and plum pudding and rich temperance sauce galore, at least we judge so by the hunk sent up to your scribe. True it is that his appetite is not great at any time and he sent word to the kitchen to send him nothing but a little plum pudding which no Englishman will ignore; that little sufficed for 24 hours. Your cor. could not get down to the dining room to take stock of the old fellows' enjoyment, but observing them as they returned to the day room, some with coats off, vests open and the top buttons of their—well, never mind what—indicating that the inner man had been well supplied. For tea was served bread, butter, fruit cake, sweet cakes and cakes of other varieties, but a cup of sweet tea was all your scribe was able for. In the evening the Manager entertained his orphans for a couple of hours on the gramophone which caused great merriment. But this was not all that constituted our Xmas cheer. In the morning Miss Harness distributed to each of the inmates a pretty little calander for 1906, the gift of Miss Howit of O. Sound. The same lady also sent a box of home made candies, Xmas gifts to the inmates. The ladies of Christ church kindly sent a quantity and a variety of dainty cakes for the motherless orphans. Nor was this all, Santa Claus made his appearance also; neither had he the smell of a sooty chimney about him. No sir, he came in broad day light, just about the time when people would be warming up their plum-puddings or busting their family goose or turkey. He had a merry twinkle in his eye, a jolly hand shake for each, a cheerful ruddy countenance, a snow white head and beard, which by the way must have been clipped since last we met. He was escorted by three prominent citizens of Markdale, a lady and two gentlemen, laden with baskets of Seville oranges, Valencia raisins, almonds, Barcelona and wall nuts; gum drops for those who had no teeth, dates, candies all sorts and shapes which were lavishly distributed among the old orphans. A merry Xmas indeed! what better could be wished for under the circumstances, and we trust that old Santa Claus and his generous escort will live happy for many years to come and be enabled to make glad the hearts of orphans, young or old.

Owing to the funeral of the late Mr. Kells, it was announced outside that there would be no meeting at the home; consequently there were only three outside friends from a distance. Mr. Harness as an old friend and associate of the deceased, at the county council in years gone by, attended the funeral. The service at the home was conducted by one of the male inmates; Mrs. Simmonds, the blind lady, presided at the organ, and taken altogether a very pleasat meeting occupying about an hour was enjoyed.

The following is a statement of No. of inmates admitted and remaining in the home, up to 31st of December 1905: No. of inmates admitted during the year 1905 men 16, women 10, total 26. No. discharged during same year, men 10, women 2, total 12; of this number 3 men have been re-admitted. The No. of deaths occurring during the year, were, men 7, women 5, total 12, being an average of one per month. No. of inmates in the home this 1st day of January are men 22, women 11, total 33; of this number 31 are chargeable to the county; one man and woman are pay inmates. The oldest inmate, Chris Vendetta, aged 89, the youngest, Henry Tamblyn 40. The average age as near as we can ascertain is men 70, women 72. One man and one woman is afflicted with Locomotor Ataxia one man and one woman is totally blind, three or four are crippled but otherwise enjoy good health, several, by reason of old age are incapacitated from labor of any kind while a few though well advanced in years are still comparatively vigorous and healthy and capable of rendering themselves generally useful to some extent in the home. Denominations of the inmates: church of England 10, Presbyterians 8, Methodists 9, Baptists 4, Disciples 1, R.C. 1; total 33. Stock: on the Industrial Home farm there are two working horses, 5 milch cows, 2 calves, 10 young pigs and, as near as we can ascertain between 30 and 40 hens.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all is the wish of your scribe.

A Letter From Cuba

71 Prado Habana, Cuba, Dec. 27, '05

DEAR ADVANCE,—I will not tell you all that I have seen and heard since I left Flesherton, for much that I have heard was spoken in a foreign language; and much that I have seen was equally foreign. We sailed from New York by the Ward line on Thursday, Dec. 21, about 1 p.m., and arrived in Havana on Christmas afternoon about 4 o'clock. The voyage on the whole was very much enjoyed by many of the passengers, the weather being nothing to complain of. The sea, however, was choppy much of the way and a few of us were affected by it. On Sunday the weather was especially fine and warm and as we were coasting on Florida it was a real pleasure to sit out or walk on the deck and look at the green foliage on shore, which presented a luxurious appearance.

The Ward line steamers are fine vessels constructed of steel, not, however, of the man-of war type, but light, and the Vigilancia, on which we took passage, danced like a bubble on the billows.

On Friday evening about dark we entered the warm waters of the gulf stream which are easily distinguished from the adjoining water, being of a darker blue color. This we crossed at an angle, to enter it again in the Florida channel. This is the provision that nature has made to insure safety to Cuban fruits. No frost ever cross the gulf stream.

Upon entering Havana harbor I was impressed by the ancient appearance of the city. Morro castle on the left, an ancient fortress like a sentinel guarding the harbor, is built on a bold prominence of rock at the very entrance to the harbor and is in appearance typical of ancient fortifications. It reminded me of pictures I had seen of ancient cities of the East—the general appearance of the buildings as our vessel steamed up apparently in the midst of the city—tiled roofs, tinted walls of masonry, antiquated architecture. We seemed to have merged into the historic days of the Caesars. Little boats are upon the water about our vessel as we are anchoring in the very midst of the harbor, for vessels do not land in Cuba—little row boats, short and wide, with canvas covers supported by wooden beams, the hulk painted blue and white striped. These are on business to take any of the sailors who wish to go ashore. A pilot comes on board, brought out in a modern Cuban galley, and the vessel is anchored safely. Then the Cuban doctor comes out in a gasoline launch of modern American style, and having looked into the face of each passenger who is to land, pronounced "all right." The immigration agent came lastly and took the names of all who were landing and the amount of money of those who were to remain in the island. All being ready, a small steamer pulled along side and the passengers walked down a staircase that had been constructed for the purpose on the ship's side, and were soon on shore. The customs were passed rapidly and we were in Havana city.

The streets are about twenty feet wide, with a walk about two feet wide. The buildings are of cement or brick and stone faced with cement. The Central park of Havana and the street leading through it and from it are of modern type—wide, roomy, airy, surrounded by fine high buildings of massive, magnificent appearance. In this part many of the business places and residences are furnished with massive collonades supporting stone verandas and porticos extending the full length of the buildings, which are mostly two and three stories high, of about 15 to 25 feet to the story. Havana is not a manufacturing centre, but is given largely to commerce. As fine displays of goods as are to be found anywhere in the world are here in the shops. No smoke, no dirt as in manufacturing or smelting cities. Houses and stores are constructed for fresh air and comfort—wide openings, high ceilings, inner courts with flowers and palms, no arrangements for heating or even protection from cold; open latticed windows instead of glass, or iron bars and shutters, the latter of which are frequently thrown open and the inmates sit within the cage, so to speak. Here fair maidens sit and cast wooing glances towards the passing youths who stop and chat in the quiet warm Christmas evening. Here the children sit and play in the fresh air. Here the people, young and old, enjoy the fresh, balmy air, late into the hours of evening.

So far as I have seen, color predominates here. There are many of Spanish origin, many wealthy, few suffering from poverty, many comfortable. For the most part the people are thrifty, industrious, clean and orderly. The Cuban is a man whose ancestors came here from Spain two or three centuries ago and he is a fine sturdy fellow, shrewd in business, alert enterprising, hard working, reliable I think. Cuba is going ahead rapidly now, having had but five years of liberty. Much American and Canadian capital is coming in and business enterprise with it. English will sooner or later prevail. American currency is now in the ascendency and there is plenty of opportunity for enterprise. Probably the greatest opportunity Cuba presents, and the greatest need of Cuba, is along the line of christian evangelization. The people are neglected seriously in this respect and are very susceptible to truth. The great majority never attend a service I believe, because the truth of God is not being preached to them.

You will hear from me later when I see the country. I start to day for a journey overland. Wishing your readers all a Happy New Year, I am yours truly,

—G. F. HURLBURT.

Vandeleur

The Foresters had an oyster feast at their last meeting.

The Women's Institute at their last meeting had a tea and each lady invited her better half. After a most excellent repast a number of the gentlemen were called upon for speeches which were most complimentary. Nothing like a good meal to make a man affable. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Baker.

Messrs. Robert and Wes. Kells from Maple Creek, Sask., have been renewing old friendships. Glad to see the boys looking so well and to know they are prospering in the West.

Mr. J. Boland of Winnipeg is visiting his uncle, Mr. John Boland.

Following are the officers elected for this quarter in the S.O.T. Division: R. Holley W. P.; M. Weber, W. A.; B. Buchanan, R. R.; I. Holley, A. R. S.; W. Johnson, F. S.; M. Devins, Treas.; E. C. Boland, Cond.; B. Graham, A C.; W. Hutchinson, I.S.; H. Graham, O.S.; S. Douglas, Chaplain.

Miss Gilray and brother from Toronto are visiting their aunt, Mrs. G. Wright.

The result of the municipal election in Artemesia truly verifies the fact that union means strength, and if the local option people stand together when the bylaw is submitted there is no doubt that it will be carried by a good majority. It is encouraging to note the great number of places where local option has been carried. The people seem to be waking up to the necessity of abolishing the bar.

The roads are completely filled with snow in many places, owing to the recent severe storm.

Kimberley

The Misses Belle Duggan of Schomburg and Justina Doyle of Toronto are holidaying with friends here.

Mrs. H. Sidney of Owen Sound is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wallace.

Mr. Benjamin Knott, who has been in the prairie provinces for some time, has returned to his home in Thornbury and is at present holidaying with friends here.

Mrs. A. E. Myles, who has been visiting in Markdale for some time, has returned home.

Hugh Knott and wife of Markdale spent New Years day at Postmaster Hammond's.

Thos. Shaw and wife and Miss M. Carruthers of Clarksburg, and Miss Nellie Saul of Ventry, were visitors at R. D. Carruthers' last week.

Miss Willa Wright of Flesherton is the guest of her cousin, Miss Vera Gaudin.

The tea meeting held on New Year's night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, was a decided success, the receipts of the evening amounting to $49. Miss Wass, who is a talented young elocutionist, gave some excellent readings. The music of the evening was furnished by the choir. A recitation given by little Miss Lulu Ellis was also worthy of special mention.

Mr. Fred Wickens and Miss Vera Gaudin spent Sunday with friends in Flesherton.

The Orange concert held in the public hall here on Friday evening last was a great success in every particular. I. B. Lucas, M.P.P. of Markdale, occupied the chair. The principal entertainer of the evening was Eddie Pigott of Torono. This was Mr. Pigott's first appearance at Kimberley and he was highly appreciated. Mr. J. Dundas of Markdale was an excellent accompanist. Miss Gertrude Cæsar, our popular school teacher, gave three solos which were especially well rendered. The proceeds of the evening amounted to some $55.

Miss Ella Knott of Thornbury is visiting friends here at present and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Brown.

Rev. Dr. Caldwell of Flesherton will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church here on Sunday morning, Jan. 21.

Rev. Mr. Strachan of Thornbury will occupy the pulpit in the Union church here on Sunday evening, Jan. 21.

Speight wagon, nearly new, also grain chopper, 10-inch plate, good order, for sale. Apply to J. K. Jamieson, Eugenia.

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Stocks too heavy—must be reduced
Big money-saving chances during January
You want the goods—we want the money
Come prepared to buy—it will pay you

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We can afford to be liberal.—We have had a good season in mantles and the stock to day is not very heavy, but the sizes are well assorted; the materials are of the best quality, and the majority of styles the very latest and most fashionable 1905 model. We have planned to sell exactly 40 mantles before the 1st day of February, hence these sensational prices:

10 Ladies Mantles, regular $5.00, 5.50 and 6.00 values, January sale price, choice 2.48

15 Ladies Mantles, regular $8.00, 9.00 and 10,00 values, January sale price, choice 3.95

12 Ladies mantles, regular $10.00, 10.50 and 11.00 values, January sale price, choice 6.90

8 Ladies Mantles, regular $14 and 15.00 values. January Sale Price, choice 8.90

You know this store's reputation for Mantles. At their regular prices we challenge any store to show better values At the January Sale sensational prices they should move out quickly. Come early and get first choice.

A DEEP CUT IN OVERCOATS

We have 50 Overcoats to get rid of during this month. We know of only one way to move them out quickly—BIG PRICE TEMPTATION. We are going to make you buy. If big values count we should turn every overcoat over to pleased customers this month. Nothing the matter with the coats but the price. The overcoats we sell are the very best for style, quality and value money can buy, but their prices for our January sale are very badly damaged. This is the way the story goes;

16 Overcoats, regular 5.00, 5.50 and 6.00 values. January sale price 3.48

14 Overcoats, regular 6.50, 7.00, 7.50 adn 8.00 values. January sale price 4 48

25 Overcoats, regular 10.00, 10.50 and 11.00 values January sale price 7 88

10 Men's frieze Ulsters, regular 6.00 values. January sale price 4 38

Men's Pea Jackets, Boy's Reefers, Overcoats and Ulsters all marked at January sale prices.

Ladies Dress Skirts.

We have gone through the stock of Ladies Skirts and put on the bargain list 25 Skirts comprising Fancy Tweeds, Oxford Grey Homespuns, Fine Venetian Cloths in grays and navy blues, black Cheviots, black Serges, black Habit Cloths, all nicely made and trimmed, fit and workmanship guaranteed, not more than two or three alike in the lot, sizes 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 lengths, regular values $4.50, $5.00 and $5 50. January Sale Price 2.98

Bargains In Millinery.

50 Ladies and Misses Ready-to-wear Hats, all this season's most fashionable shapes, regular values $1.00 to $3.00 each, January Sale price, your choice for..... 39.

20 Handsome Trimmed Hats, no two alike, ranging in price from $2.00 to $6.00 each, while they last.....JUST HALF PRICE.

FURS.

20 to 30 per cent Discount.

We have a good range of Ladies Fur Ruffs, Capernes, Collars, Boas, Muffs and Gauntlets. We pride ourselves on keeping only the best, and for value (quality considered) we court comparison. Our Furs—in fact all merchandise in this store—are marked in plain figures. Furs on sale during January—20 to 30 per cent Discount.

We are determined to make January of 1906 the biggest in the history of this business. Every day will see new lines put out at bargain prices, but come as early as you can. The first choice is usually the best.

McFARLAND, STAFFORD & CO

Farm For Sale.

Lot 17, con. 11, Osprey, containing 100 acres, 90 acres cleared and under cultivation, balance good bush; good buildings, well watered and well fenced. One mile from Feversham. For terms, etc., apply to

W. G. Dand, Feversham.

Winter Goods

All wintr harness goods now in stock, including Saskatchewan robes and coats, cowhide robes and coats, bells, blankets, whips, etc., harness of all kinds. . . .

Wm. Moore,

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