"Oh, the paor sumping-jack, ! Broken sheady!" "What'dld you get in yours. Jepate - Mully ?" lok what I found in taine! A talking dolly! show you how she cries;" , look! She shuts her eyes! tom and slumber socks-"

"Tea-net-and building blocks-"

"Goody, how Jolly!"

"What did you find in yours, Grown-up brother?" "Why not book in your own, Little Mother?" (Mother and Father my They'd rather watch than play; Present enough, they trust. They've got in having just Us, and each other!)

> -- Geo. A. Forden. TWENTY YEARS AGO

om the Issue of the Free Press Thursday, December 28, 1899 Owing to the indifferent sleighing on Christmas the Methodist Sunday better sleighing could be relied upon.

ing. The programme is an excellent The Disciples' Hunday School wi give their annual Christmas. Tea to- the was now among that number. morrow evening. The Georgetown School is invited to be the guests of officers and teachers for the ever

Hall next Monday, New Your's, even-

Mr. Anthony Mason has secured, position at Firstbrook Bros, fish ponds and removes his family this week to the new house just finished there. His teaming business has been purchased by Mr. Edward Kingsbury. At the meeting of the Junior League on Tuesday evening the juniors

lamp as a Christmas gift. Christmas services were held in St. would have reached the 'fairer re-Joseph's Church. The sacred 'odifice gion!" But so it was. was beautifully recorded with ever-

sang Batman's Mass. Hev. Father the thought-if she could only return Feeny's ministrations were most ap- just for to-morrow! But that was impropriate to the occasion. For Councillors, Robert Wallace, John happy thought. Williams, John Clarke, J. J. Lawson, T. H. Arnold, J. A. Henderson, J. A. Gurney, Isano Francis. For School Trustees, George Hynds, Robert Hol-

mes, John Agnew, J. H. Matthews, George Dills. Matters at the seat of war have been comparatively quiet during the past week. Re-inforcements are being received on both east and west. 'A casualty list from Ladyamith unaccompanied by particulars, leads to the star! the star of hopel the star of belief that another sortie has been peacel the star Divine! made. There is a rumor that a Cana-

dian picket has been cut off. MARRIED MIDGLEY-CURRIE-At the home of the bride's mother, on Christmas afternoon, by Rev. Amos Tovell, of Quelph, assisted by Rev. H. A. Mac-

Currie, of Erin. PEACE AND GOOD WILL

"Come unto Me all ye that labor is moving the work this week. Canada has issued the same tvita- opened on to the dining-room. tion to the poor and the oppressed of the older nations, and these peoples tinued; "will miss her brothers and are coming to us, to lay down their sisters. Must give hat a good day," he burdens, to make our life theirs, and went on meditatively. "Glad to give up their hands in the upbuild- brought those evergreens from the Ing of the country-

From all the weary nations The heavy-laden come, They hear no tyrant's anger

And they hear no conquering drum. Christmas is synonymous with peacefulness and happiness. It also conveys to us the thought of brotherthe new citizen the foreigner from across the seas, as brother. Peace and good-will have been the watch words of our history, and we have repeated Christ's invitation to the heavy laden. Let these words live in Canada; let them be graven over her gates of entry, as the expression of welcome to a fair and unblemished Dominion. The world moves forward in its regard for the Prince of Peace. Nineteen hundred years of missionary

effort have made the nations radiant with light and optimism. As for Canada, she has seen hundred years of peace in America and this Christmus festival surely should be of national, as well as personal significance to her citizens. Leader by example, if not in word, in the righteous movement for universal peace Canada must over strive for the ideal, always sun-crowned with her head above the fog. To-day let this

Lay down your load of sorrow. The day of hope is here."

Mothers, Value This Oil,-Mothers who know how auddenly croup may selze their children and how necessary prompt action is in applying relief, always keep on hand a supply of Dr. Thomas Eclectric Oil, because experience has taught them that there is no better preparation to be had for the treatment of this allment. And they are wise for its various uses render it a valuable medicine.

INFORMALITY

Mr. Root is fond of telling this story about himself. One day he said to his office boy, "Who has taken my wasteimper busket?" "Mr. Johnson | sir, the caretaker?"

was the reply. "James, who opened that window?"

"Mr. Simth, sir, the window cleaner." "No, look here," said Mr. Root, "we call men by their first numes here. We don't 'mister' them in this omce. Do you understand?"

Ten minutes afterwards the door opened and the shrill voice of James was heard saying. "There's a man us wants to see you, Ellhu!"

Hope for the Chronic Dyspeptio-Through lack of consideration of the of candies, etc. body's needs many persons allow disenders of the digestive opparatus to the little ones were safely tucked Notice is hereby given that it the ing days and nights with suffering. To came Certrude's opportunity to repay thereto, the said liy-law will be taken those a course of l'armelee's Vegetable in some measure the kindness shown I'llis is recommended us a sure and her on her first Christmus away from Council of the Village of Acton, after speedy way to regula health. These home. pills are specially compounded to com-hat dyspepsis and the many ills that ed by the older members of the family first publication of this notice. follow in its train, and they are sun- and the bired mani many from homes

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

It was Christman Eve. Gerfrude Meredith sat at her little room window, bltows, on sill, chin esting on the palms of her hands. guring at the brilliant star that shone so brightly on the surrounding moonlit landscape. It was her first Christmus away from the "Homeland." Three that Christmas night on the ranch five months previously she had said "good- thousand miles away from the motherbye" to home and dour ones, crossed land, and just through that touch o the ocean, and taken a position as kindness "that is all the old world government on a runch in the far west, needs." Her gental disposition, together with had rarely felt lonesome.

Hut to-night was Christmas Eve. and as the hired man had returned from town with the news that the spirit of the Christ still predominates! Christmas mull had not arrived, she -lly Emily A. Hustler. was feeling decidedly homesick. As she gased at the star, her thoughts went back to the previous Christman Fov.

Once ugain she was shome with mother, father, brothers and sisters, and a few kindred spirits, putting the final touches to the Christmas decor-

What tung they had hanging the mistletoe and holly, and how, with peuls of laughter, they had dodged the former! How tired she had been when. after clearing up the stray berries and leaves, she had retired for the night full of anticipation of the forthcoming happy day!

And how delightfully awent had been School sleighelde was postponed until the songs of the "walts" (Christmas singers) as they wafted on the midnight air through the open windo Knox Church Bunday School entertainment will be held in the Town Just as she, was dozing into her first sleep! Yes, the singers had sung truly. "Bome have gone to lands far distant; And with strapgers made their home."

> Then the Christmas Day! Should she ever forget it? It had been the happi-Yes, the singers had sung truly also

Some have gone from earth to heaven, Longer here they might not stay; They have reached the fairer region, Far away! Far away."

presented their superintendent, Mrs. Ahl how little she thought that ere Josie Oram, with a beautiful parlor snother Christmas came round she would be among the number who had Very interesting and impressive go to lands "far distant," and others

How vividly the acenes of that happy grooms and natural flowers. The choir time passed before her and then came possible. She was still dreamily gas-The nomination meeting at noon last ling at the beautiful star when sudden-Friday was not largely attended, but ly it became dim, but on hastily wipthere was no lack of nominees for the ing her eyes it resumed its original various positions of honor within the lustre, and the look of sadness on gift of the municipality. Nominated Gertrude's face gave place to one of for Roove, J. B. Pearson, T. H. Arnold. joy-the outward expression of a glad.

Yes, the same star! Eight hours before it had shone over the old home Murray, John R. Kennedy, William and the dear ones; and they, too, had looked up at it and thought of her. Yes, the same star that had shone in at her bedroom window, through which she had looked so often at that season of the year, at the old cathedral, and

the Christmas morn! . Yes, the same star! the Christman As these thoughts came, into her soul

stole a sense of peace and comfort. Rising from her seat at the window. she went over to the bureau, opened s drawer, | took out sundry parcelspresents for the inmates of her present home-labelled them with the Christ-Pherson, of Acton, George Midgley, mas tags, and placed them on the table of Acton, to Euphomia C. Currie, roady for distribution in the morning. eldest daughter of the late Lachien Then, after commending the dear ones to the care of a loving Father, she slipped quickly to bed.

It was late that night when Mr. and Mrs. Johnson returned from town. "Bhe will be lonely to-morrow," said and are heavy laden, and I will give Mr. Johnson to his wife, at the same you rest," said the Christ whose spirit time Jerking his thumb in the direction of Gertrude's room, the door of which gathering as much as a hundred bush-

"Comes from a big family," he conhills, for I hear they decorate the homes over there at Christmas. We'll decorate a little, or-are you too tired,

"No. John: I'd like to make the day as happy as possible, and she will like to see the room decorated." And 'so those too good souls went round the room, hanking evergreens

hood, and Canadians must welcome late at night, just to make a homesick "Good souls," did I say 7 . Nay, great souls, for is it not such doods as these that constitute one phase of greatness?

Just as the first streak of dawn appeared in the east Gertrude Meredith "Christmas Day." she thought "Christmas afternoon at home! A! sitting round the open grate in the light of the yule log, talking of the past and-the absent ones!" A sob escaped; then she remembered the star. Rising quickly, she went

over to the window and looked up. The star, a little pale now, was still silently fulfilling its mission, shedding its rays on the new-born day. She witched it until its rays were to manage and control the Waterlost in the light of the sun, shining on works. The Commission to consist of world of crystallized snow, "Miss Meredith, won't you come and see what Santa has brought you?"

"You, dear, I'm combig. I will there in a few minutes." The family were all assembled in the dining-room when the governess entered. Casting her eyes up at the decorations, she said with emotion, "This reminds me of home; isn't it lovely?" propose by-law on Monday, the fifth After exchanging Christmas greet- day of January, 1920, commencing at ings and wishes came, the opening of the hour of nine o'clock in the morning packages. Gertrude's eyes filled with and continuing until five o'clock in tours when she looked upon the many the afternoon of the same day, at the

tokens of good-will to her, a compara- following places and by the following tive stranger. "Miss Meredith," said Tom, her eldest pupil, "would you like to go for a sleigh ride after breakfast?" "Nothing would give me greater joy, Returning Officer.

but who is going to help your mother with the Christman dinner?" "No need of any help, everything is with Allan M. Smith, Deputy Returnprepared; go for a ride Miss Meredith; ing Officer. t is a perfect morning, just the one

up in the hills. Tom." As soon as the remains of the breakfast were cleared and dishes washed, in writing, signed by him, two persons ed for the hills in a bob-sleigh. winding trail of the hills, every vestige and a like number on behalf of the she enjoyed the ride in the exhiberating opposing the passing of this Hy-law. air of a Canadian winter!

After about three hours' ride the party, with appetites keen to enjoy a Acton, at 6.15 p.m. on the said fifth bounteous Christman dinner, returned day of January, 1820, to sum up the

In the afternoon came the Christman this By-law. tree, with its toys, crackers, stockings Then, when evening came, and all

companied the songs of others for three or four hours.

Buch an evening! The old songs resounded over the great expanse, and us the singers sang memories of past Christmases arpse before them. Thoughts of the home mother and friends filled their minds, but not one vestige of sadness murred

Just us the clock struck twelve Gerher musical 'ability and the readiness trude again sat at her window. The with which she had used the same for star was shining in all its brilliancy. the benefit and pleasure of others, had and us she looked her heart went up won for her so many friends that she in gratitude to Him, who, ninetoen hundred years ago, came to bring "I'eace, good-will to men." "You." she mentally ejaculated, "the

CHRISTMAS JINGLETS

A Christmus goose-the turkey that thought it was safe because it escaped douth at Thanksgiving time.

It is said that a turkey in the lee box is worth two in the barnyard, but we doubt if it is worth 60 cents a

The turkey is a gilded bird, With Juley meat and tender No luxury, an we-have-heard For purses somewhat slender.

A practice that is much abhorred.

Though many people do it.

Is spending what you can't ufford, Then after Christmus rue it. No great composer has over set the Christmas shopping rush to masic. Here is an opportunity for some towering genius to achieve either fame

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ABKING TOO MUCH At ten time in the nursery little rommy sat at the table while nurse watched that he behaved properly. Presently the little chap took the top off his egg, and then snifed disdainfully, "Please Martha, this egg is bad," he said. "Never knew such a boy," said nursey. "Always grumbling at your food, and there's many a child who hasn't got anything to eat this night. Just you get on with that egg. and stop complaining." "Must I est it all? saked Tommy tearfully. "Yes, every bitt" Martha was firm. "The legs and the beak, too?" wailed Tom-

worms, but they are a remedy for many other ailments of children. They listened to the peal of bells heralding strengthen the young stomach against billousness and are tonical in their effects where the child suffers from loss of appetite. In feverish conditions they will be found useful and they will serve to allay pain and griping in the stomach, from which children so often suffer.

THE HICKORY TREE The hickory tree is said to have derived its name from the Indian word "Pawcohlocora." This was a kind of dressing eaten with hominy which the squaws made by crushing hickory nuts in a wooden mortar, adding water until it formed a milky liquid. Early settlers are supposed to have shortened the name to hickory. The Indians got a large part of their winter food from hickory nuts, some tribes in the south els per family.

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Waterworks Commission

PROPOSED BY-LAW To authorize the Delegation of the Control and Management of, and the Full Responsibility for the Waterworks System about to be constructed within the Village of Acton to a Commission under Section 34 of the Public Utilities Act.

SYNOPSIS OF BY-LAW The purpose of the By-law is to uppoint a Public Utilities Commission four members and the Roove. The members to be subsequently nominated and elected by the ratepayers. · It was the voice of her youngest The first election to elect two Commissioners for one year and two for

be two years, and thereafter two for two years. The Commissioners to be

Deputy Returning officers, that is to 1. Polling subdivision No. 1-At the Town Hall, with W. J. Gould, Deputy 3. Polling Subdivision No. 2-At C. C. Speight's shop, on Main Street

On Friday, the 19th day of Decemfor a sleigh ride. Take Miss Meredith ber, 1919, the Roove will attend at the Council Chamber in the Town Hall at ten o'clock in the forenoon to appoint the whole party of young people star :- to attend at the Gnal summing-up of the votes, and one person to attend at It was Gertrude's first sleigh-ride, each polling place on behalf of the and as the sleigh glided over the snow persons interested in and desirous of to the tinkling of the bells, up the promoting the passing of this by-law, of homesickness passed away. How persons interested in und desirous of The clirk of the Council of the said Village shall nitend at the Town Hall, number of votes given for and against

Notice is hereby given that if the into consideration by the Municipal one mouth from the eleventh day of H. N. PARMER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

BY JERRE L HURLBUT PETER AND JOHN. 1 John, 1, 1-5.

Common Scripture Passage I. That which was from the begin- the apostles. ning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes. that which we behold, and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life 2. (And the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us): 3. That which we have seen and

heard declare we unto you also, that

6. If we say that we have fellowship

D. If we confess our sing, he is faith-

ye also may have fellowship with us; yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Bon Jesus Christ; 4. And these things we write, that our joy may be made full. 5. And this is the message which we und there is nothing better for driv have heard from him and announce ing worms from the some. unto you, that God is light, and in him nips for shipment at Acton. is no durknous at all.

with him and walk in the darkness, We are paying Highest we lie, and do not the truth: 7. But If we walk in the light, as he Prices for Choice Stock. Is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jeaus Farries & Muliin his Bon cleansoth us from all sin. 8. If we say that we have no sin. we decelve ourselves, and the truth - ROCKWOOD is not in us.

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ful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Golden Text .- Ye shall be my wit-

nesses.-Acts 1, 8b. Departmental Topics and References Primary Topic-True Friends eaus. (Belected Stories Retold.) Memory Verse-Ye are my friends, 1 ye do the things which I command you. John 15, 14. Junior Toplo-Two Strong Friends

of Jesus. Memory Verse-John 21, 24. Intermediate and Senior Toplo-The Making of a Disciple. Young People and Adult Toble Outstanding Incidents in the Training of Peter and John. Lesson I-Peter und John Become

lisciples of Jesus.-Two men followed Jesus, talked with him, and listened to him one day, and both became his disciples. One of these men, Andrew, brought his brother Elmon to his now Master: and Simon, better known as Peter The Rock," also believed in Jesus & King and Lord. The first lesson learned by these two men, Peter and John, was the lesson of faith. Leason II-Jesus Calls Peter and John.-For nearly a year Peter and John were with Jesus, most of the time in Judea, witnesses of his wisdom und power. Returning with Jeaus to their home in Galilee, they entered again upon their trade as fishermen; but from their nots were called by their Lord, in the words "Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men." From that hour they walked and talked with Jesus, learning from him and partaking of his spirit. They

were learning the lesson of fellowship with their Lord. Lesson III-Jesus in Peter's Home .-Another great lesson those disciples needed-the lesson of service to men. They believed that Jesus was the true King of Igrael; but they saw him living a life of helpfulness, spending his strength in doing good, casting out evil spirits, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and speech to the dumb. To be a King meant in his mind to serve.

Lesson IV-A Lesson in Trust .-- One night the twelve disciples of Jesus were out on the Sea of Gallee, tousing in a storm which threatened to sink their boat. Suddenly Jesus came to their relief, walking upon the waves. with the words, "It is I; be not ufraid!" All the disciples in that hour learned to trust Christ more fully than ever before; one of them, Bimon the impetuous, learned the lesson of trust by attempting to walk upon the water like his Master, and was reccued from drowning only by his outstretched

Lesson V.-Temperance Lesson-One lesson in our series was not given to Peter and John, but to a message declared six hundred years before their day-by the prophet Jeremiah to his people. It was the double lesson of abetinence from strong drink and of obedience to parents by the example of the Rechabited. This uge is learning the lesson of temperance as no previous generation. We have seen nation after nation, and in our own land province after province, joining in the march of the millions who are setting the world free from the chains

of drunkenness. Lesson VI.-Peter's Great Confession.—The time came when the twelve disciples should understand more clearly the true place of Jesus in hoaven and on earth. The great Teacher led them by questions, asking, "Whom say ye that I amy?' Simon Peter, leader among the apostics, spoke out, in-"Ifod by the inner voice, "Thou art the Christ, the Bon of the living God!" We need the knowledge, no loss than those men, that Jesus Christ is at once God and man, Reedeemer and Judge

of the world. Lesson VII-Witnesses of Christ's Glory,-On the mountain ut night the disciples beheld his face and form blazing with light; they saw departed prophets, Moses and Elliah, communng with him as their Lord; they heard voice from on high saying, "This is my Bon, my chosen; hear ye him!" In that hour a glimpae of the heavenly glory of Jesus was given them.

fidelity.

Lesson XI .- The Crucifixion , an Resurrection of Jesus.-If the day when Jesus hung upon the cross was the darkest, the day when he rose was the brightest in all the world's history. With his new and oternal life arose a new faith in him, a new hope of everlasting life, and a new testimony to be given to men; for the REVIEW - THE TRAINING OF then Christ gave the Great Commisslon: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation" -- a message to us no less than to

Lesson XII- The Prince of Peace. One leason intere the world needs le in the words souding in the sky or the night when Jeaus was born, "Peace on earth, good will to man." What th world needs most is that which Jesus came to bring-the brotherhood of man, the only assurance of a lasting peace among the nations.

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cording to John.

Lesson VIII .- Jesus Rebukes John's Narrowness - Two brothers umong these twelve disciples, James and John were of a spirit so intense and ardent that Jeeus named them "Bounergessons of thunder." But ardent devotion is in danger of becoming bigotry and narrowness. We see this in John, who rebuked some who were doing good in Jesus' name, but were not enrolled among his fellowers. We see it also in his passionate desire to call down fire from heaven upon the Bamaritan village that shut its gates against their Master. Those two men were taught the leason of liberality; and one of them learned it so well that in after

years he wrote that immortal book of love and tenderness, The Gospel As-Leanon IX .- Greatness through Ber vice.-In that aroup of the twelve disthiles, and even in the innermost circle of the three, Peter, James and John, were signs of worldly ambition, striving after place, and jealousy of one another. Before these men Jesus sel the oxurable of lowliness by washing their feet with his own hunds, at the same time telling them that in his kingdom the bighest places were not for those who sought honor, but for those who lived to forget and serve

Lesson X .- Peter and John Full the Muster .-- We look upon our Land in one of his darkest hours as he kneels praying in the garden, beseeching that the cup of unmerited suffering may pand from his lips. But white Josus is praying, his three chosen ones, commissioned to watch, are sleeping on the past of duty. The falled him is that hour; and only when they saw that their neglect opened the way to the onrush of their Master's enemies. . his haine selved and drawwed away

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