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ONCE AGAIN — A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once more the grace-laden season of light and joy, the greatest gem in the annual crown of Christian festivals, is about to reflect in each heart its ray of heavenly gladness. Once more millions of earthly voices are prepared to join in the rapturous music of the heavenly throngs in tribute to the King of Bethlehem. Is there anything more magnificent, is there anything so all-embracing in its significance as the annual festival of Christmas? In His manger cradle at Bethlehem the Divine Infant knew no political distinctions, no racial divisions, no cleavage of creeds. He came to redeem suffering mankind. His magnificent sacrifice was not for the rich alone, it was all classes, creeds and races without exception. So at this joyous season more than at any other time of the year is the brotherhood of man so pronounced. There is none so rich in the goods of this world who cannot take some part in the simplest joys of the Christmas season, there is none so lofty in the places of preferment who can not step down and feel akin to his most lowly brother and there is none so poor who cannot afford to observe in his own small way this greatest of feasts. In a word, how could there be found amongst any of us a place for sadness when the very source of life eternal is at our doors? In the mild glimmer of the crib every christian has recalled to him his dignity as a brother of the Child-God, and should be happy with a great joy. Words of hearty gratitude, words of merry greeting, words of renewed friendship, divine words of peace and good will, are, at this season wafted over the world, over lakes and mountains and mighty oceans, upon the chilly blasts of northern latitudes and upon the soft winds of southern lands until the whole world is encircled by a chain of joyous inter-change of good feeling, a world united in the one purpose of celebrating the coming of the Divine Redeemer of all mankind. Where is the heart so cold that it burns not a little brighter in the glow of Christmas happiness and throbs not a little more quickly under the strong impulse of Christmas generosity and emotion? Where is the Christian, be he young or old, weak or strong who, on this day of days, enters not into the greatest sympathy with the poor, the suffering and the afflicted? Truly animated by this Christmas spirit The Liberal wishes to join its own little word with this rich abundance of a universal exchange of greetings, thanksgiving, sympathy and prayer, and to extend to all its readers best wishes for a holy, happy and merry Christmas. To those who enjoy the boon of good health and prosperity the wish is extended that those double blessings may continue to be showered upon them. To those who are suffering or who have met with temporary reverses of fortune the hope is held out that the Giver of all graces and blessings may look down on them at this season and in His great mercy relieve them of their afflictions. To the citizens of York County in particular The Liberal wishes the choicest of blessings and the very happiest Christmas of their lives and hopes that they will join wholeheartedly in the concatenation of praise and thanksgiving which is wafted heavenwards on Christmas morn. Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn, Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born; Sing the song of great joy that the angels began; Song of glory to God and of Goodwill to man.

How inspiring is the thought of Santa Claus, that ruddy, happy and affectionate bearer of gifts. With all the magic of the imagination he spreads his beneficence over the entire world. He leaves no town or city or hamlet without making it a better a gay and a more contented place because of his visit. Let's all catch the spirit of Santa Claus, and become imbued with his unselfish IDEAL of SERVICE.

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On every Christmas list there is someone who would appreciate a subscription for The Liberal. Such a gift—informative, entertaining and educative—will keep alive the Christmas spirit 365 days of the year. It will bring to mind once every week the thoughtfulness of the giver. It is of interest to men and women, young and old.

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“WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES”

DO YOU REMEMBER

The following bill for coal bought from Geo Norman, coal dealer in King City, twenty-five years ago, is interesting in contrast with present prices. 1903 June 2nd, 3115 lbs coal at \$4.90 per ton; July 27th, 1110 lbs coal at \$4.80 per ton; July 29th, 2290 lbs coal at \$6.10 per ton. A total of 6515 lbs coal or 3 1/4 tons for \$17.23 not much more than the price of 1 ton, now. Note the jump in price in two days, a new car of coal at higher price, probably.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1907

When after two weeks of intense suffering, little Nellie Strode, of Maple, who was burnt while playing with matches, passed away in the Western Hospital.

When the following was the report of Third form of the Richmond Hill High School—Roland Henry, Ada Calhoun, Hannah Hislop, Fred Page, Irving Perry, Stella Murphy, Hazel Welsh, Jean Topper, Eva Watson, Walter Scott, Wilfred Redditt, Everett Cox, Joseph Elliott, Ethel McNaughton, Harry Naughton, Ella Cosgrove, Gladys Legge, Wm. Ground Marjorie Boyle, Norma Morgan, Foster Hickson, Maud Helmkey, Percy Hagerman, Maud Watson, Jennie Gamble.

When at a meeting of the curling club, held in McDonald's shop the following members were elected skips to select their rinks for the Smith medal:—T. A. Lamon, A. G. Savage, J. Michael, G. Cowie, G. McDonald, C. P. Wiley, F. E. Sims, J. H. Sander-son.

When upon the closing of the Public School, Concord, for the Christmas vacation, the pupils presented their teacher, Mr. T. McCormack with a handsome shaving set in a silk lined case and an address. The address was signed on behalf of the pupils by Edna Fisher and Wilfred Keffer.

When Mr. H. A. Nicholls announced himself a candidate for the reeveship. The contest was therefore between Mr. Pugsley the present reeve—and Mr. Nicholls a member of the council.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1909

When the Masonic Hall was packed to the doors when the R.H.H.S. gave their annual entertainment. Mr. D. Hill made an excellent chairman. Mr. Weatheril, principal explained the class work that was being taken at the High School. Short and appropriate addresses afterwards were given by Rev. A. P. Brace and Rev. E. C. Currie.

When the Presbyterian Sunday School gave a tea and entertainment with Christmas Tree in the Victoria Hall. Music was furnished by the Thornhill Quartette, the choir of the Church and others, and readings were given by Mrs. E. C. Currie, late graduate of Alma College.

When at Maple a quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Byam when their second daughter Mable was united in marriage to Mr. R. F. Cook, of Parry Sound. Rev. J. W. Morgan performed the ceremony.

When at Oak Ridges, John E. Clubine passed away at the age of 53 years.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

THAT at the stores that advertise you receive personal attention—and, with it, quality goods at the lowest possible prices.

THAT this class of stores believe that they themselves the better served by serving others best.

THAT their trade is honestly secured by honest advertising.

THAT common sense in buying simply means buying advertised goods from reliable home concerns.

THAT the irresistible appeal of good merchandise, advertised through the printed page, beckons the buyers to those stores that are progressive.

THAT well arranged stocks add much to the attractiveness of a store.

THAT the appearance of being up-to-date does much to give customers confidence and helps to make regular customers, especially so when its looks are fulfilled by service.

THAT service pays, and still more service pays better.

THAT advertising is the medium which brings the buyer and seller together.

THAT many people would do more buying at home if the business concerns of the home city would do more advertising at home.

THE PROPER PLACE TO ADVERTISE IS IN THE HOME NEWSPAPERS; THEY GO INTO EVERY HOME, AND ADS ARE READ THE SAME AS NEWS.

When Mr. J. B. McLean, of Maple, Ont., Township clerk entertained the members of the Township Council at a fowl supper at his home.

When the Victoria Square branch of the Women's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. P. Read, when the following programme was given, Music, instrumental, Miss G. Nelson. The report for the annual convention held at Guelph was given by Mrs. G. L. Stoutenburg. Recitation, Mrs. George Read; Vocal duette by Mrs. A. Lech and Miss Brodie also a paper by Miss Hopper.

When Mr. J. G. McDonald of Maple accepted the position of principal of the Aurora Public School.

DO YOU REMEMBER

This Week of 1911

When at the Methodist Parsonage, Richmond Hill, by Rev. Dr. Smith, Miss Martha J. Joyce, of Toronto, was united in marriage to Mr. Simpkins, of Thornhill.

When at his residence Richmond Hill, Matthew Teefy passed away at the age of 89 years.

When suddenly of heart failure at his home, Richmond Hill, Richard Lewis passed away at the age of 66 years.

When the trustees of the Public school, Maple, were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. T. McCormack, of Maple, as principal, duties to commence after the holidays.

When a smoker and progressive euchre in connection with the Thornhill Curling Club was held at Hughes Hotel. The first prize a handsome pipe was won by Mr. B. Ainsworth, the consolation by Mr. H. Hooper.

When owing to the deadlock in the County council, the members were unable to elect a clerk at the session, to fill the position made vacant by the death of the late clerk, Mr. John Ramsden. The vote stood 15 for R. W. Phillips, of King and 15 for Mr. Wm. Keith, of Newmarket. On motion of Mr. W. H. Pugsley, Mr. Lawrie was appointed temporarily till the next meeting.

When the Thornhill—Langstaff literary society met at the home of Mr. Simpson, opposite Thornhill switch.

When the following was the Thornhill School report for December: Sr. IV, Marie Muldoon, Frances Cox, Vernon Forbes; Sr. III, May Campbell, Hulda Gibbs, Charles Eckhardt, Vernon Gibbs, Stella Hughes, Agnes Muldoon, Mable Chapman, Harvie Gibbs, Stewart Charlton, George Watt, Ivan Findlay; Jr. III, Frances Hughes, Harry Knapton, Nelson Forbes, Lela Bowes, Fred Bowes, Marjorie Farr, Leonard Jones, Wilfred Dean, Jr. II, Grace Norris, Carman Douglas, Lilian Francis, Muriel Dean, Stewart Campbell, Hazel Riddell, Kathleen Hughes, Beatrice Beasley. Jr. I, Alice Stollery, Birdie Gibbs, Willie Knapton, Lilian Parkinson, Hannah Webster, George Findley, Leroy Farr; Primer, Fred Knapton, Mable Norris, James Webster, Velma Findley. Average attendance 35. G. Gilmour, teacher.

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