

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS

MORE HAPPY EVENTS HELD BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

On Wednesday Evening—Children Give Money for Their Usual Gifts To the Belgian Relief Fund.

The scholars of St. Luke's Anglican Sunday school this year instead of receiving the customary gifts for general proficiency throughout the year, accepted nicely engraved certificates, and the money saved will be devoted to the Belgian relief fund which will total almost thirty dollars.

A lengthy programme was also held, in which the pupils participated in dialogues, recitations, etc. St. Luke's orchestra helped in the entertainment.

William Carroll gave a talk upon the workings of the Sunday school.

The junior department of the same Sunday school, under the supervision of Miss E. Field, held its annual Christmas party on Wednesday evening.

The party was assisted by the youngsters took part well.

At St. George's Hall.

The annual Christmas treat for the senior scholars of St. George's Sunday school was held on Wednesday evening.

An exceptionally large number attended and made merry.

At 6.30 o'clock the entire gathering sat down to supper.

Afterwards an interesting programme was held.

Dean G. L. Starr gave a lantern slide lecture, in which he produced many of the stirring scenes which he had witnessed in France and other quarters of the battle grounds.

The final pleasing event was the presentation of gifts to scholars for general proficiency work during the year.

Purcell-Clyde Wedding.

At Zion Presbyterian Church, parsonage, Pine street, on the morning of Dec. 16th, a pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. J. D. Boyd, who united in marriage Miss Minnie E. Clyde, youngest daughter of Mrs. John Clyde, Cataract, to Harry Purcell, formerly of Colborne, but now stationed at Diamond, Sask.

The happy couple were unattended, but the immediate relatives of both contracting parties were present when the nuptial ceremony was performed.

The bride was dressed in a neat gown of black chiffon broadcloth and seal coat, and wore a black velvet hat trimmed with fur, and carried a beautiful bouquet. The groom's gift to her was a beautiful amethyst and pearl necklace.

On the noon train Mr. and Mrs. Purcell left the city for eastern points and upon returning will make a short visit in Kingston before proceeding to Diamond, Sask.

Death At Myers' Cave.

The death occurred at Myers' Cave, on Dec. 24th, of Alexander Delyan. Death was due to pneumonia. Deceased was seventy-seven years of age and is survived by his wife, five sons and three daughters. The funeral took place on Sunday from his late residence to the Methodist Church, the remains being taken to the cemetery at Harlowe. Rev. Mr. Truempour, of Cloysa, conducted the service. The pall-bearers were H. Black, J. Frey, W. Thompson, S. Parks, W. Miller and G. Connors.

Home From Toronto.

Mr. H. Wylie, inspector of the Women's Aid Society, has returned from Toronto, where he spent some time at his home. While away he was busy studying conditions in connection with the special which he is engaged. He has also studied the number of need of which the Industrial School in Toronto.

Writes.

Mr. F. Convery, E. I.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

At the Y.M.C.A. to Be Full of Interest.

New Year's day will be "Open Day" at the Y.M.C.A. from nine till twelve o'clock the Juniors and beginners will have the use of the gymnasium, when games and sports will be indulged in.

In the afternoon from three to six p.m., and in the evening from eight till ten p.m. the parents and friends of the association are asked to visit the building, and enjoy a gymnasium programme in the afternoon by the intermediates, who are holding an athletic meet, and in the evening a programme will be put on by the seniors, one of the "staple" basketball games, introducing a number of exciting passes and spectacular stunts.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be present in the association parlors during the afternoon and evening, and will serve refreshments to all the friends who see fit to favor the celebration with a New Year's call.

The social committee, under Chairman F. Pense, is arranging for a short musical programme to run concurrently with the gymnasium entertainments.

The general public, especially the friends of the association, are cordially welcomed for whatever length of time they wish to make at the institution.

GERMANS ARE ESCAPING FROM THE DOMINION

They Reach the United States by the "Underground Railway" System.

New York, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Cleveland to the Tribune, says: An "underground railroad" similar to the ones in operation during the Civil War, when escaping negroes were brought north, has been established between the United States and Canada. This time the "underground" is rescuing Germans from Canada.

Word as to the working of the "underground" was brought to Cleveland to-day by Hermann Wenz, of Montreal, who described his escape from Canada to Buffalo in a trunk.

"Because I speak French fluently," my nationality was not questioned until recently when an enemy informant the Canadian officials I was "German," said Wenz. "The sheriff at Montreal summoned me, but I managed to evade the writ for a day and then got to Niagara Falls. I tried in vain to get across to the American side until I met a French-Canadian who offered to do the job for \$20. I paid him, and he put me in a trunk, which was shipped across the river to a warehouse in Buffalo. Three hours later I was freed."

Wenz declares that a regular system has been established for getting Germans out of Canada and by the accident of meeting with the right man he was able to avail himself of the "underground."

ANOTHER BANQUET GIVEN

To the 5th Company (Queen's) Canadian Engineers.

Science '13 gave a banquet to the members of the 5th company Canadian Engineers, who are leaving for Ottawa on Saturday, in the British-American hotel, on Wednesday evening. Lieut. Stern acted as toastmaster and after the splendid banquet had been done justice to "The King" was proposed. F. Laing proposed the toast to "The Engineering Society" and this was responded to by R. M. Asseltine.

C. W. Greenland proposed the toast to "The 5th Company," and this toast was responded to by Lieut. W. Manhard. The toast to "The Queen" was proposed by M. J. Ackroyd and responded to by W. Donoghue. The toast to "The Faculty" was proposed by G.M.S. O'Hern and responded to by Sergt. I. G. Taylor. The final toast, to "Our Country," was proposed by H. S. Dick, and responded to by R. M. Asseltine.

During the evening Lieut. Manhard and Sapper Laing gave solos. Among the other guests were Sappers G. Alvey, C. P. Huyck and W. M. Morgan.

The Town of Gananoque.

Gananoque, Dec. 31.—At the last regular session of the Gananoque branch of the C.M.B.A. these officers were elected: spiritual advisor, Rev. J. P. Kehoe; president, A. Littlejohn; 1st vice president, Alexander Doray; 2nd vice president, A. Vincent; recording secretary, Vincent Amo; financial secretary, Peter Pelow; treasurer, Michael McParland; organist, Noe Gauthier; chancellor, Francis McIntyre; marshal, Thomas McLennan.

Miss Agnes Bedard, of Boston, is spending the holiday season in town with her brother, W. S. Bedard. Miss Pennock, of Toronto, is holidaying in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Pennock.

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NOT YET ANNOUNCED

OFFICERS FOR NEW BATTALION NOT KNOWN.

Applications For the New R. S. A. Course—Only a Limited Number Can Be Accepted.

Although the complete list of appointments for the new battalions, and the two squadrons of cavalry to be recruited in this division have not yet been announced, it is known that Major C. M. Edwards will be a senior major and Capt. E. R. McNeill, adjutant to Lieut.-Col. R. Gordon Stewart. Both of these officers will be seconded from the 43rd regiment, B.A.C., of Ottawa.

One squadron of cavalry will be stationed at Peterboro and the other at Ottawa, but in the near future, as soon as arrangements can be completed, the two will be brought together at some place in the district.

The men who volunteer for the third contingent, C.F.E., will be under pay as soon as they are actually recruited and attested. It was reported that the pay of the men would not start until about the 15th of the month, but the men will be taken on immediately.

Large numbers of officers are applying for permission to take the new R.S.A. course, which opens on Monday in Tete-de-Pont barracks.

TO LEAVE ON MONDAY.

The 5th Company Canadian Engineers, who are going overseas with the second contingent, C. E. F., has been granted leave to stay in the city until Monday, instead of leaving Saturday, as was at first ordered. The train the company will leave on has not yet been arranged.

Applications have been received from both Vancouver and Halifax and places between. Already enough applications have been received to start the class, but only a limited number will be received from each centre.

On Wednesday the battalion will be again given ride practice in the armories, and after the full battalion is here, several being away for New Year's, the shooting at the ranges will commence.

This story is going the rounds: A young lady desiring to show kindness to a young officer in camp despatched the following note: "Mrs. Smith requests the pleasure of Captain White's company at a reception on Friday evening." A prompt reply came to this effect: "With the exception of three men who are sick, Captain White's company accept your kind invitation, and will come with pleasure to your reception Friday evening."

Stewart Carr, one of the Brockville men who volunteered for service with the second Canadian contingent, and who is in training at Kingston, was presented by friends, at Brockville, with a handsome wrist watch. Private Carr was taken by surprise.

Lieut. Cooke, an ex-cadet, who was attached first to the B.C.H.A. and later to the 22nd battery, has been transferred, and left on Wednesday night to join the ammunition column of the 6th brigade in Montreal, and will go overseas with them. While here Lieut. Cooke has proved himself a very capable officer and his transfer is a matter of regret to the staff.

Mrs. W. H. Mannte has presented each member of the pipers band of the 21st battalion with a pair of wristlets.

The 22nd battery took its usual mounted parade on Thursday morning about five miles along the Barricade road.

O'Brien's Big Suit Sale starts Saturday, January 2 1915. English Worsted and Scotch Tweed Suits, \$17.50 spot cash. All Suits guaranteed, or no sale.

"One who knows" will tell you the delivery service from Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store is most prompt in the city. Phone 230.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buck, Queen street will spend New Year's day with his parents in Ernestown.

Major C. C. Bennett is confined in the military hospital with an injured knee.

Boys' fleece-lined underwear, regular 50c, 25c. Dutton's.

Notice

During January and February this store will close at 5.30 each evening except Saturday.

John Laidlaw & Son

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

From 9.30 Saturday morning until 5 in the afternoon, we will offer the following big special purchase just received.

125 Ladies' White Flannelette NIGHTGOWNS

These are made from a very good quality white flannelette, soft and warm Pretty yoke of silk embroidered insertion, hemstitched. Sleeves and neck finished with dainty silk embroidered edging on flannelette.

These gowns are worth regularly \$2.00 each and were purchased much below their value.

Yours Saturday While the Lot Lasts

\$1.25

No telephone orders accepted for these.

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Advertisement for shoes, featuring a large number '5' and the text 'But It Will Pay You To Walk'.

Advertisement for 'Year's' shoes, featuring a large number '15' and the text 'Year's'.

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