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The Watchman. THURSDAY, DEC. 30th, 1897.

Editorial Notes.

THE Dominion parliament has been called together on Feb. 3rd, for the despatch of business.

THERE was ample food for thought between the lines throughout the public meeting on Monday evening last, to those who can read. While Coun. Sotheran was made the "scapegoat" by his unsavory conferees of 1898 in connection with the "salary grab," the tributes to his ability were not lacking. Mayor Smyth in dealing with the finances referred to Mr. Sotheran, to whom perhaps more than any other man is attributable the fine financial showing of the year. Then again Coun. Sotheran's name comes to the front in connection with the "good roads movement," and notwithstanding that he was neither the man who built Rome nor yet "broke the bank at Monte Carlo," still his worth and business capabilities were recognized by the mayor as no other member of the council was recognized. THE WATCHMAN feels that the town can ill afford to do without men of Coun. Sotheran's caliber notwithstanding all his traducers may say, and we hope to see him at the head of the poll as councillor in the south ward, which position he is now running for. I is always under the best apple trees that you find the most sticks and stones.

Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer will be kept in Lindsay with the following meetings. The public are cordially invited. Each service begins at 8 o'clock.
Monday, Jan. 3rd, in the Baptist church. Subject, "The Church Universal." Speaker, Rev. C. H. Marsh.
Tuesday, Jan. 4th, in the Queen-st. Methodist church. Subject, "Home Missions." Speaker, Rev. L. S. Hughson.
Wednesday, Jan. 5th, in Cambridge-st. Methodist church. Subject, "Nations and Rulers." Speaker, Rev. J. W. Macmillan.
Thursday, Jan. 6th, in St. Andrew's ch. ch. Subject, "Families and Schools." Speaker, Rev. J. McFarlane.
Friday, Jan. 7th, in St. Paul's school room. Subject, "Foreign Missions." Speaker, Rev. T. Maunig.

"A MAN VERSUS A SHEEP."

Sermon by J. W. Macmillan on Sabbath Last. The services in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last Sunday were of a most interesting and impressive character. Having special reference to the advent of our Lord, the singing and lessons were eloquent of Christmas, and the morning sermon was a beautiful setting forth of the joys that cluster about the day. In the evening the pastor took occasion to preach a sermon on civic affairs. We regret that we are not able to print it verbatim, but below will be found a synopsis that will carry the line of thought. The theme is most timely, and Mr. Macmillan's analysis of the subject presents its various phases in a manner that cannot fail to bring to the minds of all concerned certain very useful considerations that will no doubt have their results in the coming year.

Taking as his text Matt. 12:12, "How much then is a man better than a sheep," Mr. Macmillan explained that this is the principle at the basis of Christian democracy. It is to the worth of a man, as man, not as raterager, landlord or noble, that has given the people the right to rule themselves. The growth of democracy through many centuries was rapidly sketched and a tribute paid to the heroes who fought for "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." The speaker claimed that if faults were to be found in the municipal government of Lindsay that the head and front of their offending lay with the electorate. The blame is to be laid first upon the voter, and last of all upon the members of the town council.

The very callousness of the electorate shows that the civic affairs of Lindsay are not managed in a very wicked fashion. The people may be careless, but they are not cravens or slaves, and if any deliberate or flagrant wrong had been perpetrated there would have been an eruption of some sort about it. We do not believe that there has been any embezzlement, or any innocent person imprisoned, or any general abandonment of attempts to do the town's business wisely.

The speaker proceeded to condemn two features of the civic life of the town, namely: The custom of publishing anonymous letters, and the lack of respect shown the council.

Anonymous letters might be justified either when a great terror existed, frightening brave men into caution and secrecy, or when the matter they contained was purely impersonal. A proposition in geometry needs no other signature than A. E. D. But anonymous attacks upon the character of public men are altogether to be condemned. They are as useless in evidence as the testimony of a parrot or a phonograph would be in a court of law. They generally show the spleen of the writer. No editor should print them and no one should reply to them.

In speaking of the respect due to all rulers it was asked, "How shall we pay these men?" Experience shows that it should not be in money but esteem. James Bryce gives it as the reason for the superior character of public men in England over those in the United States, that a place of political power gives in England social prestige and influence. We will get better service from our councillors if we pay them in honor rather than gold.

With this object in view they should be asked to perform only duties of the noble sort. They ought to be the rulers and fathers of the town, not its servants and errand boys. All labors of a routine, or clerical, or commouplace character should be performed by competent and trustworthy officials. These men should be paid as good salaries as possible. Joseph Chamberlain of Birmingham cites as one of the reasons for the success of municipal government in his city that the chief officials are paid as highly as a business company pays its employees. Of course Lindsay is not Birmingham, but the same methods apply in smaller measure.

home the next year as an example to all other trickerers partisans. The citizenship of a town should be intense. Just as we are proud of Canada, and as we cherish the fair fame of our immediate relatives, so should we admire and cherish our town. It is in many ways worthy of very great regard. If it is not good enough for any man let him leave it.

In closing, the speaker pointed out the danger of apathy. There are always men ready to use injuriously what better men neglect. Unscrupulous men will seek office for its gains, direct or indirect. Weak men will seek it for the gratification it affords their vanity, and will prove tools in the hands of worse and stronger men. Blatant men will seek it for its publicity, for the chance it affords for airing their empty eloquence.

When William Pitt said "I have no fear for England, she will stand till the day of Judgment," Edmund Burke replied: "What I fear is the day of no judgment." This is the danger of the indifference, that on account of the indifference of the many honest citizens, the mores and morals and honor of the town may be squandered and lost.

ELECTORS OF MARIPOSA.

To the Polls! If you want a prohibitory law for the province or Dominion, go to the polls on Monday next and mark your X after the word against, and thereby retain what have.

If you want to put temptation out of the way of the young, vote against the repeal of the by-law on Monday next.

If you want to save your boy from wreck and your girls from becoming drunkard's wives, vote against the by-law to be submitted next Monday.

If you do not want to ally yourself with the liquor vendor and share his responsibility in ruining somebody's home, and the souls and bodies of your fellow men, go to the polls next Monday and mark your X after the word "against" in the lower line of the ballot paper.—53-1.

Rooms to Let.

Students and others desiring rooms furnished or unfurnished, with or without board, can be accommodated, by applying at No. 20 Cambridge-st., opposite the Warder office.—53-2.

Baptist S. S. Entertainment.

It was a merry gathering of children and young people which assembled for the Christmas tree entertainment of the Baptist Sunday school on Tuesday evening. The little folks heartily appreciated the tea, which was provided by the ladies of the congregation, and afterwards they joined the choir in singing and recitations. The program of singing and recitations given by the children. The choruses were especially suitable for Christmas time, and all present were delighted with the way in which the singing and recitations were given. After the program prizes were given to the Miss Lily Hardingham and Alice Maitland, two pupils who took the highest standing in the examination held on the life of Paul. During the last chorus the sleigh-bells began to ring and Santa Claus appeared in his Arctic outfit, and began to distribute the prizes to each scholar of the school. A merry evening was brought to a close by prayer offered by Pastor Hughson.

St. Andrew's Sabbath School Entertainment.

On the evening of the 28th the Sunday school of St. Andrew's church held their annual Christmas festival. This is the third year that the school has had a Christmas tree and though the others were good this last surpassed them both. The children who were invited to come at 5:30 p.m. began to arrive about 4:30 and from five o'clock there was a steady stream pouring into the church eating, drinking, laughing, shouting and then eating again. The programme, which was long and varied, was announced to begin at 7:30. At the time it was found that the room could be specified time only standing. It is a fact that at Christmas every one is merry. We need not go into the philosophy of it. It would be hard to find an audience anywhere more ready and more willing to be amused than the one which gathered there that night. A glance at the gallery showed nothing but one long smile. The floor of the church was mainly reserved for the little ones, and very pretty they looked from the older scholars, who drew on their past experience and knew what fun was in store for them, to the youngest tot who gazed with eyes that should have been closed in sleep long ago, wondering on the innumerable dolls and picture books. The programme was long, but the audience was sorry it was not longer. Too much praise cannot be given to those who trained the children, for the way they played their parts told of long and careful preparation. We imagine that there is nothing more pleasing than the sight of little ones giving an entertainment. Some forgot to bow, some bowed twice, some of the boys never had any intention of being so effeminate—why, they would be called "girl" for many a day, and bow they would not. Dialogues, recitations, solos and choruses followed one another rapidly. Three little girls gave a very pretty lesson in cooking pumpkin pies and the way they avoided the word "pumpkin" was a wonderful piece of testimony to their training. The "raggedy—raggedy—raggedy man" was delivered with the sweetness and innocence which always accompanies the recitations. But we should not mention any, for all were equally good, the "hee, hee, hee, ha, ha!" ho—o—o" of the laughing chorus will remain long in our ears as well as the nudging and prompting, which we saw from our seat in the gallery.

There was some doubt at first as to whether Santa Claus could come. In the middle of the program, however, a letter was received saying that Vixen's bog spanin was better and he would try to get down in time. Later a telegram was received from Cobocook and we waited impatiently, knowing he was near. At last he came wrapped up in coats and shawls, innumerable, full of jokes and fresh air. The youngsters who saw through the disguise enjoyed the fun no less than the tots who saw before them with staring eyes no other than the real hero of their nursery rhymes, the venerable Santa Claus, who climbs down every chimney in Christendom on Christmas eve. Many a little lad went home weary that night, and many a little voice will tell for many a day about the wonders of the Christmas tree, and many a little heart will beat quicker when next year they hear Santa Claus is coming again.

We can compliment the people of St. Andrew's church too highly for the splendid entertainment with which they agut us the joy of Christmas time.

Only the purest water is employed by the Chinese in washing the finest grades of silk. Ordinary well water in its natural state is unclean and unwholesome. It is a quantity of millions in a day. These people say any impure water is not as water.

GLANDINE.

SPECIAL to the Watchman. CHURCH NOTES.—Our pulpit was filled by the Rev. A. Hore of Belleville on Sunday evening last.

NOTES.—Mr. T. Suggitt of Valencia purchased a new cutter from Mr. J. H. Dawson of Glandine. People who are interested in stock raising should call and inspect the premises of Mr. R. Pogue and secure a few good pointers.

HOME FROM THE WOODS.—Mr. E. Wetherup paid us a visit on Christmas and no doubt some of the ladies in the south ward would be much interested in the call.

PERSONAL.—Miss E. Irwin is spending her vacation under the parental roof. Mr. R. Pogue and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Oakwood. Mr. Sedgwick of Snowden is visiting for the past week at Mr. H. Jewell's.

WARNING.—I think it would be wise in closing my letter this week to warn some people in coming to church to look before seating themselves, and not sit in or on stiff hats.

No. 6, OPS.

SPECIAL to the Watchman. A WORD IN SEASON.—As all accounts should be attended to around the new year and some settlement made, we would ask our young men to make a note of this and do something by way of recompense for all the costly oil and hard-work blocks that have been burned during the past year or more.

ADAPTORS.—Mr. Hiram Doran and Mr. John Brown, two of the tallest men in the section, audited the school report on Monday and found everything correct in the financing of affairs for the year 1897.

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.—On Wednesday of last week a number of our select ladies repaired to the home of Miss Florence Hicks, where they were entertained in a very pleasing manner. After partaking of a cosy cup of tea, cream puffs, popovers and other dainty delicacies, the party disbanded feeling that a joyous afternoon had been spent in conversation and laudatory work.

SKATING RINK.—The Brickville rink is running at full pressure this season. It is under the skilled management of George Bowman and John McCabe, who will spare no pains in making it a success and furnish good sport for the juveniles.

PERSONAL.—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McArthur spent Christmas with Pontypool friends. They arrived home on Sunday looking well and feeling that Maavers can furnish as good if not better roast goose than can be found in our own township. Miss Victoria Sharpe, one of Cavan's most estimable young ladies, is spending the festive season with her sister, Mrs. John McArthur. Mr. Mas. Kellett of Low Park farm is keeping himself amused and also well employed by drawing firewood from Brisbane's mill, Manvera. "It's a good thing, Charlie; push it along." Miss Minnie McCausland arrived home last week from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Fisher of Manitoba. Mr. John W. Kellett, who has been engaged in the tailoring trade in Fenelon Falls, spent Christmas under the parental roof. He returned on Tuesday leaving many broken hearts behind him.

A GOOD SEASON.—From a private interview with Mr. Robt. Montgomery we are informed that this has been the best season for threshing he has had in years, and is still busy. He has no less than thirty days' labor staring him in the face and intends, after the holidays, to do the time with his accustomed alacrity.

LITTLE BRITAIN.

SPECIAL to the Watchman. MARRIAGE LICENSES.—J. B. Weldon issuer of marriage licenses, Little Britain.—12f.

HORSE BUYING.—Mr. John McMillan of Port Perry purchased a fine team of Pure Stamp Clydesdales from Mr. Howard Henderson one day this week for a good long price.

HOLIDAY DOINGS.—The League concert in the Methodist church Christmas eve was fairly well attended. The singing of the White Bros. was good, though more of the kind for evangelistic work than many relished for an entertainment. The local amateurs did well for their first effort in rendering "The Merchant of Venice." Miss Lucy Thompson gave two recitations. The Christian church was filled to the doors Christmas night, and a good time enjoyed by all. Rev. Mr. Garbutt occupied the chair, with a large choir as his right, while Mrs. Russell was general manager of the dressing-room at the left, and those who aided in costumes.

Choir singing, hoop-drill, solos, recitations, poetry, recited and sung in chorus, and last but not least, and excellent address on "Canada" by Dr. Vrooman of Lindsay furnished a fine program. The arrival of a beautiful laden ship at the close was probably the most enjoyable part for the little folks.

CHURCH.—Dr. Cairns was greeted with a crowded house on Sabbath at the anniversary of the Methodist church, and gave two discourses full of thought, broad and deep, which will be long remembered and doubtless bear fruit.

TEA.—The anniversary tea on Saturday night will wind up the festivities of the season. It will commence at 2:30, and will be good throughout.

LOCAL OPTION.—Considerable interest is being manifested pro and con re the repeal of the local option by-law. Meetings are being held throughout the township under the auspices of the temperance cause, and much enthusiasm is being manifested. Next Monday will decide whether the votes want license or local option.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Quite a number attended the public temperance meeting held in the Methodist church on Tuesday night. The chair was taken by W. G. Prouse. Rev. D. N. McCamus of Port Perry gave an able address. Messrs. A. O. Hogg, Channon, Silverwood and Lane also delighted the audience with short talks. A committee was organized for work.

CRUEL.—A large number gathered at the home of Mrs. Thos. Rodman on Tuesday evening to witness the marriage ceremony of her daughter Delilah to Mr. N. M. P. Council of Ops. His brother Charles acted as best man, while Miss Mounjoy of Darling assisted the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. B. Stratton. Presents numerous and useful.

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