

LETTERS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

WOODVILLE

Dr. Neelands, dentist, will be at the Queen's hotel, Woodville, on Tuesday, Jan. 9th. Call in forenoon if possible.

S.S. NO. 13 FENELON

School report: Sr. 4th—Florence Thurston, Jr. fourth—Stella Everson, Della Copp, Ned Thurston, James Daniel, Hillard Copp. Third class—Gilbert Campbell. Second class—Walter Greenwood, Agnes Everson, Arnold Thurston, Annie Wood, Pt. 2nd—Phil Thurston, Osgood Imrie, Percy Everson, Collie Imrie, Fritz Antia. Part 1st—Dollie Green, Milton Green. Promotions from second to third class class—Walter Green. From part 2nd to 2nd—Philip Thurston, Osgood Imrie, Part 1st to part 2nd—Dollie Green, Milton Green.

REABORO

Mrs. Sands of Colloiden is visiting her daughter Mrs. John McAlpin. Miss Aggie Allan of Peterboro is renewing old acquaintances here. Miss Bullock of Lindsay is the guest of Miss Ida Calvert. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Verulam spent the New Year under the parental roof.

The railway bylaw is evidently gaining in popularity here, there being an increase of ten in the vote for the by-law.

Miss Edith Thorndyke of Toronto and Miss Stella Thorndyke of Millbrook are visiting their many friends here.

We are pleased to note that we, in this part of the township, have still two seats in the Ops council for 1900 in the persons of Councillors Byrne and Hawkins.

The funeral of Mrs. Kennedy, mother of Mr. Jas. Kennedy, took place on Monday from Omemeo to Riverside. Mrs. Kennedy was one of Ops' oldest inhabitants.

Miss Ida Calvert entertained the members of the K.O.C.W. on Friday evening last. An enjoyable evening was spent. We understand that two of the Knights met with what might have been a serious accident on their return home.

CAMERON.

Mr. John Copeland, sr., is very ill. He has been ailing for some time, and his demise is now hourly expected.

At the last meeting of the I.O.F. the officers of the past year were all re-elected to their respective offices and the business of the year was satisfactorily wound up.

Several teachers have come to spend the Xmas holidays with friends at home. Among them are: John Cook of Auburn, Melville Cundal, who goes to Burnt River for the present year, Minnie Cundal, who is going to attend the London Normal school next session, and A. E. Bryson who is going to Bobcaygeon.

It was with profound regret that the word came that Miss Lily Northcott, a young lady and a former resident of this place, was seriously ill at Bowmanville. Still sadder, however, was it felt when two days afterwards the news was sent that she was dead. Miss Northcott was raised here, attended our Sunday school, and for some years taught the junior room. The corpse was brought from Bowmanville, and was buried last week in Eden cemetery, Mariposa. Thus at the early age of twenty-five a very estimable young lady was taken from amongst us.

VERULAM

One of the oldest residents of North Verulam died on Monday of last week. Mrs. Kelly, widow of Edward Kelly. Mrs. Kelly came to Verulam from Eldon, and was married twice, her first husband being a brother of her last. Mrs. Kelly lived for many years on the old homestead near Red Rock, and largely to her excellent management Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were enabled to retire to a residence in the village. A large family are left, several of them being still in Verulam.

There passed away on Christmas day, a lady well known throughout the district, in the person of Mrs. H. C. St. George. For many years she resided at White Lake, on the Monk road, there she had a farm in the management of which she took a great pleasure. A few years ago she removed to Bobcaygeon, and recently built a house, the comfort of which, however, she was not long permitted to enjoy. For a number of years she had growing in her breast a cancer.

Of late it had made more than its usual growth, and consultation with medical authority in Toronto assured her that removal of the cancer was a necessity. As she decided to have the operation performed at home in preference to going to the hospital, a trained nurse was engaged and every care taken but the operation proved to be a very severe one, and one from which even her vigorous constitution was unable to recover. After a struggle of four weeks, the spirit departed. The funeral was held privately on Wednesday, her son William, from New York, being present to console his sisters, Mrs. Wish and Miss St. George.—Independent.

HARTLEY

Miss Annie Campbell, teacher at Cameron, is spending her holidays under the parental roof.

We are pleased to see Peter Gilchrist, and Angus McFadyen home from Manitoba.

Mr. Duncan McFadyen, teacher at Cresswell, is spending his holidays with his parents and is looking hale and hearty.

On the 27th inst. there took place at the residence of Mr. Thos. Thornbury a very pleasant and quiet wedding. The contracting parties were his daughter Mary Jane and Mr. Robert Spence. We all join in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

The Methodists of this place held their annual anniversary services on Dec. 17th and 18th. On Sunday afternoon and evening two very excellent sermons were preached by Rev. R. H. Leitch of Fenelon Falls, and were highly appreciated by all. The church was filled to excess at both services. On Monday evening a splendid tea was prepared by the good ladies in the hall and after everyone had done justice to the inner man all repaired to the church where a very pleasant evening was spent. Addresses were delivered by Revs. R. H. Leitch, J. R. Butler, T. Snowden and G. W. Clarke, B.A., pastor of the church. The choir, under the able leadership of Mr. J. F. Brokenshire, rendered some very choice selections. Proceeds of tea and collections amounted to seventy-five dollars.

COBOCONK

The employees of the R. A. Callan lime industry met at the home of their employer on Saturday evening and presented him and Mrs. Callan with an address and a beautiful set of china dishes. The address was read by Mr. Jos. Wakelin and the presentation was made by Mr. John Hawe, the veteran of the works. After the presentation Mr. Callan made a few appropriate remarks thanking the men for their beautiful gift and the feeling which prompted it. The address was as follows: To Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Callan, DEAR FRIENDS:—We, your employees, have met together here to-night to express to you our appreciation of the consideration and kindness you have extended to us during the year now drawing to a close. We have earnestly tried, while in your employe, to serve your best interests, and we are happy in the belief that you appreciate our efforts. You have shown more than the ordinary interest of the employer in our welfare. Your kind remembrance of us and our families at Christmas times has been a pleasant recollection to us. We ask you to accept this present from us, not for its intrinsic worth, but as a slight token of our good will towards you. May prosperity crown your efforts in business; and long may our present harmonious relationship continue is the unanimous wish of your employes. Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy new year we are, yours truly, THE EMPLOYEES.

KINMOUNT

About six inches of snow fell here on Sunday, Dec. 24th. We are all hoping for good sleighing.

A large number of young men were home from the camps to spend Christmas with their parents.

We understand the old council of Somerville township has been elected by acclamation. This is just as it should be as no fault can be found with them. The township offices are in good hands.

The war drags wearily on and Kinmount is disgraced on account of the pro-Boer sympathies of some thick-heads who live in our midst. Big Bay John will be ridden on a rail if he lets loose any more of his disloyal gab. There are others just as disloyal and it is needless to say they are grits. You can't find a tory on the Boer side,

The Union Sunday school held a largely attended concert in the Baptist church on Friday evening last. A large Christmas tree was on exhibition, covered with Christmas presents for the children. Our ain "Sandy" got a pie. He was always very "pious."

Court Kinmount, No. 677, C.O.F., elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their meeting in the Orange hall on Friday last: Chief ranger, W. M. Hales; vice C. R., W. T. Boldt; S.P.C.R., H. P. Chessell; chaplain, J. C. Train; treasurer, J. R. Mark; F.S., Geo. Train; R.S., Amos Train; S.W., N. Newman; S.B., Art. Newman; J. B., Wm. Lyle; court deputy, W. T. Craig; court physician, R. S. Frost, M.D. One candidate was initiated and several others were balloted for. The membership now stands at 61.

ISLAY

Miss Bella Smith of Lindsay has been engaged as teacher for the coming year. Mr. Dougal McFadyen is home from Manitoba for a few weeks, also Mr. Angus Moynes after spending the summer in Dakota arrived home a few weeks ago.

On Friday evening Dec. 29th, Miss S. A. Tolmie was surprised by a large representation from the school and Christian Endeavor Society, gathering at her home. The purpose of the assembly was to show her in some marked way that her services for the past three years were highly appreciated. In the course of the evening's entertainment, James Stewart stepped forward and read the following address while Archie Graham made the presentation:

Dear Teacher,—We are very sorry that we have come to the time when we can no longer have you as our teacher. For nearly three years your labors were wholly in our interest. Not only were you successful in teaching us well but your example at all times was such as left an indelible impression upon us for good. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and loving attention to us. We regret to recall times when we were disobedient but we trust you can forgive and forget. As a small token of our high esteem of so worthy a teacher we ask you to accept this toilet case and copy of Ingelow's poems, given with the prayer that success may always attend you in your work. Signed in behalf of S. S. No. 2 Fenelon. JAMES STEWART ARCHIE GRAHAM.

Immediately following Miss Mary McEachern, in behalf of the C. E. Society, read a very suitable address while Miss Maggie McMillan presented Miss Tolmie with two handsomely bound volumes of poetry by Mrs. Haemans and Thomas Hood. Miss Tolmie was taken completely by surprise, nevertheless responded very appropriately. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games and all dispersed at a good hour.

PLEASANT POINT

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment took place in the school house here on the evening of Friday, Dec 22nd. The program, which was this year furnished mainly by the pupils of the school, was well rendered. The thanks of all are also due to those besides the pupils of the school whose help made the entertainment a success. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus appeared and distributed the presents from the well-laden Xmas tree. During the evening the teacher Mr. W. A. Cameron was presented with a beautiful gentleman's companion and cuff and collar case accompanied by the following address:

Dear teacher,—We need scarcely say, it is with feelings of deepest regret that we are called upon to realize that the cords of sympathy and affection which have bound us so closely together as teacher and pupils, must now be torn asunder. In viewing the past two years' work the least we can say is that your unflinching kindness and zeal as a teacher have won for you the regard, esteem and approbation of all and we are glad to place on record our high appreciation of your valuable services. The example you placed before us has ever been that which tends to elevate and enrich our moral characters. Words fail us when we endeavor to express our gratitude to you for the utter lack of selfishness which characterized your earnest labors. With keen regret we recall times of carelessness and disobedience on our part but we trust you will forgive us. As a slight token of our esteem we ask you to accept this gentleman's companion and cuff and collar case, accompanied by the prayer that, as in the past, your labors may be crowned with marked success. Wishing you all the happiness that this festive season affords. Signed in behalf of Pleasant Point Sunday school. ELLA M. BRIEN. AGGIE SAMPSON

Mr. Cameron made a suitable reply thanking all for their valuable gift and also for the kindness shown alike to parents and pupils during the two years in which he had been among them.

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