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EAST GREY FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The East Grey Farmers' Institute, which meets in Markdale on Jan. 11, and in Flesherton on the 12th, promises to be the most interesting ever held here. The questions to be treated by the various talented and well-known speakers, are questions which it is vitally important for farmers to study and investigate in this progressive age, otherwise they cannot compete successfully with those who do study and understand them.

Farmers' Institutes were inaugurated under an order-in-council had been passed in 1886, with the object of assisting and encouraging farmers to band themselves together into a mutual improvement society, and thus "further their own interests and encourage and foster education in relation to their calling." This embraces many branches, some of which may be mentioned:

To encourage the growth of an improved class of stock.

To foster the cheese and butter interests.

To afford protection from all encroachments that may come from other interests of the commonwealth.

To conserve and secure the just right of farmers in their relation to legislators, corporations and individual industries, etc.

The objects are many and the benefits manifold. If for no other object, the last one named would be sufficient to demand an organization of this kind. In these days, in all business centres, each trade and calling has its own protective association to combat the aggressive individuals who otherwise would grow wealthy by a system of oppression. The farmer has not until lately, had a weapon of this kind placed in his hand. He has it now, and if he uses it not, it will be, literally, his own funeral. The farmer *must* study his own interests in every possible manner, learn the most economical methods, study the question from a scientific standpoint, and develop a more methodical manner of carrying on his calling, or he will find himself behind in the march of progress. Within the past few years only, science and invention have made remarkable strides in the direction of agriculture, with the result of having cheapened the cost of production. The farmer who does not take advantage of this by a personal attention is in the same position as the woman who would not buy a sewing machine when they were first introduced because she could now afford to hire her sewing done.

Let us witness a rousing turnout of farmers on this occasion.

For program, etc., see posters.

The nominations for Osprey on Monday were, for Reeve, Mr. Douglas, Mr. McGirr and Mr. Thomas Gamey. We have not received a list of the nominations for councillors.

Mr. Thos. A. Blakely, of Flesherton, has secured the agency for the well known firm of A. Harris, Son & Co., Brantford, whose farming implements have won a world wide reputation. Those desirous of purchasing reapers, mowers, land rollers, gang plows, etc., for next season's operations would do well to interview Mr. Blakely.

Methodist S. S. Anniversary.

As regularly as the seasons come around there has been for many years one season particularly interesting to a great number of the young people of Flesherton, and old too, for that matter. We refer to the anniversary of the Methodist Church Sunday School. It is something which has always been looked forward to with great interest, from the fact that it is the largest Sunday school in town, and the wonderfully painstaking training which has characterised the affair in past years. In this respect this season's anniversary was fully up to the mark of excellence, in fact it was surpassingly good. The attendance was about 600. The children had been carefully drilled for weeks by their long-time superintendent, Mr. Armstrong, and showed the result on Tuesday evening by an astonishing freeness from nervousness and shyness so common to children of tender years. The program was long and interesting. Little toddlers scarcely four years of age recited and sung, while as yet they had scarcely lost their baby tongue, and did it remarkably well. The recitations were interspersed with singing by the school, which also showed a perfect training that must have required much patience and perseverance on the part of Mr. Armstrong. Miss Bella Christoe, in her usual excellent manner, presided at the organ. The Secretary read the following report of the school for the past year:

On coming before you on another anniversary day we are thankful to God that we can report progress in our school work. We have on our roll books over 200 names and are enabled to report an average attendence of 135. The attendance of teachers during the year was 516, giving an average of ten per Sabbath. The attendance of officers was 252, or an average of 4 per sabbath. Number of verses committed to memory during the year, by the girls 10,171; and by the boys, 3,689, giving a majority in favor of the girls of 6,485 verses, and an average of 235 per Sabbath. The pupils who committed to memory the most verses were, among the boys, Charles W. Smith; and the girls, E. Cullen. Charlie Richardson, Edwin Large, Lena Large and Lena Wright attended school every session in the year. It causes us sadness to refer to the death of one of our pupils, Nelson Kester, who at our last anniversary gave promise of living a useful life. We have been visited by 237 persons, and extend a cordial welcome to all who wish to visit our school. We enter upon the New Year full of hope and trust, by the blessing of God, that our school may advance in the future as it has in the past, and wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

F. J. SULLIVAN, Sec

The librarian's report showed that the number of volumes in the library is about 500. A large addition was made at the commencement of the year, and additions are constantly being made as they are required. The large number of books exchanged show how the scholars are interested in them. About 2500 books have been exchanged during the year, and now, at the close of the year every one is accounted for.

The Sabbath School papers have been regularly distributed every Sabbath that the school has been open, the number distributed being as follows: Copies Northern Messenger, 2130; Pleasant Hours, 1560; Home and School, 1560; Sunbeam, 1300; S. S. Banners, 216; Quarterlies, 250; Catechisms, 100; total, 7116.

The second portion of the program consisted of a cantata, entitled "Santa Claus." The singing was exceedingly good and some of the costumes very fine, notably that of Mr. A. R. Fawcett, who came all the way from Streetsville to render the part of Winter, which he had taken some years ago when the cantata was given here. This costume was very "cool" and appropriate. Mr. Ed. Richardson represented Santa Claus, and counterfeited Santa to perfection. The seasons were represented by Misses Lena Large, Lou Armstrong, Tennie and Annie Richardson. Their signing was sweet and their parts well rendered. In fact the singing all through was thoroughly good.

The church was filled to its utmost capacity, and many were obliged to stand.

It was announced that the proceeds amounted to $90, which is in advance of anything of the kind known in Flesherton before.

Every body did ample justice to the many good things provided in the basement by fair hands and willing waiters.

It is with regret we learn that Mr. Armstrong, for many years superintendent of the school, has tendered his resignation. He leaves the school in a most flourishing condition, and with the regret of his pupils. We have not learned as yet who his successor will be.

Little Bertie Barnhouse and Ethel Trimble, recitation and song, were the pets of the evening.

The school, at the beginning of the year, has now the substantial sum of $115 to operate upon.

Flesherton Station.

From our own Correspondent.

Business at the Station for the past few weeks has been quite lively. With good prices for grain and pork, with Mr. James McMullen on the market, the farmers are making a general rush in with their grain. Mr. Johnston Little, blacksmith, is doing a business second to none in this part of the country in the line of repairing and horseshoeing, and also turns out some new work.

Our active and energetic friend, Mr. Cook, has just completed one of the best seasons for farmers for some years, in buying anything they had to dispose of in the line of cattle, sheep or pigs. He is now taking a little rest during the holidays, but will soon be alive to business again. May you never fail, Rob.

Our new station house is just about completed, which will be a credit to this part of the country, and our genial and obliging station agent, Mr. Mavill, will shortly remove thither. Dame rumor says he is not likely to go alone. You know very well what I mean.

Mr. Hogg, our postmaster and general storekeeper, is doing a lively trade, and is just as pleasant as ever.

Our old time-honored friend, Mr. Woods, is still to the front, and for prices and good goods won't be beaten.

The concert that came off here in the school house was all that could be desired as far as the program of the evening was concerned. The children, each and all of them, showed that they received careful and efficient training at the hands of their teacher, Miss Ball, in the many pieces they took part in. Special mention might be made of the little girls who took part in the piece called "Autumn's Queen." It was received with great applause. The musical treat that McMullen Brothers gave on their violin, With Mrs. Irvine, of Markdale, presiding at the organ, was received with good effect. They were encored time and again. Dr. Hutton and Miss Wright, of Priceville, gave several pieces, which had a marked effect on the audience. Dr. Hutton has a rich and well cultured voice, and seems to have a musical talent of no mean order, and Miss Wright is just at home at the instrument. A reading by Mrs. Wilson was well received. Much credit is due to Miss Ball and Miss Woods for the untiring effort in regard to the entertainment to make it a success. I may also state that Miss Woods, on behalf of the children, presented to Miss Ball a handsome gift in appreciation of her service and the deep interest she had taken in the school for the past year. Mr. Thos. Granger presided at the concert with his usual good grace, but somewhat more poetical in his remarks.

Wishing you all a happy new year.

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