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Characteristics of the Past Week Carefully Culled for the Curious.

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Adam Muir, a young man thirty one years of age, living near the station, died of dropsy on Monday morning. The funeral took place to Priceville cemetery on Tuesday.

The Anniversary services in the Methodist church were surprisingly well attended on Wednesday evening, notwithstanding rain. A full report will appear next week. Proceeds were over \$60.

Prof. Loisset's Memory system is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country, and persons wishing to improve their memory should send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column.

Anniversary services were held in the Methodist church on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Shilton preaching in the morning and Rev. Dr. Burns, of Toronto, conducting service in the evening. The church was nicely decorated with evergreens and mottoes.

The Advance is a day behind in publication this week, owing to an extraordinary rush of job work, and notwithstanding the fact that we worked all New Year's Day. As this is the first time such has happened during the past year and a half we feel certain that our readers will pardon us for once.

Horse for Sale. A good mare rising 8 years old, supposed to be in foal. Apply to J.H. CAMPAIGN, Flesherton P.O.

Notice. The balance of accounts of Chas. Neil estate will be sold by auction at the office of M. Richardson & Co., on Tuesday, January the 7th at, 2 p.m.

Lecture. Rev. D. A. Holman, of Chicago, proposes delivering a lecture in the Town Hall, Flesherton, in about two weeks. The subject to be treated of will be "Grumblers." All grumblers should make it a point to attend, and those not accustomed to that pastime should be present to laugh at the grumblers. Full announcements will be made in next week's Advance and by bills.

Suffering Oysters. A large quantity of oysters were destroyed in the lodge room of the R. T. of T. on Saturday evening last. It appears that a crowd of about fifty people made their way to that rendezvous for the purpose of doing honor to one of their number, Miss M.C. Ganton, who was about to depart from our midst. Miss Ganton has always been, since her advent to Flesherton, a staunch worker in the cause of temperance, and the lodge felt that it was hardly justice to allow her to go away without receiving some token of the esteem in which she was held, and a grand oyster supper was the result. This was made the occasion, too, of presenting to Miss Ganton a small but handsome dressing case, simply to remind her of the many pleasant hours spent in the lodge room. When the oysters had every one been destroyed, paralyzed, dissected and put out of sight the tables were cleared away and readings and music took the boards, continuing for an hour or so. The pleasant gathering broke up about 11.30 and all went home to sleep off the effects of three or four gallons of oysters.

Presbyterian Anniversary. Although Christmas day was green and bad roads with mud, the turn out to the Presbyterian Sabbath school Christmas anniversary on that evening was good and the whole entertainment was a splendid success. Early in the evening waiters were on hand and served the children a nice tea after which the general public was admitted for tea in the basement of the church. Tea over and all assembled in the auditorium of the church at 7.30, the superintendent announced

all ready to commence the program, which was entered upon at once. The first part of the program was made interesting by the little folk, who one and all rendered their parts very well in both singing and recitations, evincing a great deal of labor and care in practising. A solo by little Annie Thompson was sweetly sung and heartily appreciated. Master Fred Munshaw and Reta Damude in their dialogue delighted the audience and caused a great deal of mirth. The first part of the program was closed by a song from J.R. Anderson by special request "My Ain Country." The second part was the rendition of "A Prize Cantata" and under Mr. Russell's management was well rendered and very interesting. Nearly all the parts were well taken and some tableaux were beautiful. The distribution of gifts from the pretty Xmas tree brought the entertainment to a close.

Nomination. The nomination held in Flesherton on Monday last was better attended than it has been for many years past, showing conclusively that a lively interest has been awakened in municipal matters. This fact is no doubt partially attributable, at least, to the letters which have appeared in this paper signed "Patrick." If Patrick were present on this occasion he must at least have felt decidedly uncomfortable, and if he were not present surely his ears must have burned with the consciousness of some one talking about him in no complimentary terms. Dr. Christoe told his hearers that he did not know who Patrick was, but wished he did, and if some one would bring him forward he (the Dr.) would show them "the biggest fool that ever walked this earth." Such language as that is decidedly calculated to make any man's ears tingle if applied to him, and therefore we say that Patrick's ears must have shown symptoms of conflagration even if he were not present. About 11.45 proceedings of the day were opened by the nomination of Henry Meldrum, Esq., for the reeveship, by Mr. T. Kells and Mr. J. S. Mercer. This was a surprise sprung upon Mr. Meldrum, and he afterwards gracefully declined the nomination. The other nominations then proceeded and resulted as follows:

FOR REEVE.
Mr. Thorp Wright, nominated by Mr. Wm. Clayton, seconded by Mr. J. H. Allen.
Dr. Christoe, by Thos. Morrow and C. W. Bellamy.

FOR COUNCILLORS.
WARD NO. 1.
Mr. M. Riley, by D. G. McLean and C. Vadnau.
Mr. John McArthur, by J. Hazzard and R. Oliver.

The two former subsequently resigned, leaving Mr. McArthur in undisputed possession of the field.
WARD NO. 2.
Mr. John Boland, nominated by T. Kells, seconded by Wm. Somers. No other nominations being made for this ward, the clerk declared Mr. Boland elected by acclamation.

WARD NO. 3.
Thos. Grainger, nominated by D. McMullen, seconded by J. H. Heard.
R. J. Sproule, by Isaac Sinclair and John Breen.
Wm. Sharp, by John Whitten and Wm. Petch.

WARD NO. 4.
Geo. Thompson, jr., by Hector Bolton and John Hargrave.
W.T. McKee, by John English and Jas. Fisher.
S. Pedlar, by P. Holman and M. Akitt.
J. W. Hoath, by H. Fenwick and Jas. Walker.
J. Hargrave, by T. Fisher and S. Badgerow.

This completed the nomination, and leaves, it will be observed, but two wards in which a competition for the position of councillors will take place—wards 3 and 4—Mr. McArthur and Mr. Boland having been elected by acclamation. A chairman was then selected in the person of ye Advance scribe and the speaking of the day proceeded. Dr. Christoe was first to address the electors. He explained the situation of affairs principally as our readers have already learned them through the columns of The Advance. He would not have been a candidate had it not been for the misleading letter which had been published in The Advance, but as matters were his friends insisted that he should come forward to give them a chance to vindicate their belief in his trustworthiness. He showed up the absurdity of "Patrick's" argument re the court house matter, and explained the falsity of the statement that he had received forty-three odd dollars for ex-

CHRISTMAS - GREETING!

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

IN ORDER TO HELP YOU TO HAVE THIS WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD A GENUINE

30 days' Christmas Discount Sale.

During which time Great Bargains will be given to the Cash Buyer in all kinds of Furniture. You want these goods, we want your money and in order to meet these two wants we shall sell in some cases, during December, for actual cost, and in a few lines for less than cost. Remember, these are new, well bought goods, and are to be sold in order to clear out a large part of present stock and at the same time help us to meet our obligations. To advertise prices is needless. Come in if you are needing Furniture, and we guarantee prices will please you. Our stock is complete in all lines, comprising Bedroom, Parlor, Dining, Sitting Room and Kitchen Furniture. We are giving special attention to Pictures and picture framing. In this our stock is large, new and varied, but prices are low. If you are needing a Sewing Machine, be not led away by any agent telling you they have a machine as good as the New Raymond. They have not, there is none. We sell you a genuine New Raymond Sewing Machine for \$30.00.

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penses in that trial. The facts were that he had received twenty dollars, and was even then out of pocket when he got through with the matter. He referred to the good financial standing of the township in the county, and to the thorough manner in which our taxes were collected every year, the amount of outstanding taxes being very small indeed. With reference to the Valley road, he claimed that the Council had done all that it had agreed to do, which was to make it a winter road, and this, he insisted, had been done. So soon as land along this road had been opened up to settlement improvements would be made. As it was all the statute labor available had during the past year been thrown into this channel. The Dr. explained the manner in which taxation had been kept down even though the township had lost some hundred thousand by the setting aside of Markdale and loss from personal income tax. Next year would see the end of the railway tax and the township would be in a better financial position than ever. He trusted that his friends would rally on election day and place him at the head of the poll.
Mr. Thorp Wright then addressed the electors and received a most respectful hearing. He dealt some hard blows upon the late reeve, claiming that he was not running against the Dr., but that Dr. Christoe was running against him, explaining this anomaly by the statement that so soon as he saw the Dr's retirement over his own name in The Advance, and deeming the field clear, he had published his card asking for the support of his fellow-electors, but what was his surprise to find out when he received the paper that Dr. Christoe had withdrawn his withdrawal. It looked to Mr. Wright as though the Dr. had simply thrown the door open to wait and see who would enter. Mr. Wright then walked into the Dr. with reference to the way in which he had laid out money upon the public roads. He cited the case of a bridge near Proton Station, another over the Saugeen south of Flesherton, and the bridge over the Boyne in this village. In these cases he held that the reeve had done what he thought was right, but that his judgment was clearly at fault. We should elect a reeve whose judgment was better upon such matters, and he held that farmers were the best judges as to how roads for their own use should be improved. At any rate, the reeveship was the farmers' position. Farmers had not sufficient say in how their moneys should be spent. He also thought it foolish of Dr. Christoe to hold the position for so long a time without giving others a chance. He thought the day was coming when farmers would have more voice in parliamentary matters, too; doctors, lawyers and other professional men usurped all the paying offices, and other situations in which the emoluments or honors were not great were thrown as sops to the farmers. There were two places where Mr. Wright never expected to be sent, viz., to Parliament and to the poorhouse. Yet he held that a man who had made a success of farming was capable of conducting the reeveship as ably as any man who could be chosen. Mr. Wright, in closing his address, made

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Pointers for the Public.

The cold weather is with us now and we are reminded by it of the necessity of providing good warm clothing. Consequently we have laid in a very large stock of goods, suitable for the occasion.

Dry Goods Department.

Our stock of goods in this dept is very large, consisting of Dress Goods in all the latest shades of patterns. Wool Squares, Wool Dresses, Clouds, Fascinators, Hoods, Jerseys, Underwear, Fancy Goods, Mantle Clothes, Ulsterings, Flannels, Lace Curtains, Shirts, Ties, etc.

Tweed department.

We are making it hot for competition in this department. We buy only the best lines of Canadian Scotch and Irish tweeds in pantings, suitings and overcoats. A nice range of Canadian all wool tweeds at 35, 37, 40, 45 and 50 cents, genuine bargains.

Clothing department.

We still lead the trade in this department, standing high above all competition. Just received this week 5 cases fine French worsted Suits and Overcoats in browns, blues and blacks. A job lot of overcoats at \$4.70 and \$5.00.

Boot & Shoe department.

The rush still continues, for our stock of Cheap Boots and Shoes is complete in men's Felt Boots, Socks and Rubbers, Long Boots, Rubbers, Overshoes, etc.

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R. Trimble.

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