

The last month of the year is entered upon, and a word to our friends seems called for. We feel thankful to each and all for your esteemed patronage during another year. Our subscription list is indeed satisfactory as a whole, both in regard to number of subscribers and being well paid up. Our best efforts are more or less marked with imperfection, yet, we are assured of the confidence and support of hundreds of respected patrons, and are thus encouraged to persevere in our humble efforts.

The time for renewing subscriptions for another year is at hand (indeed quite a number have already paid for 1889) and we expect to enter the coming year with a larger list than any previous year. Don't let any begin to economise by dropping their local paper; it only costs two cents a week, and is not an act of true economy to deprive your family of its weekly visits; rather encourage some neighbor, who does not now take the STANDARD, to subscribe, and thus stimulate the editor to greater efforts in producing a live, spicy, interesting paper; by so-doing you share in the benefits. In conclusion we would most earnestly ask all our subscribers, far and near, to assist us by sending, or handing in, items of news. Our village likes to know the doings of its sister villages, and one neighborhood the progress of other neighborhoods, so that by a general interest being taken in the local paper, each subscriber can share in the benefit of every contributor and enjoy with his family, by his own fireside, the fruit of this co-operative effort on the part of the editor and patrons. Hoping to merit a continuance of your support and wishing you each and all the compliments of the season, we are, as ever, your obedient servant,

T. EDITOR.

**HIGH SCHOOLS.**

The question of establishing additional High Schools in this county is being agitated by the press, and all the arguments appear to be strongly in favor of more schools. The school-going population of this county is one of the largest in the province, and while other counties have from two to six High Schools, this large and important county has but one, furthermore, many smaller counties draw from the government from two to three hundred per cent. more money for High School purposes than Grey. This is not giving our rising population a fair chance, as it is well known that many are deprived from attending High School because of the expense of attending at a distance from home. Durham, Meaford and Markdale are each anxious for a High School, and we believe it would be greatly to the advantage of the county as a whole were three additional schools established at those three points. The importance of educational advantages cannot be over-estimated.

**NOTE AND COMMENT.**

—Mr. Sexton has been re-elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

—The Dominion Government have decided to open Parliament on January 31st.

—It is rumoured that Bishop Cleary of Kingston, will be appointed Archbishop of Toronto.

—Lilly Charleton, the victim of unlawful abortion in Toronto, died on Friday night last. Dr. Valentine is in custody as an accomplice in the crime. Also Alley Wilkinson the young...

—The Pope has appointed December 31 as a day of general thanksgiving in Roman Catholic churches.

—In the candle poisoning case in Galt the inquest has been closed resulting in a verdict of wilful murder by an unknown party.

—The village of Farmersville, between Brockville and Westport, with a population of 900, has become incorporated under the ambitious name of Athens.

—Sixty or seventy poor persons, of Toronto, were treated to a free breakfast last Sunday morning at Richmond Hall, after which a praise and song service was held. That's what we call christianity with the right ring.

—The McClary Manufacturing Co's stove factory in London was destroyed by fire on Friday evening last. Loss \$100,000. This was perhaps the largest factory of the kind in the Dominion.

**Meaford Road.**

**Standard Correspondence.**

The pale horse and his rider has been very busy in this neighborhood, during the last five weeks no less than four deaths having occurred during that time. Mr. John Stevenson was the first. He had been in a poor state of health for the last year or so, and quietly passed away on the 11th of last month. The next to follow on the next Sunday was the youngest child of Mr. E. Jones. Then came last week, on the same day, Miss Bennett and Miss Cullis. Who will be the next.

Mr. J. Anderson has just paid us his annual visit, collecting the dimes for our municipal fathers.

Mr. J. Warling lost a valuable mare some time ago by a kick from her mate.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, of Chatsworth, are visiting their friends here at present.

Mr. J. Holly is back again from the Sault where he went to look for work some time ago.

**Church Opening.**

The new Methodist church, Zion appointment, is situated on the 6th con., Glenelg, 9 miles from Markdale and 8 from Durham, and is part of the Durham circuit, Rev. L. B. Hutton, pastor. The building is a neat white brick, well finished, with a seating capacity for 200. The dedicatory services were held on Sunday last, the Rev. Geo. Buggin, chairman of Markdale district, preached powerful and practical sermons morning and evening to large and appreciative audiences while Rev. Joseph Edge, of Clinton, preached an able sermon in the afternoon to a crowded house.

**SOIREE.**

A soiree was held the following evening when the church was filled to its utmost capacity. Tea was served in the old church where an abundance of choice and substantial cookery was partaken of after which all repaired to the new edifice. Dr. Jamieson, of Durham, was called to the chair, which position he filled with his usual ease and ability. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Mr. McNair, of Durham; Councillor Williams and Mr. Edwards, interspersed with appropriate music by the choir and others. The Rev. Mr. Buggin was delegated to conduct the financial interests of the meeting, some \$300 being yet wanted to cover the whole cost. This he did in an eminently satisfactory manner by calling for voluntary subscriptions, during which time the mirthful propensities were deeply stirred and the amount fully met. The church cost \$1,763, over \$1,900 of which was provided for by subscriptions prior to the opening services. The proceeds of the soiree amounted to \$87.50, Sunday collections \$62, and the balance secured as above. This hospitable congregation is to be congratulated, not only on the grand success of the opening services of their handsome church, but on having the cost of the same entirely provided for. May their motto always be "go on, go on."

**CAME ESTRAY.**

About the 1st September last on lot 23, Con. 12, Holland. A red and white yearling heifer. The owner is requested to prove property pay charges and take her away. E. W. MCCORMACK, Markdale, P. O. 480-33.

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TIME TABLE.

—Markdale Station—  
GOING SOUTH. 6.10 a. m. 4.34 p. m.  
GOING NORTH. 11.55 p. 8.54 p. m.

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—FOR THE—

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**Mechanics' Library**

The following new Library:—Thackeray Works, 10 vols.; E. P. Hughes; Macaulay's Essays; Classic Essays of Warsaw, Porter; E. Geikie; Mrs. Candler's Pleasures of Life; Talmud, Pick; Primeval of Nature, Reign of Law; Seekers after God, F. Sibbern, Cottin; Hall's Middle Ages, 4 vols.; and The Bible, Geikie; Monarchies, Rawlinson; Raymond, Cameron; I on the Trail; True to A. Henty; Lion of the Masters of the Situation; the Banks of the Amazon; Life; Picked up at Sea; Judge Burnham's Daughter; an Audience; S of Life, Dawson; El Plutarch's Lives, 3 vols.

**DISTRICT I**

AN INTERESTING SUMMER EXCHANGED FOR STANDARDS. W. H. Elder, of Fleing an hotel at Protom. The Advance has ampton! Strange. Durham is to have Warton council grand band \$50. Owen Squad has a Georgetown has hotel. Stratford is to have An agitation is going on in the Scott Act

Markdale Market

Fall Wheat	.....
Spring Wheat	.....
Barley	.....
Oats	.....
Hay	.....
Butter	.....
Eggs	.....
Port	.....
Potatoes, per bag	.....
Flour	.....
Oysters, per bushel	.....
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