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[illegible] 12 and 21, con. 12, Holland, [illegible] 100 acres cleared and [illegible] Balance hardwood, bush. [illegible] house, orchard bearing. [illegible] wells. The owner wishes to [illegible] Apply on the premises, or [illegible] E. W. Moore, Markdale, P. O. 765-3m

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Strayed.
Strayed on the premises of the undersigned about [illegible] last, a [illegible] timber ox red steer with [illegible] in hind leg, two years old. Information [illegible] warrantbearers will be thankfully received.
CHAS. LITTLEBOINS,
Markdale P. O.

Estray.
Came to the premises late in July, a ewe and [illegible] The owner is hereby notified to [illegible] pay expenses and take them.
[illegible] con. 9 Euphrasia. 785-7

Strayed.
[illegible] Robt. Fitzsimmons lot 21, [illegible] about the 20th August. A spotted [illegible] and is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her.
ROBT. FITZSIMMONS.

Came Estray.
[illegible] premises of T. J. Coleman, in the [illegible] the last July, a ewe and two lambs. [illegible] is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take them.
T. J. COLEMAN.

Came Estray.
[illegible] premises, lot 22, con. [illegible] about the last September, a red [illegible] cow. The owner is requested to prove [illegible] expenses and take same.
ROBT. GRAHAM, Vandeleur.

Stolen.
[illegible] premises, Mt. Pleasant, Holland, on the [illegible] a number of papers comprising [illegible] for land payments, and two [illegible] cheques, a razor, pair of hair [illegible] and other articles. This is the second [illegible] that the house has been [illegible] from, the first [illegible] razor being taken. [illegible] entitled to the recovery of the [illegible] and conviction of the [illegible] [illegible] will be rewarded.
ABEL FOSTER, Markdale, P. O.

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A QUANTITY of Fall seed Rye for sale by J. Walker, grocer, Markdale.

TIMOTHY seed and clover seed for fall sowing at Stephen's Drug Store.

ARTEMESIA Fall Fair will be held at Priceville on the 8th and 9th October.

GOOD dry 2 foot wood for sale or would exchange for cash. This office.

TORONTO'S population is 174,809, or nearly three thousand higher than a year ago.

FOR want of space we are obliged to hold Walters Falls premium list over for next week.

A PERSON requires either specs or artificial light in order to work after six o'clock now.

NOTES neatly printed and bound, twenty in a book for 10 cents at the STANDARD office.

THE Toronto Weekly Mail and Empire with the STANDARD from now until the end of 1896 for $1.40.

RUBBERS.—The damp weather is now in season and Miss Douglass has footwear and rubbers for the people, best makes and bottom prices.

ADVERTISERS.—Please do not forget to bring in your change of adv. on Saturday or Monday morning.

FOR SALE.—Three thoroughbred Berkshire sows, farrowed April 1, 1895. Apply to Robert Avison, Lily Oak P.O.

A new and complete line of combs with our name stamped upon each one as a guarantee of quality. Stephen's drug store.

MISS ELSIE BRODIE, of Artemesia, sent to editor a beautiful bunch of roses out in bloom on Saturday last for which she has our thanks.

FOR SALE.—One good cow 9 years old, giving milk. Calved 7th July; also one fat two-year-old heifer. John Delerce, blacksmith, Walters Falls.

NOTICE.—Hemlock timber for sale, $6 per M; 10, 12 and 24 feet long, $6.50 per M. 16 and 18 feet long. Bill stuff cut to order. A. Goodfellow, Traverston.

OWING to pressure on our space Miss McFarland's "notes by the way" will not commence until next week or the week following.

We have received a premium list of Glenelg Agricultural Society. The Lists are what might be expected from the STANDARD office—neatly and tastily gotten up.—DUNDALK HERALD.

THE council chamber and public library has been renovated inwardly and calcimined which was much needed and is a decided improvement. J. J. Cherry the painter did the work.

VILLAGE FATHERS.—On Wednesday evening of last week the regular monthly meeting was held, when the Clerk's quarter year's salary account was passed and a grant of $10 to the Agricultural Society.

WE are indebted to Mr. R. J. Sproule, secretary of East Grey Ag. Society and Mr. Thurston of the Advance for the prompt furnishing of the premium list, which we publish this week. Thanks, gentlemen.

THE C. P. R. carpenter repair gang arrived on Monday, and in 24 hours a bran new pine plank walk was built and completed from the depot to the corporation sidewalk on Main street. That's business.

HEART DISEASE RELIEVED IN 30 MINUTES.—All cases of organic or sympathetic heart disease relieved in 30 minutes and quickly cured by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the heart. One dose convinces. Sold by W. Turner & Co.

THE Markdale STANDARD is now fifteen years old, and it celebrated the event by putting on a new dress. It is pre-eminently a local paper and deserves the success that has attended its publication.—Newmarket Era.

A CREDIT sale of farm stock and implements will take place on the farm of A. E. McLean, con. 11, Euphrasia on Monday the 7th October at 2 o'clock. Terms twelve months on approved paper. Geo. Noble, auctioneer.

THE Royal Scarlet Chapter of the District of Artemesia will open in the Orange Hall, Markdale, on Monday Oct. 14th at 8 p. m. candidates for exaltation please attend. Joseph Gibson, E. C. in C. J. A. Dodds, Scribe.

HORSE FAIR.—Messrs. Roch Mervien and J. Proust of Montreal have advertised for 300 sound horses and mares. Heavy Horses, Blocks, Saddlers, Roadsters and a few Trotters. They will be in Markdale on the 4th and 5th October, Friday and Saturday. Get your horses in condition now.

HARVEST HOME AND DINNER.—The Annual Harvest Home and dinner at New England Meth. church on Oct. 6th and 7th. Sermons on Sunday 6th at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. An address to parents and children at 2:30 by Rev. J. W. Magwood. On Oct. 7th dinner served from 5 to 7:30. Entertainment at 8 p. m. Admission adults 25c., children 15c.

THE TRAIN STOPPED.—A catastrophy was averted at Meaford one day last week by the engine driver promptly bringing his train to a stand-still. As the evening express came bounding along, the driver spied a cow on the bridge. Had the stopping process not been quickly resorted to the cow might have been thrown into the river and drowned, or otherwise speedily dispatched, or the bridge might have been torn into smithereens, or the train itself, alas! might have gone down to a watery grave. The train was stopped however, the cow removed unhurt, and precious lives and property saved.

THE STANDARD and Toronto Weekly Globe for 1896 for $1.40 cash, balance of this year free for both papers.

MR. WM. DICKEY of Euphrasia handed us a twig from a spitzenburgh apple tree in full bloom. We may yet have a crop of apples if winter keeps off long enough.

ALL parties intending to bring in tanbark for me to any station on O. S. branch of C. P. R. must do so at once as I will not buy later than 10th of Oct. 1895. Thos. Boland.

THE STANDARD will be sent to new subscribers from the 1st October to the end of next year for one dollar in cash. The balance of this year also given free to new subscribers for Toronto Globe and Mail & Empire, and club rates at that!

THE Toronto Junction Leader and Recorder, of which Mr. Fawcett, formerly of the Flesherton Advance, is proprietor, has a three and a half page adv. for the county of York, being the sale of lands for arrears of taxes. It's a corker.

ANY amount of money to lend on mortgage security at the lowest rate of interest. Expenses low. No fines. Properties valued personally. No waiting for convenience of inspectors. W. L. Young, Markdale, Appraiser for Canada Permanent Loan Company.

THERE will be an entertainment held in S. S. No. 17, Euphrasia, 11th line about seven miles north of Markdale, on Friday evening, October 11th, commencing at 7:30. Refreshments served during the evening. An excellent program is being prepared. Admission only 15 cents.

CREDIT SALE.—Mrs. E. W. Moore, of Holland, will hold a clearing credit sale on Friday the 18th of October, commencing at 1 o'clock to dispose of her farm stock, implements and farm. In case a sale is not effected for the farm it will be leased for a term of years. Geo. Noble, auctioneer.

THE Markdale STANDARD is now in its 16th year. It is one of the best local papers in the county, is published in the heart of a capital district, and is no doubt the greatest commercial success in this commonwealth. Brother Rutledge is to be congratulated on his good business qualifications.—Owen Sound Star.

Markdale Public Library has received its government grant; $225. This institution is in a thriving condition and has a large library as also an attractive, reading room. There should be a large influx of new members now that the evenings are getting long. W. A. Brown, president; W. Turner, Secretary; A. Macpherson, librarian.

A KEEN CONTEST.—The sporting event of the season will be the contest between Owen Sound and Thornbury Base Ball teams on the Agricultural grounds here on Friday, October 4th. This game closes the season and decides where the Georgian Bay League Pennant for 1895 goes. Admission to grounds, gents 15 cents, ladies 10, children 5 cents. Game at 2 o'clock.

STANDARD readers will confer a favor by handing in or acquainting us of items for the "Personal" column. This is one of the interesting departments of a local paper and we always consider it a favor to have such items furnished. Some people don't care to be mentioned, but appreciate a good grist of personals every week, independent of themselves or their friends, see.

MILLINERY OPENING.—Why do goods require so much advertising? Because they are old and trashy. New and fashionable goods speak for themselves and are not disappointing. I keep new fashionable and fresh goods. Ladies call and see them, you will be pleased at first sight. I do not puff and blow but you will find the right things and just what you want. Miss Wilcox who has charge of my Millinery department will be pleased to see you call and examine for yourselves before purchasing. Thanks for past favours. S. HILL.

AS MRS. D. Prentice was crossing the fields the other day, en route to Heathcote, she saw a shining object and on picking it up found it was a cash box. She took it to Mr. T. J. Rorke, and he examined the contents and found papers in it belonging to Mr. C. W. Hartman. The box was sent to Mr. Hartman who identified it as his cash box which was lost the night those midnight gentlemen visited the bank a little over a year ago. Mr. Hartman found all the papers he had lost, among which were some valuable ones, but they were pretty badly used up with the weather. —Clarksburg Reflector.

HARVEST HOME.—Christ Church annual harvest festival last Sunday was all that one could wish, except the weather, over which none have control. The elements will play and vacillate and we know not what a day may bring forth. The decorations wrought by the deft fingers of Christ Church ladies was plain but harmonious and was very striking for simplicity and elegance. Not less conspicuous among the ornamentations was a big loaf of bread and a large cheese lent for the occasion. Considering the downpour the morning congregation was fair and the sermon preached by the Rector was an appropriate one. He took his text from Ex. XXXIII 16 "The feast of the Harvest" A full out-line of the sermon appears in another column. In the evening the church was full of devout and thankful worshippers and the service was hearty The minister preached from the words "And they shall be mine saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my Jewels." The preacher dwelt chiefly on the word "Jewel" which was very characteristic. The choir, did well, the anthem sung during the offertory "How manifold are thy works O Lord" was an excellent effort. Collections good.

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Personal Paragrafs.

Miss Millie Lyons is visiting friends in Lindsay.

Mrs. (Doctor) Ego and daughter are visiting in Galt.

Miss Eliza Steer has been absent several weeks visiting in Barrie.

Mrs. W. L. Young returned early in the week after spending a week with her mother in Seaford.

Mr. G. J. Blyth of the Chatsworth News took in our Exhibition on Wednesday.

Mr. C. C. McFayden, of Glenelg, one of Scotland's most loyal sons, gave the STANDARD an annual call while attending Markdale fair on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jo. Lamb and Mrs. S. Miller left this a. m. on a visit to Cleveland, Ohio.

Dundalk Herald.—Mr. J. W. McArdle, of Lucas & Wright's law office, Markdale, called on Dundalk friends on Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Woolner, of Marsville, visited friends in this vicinity recently.

Mr. Hamilton McFadden was up from Mono last week looking after his farm.

Meaford Monitor.—Miss Sarah Hill is visiting in the vicinity of Markdale.

Mrs. Jas. Tucker and two children, of Collingwood, have been visiting friends in town and vicinity for a couple of weeks.

Mr. H. V. Rorke, of the Customs Department, Ottawa, and Misses Kate and Emma Rorke, of Heathcote, were visitors at Mr. M. Armstrong's last week.

Mr. John E. Boales, 9th line Euphrasia, has returned from Manitoba, where he went six weeks ago. He reports great crops and good times in the prairie province.

The "Central" Exhibition.

The "Central" has passed with its usual record of fine weather, large crowd and with even more than its usual display of products. The classes throughout gave little evidence of the dry season we have had. The judging accomplished with dispatch and satisfaction. Owing however to our being disappointed of some of the judges who were expected, the ladies who judged the fancy work had more than their fair share of labor, due partly to the disappointment mentioned and also to the extraordinary display in these class; so that should there be any who feel that they were overlooked we trust that they will remember that the judges had a larger task than we would willingly have allotted to them. W. J. McLean, Sec.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sermon.

Preached in Christ Church, Markdale on September the 29th, by the Rev. M. M. Goldberg.

Ex. XXIII 16.

This is virtually our Pentecost. Among the Jews Pentecost was the Harvest Festival and was not only a season of enjoyment, but of great rejoicing.

Husbandry or Agriculture has been poetized and people in all ages have entertained a considerable amount of sentiment in connection therewith. The book of Psalms is full of it, and so also have modern poets immortalized husbandry, as

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,.
The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea,
The ploughman homeward plods his weary way
And leaves the world to darkness and to me."

Unfortunately with the advance of civilization a great many things of good taste and beauty have disappeared. Everything in fact is weighed in the ballance of dollars and cents. The farmer is now utterly devoid of poetry and sentiment, asks, how many bushels to the acre? and how much per bushel? In the Bible however we find the harvest season to have been a season of great rejoicing. The people gave their tithes to the Levites, their offering to the priests, and they rejoiced before God. Why should not the same be the case with us? We have as much reason to be thankful to God for our harvests as the Jews of old had for theirs. Under the beneficient Providence of God, the natural elements have been so tempered as to allow both the growth and the ripening process to go on unhindered. The temperature has been of such a nature as to permit the ingathering of the harvest and to bestow it safely in the garner, and we can truly sing

"All is safely garnered in,
"Ere the winter storms begin,
"God our maker will provide,
"For our wants to be supplied.
"Come to God's own temple, come
"Raise the song of harvest home."

We celebrate today Harvest Home indeed, in view of the ripened fruit of the earth; but is this all? Are there no higher blessings which under the Providence of God we are the recipients of and for which we should give thanks? Of old it has been said, "Man shall not live by bread only." There is another food upon which we have to subsist, and which we indeed enjoy, and therefore should give thanks to God. We should thank God not only for reaping the natural fruits of the earth, but for all great human interests, political, intellectual and religious. These also are blessings we are indebted to Almighty God for.

We live not only in the sphere of our immediate surroundings, reaping our little harvests of grain etc., but in the world's great harvest time also. We have reaped and are reaping the ripened and ripening fruits of past generations and we are more indebted to those who have sown seeds in the past than to the efforts we make in the present. We are reaping what others have sown. "Other men laboured, and we are entered upon their labours."

This holds true politically. The great aim and end of all civil progress is human freedom. Free manhood is the highest development and culture of the individual. It is liberty of the subject. To begin with was monarchy the one man power. Then afterwards came Oligarchy, the few men power, and now we have democracy the all men power. These are the successive stages of the growing life. To this end has all political power tended, viz: the Democracy, and we are reaping it.

Not unlike the above has been the growing life of the intellect. It too has come to us by the process of successive stages. It becomes us well therefore to ponder upon this carefully especially on an occasion like the present. Education, how came we to it? The child learns words i. e. names and prattles them: and then uses verbs, and oh how confoundedly. But by and by it learns its letters and spells and reads. The grammar, arithmetic, history, geography and goes on higher and higher until he or she reaps the advantages of education. You see it is reached by a process of successive stages. Yes, indeed we live in a harvest time of mind and thought. As in nature, "first the blade, then the ear, and afterwards the full corn in the ear, so in mind. Mental developement follows: the material, the haunting blossom first, then the substantial fruit. From of old, intellectual progress has been from the abstract to the practical. Ideas first, facts afterwards. Just as the ripened corn is the fruit of the plants inner life, so the practical is the fruit of the imaginative. Old phylosophy, civilization, politics: old chivalry and poetry are the thought germs, leaves, blossoms which have ripened around us into God's glorious fruit. We live no more in the spring-tide, but in the luxurious autumn. We live in a time when marvellous things are the rule and common things the exception: we live in an economy of prodigies, the ripened developement of thought germs. Now then, if the law of husbandry is to sow in tears and reap in joy, and seeing we live in such eventful times, reaping what others have sown, let our thanks to God be today a Harvest thanksgiving. We will find that the laws which govern politics and mental developement govern also religion. Religion! Is it a developement? No, certainly not. Religious truth is the same today what it was in the time of Christ. You cannot add thereunto, nor diminish aught therefrom. Time and ages cannot improve our religion. It is incapable of improvement. Religions life is a developement. But it takes centuries for "religious truth" to impress itself upon humanity. Yet christian morality today is superior by far than the christian morality of past ages. It took ages, centuries, cycles, to ripen the gospel seed in our lives. We have not attained to perfection yet; but we are reaching towards it. "We are pressing towards the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus." "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

Men are not full blown christians all at once. The christian graces do not operate suddenly and to perfection all at once. Were this to be so, it would act like an electric shock. We would be bewildered and out of gear. Yes, as repeat Christs maxim of nature "first the blade, then the ear, afterwards the full corn in the ear." So in our church, christian growth goes on in the process of successive stages. And in the first place the incipient stage is that of baptism, when the child is received into the congregation of Christ's flock. The second stage is confirmation when we made a public profession of our faith in Christ, before God, the Bishop minister and before the whole congregation present. And, lastly, Holy Communion, when those who were confirmed realize the full fruition of their faith in God. This is the Church's Harvest. God give her an abundant increase of saved souls, who will glorify God in their souls and in their bodies which are his. Amen.

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