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District News

Contributed by our able staff of Correspondents.

Flesherton

The annual business meeting of the Flesherton Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening of last week, the President, Mr. A. S. Van Dusen, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The auditors report also adopted showed that there had been received from collectors \$65.20, from plate collections \$8.63, total \$73.83, which was far in excess of any former year and that without the aid and expense of a visiting agent. A motion was adopted conveying the thanks of the Society to the collectors for the services so faithfully performed by them. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mr. A. S. Van Dusen, President; and Rev. L. W. Thom, Secretary, re-elected; Mr. W. H. Bunt, Treasurer, and Deacons: Committee, Messrs. Wm. Clayton, Chas. Stewart, Richard Allen. It was resolved that \$20.00 worth of Bibles and other Scripture copies be added to the stock in the depository.

A happy event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tucker, this village, on Christmas afternoon, when their eldest daughter, Sarah, became the wife of Mr. Levi Bette, of the Collingwood Road. The necessary ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. W. Thom, of this place. Mr. Fred Pedlar and Miss Quinn discharged the duties of groomsmen and bridesmaid. After the wedding repast the bridal party left on the evening train for Toronto, followed with the best wishes of their numerous friends.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School anniversary on Christmas night was well patronized and the usual evening's pleasure attending this annual event was participated in by an interested and orderly audience. After the tea the pastor took charge of the program which was largely given by the scholars, who were in turn heartily applauded for the interesting manner in which they entertained. The Misses Joy sang several numbers in which they were recalled with the heartiest tokens of appreciation. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard and the Misses Joy also rendered a pleasing quartette. Rev. Ivison Wilson gave an excellent address on character reading which was highly appreciated. Mr. Felstead presented the annual report which showed that aggressive work was being done. The distribution of gifts from a nicely decorated Christmas Tree brought the evening's pleasure to a close. The pastor's annual prayer - a Bible - for best attendance and the largest number of verses recited was won the former by Celia Van Dusen and the latter by Lloyd Thistlewaite.

The remains of Mr. Wm. Wright, whom we reported last week having passed away on the evening of the 21st ult., were interred in the Public Cemetery here on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. The funeral was a very large one and was under the auspices of L.O.L. 244, Proton, and the A.O.U.W. Lodge of this place, in both of which he was an esteemed member. In addition to the impressive burial services of these orders his pastor, Rev. Mr. Thom, conducted a short service at the house and grave. A memorial service was held in the Presbyterian church here on Sabbath last which was largely attended, the A.O.U.W. Lodge being present in a body. Job 19: 23, 24 was the subject of Rev. Mr. Thom's discourse which was appropriate comforting to the bereaved family. The deceased was born in the north of Ireland 66 years ago, came with his parents to

Canada when 16 years of age and has since been a resident of Artemesia, which places him among the earliest settlers of the township. He was an indulgent husband and father, a kind neighbor and true friend. In church relationship he has been for many years a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and served in the office of elder at Priceville and subsequently here. His last illness was borne with Christian resignation and the end was peace. His Society to which he belonged had conferred upon him in office the highest honors in the gift of the respective lodges. A sorrowing widow and grown up family of sons and daughters survive him and hold him in affectionate remembrance.

The news of sudden death is usually startling to the community and was so on Friday evening last when the message came that Mr. Thomas Leitch had that day suddenly passed away. Mr. Leitch left here about two months ago to spend the winter with his son, Rev. R. H. Leitch, at Picton. He was on the day of his death in his usual health, had taken his afternoon walk and laid down to rest with the usual remark, "I'm going to go to sleep." These were his last words, for his son discovered shortly afterwards that his sleep had become the sleep of death, his spirit having vacated the tenement of clay for the house of many mansions above. His remains were brought here on Saturday by his son, and from his late residence the funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wilson conducting the burial service. Deceased was born in 1819 in London, England, where when quite young he served 7 years apprenticeship to the tailoring trade. There he married, and in 1856 came with his wife and children to Canada, the ocean voyage occupying 7 weeks. For 20 years he lived in Halton County and then moved to Priceville village for a short time, afterwards coming to this place, where until he retired, he carried on a successful business in the tailoring trade. He was of a quiet disposition, highly esteemed for his upright character and gentlemanly bearing. For 40 years he has been a faithful member of the Methodist church, to which he has given two sons, Robt. H. and Fred E., in the Ministry. To Mr. and Mrs. Leitch, who precede him four years ago, were born 6 sons and 4 daughters. One son preceded him seven years ago, Harry, M. D., Toronto, and C. J., Postmaster at Wabigoon, are among the surviving members.

On Saturday evening last the village was again shocked when the sad news came that Mrs. Jas. Patton, of Inisongo neighborhood, eldest daughter of Mr. John Fellamy, of this place, had, while engaged in her household duties, suddenly expired. Her remains were followed by many deeply affected friends and interred in the public cemetery here on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Patton twelve years ago was the young bride of Mr. Patton, who to-day with six children, the youngest 2 months old, mourns her sudden departure. The heart-felt sympathy of many friends go out to the sorrowing friends in their great bereavement. Seldom has it been our duty to chronicle so many sad events in one week, and in doing so our sympathies go out to the bereaved families.

The municipal nominations passed over very pleasantly here on Monday. At the public meeting Dr. Christie occupied the chair and the large audience listened with interest and apparent satisfaction to the report of stewardship given by the members of

the old council. Nominations for reeve were given by Mr. T. Kells, the latter after addressing the audience withdrew, and Mr. McTavish, as was expected retains his seat. The old councillors, A. Muir, Jos. Gibson, J. A. Boyd and Geo. Thompson seek re-election. Jas. Brodie and Sam Thompson are new aspirants. Mr. Wesley Buskin was nominated, but after addressing the electors resigned. Mr. Boyd had, on account of business pressure, intended to drop out, but to the satisfaction of his numerous friends was persuaded to remain in the field. At the request of County Commissioner McArthur, a vote was taken on the House of Refuge question and the majority of the ratepayers present were against it. Flesherton Police Trustees were elected by acclamation as follows: A. S. Van Dusen, T. A. Blakely and Dr. E. C. Murray. Mr. W. J. Bellamy was re-elected school trustee at the annual school meeting last week.

Miss Annie Richardson, elocutionist, second daughter of Mr. M. Richard of this place, has we are pleased to say, secured the position of teacher of Elocution and Physical Culture at a good salary in Sackville Ladies' College, New Brunswick. Mr. Richardson spent Sunday in Toronto with his daughter who left on Tuesday for Sackville and will enter upon her duties at once.

Dr. R. H. Henderson, of Toronto, who by the way, had last week added to his College degree, Doctor of Osteopathy, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Blackburn here. Dr. Henderson was, with others descending the elevator in the I. O. F. Temple Building a couple of months ago, when the cable broke and a drop of fifteen feet gave him some wounds and a severe shaking up, for which he has entered suit against the I. O. F. for unstated damages.

Mr. Alex. Strachan, of Humbolt Co., Iowa, is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. W. Clayton. It is 31 years since Mr. Strachan last visited here.

Mr. Will Bentham and aunt Mrs. Ward Harrison, of Silver Creek, N. Y. are visiting relatives in this place and vicinity.

Among those who have been and are holidaying with friends here are: Dr. Paul, of Toronto, Rev. W. Sinclair, of Malton, Mr. F. Cole, of Oshawa, Dr. F. Thurston, of Chicago, Mr. R. Wright of Hagersville, Mr. H. Watt, of Markdale, Dr. E. K. Richardson, of Toronto, Mr. F. Van Dusen and Miss McConnell, Dundalk, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Douglas, Collingwood, Mr. Andrew Boyd, of Mt. Forest, and Mrs. Boyd, sr. of Conn.

Mr. W. J. Bellamy and family holidaying with Mrs. B's parents at Nottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Burritt with relatives at Kimberley and Mr. and Mrs. R. Whitten at Epping. Mr. and Mrs. R. Trimble at Owen Sound, Editor Thurston at Toronto.

Dr. E. T. Paul, of Toronto, made your cor. a pleasant visit on Saturday last. Miss Etta Ayers, of London, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Blackburn. Miss McDonald, of Boyd, Hickling & Co's., left on Monday to holiday at her home in Kingston. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached very interesting Sabbath School anniversary sermons in the Methodist church on Sabbath last. Mr. Win Large, of Listowel, who is visiting here, sang a beautiful solo at the evening service. Dr. Henderson, of Toronto, assisted the Presbyterian choir at the memorial service in the afternoon.

Epping.

(Continued last week. Sleighing and frosty weather continues, making the holiday season pleasant and agreeable to all. The Christmas Tree in connection with the Epping Sunday School on Friday evening was a decided success. After refreshments were served the crowd repaired to the body of the church where a carefully prepared program was rendered. The pastor, Mr. Madden, presided. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the Revs. Moore and Hill. The St. John choir and the Rocklyn Male Quartette gave several selections which were much appreciated. The scholars also took an active part. Santa Claus then appeared in visible form to distribute presents. At the close of this interesting performance a pleasing event took place when Mr. and Mrs. J. Matheson were presented with a handsome clock and silver spoon as a tangible recognition of their services as caretakers. The above is said to have been the most successful entertainment ever held in Epping which should be very gratifying to all concerned.

Miss M. Black, of Ravenna is spending her holidays at home. Mr. Chas. Daley is home for a few weeks.

Mr. J. F. Clugston, ex-teacher of Sligo, now teacher of Keady, is spending his holidays under the parental roof.

Mr. J. Rayburn, of Orangeville, is visiting at the home of his uncle, Mr. Jas. Clugston.

Mr. Editor, I thank you very much for sending the calendar. Wishing you a prosperous and a happy New Year. Wedding bells are still ringing in our midst.

A number of our young people enjoyed themselves at the home of Mr. Wm. J. Wright's week ago last Monday evening.

The Presbyterian tea-meeting which was held on Christmas eve, was very well attended. Proceeds amounted to \$85.00.

Miss Minnie Henry, of Markdale, visited her uncle here, Mr. Geo. Glassford for the past couple of weeks.

Mrs. T. Clark returned home from Markdale last week after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Turk, of Markdale.

Mrs. Jos. Radley of Flesherton, gave us a call here last Sunday.

Mr. Jake Brown, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Phillips, of Nobleton, visited friends and old acquaintances here last week.

Some of our young people from here enjoyed themselves at Mr. Ed. McCullum's 4th line, on Thursday evening of last week.

Court Maxwell, C. O. F., No. 635, held their annual meeting in the Orange hall on Saturday, 28th, when the following officers were elected: P. C. R. Chas. Long; C. R., Chas. Heron; V. C. R., Geo. Ross; R. S., A. E. McCullum; F. S., W. H. Guy; Treas., F. Spofford; Chap., F. Heron; S. W., Geo. Burk; J. Y. Wm. H. Wright; S. B., W. J. Wright; J. B., James Radley; Court Physician, Dr. J. A. Scott.

The L. O. L., No. 666, held their annual meeting on Dec. 19th, when the following officers were elected and installed: W. M., Robt. Kinnear; D. M., Jas. Buckingham; Chap., W. W. Meek; Rec. Sec., R. Heron; Fin. Sec., Dr. Scott; Treas., J. Kerton; D. of C., M. Morrison; Lecturer, W. Kerton; Committee, R. Arnold, R. Fenwick, F. Conron, W. Clark, W. J. Wright.

Mr. Gamey, from Manitoba, is visiting his father, Mr. Josiah Gamey, of this community.

Mrs. Alliston, of Alliston, is visiting her son, Mr. Jos. Alliston, of this place.

Mr. McWhinney spent his Christmas vacation with his friends in and around this community.

Miss Scheinman has been visiting the past week with her parents and other relatives, returning to Buffalo last Monday.

Mr. Will Long returned to his home in Chicago last week.

Mr. Geo. Buckingham returned home from Belleville recently.

Lauriston

As it is customary at this season of the year to tender our best wishes to those we meet I join in wishing THE STANDARD and all its readers a Bright and Prosperous New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, of Toronto, are at present visiting Mr. G's mother, Mrs. Wiggins.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Daniel McCarty had the misfortune to fall and break a small bone above the knee but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Ego we hope to see her around again soon. Her daughter, Miss Mary, is home from Toronto.

Mrs. (Rev.) Elliott and daughter Miss Elsie are spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Michigan.

Mr. H. B. Walker spent two or three days of last week in Proton with his friend Arthur Quinn. They are both lovers of the chase, so we pity the Proton foxes.

Mrs. Murray is spending a few days with Mrs. Page, of Lily Oak.

Traverston

New Year's blessings on all. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ross, of Toronto, have become domiciled in the mill property. More anon.

A big wedding takes place at Mr. John McArthur's of the 4th con. on Wednesday. 'Tis the wedding of his second daughter, Miss Annie, to Mr. Wes Williams, of Durham.

Mr. George Peart was honored in No. 5 last Thursday, being elected trustee.

Mr. Dan Stewart, of Wellbeck, spent a day or so with his sister, Mrs. John McNally, of the 6th, Dan has lately returned from Manitoba.

We have been informed that Mr. James Bartley and team left last week for the Muskoka lumber camps. Wages are good this year.

Misses Annie and Ellen McNally are home from London.

Mrs. Mary Peart and Mrs. J. J. Peart paid South Bentinck a visit last week. The latter's mother is very poorly.

A. W. Park, a former teacher of No. 5, spent a few jovial days among old friends.

At the close of the school term, Mr. C. C. McKeonnie, who has taught here most especially for two and a half years, was presented with an address, accompanied by a neck scarf, a pair of gloves and a watch chain. C. C. is now in Mr. Turner's drug store in Markdale and we wish him success. Miss Jessie McArthur is home from

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The Christmas Tree in Zion on Christmas eve was highly successful. Rarely has the spot held so big a crowd. The decorations were more than attractive. The two trees were burdened with good things. The various numbers on the program were good. Some of the gifts distributed by Santa Claus surprised those receiving them. Rev. and Mrs. Wray R. Smith were surprised with a purse containing \$10. Supt. R. T. Edwards opened his eyes when a handsome pair of driving mitts was bestowed by the friends of the Sunday School. Miss Emma Edwards, who has been librarian for years, was the recipient of a richly bound bible and hymn book. The proceeds amounted to \$21.70.

Holland Centre

Xmas has come and gone once more and was a very joyous time in Holland Centre. The Xmas tree entertainments in both Churches were a decided success and very much praise is due those who had charge of the program. Miss Price in the Presbyterian church, and Miss Norton and Miss Bogs in the Methodist.

The Methodist church anniversary services were held last Sunday, Rev. J. J. Sparling preaching morning and evening. The Rev. Geo. Dewy lectured on Monday evening. The offerings were not as large as last year.

Mr. John Downy, who resided about two miles west of the village, died on Sunday evening. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family in their affliction.

Mr. Eli Anderson spent Christmas with his parents here.

Mr. William McKay has sold his farm in the suburbs and is going to Buffalo to live.

Mrs. Wm. Minnion has gone to visit her son James, Sydenham, for a few weeks.

Mr. Austin, of Thornbury, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. W. McCullough.

We are not to be long without a shingle mill, as Mr. Anderson has the frame work of his new mill almost completed and we expect soon to hear the merry hum of the saw.

Thomas Irvin, who has made his home in North Dakota for the last few years, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irvin.

Monday being nomination day and no new candidates appearing on the scene, the old council are re-elected without the cost of an election.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins returned Monday after spending a week with friends in Paisley.

Greenville

Mr. Thomas Elliott and family have moved into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Purvis and family, of Orange Valley, spent Xmas here, with Mr. P's parents.

Mrs. A. Mirde had a few of her friends in for tea one evening last week.

Mr. Robert Mercer, sr., spent Xmas with his daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Harkaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Boyd, of Blantyre, were visiting at Mr. Wes. Bowler's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Foster, Mr. John and Miss Lizzie Elliott, Mr. Russel and Miss E. Foster were visiting in Markdale on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mercer spent Christmas with Mrs. M's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Markdale, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McLoughry on Christmas.

Miss Lizzie Hawken was the guest of Miss E. Foster on Monday.

Miss Rose Taylor, of Faversham, is spending a week with her parents here.

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Nomination.

There was a good sized and very representative attendance at the nomination in Haskett's Hall Monday evening. The following names were slated:

For Reeve, Messrs. J. E. Marsh, Walker, and W. Turner; Councilmen Messrs. G. Walker, G. W. Armstrong, W. J. Shortill, J. Artley, F. Graham, W. E. White, John Chapman, Tupper, B. S. Rae, Wm. Kells and H. Kline; for School Trustees, Messrs. B. Mercer, J. S. Rae, Dr. Ego, W. Pickell, and John Caesar. When hour passed for receiving nominations town clerk Macpherson was elected preside and a public meeting for discussion of civic and other questions followed. Reeve Marsh was called upon to give an account of stewardship, which he did, and in course of his remarks much light was thrown on questions which had previously appeared obscure to ratepayers generally in reference to municipal doings of the closing year. Messrs. Walker and Turner having withdrawn, Mr. Marsh was declared elected acclamation for a second term in general applause. Mr. Shortill, also last year's council, spoke briefly and paid Reeve Marsh a compliment tribute for his interest in municipal affairs and unbiased attitude as a Magistrate. Other nominees were called upon, but their speeches were brief. Mr. Lyons spoke in behalf of the school board, and declared the necessity of so much expense in connection with that important department of the corporation's interests, referring particularly to the steam system heating which had to be put in.

After the municipal and school questions were amicably but briefly debated the meeting enlarged on questions of a general character bearing on the interests of the town and community, in which the proposed factory, curing factory, water works, fruit factory, foundry, and such were discussed by Dr. Sproule, J. McCullum, W. Turner, W. G. Pickell, J. E. Marsh, and others.

The work of packing question folded to be not dead by any means but had evidently been allowed sleep for some months. One of the best attended and most public spirited nomination meetings in the history of the place closed shortly after ten.

LATER. Enough remained to be a contest for both councillors and trustees, Messrs. Artley, Chapman, Ham and Shortill for the former, Messrs. Dr. Ego, H. Mercer, Caesar and W. G. Pickell for latter.

OSPREY.

For Reeve, Wm. J. Monaghan, J. Clark; For Councilors, W. H. Guy, W. Norman, S. Taylor, John Hinds, D. W. Chilton.

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