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To the Editor, staff, correspondents and readers of THE STANDARD, we wish each and all a New Year Joyous! Bon Howard came up from Guelph to spend the festive days with Mr. Wm. Firth and family.

Geo. Smith, smithy of Erin village, came up on Saturday to Mr. George Blair's and accompanied by Master Artie, and Miss Anabel Blair will attend the wedding of his brother George this week, to one of the fair daughters of Melancthon.

When genial, big "Jack" Mills and his wife of Dorncot and big "Dan" McArthur, wife and family of Durban suburbs, gathered in neighbor John McNally's home on Monday, there was merriment galore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cook of your town at Christmas' goose at the hospitable old Cook home here. Mr. Douglas Carrie and his bride, nee Miss Bella Hashe, of Toronto, are spending some honeymoon days among relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McNaughton of Dumfries, who were wedded last Wednesday, are enjoying a week of festivities with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jim Nelson.

The Hunt home on the corner, had a lively quartette of visitors the first of the week. Mr. Wes. Napper and his sister, Miss Hattie of Eden Grove, and Mr. Leo. Smith and Harvey Reed of Hamilton, were the happy crowd.

Miss Annie Jardine, who went West eighteen months ago, is enjoying western life immensely in Edmonton. Her four town lot rose in value \$100 each in a week.

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At the evening service in the Methodist church on Sunday, the congregation was favored with a solo by Dr. E. K. Richardson of Toronto who rendered "Calvary" with pleasing effect.

Mr. McKinnon, student, Woodstock College, preached in the Baptist church on Sunday and will occupy the pulpit the next two Sabbaths.

Mrs. Hurlbut and children have gone to visit relatives at Tilsonburg during Rev. Hurlbut's absence in Cuba.

Mr. H. Holman, agent at Flesheron Station is leaving this week to take charge of the station at Ferguson.

The Littlejohns, of THE STANDARD, spent Saturday night with his brother-in-law, Mr. J. E. Walker, and gave a pleasant call.

Numerous family reunions took place here and many Christmas visitors were in town, among them being Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Henderson and Mrs. W. Ayers, of Toronto, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blackburn; Dr. E. K. Richardson, of Toronto, and Miss Maud Richardson, of Glen College staff, St. Thomas, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Was, of Toronto, visited the former's parents, Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Vasey; Mr. H. Badley, of Toronto, visited his family; Miss Annie Howard, of Toronto, visited her mother; Miss Mabelle Boyd is home from Alma College visiting her parents; Miss Jennie Wilson is home from Normal School at Toronto Junction visiting her parents; Mr. Percy Trimble, who has been brakeman on the new line at Gt. Glen, is home for a holiday; Mr. Frank O'Leary, of Pontiac, Mich., and sister Hattie, of Toronto, are visiting their parents; Mr. Harry Stewart, of St. Paul, is visiting his mother; Mr. Edgan Bellamy, of Toronto, is visiting his

FLESHERTON HAPPENINGS

(By our own Correspondent.)

At the Artemesia municipal nominations here on Friday the town hall wasn't big enough to give even standing room to all who sought admittance to the public meeting in the afternoon. The large turnout showed the deep interest taken in municipal matters this year when local option is a specially live question in the township. The meeting, presided over by ex-reeve McVinish, was orderly and free from acrimony on the part of the opponents who were given an attentive hearing and applauded by their friends. The present council—Mr. J. A. Boyd, reeve, and Messrs. Alex. Carson, Robt. Best, T. R. McKenzie and R. F. VanDusen, councillors—are again in the field and each addressed the audience, giving an account of their stewardship. The new candidates in the field are: For reeve, ex-reeve Mr. Alex. Muir; and for councillors Messrs. Alex. White, J. D. McLoughry and Marshall Beard, all of whom also addressed the audience. Messrs. Muir, White, McLoughry, Best and McKenzie are the local option candidates. Before the meeting dispersed Mr. M. K. Richardson was called on and gave a short address in which he pointed out the necessity of a new town hall accommodation for municipal and other gatherings. The present building has long since been found inadequate for the requirements of the community. The meeting was closed with the National Anthem.

At a well attended meeting of citizens in the town hall on Friday evening nominations for Flesheron trustees, the following being nominated: D. McVinish, W. J. Boyd, A. Wilson and A. Munshaw. The latter subsequently withdrew leaving the former three elected by acclamation. The Ceylon public school entertainment held on Thursday evening last was an unqualified success. The house was crowded with an appreciative audience presided over by Mr. Thos. Gilchrist, trustee, who made his debut as chairman and did so well that he is charged the duties thereof. The programme, consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., was splendidly rendered. A fan drill given by 12 boys and girls and a horn drill by a little girls' were two numbers worthy of special mention. On the entire programme the children showed careful training which had been given by the teacher, Mr. J. E. Wood, and his wife. Mrs. Wood, who presided at the organ, possesses splendid musical talents, and to her is due a large measure of the success attending the very enjoyable programme rendered. Mr. Wood is re-engaged in Ceylon school for 1906.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School anniversary here on Christmas evening was a very gratifying success to all concerned. A splendid tea was served in the school room, the proceeds of which were \$24.00. At eight o'clock the auditorium of the church was filled with a large audience which throughout the evening gave unmistakable evidence of appreciation of the program rendered and conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. W. Thom. On a space prevents us enumerating the many pretty numbers on the programme, but that which were specially pleasing were "Christmas Soldiers" by eight boys in uniform; "Four Open Doors of Christmas" by 15 girls and boys; and a dialogue, "Five Wishes," by five little girls, viz: Pearl Radley, Gladys Cornhill, Muriel McTavish, Ruby Radley, Hazel Thompson and Pearl Cairns. Miss Mary Connell gave a very pleasing recitation, and a very sweetly rendered solo was given by little Miss Allie Williams. A song, "Johnny Doubter" by Master John Cairns was very taking. Mr. J. A. Felsstead gave an interesting report of the school which has prospered during the year. The prize winners in the school were as follows: Mary Wilson 500 marks, Ettie LeGard 522, George Harrison 506, Elsie Cressley 488, Elizabeth Gurd 447, Teen LeGard 436, Ila LeGard 436.

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Trusting that everybody enjoyed a merry happy Christmas, your cor. bids good-bye to THE STANDARD for 1905.

parents; Mr. Fred Norris, of Toronto, is visiting his mother, Mrs. White; Mr. Harry Steelley, of Toronto, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Foster; Misses Rita and Katie Legard, of Toronto, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Legard; Mr. and Mrs. John Gould, of Toronto, visited the latter's mother, Mrs. J. K. K. and Mrs. J. F. VanDusen, of Dundale; and Mrs. W. J. Douglas, of Collingwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. S. VanDusen; Mr. Fred Smith, of Hillsburg, visited his brother, Herb; Mr. James Bonhill, of Toronto, visited his mother on the 4th inst.; Mr. Jeff Thistlewaite and Miss Lily Thistlewaite are home from Toronto; Mr. A. McGirr, of Alpasford, visited his daughter, Mrs. G. Mitchell.

Among those who went abroad were Mr. Trimble, of Owen Sound; Miss Coulson, at Allistad; Mrs. Smith, at Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Sled, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bellamy and Masters Charles and Robert, at Nottawasaga; Rev. Dr. Muir; and for councillors Messrs. Alex. White, J. D. McLoughry and Marshall Beard, all of whom also addressed the audience.

Mr. Robert Blackburn has returned from a year's sojourn in Manitoba and B. C. Mr. Geo. Thompson, postmaster at Portlaw, moved last week to Chatsworth.

House of Refuge Notes. (By an inmate.) Robert Scott, of Artemesia, was admitted to the Home on the 15th inst. Although in his fifty-sixth year, Bob still retains the appearance of health and vigor, but for his extreme lameness the walking to and fro is almost a feat for years to come. We understand his papers are good for six months, but he intends to make application for his discharge as soon as the spring opens out. Scott is a Christian and is not going to make himself one of those undesirable inmates who are too prone to make themselves disagreeable and troublesome both to their comrades and the managers. We hope so. He speaks well of the Home and is contented. Mrs. Burns, an old lady from Brooke, was also admitted on the 22nd inst. There are now eleven female inmates.

Robert Fraser, who was admitted from Owen Sound about the middle of December, 1905, died on the 23rd inst. Bob had been a stout little fellow and had been one of the outside workers up to about three months ago, when he took suddenly sick, but was not, however, confined to his bed in the last three weeks ago. The last few days of his life he appeared to have no pain whatever, and passed quietly away about 4.30 p.m. on the above date. The last three years in Winnipeg, he was employed as a janitor and a service in the men's day room on Thursday previous to the remains being removed for interment in the Markdale cemetery. It is supposed that Bob had a life long stop-daughter living in the town, but she has long since whereabouts for many years. He was well known in Owen Sound and it is said he once owned valuable property in that locality. A younger brother survives.

Mr. John S. Cameron, a former inmate, paid a flying visit to some of his old comrades on Saturday last. We were glad to see our old friend John looking so well and we sincerely trust that his health will continue to hold good in the employ of Mr. G. Collinson, of Cayton. The ladies of Christ Church, Markdale, kindly remembered the poor old orphans at the orphanage on the Sabbath school anniversary day by sending a quantity of buns, cakes, and Miss Douglas, a quantity of buns, cakes, and the old orphans echo their chief's sentiment, kind ladies.

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Wodehouse Mrs. W. J. Ward is visiting friends in the City for a couple of weeks. Miss Rhoda Birch, teacher, is home for the holidays.

Miss Annie Shaw is home from Meaford High School. Mr. Percy D. Carruthers, who has spent the past three years in Winnipeg and the West, came home last week for a visit. Mr. Carruthers has been for some time in the employ of the G.N.R. Company.

Mrs. Parker of Wharton was the guest of Mr. J. Lanktree the past week. Mr. D. A. Carruthers is spending a week at the parental home, Duncan.

Thursday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, considering the state of the weather the attendance was all that could be expected. The singing and reciting by the children was splendidly rendered and reflected great credit on the committee of management.

Mr. T. Gilray and his sister, Miss Annie, spent Xmas with their sister, Mrs. Donnelly.

Master Clayton L. Rorke, of Shallow Lake, has been visiting with relatives here and is staying at Mr. Lawson's.

Mr. Carr, from Uncle Sam's domain, is visiting his relatives, herabouts and is the guest of Mrs. A. Thompson.

A goodly number from the neighborhood attended the tea at Meaford Road last Tuesday evening and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. J. B. Snel, Misses Rhoda and Nellie Snel of Dunan were visitors here on Saturday and Sunday last.

The Key that Unlocks the Door to Long Living. The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund well fed, but thin, spare men that live on a slender diet. As we grow old as he will, however, a man past middle age, will occasionally eat too much or his composition of food not suited to his constitution, and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to cleanse and invigorate his stomach and regulate his liver and bowels. When this is done there is no reason why the average man should not live to old age. For sale by K. L. Stephen.

Blantyre. Hark! The sound of wedding bells is in the air. Miss Perle Peterson paid a short visit to her sister, Mrs. B. J. Clarke, of Thornbury, last week.

We are glad to learn that Mr. A. C. Clarke's family is progressing favorably after their severe illness from diphtheria.

Mr. Norman Burleigh, of Meaford, is visiting at Mr. Stitt's. The school concert on Friday night was a decided success. The pupils and young people of the section are to be congratulated on the excellent programme so well rendered.

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Willie McLeen, after which on behalf of the pupils and section, a most beautiful gold watch guard and ring, set with sapphires and pearls, were presented to Miss Robertson by Otto Fog, J. Although taken by surprise Miss Robertson made a suitable reply, thanking them, not only for the beautiful gift, but also for the many acts of kindness shown to her during her three years' stay in the section. A very pleasant evening was then spent in dancing and other amusements.

Property for Sale Lots 24 and 25 in the 4th concession Tull containing 200 acres. Good title can be given. Apply to J. L. FORDMAN, Port Perry, or to JOHN McRIBB, Watters Falls. 16-17

Farm for Sale A very desirable farm for sale, being the south half of lot 10, con. 3, Huron, 65 acres cleared and in a first class state of cultivation, balance in good mixed bush. This farm is well fenced, has a 1 1/2 story frame dwelling with good cellar, a frame barn, 42x55 with good stabling, a never failing spring with windmill. This farm must be sold at once, as the proprietor has decided to move to Ohio. For terms apply to the premises or to McCULLOUGH & YOUNG, Markdale, Ont. W. McLEOD, Proprietor. 16-17

Lumber for Sale I have on hand a quantity of inch hemlock lumber, 10, 12, 14 and 16 foot lengths; also 2 inch plank and 2 1/2 inch scantling; also round shingles. Will sell in quantities to suit purchaser. For prices, etc., apply to J. W. McLEOD, Markdale. 16-17

Strayed. To my premises about the 1st December, one cow and two hinds. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and get them to JOHN HAMPTON, HOLLAND CENTRE, 16-17

C. P. R. TIME TABLE MARKDALE STATION Going South 7.53 a.m. 4.48 p.m. Going North 12.20 a.m. 9.40 p.m.

ELECTION CARD Ladies and Gentlemen—Having been solicited by a large number of ratepayers of the township of Artemesia, to become candidates for Councillor for the year 1906, and in view of the fact that I do not desire to do so, I hereby solicit your vote and influence. Yours respectfully, H. D. McLEOD, 16-17

Notice of Application In the matter of the Surrogate Court of the County of Grey.

In the matter of the guardianship of Esther L. B. Boyce, Henry Roy Boyce, Violet E. Boyce and Sarah V. Boyce, the infant children of Richard Henry Boyce, late of the Village of Markdale, in the County of Grey, laborer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of twenty days from the first publication of this notice application will be made to the Surrogate Court of the County of Grey for a grant of letters of guardianship of the persons named infants to Angus Ego, of the village of Markdale, in the County of Grey, physician, limited to the receipt of the sum payable by the said infant under policy No. 1460 for \$200. LUCAS, WRIGHT & McARDLE, Solicitors for the Applicant. Dated the 15th day of December, 1905.

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