Service in the Methodist Church every Sabbath, both morning and evening at 10:30 and 6:30 o'clock, respectively.
REV. R. HOBBS, Pastor.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 27, 1879.

—Money is scarce.

—Coal Oil at J. E. McGarvin's.

—Old winter still blows his snows.

—Lots of pitch holes in the roads now.

—Dick's Blood Purifier at J. E. McGarvin's.

—Jack Frost was out in full force during this week.

—Motto Frames complete from 30c. up, at C. W. Hill's.

—Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, was the first day of the Lenten season.

—A Carload of barrel salt just arrived at Coleman's cheap store.

—The Georgetown *Herald* denies that a single case of small-pox is in that town.

—Yesterday being Ash Wednesday, service was held in St. Alban's church, Acton.

—Read all the advertisements in this issue. They are all new, and great bargains spoken of.

—Acknowledged the best 50c. Tea in town at Coleman's cheap store—opposite Agnew's Hotel.

—Mr. E. Nicklin renders his thanks, by a card in this issue, to those who assisted at the fire on Saturday evening.

—Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, are still selling cheap at Coleman's cheap store.

—The Ontario Poultry Show at Guelph, commenced on Monday last. A large number of fowls were on exhibition.

—PAINTS, PAINTS—English and American—have you seen the new Prints at Christie, Henderson & Co.'s?

—Worsfold & Wiley, furniture dealers, of Guelph, have an adv. in this issue. Read it and patronize them.

—A series of revival meetings are being carried on at Crewson's Corners in the Methodist church, by the of Rev. R. Hobbs.

—Two months cold weather yet. Christie, Henderson & Co. have a few pairs of Blankets yet in stock, which will be sold cheap.

—We want money and must have it. All accounts due us for subscription, advertising or job work must be paid up without delay.

—Remember the Grand Organ Recital at Roome's Organ Factory, Rockwood, to-night. An exceedingly pleasant time may be expected.

—When a woman says what a dreadful set of creatures the men are; and that she would not be bothered with them for the world—that's a symptom.

—Wool goods of all kinds at run off prices. A few mantles yet in stock will be sold at first offer. Christie, Henderson & Co.

—And now the street remark is: "Acton should be supplied with some kind of a fire company." But it is has been talked over before, and no doubt will be after the next fire, but talking will neither organize a company nor yet purchase a fire engine.

CURIOUS ANAGRAMS.—Astronomers: *No more stars.* Elegant: *Neat leg.* Impatient: *Time is a pet.* Masquerade: *Queer as maid.* Matrimony: *Into my arms.* Midshipman: *Mind his map.* Parliament: *Partial men.* Penitentiary: *Nay, I repent.* Presbyterian: *Best in prayer.* Revolution: *To love ruin.* Sweetheart: *There we sit.* Telegraph: *Great help.* Turnpike: *Run to ate.*

—Gents Buckle Shoes, neat, substantial and cheap—the best shoes for the money to be found anywhere—also a line of Men's High cut Plow Shoes extra value—Be sure and see them before you buy—Christie, Henderson & Co.—Remember their famous 50c. Tea.

—In the present hard times we hope our readers will pay attention to the advertisements. It will always be found that those who advertise mean business, and now while money is so scarce the people always want to patronize those places where the best goods can be purchased with the least money. Our merchants are commencing to recognize this feeling, and they let the people know where bargains may be had. To save money patronize those merchants who advertise.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday evening while John Warden, a young man of this Village, was helping to extinguish the fire he met with a serious accident. He was forcing in the window of the bedroom where the fire originated, when he in some manner severely cut his hand on a piece of window glass. The cut which was very painful, was bound up almost immediately, and is progressing favorably. The insurance company have given him $10.00 for his services in assisting to extinguish the fire, as it was through his gigantic endeavors that the house was saved.

—Remember the Auction Sale of Dry Goods, Clothing, Furs, &c., that is to take place in Georgetown on the 12th March, and continue for one week, at McLeod, Anderson & Co's Georgetown, George Gibbs, Auctioneer. The public may expect great bargains as the goods must be cleared out to make room for spring importations. Particulars of sale in future bill.

SKILLFUL OPERATION.—Our readers will no doubt remember that Miss Addie Ryder, formerly of Acton, but who moved to Guelph last spring, was shot in the cheek in October last with a revolver discharged by Edward Hornbostle. On Thursday, 13th February, the bullet was successfully extracted by Dr. McGregor, of Guelph. The bullet has two large and distinct marks caused by its coming in contact with her cheek bone. After striking the bone it glanced towards the neck. Although its position was known some time ago, it was deemed too dangerous to then attempt the operation. The bullet afterwards shifted further down and laid alongside the carotid artery. From this position, the physician skilfully extracted it. The wound will be kept open for a while before being allowed to heal up. Miss Ryder feels considerably relieved since the operation has been performed.

—Were you at the fire Saturday night?

—J. C. Hill for first-class Tinware.

—The Spring Assizes open at Guelph on the 8th of April.

—A large stock of Stoves and Tinware at J. C. Hill's.

—Snow shovelling has again become the popular exercise.

—Gents, for a nobby boot or shoe, go to Williams' new stand.

—Parties having pictures to frame will do well to call on C. W. Hill.

—Acton School Board meets in the School House next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

—Barnum, the great showman, intends to travel through Canada during the coming summer.

—Morning service at half past ten o'clock, and Holy Communion, in St. Alban's church, on Sunday next.

$100 reward for any case of worms in the human system where J. E. McGarvin's Worm Powders will not effect a cure. Try them.

—After an old fashioned winter comes a good harvest. So says the "old inhabitant." Let us hope the proverb will come true next season.

—Mr. W. Williams, who has been employed for a long time in Kenney & Son's shoe store has commenced business for himself, as will be seen by adv.

—Acton has at present its full compliment of young men "out of work." If some of them would go out saying wood it would be more creditable than their present mode of eking out an existence.

NEW FELTS.—Gents' Hats in all the new styles at the Glasgow House, decidedly cheap. Hats an extra value this season. Remember Christie, Henderson & Co.'s famous 50c. Tea—and 14 lbs Bright Sugar for $1.00.

—As has been announced, the Halton County Teachers' Association meets in Georgetown during the remainder of this week. Dr. McLellan lectures to-night in the Town Hall. It is expected that the whole session will be exceedingly interesting.

—Acton Village Council got through their business in less time than any other Municipal body in this neighborhood. On Monday night they met at 8 o'clock, transacted as much business as is generally done, and were through at 8:30 o'clock. This is much better than has hitherto been the case.

—Dundas Shirtings in great variety just arrived at the Glasgow House, also a full range of Dundas Domestics at bottom prices. The National Policy will be inaugurated next week. A word to the wise is sufficient. Christie, Henderson & Co.

—Young man; if she flutters out to meet you at the gate with a new cordiality—if she remarks at "eleven o'clock isn't a bit late," if she invites you to call again in confidential earnest—if she says good night with a gentle pressure of her dear little hand—if she does all these things, young man, be not deceived. The concert season's arrived.

—Farmers, remember the place to get your Auction Sale bills printed is at this office. Those living at a distance should call and leave their orders as soon as they arrive in town, as by so doing they can get their bills home with them. An advertisement of the same will be inserted in the FREE PRESS free of charge.

—The Reformers of this section met at Campbell's Hotel last Monday evening, to form a committee to attend the meeting in Milton on Tuesday. The latter meeting was for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest this county in their interest at the next local elections. We have just learned that Dr. Robinson of Milton, was the unanimous choice of the Convention.

NEW PRINTS.—Christie, Henderson & Co., in order to obtain the cleanest selections have purchased an immense lot of the finest Prints in the Market. By purchasing full lines they have secured some great bargains. Although early customers would do well to make selections at once. Those 5c Prints are going rapidly. A full line at 10 cts, equal to anything heretofore offered at 12½ to 15 cts. is a decided *plum*. Remember their famous 50c. Tea, and nice Bright Sugar 14 lbs. for a one dollar bill.

OBITUARY.—We regret to record this week the death of another old settler, Mr. Duncan McKerracher, who died on Tuesday last, at the ripe old age of seventy-six. He was a native of Scarfon, District of Portingal, Perthshire, Scotland, from whence he removed to Canada in 1831, first settling in Nassagaweya, on the farm owned and occupied by him to the day of his death. He was a regular and consistent member of the Presbyterian congregation for many years. He leaves a widow and eight daughters, seven of whom are married, to mourn his loss, and to whom the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended in their bereavement.

—The February number of the *Knight's Sword and Helmet* is to hand. This journal is published monthly in the interests of the Knights of Pythias, and should be in the hands of every member of the Order. The number before us contains a letter from Dr. J. S. King, G. C., Toronto, which letter is principally concerning Calanthe Lodge, Acton. We recommend it as a faithful exponent of Pythian principles, and all Knights who wish to know what the Order is doing should subscribe. Subscription, $1.00 per annum. Address H. W. Dodd, Manager *Sword and Helmet*, Fort Madison, Iowa.

—The editor of the Milton *News* is certainly a most enterprising individual. We very much admire his style. Sometimes he comes out with some very harsh language, when he does this it is usually because some of his local items have been copied by an exchange, "sans credit." But he forgets himself sometimes. At least he appears to do this at times. He is a very important personage. A few weeks ago we likened him to the Hoosier School Master. We have since been advised to call him by that name. We believe it would be proper. As we have said in this article, he is an important personage. At least he thinks so. His items when clipped must be credited. But when he clips items he forgets or neglects to do this. We would not accuse him of doing this intentionally. A few weeks ago he disputed our claim to the title of "best local paper in the country." He said the FREE PRESS contained six local items. He limited we never got beyond that. We wonder the cleanest the FREE PRESS contained only six local items he could clip. At any rate that was the number he had clipped last week from our columns. Nor did he credit us. Now, we are not to particular about the credit when only one or two items are to go, but when it comes to half-a-dozen, we think the "school teacher—that is the Hoosier School Master—and now the person who runs the scissors and pasted department for the News, should have given us credit. But we leave the matter with him. For our part, we could not dare to clip even a single item from the Hoosier—we to run the News, without giving the usual acknowledgment.

—Esquesing notes crowded out. Will appear next week.

—Old pictures of all kinds copied and enlarged like new at C. W. Hill's.

—Now is the time to advertise your property. If to let expect to have it bought or tenanted this season, you must let the public at once.

—Many people are capable of ordering others at a fire and at like any never very anxious to work themselves. This was proved on Saturday night.

—Auction sale of household furniture at Campbell's Hotel, to-morrow, 28th inst., at 12 o'clock. Geo. Gibbs, Auctioneer.

—During this week the snow has come down in large quantities, and the wind has been very high, thus blowing it into huge drifts.

—Our readers are requested to note that Messrs. McLeod, Anderson & Co., of Georgetown, will commence a grand Auction Sale on 12th March, to clear out their stock and make room for spring importations. Bargains will be given.

AUCTION SALE.—McLeod, Anderson & Co., of Georgetown intend having an Auction Sale of Dry Goods, Clothing, Tweeds, Buffalo Robes, Furs, &c., for one week, commencing on Wednesday, 12th of March continuing until Tuesday night 18th. Sales will commence each day at 11 o'clock, forenoon, and 7 o'clock in the evening. Goods will be sold without reserve. It is money we want.

—Advertisers are requested in future to notice these rules: All changes of contract advertisements must positively be handed in by noon on the Monday preceeding publication. All advertisements intended for the local columns must positively be handed in by the Tuesday evening previous to publication. Unless these rules are observed we cannot insure the insertion of any advertisement in that week's issue.

—We are pleased to see that the Village Constable is promptly attending to his duties with regard to the snow by-law. At the last meeting of the Council he presented an account for clearing off the sidewalk before several properties in town, which was passed, and the Treasurer instructed to collect the amounts. This is right, and we would say that the constable should go on, and, irrespective of who the owner is, clean off the snow wherever it is found, contrary to By-law.

—McLeod, Anderson & Co., will sell from this time up to 12th March, all kinds of Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery, Mantles, Carpets, Boots and Shoes at unheard of prices. The object is to get money and to reduce the stock so as to make room for spring importations. This is a rare opportunity to stock yourselves with first class Dry Goods at extraordinary low prices. Remember the N. P. goods will be dearer when it comes into force.

—The *Phrenological Journal and Science of Health* for March, maintains its usual high standard of excellence. The subjects of this number are specially noteworthy. The Editorial department is also well supplied. In fact all the departments of this most valuable monthly are brimming with matters of practical interest to everyone, every topic is presented in that clear style which adapts it to the reading of all classes. The price is only 20 cents, or $2.00 a year, with very attractive premium offers. Published by S. R. Wells & Co., 737 Broadway, New York.

CORRECTION.

Having found that some persons have concluded that Wilson's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry contains opium (as most medicines prepared for the purpose do), the proprietors take this opportunity of stating that the Wild Cherry contains no trace of this or any other narcotic and may be given to an infant with the same safety and benefit as to an adult. The tonic effects of the Wild Cherry show themselves in an increased appetite and recuperated strength, and to those whose systems have been reduced by chronic disease of the lungs or bronchial tubes it is especially recommended. Sold by G. F. Morrow, Acton, and the principal Druggists throughout Ontario at 25c, 50c, and $1.00 per bottle. 35-ft.

—Spring work is coming on, and many most useful suggestions on what to do, and the when and how, are given in the *American Agriculturist* for March 1st, an advance copy of which is just at hand. This number has a full hundred of practical articles and items, illustrated with 77 engravings of labor-helping contrivances, of plants, animals, &c., and in even more interesting than usual. This number is alone worth a whole subscription, which is now only $1.50 a year. Single copies, 15 cents. Orange Judd Company, Publishers, New York.

—The Executive Committee of the U. C. Bible Society met last Friday evening, and the different collectors were appointed to solicit subscriptions. We are obliged to omit the names of these collectors as our space is all occupied. The returns are to be made by the 1st of March. The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Methodist church, Acton, on Wednesday evening next, 5th prox., at 7 o'clock, when Rev. Dr. Stewart will address the audience. All are invited. A collection in aid of the Society's funds will be taken up.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—We are very often called upon to say something concerning a railroad accident. In fact the heading might be kept in type all the time so frequently it is required. Another accident has occurred, but nothing of a more serious nature than the disabling of an engine, making kindling wood of several cars, with some three broken ribs of an engine driver, and several hip bruises for a brakeman thrown in. On Sunday evening there was a freight train at Acton station, another stood at the semaphore, and two other trains were on the track nearer Acton than Limehouse station. The conductor of the train at the semiphore walked as far as the station, leaving a brakeman in the van. He had only been gone a few minutes when, by some unaccountable means the van and three cars became detached from the train and commenced going off down the grade at a rate of fifteen miles an hour, and as the grade at this place is a decline the momentum increased greatly. There was no brake on the van and none on the three cars which had become detached, and the consequence was the brakeman in the van had no means to stop the runaway. The result was a "pitch in" to the train which was ready to follow as soon as the Acton yard was cleared. The locomotive was badly damaged and thrown off the track. The van and three cars were converted into kindling wood. The brakeman jumped out of the van, but in doing so he injured his hip to some extent. The driver of the locomotive, which was run into, had three ribs broken. The track was cleared during the night. The accident would never have happened had brakes been on the conductor's van.

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Are requested to call and settle their accounts without further delay.

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GOOD
COMMERCIAL RIGS.

An Express Delivery Waggon will meet each express train and deliver goods to any part of the town.

All parties indebted to our establishment are requested to pay up without further delay and save costs.

Matthews & Nicklin.

Acton, Feb. 22, 1879.

JAMES COLEMAN,

In returning thanks to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity, for the very liberal patronage extended to him since commencing business in this village, solicits a continuance of the same. He will always keep on hand a choice stock of all kinds of

DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES,
BOOTS & SHOES,
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Which will be sold at the lowest possible prices for

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NEW BRICK STORE,

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Acton, 24th Feb. 1879.

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Fashionable West End
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Full range of Thompson's Best Corsets.
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10 pieces 40, 42 and 44 inch Cotton.
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Keep the largest, most varied, substantial and elegant stock of Plain, Fine and Artistic

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Visit their warerooms. It will pay you.
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GUELPH, Feb. 22, 1879.

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Clearing out their Winter Stock

At greatly reduced rates,

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Any person who wants a bargain should not fail to call within a few days.

Full lines of Gents' Furnishings also at reduced rates for cash.

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Acton, Feb. 26, 1879.

HARNESS,
HARNESS.

Any person in want of a good suit of Harness, either
SINGLE OR DOUBLE,
should call at
Greech's SADDLERY,
Acton, where they can get as low as value for cash as any place in the County.

A good Assortment of
TRUNKS AND VALISES
On hand, all of which will be sold cheap for cash.

Repairing Promptly Attended to.
R. GREECH.

Acton, Feb. 26, 1879.

FRESH OYSTERS.
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Oysters in Cans or by the Pailful.

Just received,
LARGE LOT OF OYSTER PAILS
In the following sizes:
1qt., 2qt., 3qt.,
1 gallon and 2 gallons.
Parties wishing
Pails of Oysters,
Can get them by addressing
R. MURRAY, GUELPH.

Just received:
Finnan Haddies,
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POP CORN BALLS—by the barrel.
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All Orders attended to promptly.
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Acton, Feb. 26, 1878.

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GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE, who have four months course and taken their diplomas, are each week stepping into good positions, in which case they are giving entire of their knowledge they speedily attain promotion.

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