

Town Hall, Acton.
COURSES OF LECTURES FOR 1889-90
Under the auspices of
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

No. 1—Rev. G. Branch, M.A., Monday, Jan.
18, 1889.
No. 2—Rev. Wm. Cochran, D. D., Monday,
Feb. 18th.
Subject—“Scotland—Hero Makers.”
No. 3—Rev. J. MacLean, Gordon, Monday,
Mar. 18th.
Subject—“Two years in Switzerland.”
Tickets \$1 per Lecture Course 50 Cents.
Lectures commence at 8 o'clock.

THE METHODIST CHURCH,
ACTON.

REV. G. A. GIFFORD, M.A., P.D.
PASTOR.
PROGRESS, Lower Avenue.

Public Services, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday.
Services conducted by the pastor. All cordially invited.

Friends and visitors always welcome. Active bathers at the door.

Visitors are directed apply to H. F. Moore,
Provost.

The Acton Free Press,
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1889.

MANY MINOR LOCALS

Collected by the Ever Thoughtful and Alert
Free Press Reporters.

School opens next Monday.

Rink open to-night. Band in Attend-

ance.

Remember your sidewalks after the
new storm.

With the opening year the longed-for
new present its respects.

Chas. Schnecko, Guelph, was fined \$50
for violation of the Scott Act on Saturday.

The proceeds of the Methodist Sabbath
school Christmas entertainment amounted
to \$410.

The new officers and teachers of the
Sabbath schools for 1889 will take their
places next Sunday.

Know all men by these presents have
had the mercantile rendering of the legal
plan the past week or so.

Jack Butler was fined \$7 on Wednes-
day for being drunk and disorderly on
Tuesday.—Million Reformer.

Rev. R. W. Williams, of Guelph,
had Sunday morning and evening.

The prisoners in the goal were not for-
gotten on Christmas day, but were regaled
with roast beef and plum pudding.—Million
Reformer.

Mr. W. Gripe has rented the resi-
dence and five acres of Mr. David Wil-
liams, on Main street, and will operate his
market garden there.

We sincerely trust that it has been to
all our readers a Happy New Year. If it
has not, it has not been from lack of good
wishes on the part of the Free Press.

Mr. Beader, of Elora, and Mrs. Ar-
mstrong, of West Galtavaria, are wintering
for two months in the jail here in de-
fiance of Scott Act fines.—Mercury.

Mr. Longman, assistant teacher at
Georgetown High School, was the recipient
of the handsome Oxford teacher's bursary
from the scholars prior to his removal to Drum-
mondville.

The annual meeting of Nassau Park
Agricultural Society will be held on Thurs-
day the 10th inst. The question of a two
day's show, open to adjoining townships
will be decided.

The next lecture in the course under
the auspices of Knox Church will take
place on Monday evening, 11th January,
when Rev. G. Branch, of Palestine, will
lecture in the town hall on “Oriental
Scenes.”

Mr. J. G. Reid, who has been teaching a
singing class at Orpingle for the last six
weeks, will give a concert in the school
house on Friday evening, 4th inst. A very
interesting programme has been prepared
for the occasion.

The staff of teachers of Acton Public
School for the present year is as follows:—
Thos. T. Moore, Principal; Miss Cascade
McPhail, second department; Miss Maggie
Merville, third department and Miss Mag-
gie McDonald, fourth department.

The annual tea-meeting of the Metho-
dist church, Linchon, was held on New
Year's night. Rev. Joe Fennell, D. B.
Gordon and A. H. Dumm, of Georgetown,
and the Georgetown Methodist Choir pro-
vided the entertainment.

Mr. P. Schrever, an evangelist, who
has labored successfully in many Presby-
terian, Methodist and other churches in
Canadian cities and towns will commence
special services in the Kortright street Metho-
dist Church, Guelph, to-morrow.

The donations of clothing, etc., by the
children of the Methodist sabbath school on
Christmas were numerous and filled to
overflowing a large packing case. It was
shipped to Chippewa Hill, the headquar-
ters of the missionary, near Southampton,
Friday.

The exhibition of the Milton Poultry
and Pet Stock Association opened there on
Wednesday, about 400 birds being shown,
and the show a success. The judge was
Mr. Bicknell, of Buffalo, N.Y., and his
marking was very strict, a good many birds

being passed.

Amy Young, the Glenwilliams girl who
set fire to the house of her employer, Mr.
E. McNamee, St. Thomas, for spite, but
when the jury ascertained, although she had
admitted the fact, had been sentenced to the
Mercer Reformatory for two years for
stealing \$40 from Mr. McNamee.

The Herald gives a list of Georgetown's
improvements of the past year, footing up
to \$92,470. This includes \$14,000 for the
new Presbyterian church; \$14,000 for new
high school. The above is a very credit-
able showing and we congratulate our
sister town.

Brown the old year lies a dying to
see him die, across the waste his son and
her both ride post-haste, but he'll be gone
before. His face is growing sharp and thin,
slack! our friend is gone. Close up
his eye; tip up his chin; Step from the
sores, and let him in that standeth there
alone, and waiteth at the door.”

The social at the Manse last Thursday
evening was quite a pleasant affair. Not-
withstanding the unpropitious weather the
attendance was very good. The evening
was most enjoyably spent. Besides the
usual social intercourse an interesting if
informal programme gave variety to the
proceedings. Miss Home, of Lima College
rendered an excellent recitation. “The Fall
of Pemberley Mill” Mr. William Gordon,
of Guelph, sang a number of Scottish songs
which warmed the hearts of the numerous
Highlanders present and pleased all. Rev.
Dr. Gifford sang in excellent style. “The
Bright Hills far Away,” Miss Alice Har-
rison, and Mr. Gordon sang “When ye
gang awa' Jamie,” and Miss McLennan gave
a number of instrumental solos with good
effect.

As will be noted the children almost ex-
clusively provided the entertainment and
credit to them their instructors. When the
programme was concluded the presents were
distributed to the joy and delight of the
little ones, all of whom were well supplied.
An interesting event was the presentation
by Mr. D. Henderson in a box of Ayer's
Pills, in behalf of the congregation of the
Silver Butter Cooler, and The Silver
Ree, and a sweet little boy expressed his
gratitude to Rev. Mr. Reid, who had
expressed his appreciation of a gift which
referring to the very pleasant and limited
relations existing between the congregation
and himself. The interesting proceedings
then closed. Proceeds \$35.50.

HOME GLEANINGS

Which are mostly of a Local Character and
All Interesting!

Meeting at Normal.
The Normal Methodist tea-meeting was
success considering the rough roads. The
speakers of the evening were very witty and
entertaining especially so Dr. Gifford of Acton,
whose stories were both practical and
amusing and well fitted in his discourse.
The choir of the Methodist church, George-
town, deserves special mention for the
beautiful anthem, which were so well
rendered by them.—Con. Herald.

Painful Accident to an Old Lady.

Last Saturday morning Mrs. A. A. Se-
mon, mother of Mr. Alex. Gifford, manager
of the Canada Glass Works, met with an
accident. She is a very serious character, to a lady
of her advanced age. She was going across
the room at her son's residence and failing
to notice that the trap door to the cellar
was open walked into it and falling broke
her left leg below the knee. The fracture
was reduced but the old lady suffered
considerably from her injuries.

Prof. Brown in Australia.

Prof. Brown, late of the O. A. College,
Guelph, has been appointed by the Govern-
ment of Victoria Principal of the Central
Agricultural College of that colony with
headquarters at Melbourne. It is expected
that the institution will be in full working
order some time in the spring. Meantime Prof.
Brown is arranging for the establish-
ment of branch stations, which will also be
under his direction, and besides he is doing
some literary work for the Government in
connection with colonizing.—Mercury.

Missionary Services.

The annual missionary services in con-
nection with the Methodist church will be
held next week as follows:—On Saturday
Gifford will preach from the subject: “The reign
of Christ on earth,” and on the following
Tuesday evening a platform meeting will
be held at which addresses will be delivered
by Rev. G. R. Turk, Guelph, and Rev. Dr.
McLean, missionary to the Blood Indians.
These missionary services promise to be
unusually interesting.

Another Acton Editor Happy.

Mr. Campbell Shaw, until recently pub-
lisher of the Ontario Star, arrived in Shel-
burne Monday evening, and on Tuesday,
he and Miss Mary E. Bowes were made
one. The ceremony took place at the resi-
dence of the bride's father, Mr. E. E. Bowes,
Victoria street, Rev. T. J. McClelland officiating.
During the afternoon the Citizens' Band
serenaded the happy couple. They left by
the evening train for New York, from
which point they sail, per steamer City of
Paris, for California, where Mr. Shaw
will resume literary work, confining
himself chiefly to writing for the leading
magazines. Miss Bowes was a general
favorite in Shelburne, and our citizens
unite in wishing her and her husband hap-
piness and prosperity.—Shelburne Evening
Star.

—As the dead year is clasped by a dead
December, so let your aim with your dead
days lie, a new life is yours, and a new
hope! Remember we build our own ladders
to climb to the sky.

—A green Christmas may it be open to doubt,
but there is no question that it keeps down the
bill for fuel.

—The Palmerston Telegraph office was
damaged the other day to the extent of \$40
by fire, which was discovered and put out
before it had much headway.

—A meeting of the executive committee
of the Canadian Press Association will be
held in Toronto to-morrow to arrange for a
winter session of the association.

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—This week we present our readers with
a handsome calendar for the year. This
will find both useful and attractive.
If any extra copies are desired we will be
glad to send them to you at address on re-
ceipt of a stamp for postage.

—Rev. Mr. Davy stated in a sermon re-
cently that he had seen more drunkenness
in Georgetown during the past two months,
under license law, than during the whole
time the village was under the Scott Act,
and Mr. Davy's spectacles are clear
white.

—Maple sugar offered at this season of
the year is generally looked upon with sus-
picion, but the French is in receipt of
some genuine maple sugar made on Christ-
mas day.

—A green Christmas may it be open to doubt,
but there is no question that it keeps down the
bill for fuel.

—The Disciples S. S. Anniversary.

The entertainment in connection with the
Disciples Sabbath School last Wednesday
evening was marked by a degree of success
similar to that which has characterized
all the holiday entertainments in this
vicinity the present season. Mr. George
Black, had a very interesting one, was
followed by:

PART I.

1. Music—“I've Started a New Song.”

2. Speech—By the Chairman.

3. Recitation—“Tiny Tot.”

4. Chorus—“The Little Children.”

5. Music—“Santa Claus.”

6. Recitation—“The Story of an Apple-
tree.”

7. Chorus—“Come, Let's Welcome the
Coming Christmas.”

8. Solo—“Christmas.”

9. Solo—“Christmas.”

PART II.

1. Chorus—“The Carol of Bethlehem.”

2. Recitation—“I'll do What I Can.”

3. Quartette—“Tell all tell it to Jesus.”

4. Recitation—“The Story of an Apple-
tree.”

5. Music—“I'm a Farmer.”

6. Recitation—“A Man for a Plan.”

7. Chorus—“Sing for the Children to Come.”

8. Recitation—“The Miner and the Banker.”

In addition to the above, the addresses were
made by Mr. W. G. Isle, Mr. Sinclair, Toronto;
Mr. Jas. Black, Mississ.; Misses H. P. Moore
and D. Henderson, et al.

The affair was enjoyable throughout and
the climax was reached when the gallantly
decorated Christmas trees were stripped
and the products distributed among the
children.

Knox Church S. S. Entertainment.

No. 2 could not for a more successful
entertainment than that of the Knox Church
Sabbath School in the town hall on New
Year's eve. Every seat in the hall was
occupied and those were supplemented
with others in the sides. The children
occupied seats on the stage and when the
curtain rose at eight o'clock the picture
was presented as attractive indeed. There
were the little folk in their becoming costumes,
dances decorated with oranges, bags of candies,
etc., and numerous hung with candies
books and other presents. Rev. Mr. Reid
occupied the chair, and after a few appropriate
remarks opened the programme which was carried out as follows:

1. Opening Address—“Happy New Year.”

2. Chorus—“The next Little Stock.”

3. Recitation—“I'm very young.”

4. Solo—“The Unfinished Prayer.”

5. Volunteer Song—“The School

6. Recitation—“What I know.”

7. Quartette—“Two Boys and Two Girls.”

8. Address—“Rev. James Argue.”

9. Solo—“Sing the Pledge.”

Fine Poetry—“Farewell.”

10. Recitation—“When I'm big.”

11. Solo—“From Home.”

12. Recitation—“My Canadian Home.”

13. Song—“The Little Mothers.”

14. Recitation—“Keep on the Right Side of the
Dollar.”

15. Card—“The School.”

16. Recitation—“Little Boy's Speech.”

17. Motion Picture—“The Infant Crisis.”

18. Recitation—“The Little Boy's Laughter.”

19. Card—“The School.”

20. Recitation—“The Infants.”

21. Recitation—“The Infants.”

22. Recitation—“The Infants.”

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31. Recitation—“The Infants.”