

**THE METHODIST CHURCH,
ACTON.**

**REV. G. A. GIFFORD, M.A., Ph.D.
PASTOR.**
Parsonage, Lower Avenue.
Public Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., bands
rehearsal, 8.30 a.m.; Band Class conducted by the
pastor. All cordially invited.
Guests and visitors always welcome. At
reverent hours at the door.
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TOWN HALL, ACTON.

COURSE OF LECTURES FOR '88-89.
Under the auspices of
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON.

Mr. Wm. Cochran, D. D. Macdonald,
Rev. Mr. McLean, Miss
Mrs. L. S. Subject—both
Ticket for Entire Course 50 Cents.
Lectures commence at 6 o'clock.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1889.

MANY MINOR LOCALS

Collected by the Ever Thoughtful and Alert
Free Press Reporters.

Stealing again.—County Council met on Tuesday. The weather is rather peculiar this winter.

Wheeling was adopted again last week for a few days.

The rink will be open to-night. Action Band in attendance.

The farmers won't do any plowing in this vicinity for a week or two.

The storm of Sunday and Monday was quite blizzardish in character.

Short accounts frequently settled take long friends. Try it.

Credit to more than you can afford to lose, no credit will make more money.

Meets J. B. Pearson and A. E. Nukin have been appointed municipal aldermen for the present year.

Meeting of all interested in Action Free Agricultural Society in the town hall to-day at 9 o'clock.

Mr. William Moore is running a single bill on his farm in the first concession, a mile or so west of Acton.

Meets J. D. Williamson & Co., of the Lion Guelph, give our readers a special invitation to visit them this week.

Mr. Samuel S. Ball, who recently issued a little book of poems, died rather suddenly at Rockwood last Wednesday night.

The annual meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the County of Wellington will be held on Tuesday, 15th February.

Guelph can now boast of a real live Sam Jones among its citizens. Mr. Jones is the new assistant master in the High School.

The annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute of Ontario will be held in the York Chambers, Toronto, on 30th, 31st and 1st February.

The Presbyterian Manse and twenty-five acres adjoining will be sold by public auction at the door of the town hall on Friday, 2nd February.

The Acton correspondent of the Orange Free Press says that Mr. Wm. Aige, the noted Socialist, has become a convert to Christianity.—Guelph Mercury.

A good many people evidently believe that a year's subscription to the Free Press is a good investment. New subscribers and renewals are every day matters.

That excellent publication the Canadian Journal of Fabrics, published by E. B. Biggar, Montreal, has among other improvements adopted an attractive new leading.

The following new item appeared in last issue of the Chicago British American:—"J. E. McFerrin & Co., of Acton, have commenced to remove their tank factory to Acton."

A new subscriber in Kansas, in remitting his subscription says: "Don't mind a number of the Free Press, if you value your life." He evidently appreciates the Free Press highly.

At the County Council on Tuesday, Mr. M. Felt, of Oakville, was elected Warden. Mr. Storey's name was favorably mentioned for a second term, but he preferred just another to have the honor this year.

There was a solitary quadruped at the January fair last Friday. Guelph fair isn't what it used to be. Cattle buyers who at one time came to the fair to purchase their stock now go to the stables in the country instead.—Herald.

The January number of "Our Little One" has reached us from the publishers, The Russell Publishing Co., Boston, Mass. This is always interesting. Its illustrations and reading matter are especially adapted to please and interest the children.

Wenham, the celebrated Philadelphian merchant, has increased his advertising 300 per cent. because of the fall season. He wisely argues that it is in the dull times the dealer should take special pains to let the public know the merits of his wares.

For some years Mr. Wm. Hoy, blacksmith, Limhouse, has been suffering from consumption, and during a severe lameness from the lungs on Tuesday he expired. He was a straightforward business man and well thought of by his neighbors.

The steam heating arrangement put in the Free Press office last spring by Messrs. F. W. King & Co., Georgetown, is doing most satisfactory work. We have a comfortably heated office at all times and power for our presses, &c., at a cost far less than that formerly expended for heating with stoves.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Stock of '87, issued by the Sheppard Publishing Co., Toronto, which, owing to the present discussion of the relations between Canada and the United States, will be sure to excite more than usual interest. It is a neat little volume in attractive cover and reads like an old soldier's yarn.

An anniversary sermon was preached in the Methodist church, Elora, on Sunday by the Rev. G. A. Gifford, of Acton, and a very successful tea-meeting was held last night. The church was crowded on Sunday at both services, and all present were delighted at the excellent sermons delivered by the gifted preacher.—Elora Free Press & Herald.

Hollister & Son, the live merchants of Milton, are having a big sale of goods prior to taking stock. Just to give you an idea of the way they are going to reduce their very large stock read their newspaper in another column. Hollister & Son are enterprising business men and when they announce a big sale their customers know they mean business.

HOME GLEANINGS

Which are Mostly of a Local Character and All Interesting.

A Treat Before Us.
The next lecture in the Knox church course will be delivered by Dr. Cochran, of Bradford, on Monday evening, 18th February and promises to be the most interesting of the course. The Dr. lectured in Tilburg last week and the *Liberator* of that place says:—

To say that the audience were delighted with the lecture would only be a mild term. Those who missed hearing it must assuredly miss a grand treat. Those unacquainted with the Dr. would not believe that a lecturer could touch upon the many points of such a trip as do them justice, and get through in one evening. But Dr. Cochran is an exception in this respect.

Municipal Politics in Summer.
A defeated aldermanic candidate in Kingston furnishes the following report of his canvass and of the vote: Persons who promised to vote for me, good moral living men and women, 657; doubtful ones, not so good living, 115; reliable, 36; ballots marked for me, 165; relatives of Ananias, 362. The Kingston man's experience is, doubtless, that of some of the candidates in other places.

Death of Mrs. A. A. Scord.

It is our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. A. A. Scord, mother of Councillor Steel, which occurred on Tuesday evening. The old lady never rallied from the shock received when she fell down and broke her leg some weeks ago. She was 80 years of age. Her husband died a couple of years ago. Mrs. Scord has enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her during her residence in Acton.

How the Craft Worked at the Elections.

With the exception of one, every newspaper writer in Western Ontario who was a candidate for municipal honours, came off victorious. Among these were H. T. Butler, of the Stratford *Times*, elected mayor; A. W. Francis of the Woodstock *Times*; James Bryan, of the Lucknow *Standard*; Peter F. Pratt, of the Stratford *Advertiser*; alderman W. R. Davis, of the Mitchell *Advertiser*; J. M. Dounley, of the Sarnia *Sun*, and G. Robbie, of the St. Marys *Advertiser*.

A Narrow Escape.
Last Monday evening Messrs. R. & J. Holmes were slitting cattle at the G.R.R. yards here, and among others, Mr. C. Swankhamer had delivered into the yard a bull. A couple of young men were engaged in putting a rope around his neck when he made a dash at Mr. Swankhamer who was standing with his back to the fence and struck him with his head the horns on each side of him one of them passing completely through his clothing and against the fence with such force that it was broken off close to his head. Mr. Swankhamer was badly bruised across the abdomen, but is around again. He is sincerely thanked that he escaped with his life.

Local Legislature.

Chief Justice Armor will try the Huron Dominion election petition on Tuesday next, 29th inst., at Milton. Particulars were delivered on Monday, eight days before the commencement of the trial. The judges of the Queen's Bench Division have determined that eight days is a proper and reasonable time to enable the respondent to meet the charges made in the particulars.

The Local Legislature.

The writ for the election of a member for the Local Legislature for Hamilton was issued last week, the voting being caused by the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Gibson as Provincial Secretary. Nomination was fixed for the 1st inst. and polling day for February 12th.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the Local Legislature will be moved by G. B. Smith and seconded by E. J. Davis.

KNATCHBELL NEWS.

From our own Correspondent.
Rev. Mr. Teeter, who has been stationed as a missionary at Medicine Hat, North West Territory, delivered very able discourses in the Ebenezer and Bethel churches on Sunday, and on Monday evening he gave a lecture at Ebenezer on the North West, but especially in regard to the missionary enterprise in that part of our Dominion.

Special service has been held for the past two weeks in the Methodist church at Eden Mills, by Rev. Mr. Walker, pastor of the church, assisted by the Misses Hall, Miss Gilcrease, a young lawyer from Guelph, who gave two or three recitations in a most creditable manner. He will be heartily welcomed at any future entertainment of the society. The male quartette by Messrs. jeans, Nielden, Hill and Williams were well received. The choir excelled in singing and saved all but the tips of his fingers.

The F. P. Entertainment.
The ten cent entertainment given by the Young People's Union of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening was an unequalled success. The program from first to last was interesting and enjoyable and well received by the large attendance present.

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WEDDING BELLS.

At seven o'clock last evening a very pleasant ceremony was performed at Sandfield Villa, the beautiful residence of W. H. Storey, Esq., Elora. This was the marriage of Miss Jessie, the third daughter of Mr. Storey, who recently completed her course at Alma College, St. Thomas, to Dr. J. D. Deyden, of Rockwood. The interfecting ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Dr. Gifford, pastor of the Methodist church. The bride was elegantly attired, was attended by a delicate mate, Miss Maggie Robinson, of Conestee, and Mr. L. T. Torrance of Guelph, filled the position of groomsmen. The wedding was a quiet affair, the guests being confined to the family and a few friends, but the bride was the recipient of many handsome and well-received gifts. The happy young couple received the heartfelt congratulations of all present. After the ceremony the wedding repast was prepared at and 10 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Deyden left on a bridge train to New York and other American cities. They carry with them the warmest regards of their many friends.

Wedding Bells.
The following, from the Chicago *Christian American*, will be of general interest to our readers:—

Rev. M. R. Gofford, D. A., president of Guelph College, a former resident of Winona, was married a few days ago at Holy Trinity church, Winona, to Miss Irene E. Hitchcock of that city, daughter of J. E. Hitchcock, merchant and ship owner of Minneapolis, N. S. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. O. Fortin. The bride was nearly dressed in a travelling costume. She was supported by her sister, Miss Leslie Ritchie, while Mr. Gofford was attended by Mr. A. N. Macpherson, B. A., Barrister.

The auditors report found everything correct and was adopted.

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