

Town Hall, Acton.  
LAST LECTURE OF THE COURSE  
Under the auspices of  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
No. 1, McLean, Gardiner, Monday,  
Subject: "Two years in Bedford."  
Ticket 15 Cents.  
Lecture commences at 8 o'clock.

THE METHODIST CHURCH,  
ACTON:  
REV. G. A. GIFFORD, M.A., P.D.  
PASTOR.  
Parsonage, Bower Avenue.  
Public Services, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sun-  
day School, 10 a.m. Class conducted by the  
pastor. All cordially invited.

Strangers and visitors always welcome. At-  
tive salutes at the door.  
Visitors are desired to apply to H. P. Moore,  
Rev. Steward.

The Acton Free Press.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 29, 1889.

MANY MINOR LOCALS

Called by the Ever Thoughtful and Alert  
Free Press Reporters.

The first of March—tomorrow.  
Messrs. A. Grieve & Son, Blacksmiths,  
Georgetown, have assigned.

Minnedos Man, had a temperature of  
10 degrees below zero on Saturday morn-

ing. The City of Guelph has been added to  
the list of Scott Act elections for April 1st.

Highway men seem to be prowling  
around Streeterville now, perhaps to kidnap  
the numerous burglar companies.

The Mercury Times says that Saint  
C. & Co., Rockwood, have made an offer of  
twenty-five cents on the dollar to their  
creditors.

The White Brothers are conducting  
successful revival services in Brantford.  
Their singing has been exceedingly well  
says the Banner.

Doctors learn the weakness of sick peo-  
ple, lawyers the weakness of bad people,  
teachers the weakness of good people; the  
other the weakness of all.

Wm. Ellis of Palermo, tavern-keeper  
recently by Dr. Robertson and  
W. H. Lindsay, J. T. of Milton, \$7.00  
for selling whisky on Sunday.

Edwin, the 7-year-old son of Mr. I.  
Francis fell with his face on the coal stove  
on Saturday evening, burning his face  
and hand severely.

Messrs. Joe R. Barber, Georgetown,  
S. Dice, Milton, and Donald Campbell,  
Nelson, have been re-appointed License  
Commissioners for Halton for 1889.

"A Missing Husband," by George R.  
Sim, and "A Transaction in Hearts," by  
Edgar Salus, are among the most recent  
publications of Wm. Bryce, Toronto.

The traffic on the line of the Northern  
and Northwestern Railway, north of Georgetown,  
was entirely suspended Friday and  
Saturday by reason of snow blockade.

The oyster supper and concert  
to be given by the Ladies' Aid in the  
Methodist church next Tuesday evening  
promised to be the social event of the  
season.

A three-mile skating race between  
Graham of Fergus, and Amos Smith,  
Acton, will take place in Acton Rink on  
Wednesday evening, 6th March, for \$50 a  
side.

Remember Rev. Mr. Gardner's lecture  
on "Two Years in Bedford," next Monday  
evening in the town hall. Mr. Gardner  
has the reputation of being a very enter-  
taining speaker.

An intense degree of cold prevailed gen-  
erally throughout the province on Saturday  
night, the thermometer in some places in  
Ontario going down to 30° below zero.  
The thermometers here registered 1st to  
30° below.

A meeting of the active members of  
the Crescent Lacrosse Club was held in  
the newly furnished reception room of Dr.  
Stacy's surgery on Tuesday for the trans-  
action of unfinished club business. The  
meeting adjourned to meet in the council  
chamber on Tuesday evening next at eight  
o'clock.

The latest fraud is a wringer-trap or  
a trap-wringer, who gathers up dis-  
abled wringers to repair. Of course he  
does it cheaply, nicely and with dispatch  
and delivers within a week. The dear  
trusting ones deposit their squashes in  
the arms of the touzey trap and it's laid fast  
in the family treasure.

This winter has been without parallel  
in more respects than one. There comes  
from the peach sections news not only that  
the crop is not destroyed by frost, but  
that the buds never looked better and the  
growers regard their prospects as bright.  
This is the first time in history that  
admission has been made.

A High Class Concert.  
Acton has had a multiplicity of enter-  
tainments during the present winter season,  
but the list has included no high class con-  
cert such as is announced to be held in the  
town hall on Tuesday evening, 12th March.

The programme on that occasion will in-  
clude the following well-known artists:—  
Mrs. C. A. Bignell, soprano, of Toronto;  
Misses Brown and Ella Anderson, contralto,  
Guelph; Miss Lily Clark, pianiste, Guelph;  
Mr. C. A. Biddle, baritone, Toronto; Con-  
servatory of music and Mr. James F. Fox,  
Canada's greatest comic, who is a whole  
concert in himself. This concert will be a  
musical treat and no doubt all local musi-  
cians will participate.

Oyster Supper and Concert.

The first oyster supper of the season  
for this locality will be held in the Methodist  
church next Tuesday evening, and will be  
followed the same evening with a grand  
concert to be given by the choir of the  
church assisted by the members of Knox  
church choir, who have kindly consented to  
take part, and other local talent. Supper  
will be served from 6.30 to 8.00 o'clock. At  
the latter hour the concert will be com-  
menced. The entertainment is under the  
supervision of the Ladies' Aid Society, and  
they are determined to make the enterprise  
both a pleasure and a success, and hope  
that a very large number will avail themselves  
of the opportunity of spending a pleasant evening.

—Grief XIII Destroyed at Milton.

Muniv. Feb. 25.—At about 10.30 on Sat-  
urday night fire was discovered in the steam  
mill, a large frame building. The  
alarm was given and our local companies  
turned out very promptly and soon were  
throwing two good streams on the building,  
but the fire had got headway; it was  
impossible to do more than keep the  
fire from the adjacent frame buildings with  
which the mill was nearly surrounded.

—Our reporter is indebted to Mr. R. D.  
Warren, the energetic secretary, for cor-  
rectives extended in securing this rep-  
ort.

—Mrs. S. A. Second being about to  
remove to Toronto is disposing of her  
household effects by private sale for cash,  
on time, comprising extensive dining table,  
breakfast table, centre tables, secretary,  
bedroom, bureau, wash table, cupboard,  
cock stove, step ladder, writing desks, rock-  
ers, rustic furniture, ottomans, wheel barrow,  
hand sleighs, small wagon, gardening im-  
plements, carpenter's tools, books, preserves  
etc., etc., etc.

## HOME GLEANINGS

Which are mostly of a Local Character and  
All Interesting.

Improvements at St. Joseph's.  
A new gallery for the choir has been  
erected in St. Joseph's church. It is located  
in the front of the church opposite the  
altar. The entrance to the auditorium is  
effected by our staircase instead of two as  
formerly. Mr. Alex. McNab, carpenter for  
Boardmans & Co. did the work, which is a  
very creditable job.

Another Successful Social.

The third of the series of socials given by  
the ladies of Knox Church was held on  
Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A.  
Scott, fourth line, Esquinton. Like  
its predecessors it was attended by a large  
number of people, all of whom evidently en-  
joyed themselves. Conveyances were sup-  
plied and the drive was appreciated. Proceeds  
about \$100.00.

A New Manse, etc., for Knox Church.

At the auction sale last Friday the  
house and globe belonging to Knox church  
were sold to Mr. James Russell, Georgetown,  
for \$1000. At a congregational meeting of  
the following committees were appointed:  
On Nourishment—Dr. Robertson, Rev. J.  
Wakeling, H. P. Moore, and Johnson Har-  
rison.

Business Committee—R. D. Warren,  
Johnson Harrison, W. V. Hopkins, Rev.

Joe Scott, fourth line.

Orations—Rev. Dr. Gifford, Rev.

R. Haddow, Rev. Geo. Clarke, Mr. J. S.  
Deacon, Mr. W. H. Lindsay.

On Finance—Dr. Robertson, Rev. Wm.  
Birds, Rev. J. W. Rae, Thos. Henderson,  
J. L. Warren.

After this verbal report were heard from

Sunday Schools in almost every section of  
the county.

ARTICLES.

Rev. Dr. Barrett, Milton, spoke elo-  
quently on the "Chief End of S. S. Work and  
How to Secure it." The chief end of this  
work, he claimed, was to benefit our chil-  
dren that they may glorify God. Both  
young and old should conform to the  
image of His Son. When we have become  
conformed to Christ the grand end is ac-  
complished. The "Chief End" is secured  
by teaching our children the biography of the  
blessed Master. An interesting discus-  
sion followed...

Mr. Alfred Day, Secretary of the Pro-  
vincial Association, followed in an energetic  
address on "Definite Aim." He believed  
that the aim of S. S. workers was, as a rule, un-  
definite. The great aim of the teacher  
should be to attract the scholars to the  
Scripture and to theaviour. Instruct  
them in what they owe to God, to man and  
to the church.

The Question Drawer was then opened  
and Mr. Day very ably answered the  
large number of questions asked.

Evening Session.

During the evening session the Presby-  
terian church sang several selections in  
a manner that elicited general commendation.

Members present: W. H. Story, Rose,  
and W. H. Lowry and John Harvey.

The minutes of last meeting read and  
adopted.

The Council then went into committee of  
the whole on the By-laws to appoint an As-  
sessor.

The Present, in behalf of the delegates,  
heartily reciprocated the kind welcome.  
He also expressed his conviction that the great  
progress made in S. S. Work during  
the past thirty years was due to a great  
extent to the influence of conventions.

Rev. J. W. Rae, of Acton, Statistical Sec-  
retary, gave one of the most important ad-  
dressess of the Convention. He prepared  
an unusually elaborate report from statis-  
tics furnished by the schools, from which  
the following facts are gleaned:—37 out of  
51 schools reported. Of those 31 are kept  
open all year and G for part; 28 schools  
raise their funds by collections and enter-  
tainments and 8 are supported by the con-  
gregations; 8 out of every 9 teachers and  
officers are members of the church; 21  
schools report additional to church mem-  
bership during the year. The general aver-  
age of increase in church membership from  
the Sabbath schools is 4.2 per school. Un-  
til the year \$176.53 was raised for S. S.  
purposes; \$400.67 for missions; \$37.77 for  
benevolent purposes. When classified accord-  
ing to their denomination the schools report  
are: Disciple 1, Congregational 1, Church  
of England 1, Baptist 2, Presbyterian 1,  
Methodist 15. Most of the schools are  
absolutely supplied with their denomina-  
tional papers and periodicals, which ap-  
pear to be superseding a large extent the  
interest formerly taken in libraries.

The Secretary concludes his report as follows:

"The work is the Master's. Let us rejoice  
in the tokens of success he has given to us  
and with prayer to God let us with renewed  
energy return to our labor of love."

Mr. Alfred Day here followed with an  
excellent address on "A Banquet of Keys."

FRIDAY MORNING.

After the usual devotional exercises on  
Sunday morning there was a general dis-  
cussion on the subject of "Foreign Missions  
in Relation to the S. S." Rev. John  
Wakefield led a spirited discussion.

The next subject looked into was "The  
Service of Song in the Sunday School," and  
many points of value were elicited by  
the general discussion.

"The Duties of parents and pastors in  
relation to the Religious Training of our  
Youth," was then discussed.

Concordia Speaks here entered and took  
his seat.

On motion Council then adjourned.

Munday evening, 25th February.

The regular meeting of the Council was  
held this evening.

The Reeve in the chair. Members pres-  
ent, Messrs. Lowry, Harvey and Speight.

Last meeting's minutes were confirmed.

Moved by J. A. Speight, seconded by W.

H. Lowry that the By-law to limit the  
number of tavern licenses to be issued in  
this municipality, and for fixing the sum to  
be paid therefore be now read a second  
and third time and passed, and that the sum of  
one hundred and fifty dollars be filled in as  
the sum to be paid for said license, and that  
the number to be granted be limited to  
three.—Carried.

The By-law was then passed.

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The By-law as thus completed was pas-  
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H. Lowry that the Treasurer be instructed to  
pay Dr. McGrath any monies received  
for sale of lots in the second survey of Fair-  
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