

**THE METHODIST CHURCH,  
ACTON.**

REV. G. A. GIFFORD, M.A., PH.D.  
PASTOR.  
Parsonage, Boville Avenue.

Public Services 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
Sunday School 10.30. Bible Class conducted by the  
pastor; all cordially invited.

Strangers and visitors always welcome. At  
present under the pastor.

Offertories are desired apply to H. P. Moore,  
Postmaster.

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Wishes the Many readers of the Free Press a  
very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

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New Year Wedding and  
Birthday Parties.

**The Action Free Press**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1891.

**LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS**

Which Caught the Eyes or Ears of  
Free Press Reporters this Week?

—The boys and girls resumed their school  
duties yesterday.

—Well may we be; it may we never  
see here's to the year and the gods com-  
panie.

—Acton has had local option for two days  
this week. The hotels were closed on Mon-  
day and Wednesday.

—Mr. Charlton, of Toronto, will preach  
in the Disciples' church next Sun-  
day, morning and evening.

—In Mitchell the town band played the  
New Year in and citizens who were ser-  
viced paid them \$10 to get rid of their  
rackets.

—The Royal Templars of Temperance  
continue to add to their membership.  
Three were initiated at the meeting of Mon-  
day evening.

—Mrs. Robt. Bailey, an old resident of  
Eramosa, died last Friday morning at the  
age of 77 years and 7 months. She has  
been ailing for the past four weeks with  
paroxysms.

—The executive of the Canadian Press  
Association will hold a meeting in Toronto  
tomorrow to make arrangements for the  
annual meeting to take place at some date  
in February.

—George McPherson, the son of Mr.  
Arch. McPherson, who was so badly injured  
by a runaway horse during the "haying  
last summer, received an angry kick on the  
head from a horse last Friday.

—Will Gurney, son of Mr. Wm. Gurney,  
met with a severe accident on Friday  
by a fall on the ice. He struck on the back  
of his head and was rendered insensible for  
a time—but is now getting over the effects  
of the blow.

—Rev. Dr. Gifford's lecture on "The  
Methodist Cave of Kentucky" will be de-  
livered in the Methodist church next Tues-  
day evening. Those who have heard the  
lecture speak very highly of it.

—At the regular meeting of the Royal  
Temple of Temperance on Monday even-  
ing the hearty congratulations of the  
Council were presented to P.C. Dr. Lowry  
upon his election to the Vice-presidency of this  
municipality.

—The Milton Reformer proponed the  
following query in its last issue:—"Which  
of the bold Acton youths was it who dared  
to kidnap one of our young ladies at an  
assembly in Acton a short time ago? Don't  
all speak at once."

—The Goderich Signal commenced its  
forty-third year with the New Year. The  
Signal is one of the foremost country week-  
ly papers in the province. Its present  
proprietor deserves credit for its progress  
under his guidance.

—Do not forget the claim of our adver-  
tisers. The person who never reads the  
advertising columns of a clean paper misses  
more than he or she thinks. Our patrons  
are reliable and for your interests, their  
interests and our interests, we ask you not  
to ignore them.

—The annual meeting of Acton Union  
Agricultural Society will be held in the  
town hall on Thursday, 15th January, at  
one o'clock. A large attendance of the  
members and friends of the society is re-  
quested. The election of officers and  
directors will take place.

—The holidays, with their festive gather-  
ings and merry-makings, have gone. Now  
our hands the New Year is given in all its  
freshness, with its innumerable possibilities  
for doing and being. What it has reached  
in past few days, may our burning hopes  
and earnest endeavours have something like  
a perfect realization!

—Mr. James Grant has purchased from  
Mr. John Matthews his carriage business.  
For a number of years Mr. Matthews de-  
livered the freight and express for many of  
our merchants and manufacturers to their  
general satisfaction.

—The mist and ice caused a good deal of  
trouble among the telegraph and telephone  
wires on New Year's day. The accom-  
modation of frost was surprising and poles  
cracked and wires were broken down in  
all directions. The linesmen have been  
busy ever since but much work is yet to be  
done before good working order is restored.

—The readers of the Free Press will  
remember the announcement last July of  
the death of Mr. Hobt. T. Hill, a son of  
brother of Mr. C. E. Hill, Acton. On Sun-  
day his partner inscribed him a cheque for \$90.  
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—An amusing incident occurred at the  
Knox Church Sunday School entertainment  
on New Year's evening. A lady in leaving  
home took in mistake the election card of  
one of the candidates instead of the adminis-  
trator who had purchased. The good-  
natured door-keeper told her he had been  
previously canvassed and the lady, dom-  
inated by her error, proceeded to pay the  
necessary fee, but was informed she could  
not be seated in the ticket next day.

**THE NEWS AT HOME.**

Mostly of a Local Character,  
Every Item Interesting.

**Georgetown High School.**

At the High School entrance examinations  
at Christmas the following candidates  
were successful:—T. McAlpin, A.  
Ranney, B. Langen, C. Langen, L. Mo-  
Kinley, R. Claffey, C. Bennett passed  
the entrance. M. McBeth, D. Jackson, D.  
Holmes, recommended. Only 10 of 39  
candidates passed or were recommended.

**The Mammoth Cave.**

Ever since the visit of Rev. Dr. Gifford  
to the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky last  
August the people here have been  
anxious to hear the particulars of his  
investigations in this sunless world.  
An opportunity to hear him will  
be given next Tuesday evening in the  
Methodist Church. The Ladies' Aid  
Society have arranged with the Dr. for his  
lecture, and the admission fee is fixed  
at ten cents so that those may be debared  
from hearing it. The people of Nassau-  
ways are fond in their praises of Dr. Gif-  
ford's effort there a few weeks ago.

**Death of a Former Resident.**

The death on New Year's eve of Mr. Wm.  
Miles of Ripley, son of the late Charles  
Miles, of Eramosa, removed one who was  
well known and highly respected in Acton  
and vicinity some years ago. While in Bed-  
Jacket, Mich., Mr. Miles was taken with  
bronchitis and returned home about the  
middle of December. He gradually grew  
worse, however, and on the 25th Mrs. A.  
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sisters here, were called to his bedside.  
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**CROWSON'S CORNERS.**

A concert was given at Crowson's Corners  
under the auspices of the Methodist church  
in aid of the Sunday school on New Year's

Eve. Mr. Cann, the superintendent of the  
school, occupied the chair. There was a  
grand selection of vocal and instrumental  
music; several male quartettes were given  
by the Head Brothers, of Galt. Harry Gibbons  
and the Misses Swackhamer gave several  
selections of vocal music and Miss Lizzie Benson,  
of Everton, charmed the audience with a couple of solos. Several  
old favorites were given by the scholars. Addresses were given by  
Rev. Hart and Hartwell. All enjoyed  
themselves well until the old year was  
nearly expired. Proceeds about \$50.

**The services of the church have been dis-  
tributed by several young youth.**

The minister has been referred to Mr.  
Wm. N. McLam and Miss Mary Swackhamer  
who were united in the bonds of matrimony.

The rite was performed by Rev. Dr. Gif-  
ford, assisted by Rev. J. W. Rae. The bride  
was assisted by Miss Susanna Sinclair,  
while Councillor J. A. Speight attended the  
groom. After the ceremony the company sat down to the excellent  
wedding repast, and in the evening the happy  
couple proceeded to their home at the  
corner of Main and Church streets.

Mr. and Mrs. McLam are highly esteemed  
by our citizens and command life together  
under very comfortable auspices.

The bridal presents were numerous and evi-  
denced both beauty and utility.

**KASSAGAWAYA.**

Excellent missionary sermons were  
preached on Sabbath last in the Methodist  
churches at Ebenezer, Bettel and Camp-  
bellville in the Nassagawaya Circuit, by  
Rev. Mr. Fair, of Eramosa. Missionary  
services were held at Bethany's, Corinth  
and Aberfoyle by Rev. Mr. Harry and  
Alderman W. G. Smith, Guelph. These  
congregations listened with pleasure and  
paid to their earnest appeals to send help  
to those who are deprived of the gospel, and  
who much need it. Nassagawaya Circuit  
raised for this purpose last year \$224.74  
and of this amount the Ebenezer appoint-  
ment paid \$102.35. Never were liberal  
contributions more needed for this object  
than at the present time, when the health  
of the world is yearning for better systems of  
civilization which can only reach them through  
the preaching of a pure and elevating  
Christianity.

People at Ebenezer are still talking about  
the lecture on "The Mammoth Cave" given  
by Rev. Dr. Gifford, and they advise their  
friends to do the same.

The roads here are very slippery now  
and even the horses are "backslidin'" and  
the ladies "going down hill," sometimes rather suddenly.

**GEORGETOWN.**

I. O. J. G. GOES TO THE SCHOOL.

Recitation.—"What side are you on?"  
—Jennie Lauder.

Recitation.—"Two and two more."  
—Jennie Cannister.

Song.—"Please give me a Penny, sir."  
—Nellie Lovett.

Missions.—"How many Pennies fell  
off the infant class?"

Recitation.—"The best use of a Penny."  
—Alice Hart.

Recitation.—"The Parish of Golden Key."  
—Bella Lawson.

Chorus.—"An anniversary Song."  
—The School.

Recitation.—"Go Scatter the Flowers."  
—Mabel Cook.

Song.—"The Little King."  
—Jennie Smith.

Recitation.—"I W. I. were a King."  
—Mabel Green.

Recitation.—"The Little Girl."  
—Jennie Kennedy.

Song.—"The Basket-Maker's Child."  
—Jennie Kennedy.

Recitation.—"The Little Girl's Party."  
—Lewis Orr.

Recitation.—"Good-bye, old Yester-  
day."  
—Jennie Kennedy.

Song.—"Bring Them In."  
—Jennie Green.

Dialogue.—"Out Future."  
—By Four Boys.

Chorus.—"Come, come away."  
—The School.

Recitation.—"The good old Year."  
—Mary A. Smith.

Recitation.—"A Child and the Flowers."  
—Elsie Quinton.

Song.—"The Little Girl's Party."  
—Lewis Orr.

Dialogue.—"The old and New Year."  
—Four Boys and Girls.

When the programme had been exhausted  
and the Christmas tree decorated it was  
found there were several items not before  
announced. The first was the presentation  
by Mr. D. Henderson to Miss Jessie Mc-  
Phail, on behalf of the congregation, of a  
cheque for \$25 in recognition of her services  
as organist the past two years. At Miss  
McPhail's request Rev. Mr. Rae replied  
thanking the donors for their valuable  
gifts.

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**Purify**

Our importance  
depends on the  
condition of  
the blood.

The taint of  
scurvy, salt rheum,  
other foul humor  
is eradicated and transmuted  
for generations, causing untoold suffering.

We also accumulate poisons and germs  
of disease, which  
are constantly  
assaulting the body.

These are  
dangerous  
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There is  
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Thousands testify to the superiority of Hood's  
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