

THE METHODIST CHURCH, ACTON.

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

Public Services 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Sunday School, Bible Class conducted by the
pastor, and occasionally invited.

Strangers and visitors always welcome. All
members and visitors are invited to the
Methodist Church, where all services are
held.

BANK OF HAMILTON:
HEAD OFFICE - HAMILTON.
CAPITAL PAID UP \$1,000,000.
RESERVE FUND \$400,000.

J. TURNBULL, H. S. STEVEN,
CASHIER.

DIRECTORS - JOHN STEWART, President;
G. BARKAY, Vice-President; JOHN PROCTOR, Cashier;
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Notes disseminated and addressed to all
available securities. Details on all parts of CAN-
ADA, the UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN and
IRELAND, and other countries. Details on all
collections made on all accessible points on
the globe.

SATINIS DEPARTMENT:
Dress materials of \$1 and upwards, and in
various assortments. The school children will
soon store the place to buy their school
supplies.

SPECIAL DEPOSITS:
Also received account rate of interest. No
notice of withdrawal required.

H. M. WATSON, Acct.

1891.

New Goods and New Novelties opening for
the New Year.

EVERYTHING NEW IN -

Jewellery, Silver Ware, Fancy Goods
and Stationery.

We invite you to call and see our large and
various assortments. The school children will
soon store the place to buy their school
supplies.

GEO. HYND, - Action.
Headquarters for Wedding and Birthday
Presents.

The Action Free Press
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1891.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS.

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

-Very good sleeping now.

-The Agricultural Society meeting to-
day at 1:30 at town hall.

-Sunday's snow storm gave us the big-
gest fall of snow of the season.

-Mr. J. A. Lowry, of Killarney, Man.,
preached in Knox church last Sunday.

-A tea-meeting will be held in the
Brick church, second time, next Thursday
evening.

-With the sleighing this week came an
animated appearance on the streets.
Teamsters are busy.

-Mr. Wm. McCrory, et al., has
kindly forwarded the Free Press copy of
Vancouver, B.C., paper.

-Many of the people in this vicinity saw
the reflection of the fire at Arden on Sat-
urday evening when Caufield's grist mill
was burned.

-Messrs. W. McLeod & Co., have an
attractive advertisement in this issue re-
ferring to their Sweeping Winter Sale at
the Mammoth House, Georgetown.

-From the Fort Hope papers we notice
that Mr. H. B. McCarthy has launched
into the dry goods business, having pur-
chased the business of Mr. John Fanning.

-Rev. F. J. Osten, of Douglas, Man.,
will preach at the Methodist church next
Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. Dr.
Gifford will preach missionary sermons in
Hamilton.

-Dr. Uren is now comfortably settled at
Hillside Place, the late residence of Dr.
McGavin. Mrs. Uren arrived last week and
the Dr. appears to be as much at home
in Action as an old resident.

-The Baptist church has arranged with
the "Echo Quartette of McMaster
University" to give one of their popular
entertainments in the town hall on Friday,
6th January. Particulars later.

-Mr. J. A. Murray has moved into his
new house on Mill street. It is a comfort-
able cosy home. We are glad to see our
young men possessing the enterprise, thus
to provide homey surroundings.

-The young man whose horse ran away
when returning from the Bellfield tea-
meeting will learn after while that it is
always unsafe to drive with one hand.
That pitchfork was very courageous and
most unpleasant to the young lady.

-Bob, Middleton, employed at Bell's
factory, Guelph, had three of his ribs
broken and was otherwise injured by the
elevator catching him on crossing the
basement floor. His escape from instant
death was miraculous.

-Under the heading of "Missing," the
following appeared in the last issue of the
"War Cry": - "It should meet the eye of
George Hodge, last heard of in Action, Ont.
in 1889, who will write to his anxious sister,
Mrs. Ann Rogers, Moosonee, N.W.T."

-The petitions to the House of Commons
praying that body to enact a prohibitory
law are in circulation here. About a hundred signatures were attached
at the close of the service in the Methodist
church last Sunday evening and many
more have since been added.

-Mr. W. Turton is making arrangements
with a view to the organization of classes
for instruction in vocal music. Particulars
will be announced in a few days. The
object is a worthy one and as we understand
Mr. Turton's terms are reasonable
we hope a large number will avail them-
selves of this opportunity.

-Rev. W. H. Laird, pastor of the First
Methodist Church of Hamilton, died sud-
denly Sunday morning about four o'clock
after a short illness from neuralgia of the
heart. Mr. Laird was highly regarded
throughout the province and was one of
the foremost preachers in his church. He
was a brother-in-law of Mr. Asa Hall, of
Action.

-The Action Free Press Carrier Boy's
New Year address comes to hand this
week in the form of a calendar. When we
say that the work is in one of H. P.
Moore's neatest specimens, it is unnecessary
to say more than you can guess it is.
Bro. Moore has earned a reputation for
fine printing throughout the length and
breadth of the Province, and Action should
feel proud of the possession of its artistic
printers - "Action World."

A. G. M. Officers.

The installation of officers of Action Lodge
No. 307, A. O. U. W. took place on Tues-
day evening, the 1st inst. The list of officers for the current term:

• Rev. A. Scord, Past Master, Workman.
• Jas. C. Smith, Master Workman.
• Jas. Holmes, Overseer.
• Donald McDonald, Recorder.
• W. E. Smith, Receiver.
• Joe H. Matthews, Financier.
• Jas. Cameron, Guide.
• Adam Cook, Inner Warden.
• Tom Stasiak, Outer Warden.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and
Every Item Interesting.

Removing the Drill Sheet.

Col. Utter, Col. W. Kerns, M.P.P., and
Capt. Shultz were here Saturday to
inspect the new site in the park to which
it is proposed to remove the Drill Sheet.
These gentlemen will give their assent to
the removal upon the condition, we are informed,
that a street be opened up to the park from Main street.

For Organization.

The members elect of the Municipal
Council will meet next Monday at eleven
o'clock when the declarations of office and
of qualification will be administered. The
Public School Board will meet on Wednesday,
21st, at one o'clock for organization.
The County Council will hold the first
meeting on Tuesday, 27th, at 2 p.m.

Action Gas Club.

A meeting was held on Monday evening
for the purpose of organizing a Gas Club
for Action. A good meeting was held and
the club was organized with a membership
which ensures the club's success. The
officers were elected as follows: - Hon.
Tres. - John Harvey; President - Edward
Nicklin; Vice-Pres. - T. James Moore;
Secretary - George Hynd; Com-
mittee of Management - Wm. Jean, C. C.
Smith, Geo. Wild, M. Sutton. The club
proposes to have their first shoot next
Saturday. The range will be on Harvey's
property. Any who desire to unite with the
club are requested to hand in their name
to Mr. Stark, the secretary. The next
meeting will be held on Tuesday evening
20th inst.

A Visit to Knox Sunday School.

An officer of the above school has landed
the Falk Press, the following note:- "Mr.
Estow! - I would like to have a list of
officers and teachers of Knox Church
Sunday School. The preside of Mr. H. D.
Moore, President of Halton Sabbath
School Association, let additional interest
to session of our school last Sabbath. His
lesson talk to the primary class and his
words of encouragement to the teachers and
officers were much appreciated. Come
again, Bre. Moore." The President re-
ports that he found Knox Sabbath School
in a very flourishing condition. Mr. D.
Henderson has been appointed as super-
intendent and has a corps of officers and
teachers who interest in the school and
its scholars is manifest. A satisfactory re-
port will be given at the County Convention
at Burlington on the 25th and 26th February.

A Block of New Stores.

"While Action is fortunate enough to pos-
sess in fairness of greater importance and
magnitude than many of the towns in the
size of the province it has up to this time
been away behind the rest in the matter of
mercantile buildings. Now, however,
indications point to an new era in this
relation. - Concellor W. E. Smith has
under consideration the erection of
a number of new blocks in Toronto, and
selected a fine front as a model. It is pro-
posed to build three stores with basements,
the second story to be devoted to offices,
and the third to society halls. The stores
are to have plate glass fronts and the block
will present a handsome appearance. The
architect is at present engaged upon the
plans and estimates and Mr. Smith will
decide in a few days whether the work will
be proceeded with at once or not. The
Falk Press has spoken, for quarters in the
new block and sincerely hopes to be "at
home" to its numerous friends and patrons
about the 1st of October next.

The Mammoth Cave.

Rev. Dr. Gifford was created with a large
audience in the Methodist Church of Tues-
day evening, the occasion of his lecture on
"The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky." Rev.
G. B. Cooke was moved to the choir and after
devotional exercises introduced the lecturer.
Rev. Dr. Gifford commenced with a descrip-
tion of the trip to Kentucky, giving
interesting and amusing incidents by the
way. At Indianapolis he was fortunate
enough to meet the American Association
for the Advancement of Science and was
invited with an invitation to accompany a
party of some fifty members on their pro-
posed excursion to the cave. Descending to
the cave the company took what is fam-
iliarly known as the short route in the
evening and next day pursued the long
route, the two visits occupying some thirteen
hours in which over seventeen miles of
this mammal subterranean wonder was
inspected. The Mammoth Cave has been
so minutely described in the Falk Press
herefore that a repetition of the geography
and formation of the cave with its many
chambers, avenues, pits, and grottoes would
be superfluous. Dr. Gifford's description
was of a most interesting, instructive and
entertaining character. He gave his hearers
a vivid and realistic picture of the won-
derful place, in panoramic order, and one
point of interest was no sooner paid in
beautiful, and at frequent intervals eloquent
word picture than another of equal or sur-
passing grandeur was exhibited to the
attentive and appreciative audience. The
fact that the Mammoth Cave had been
previously described in Action would natu-
rally lead one to think it a difficult task to
make the subject interesting again, but the
lecturer on this occasion succeeded admirably
in his efforts. His witty references
to the difficulties attending the traversing
of "Fat Men's Misery" and of ascending
"The Corkscrew," and the ludicrous ex-
pressions of the corpulent members of the order
gave interest to those points, while
his graphic description of "Bridal Chamber"
and "Martha's Vineyard," the attractions of "Echo
River" and the "Egyptian Temple," the
wonders of "The Bottomless Pit" and
"The Infernal Region" and nature's
embellishments of stalactites and stal-
agmites, the scope of which he had visited.
The lecture gave evidence of careful and
minute inspection of the points visited and
studious preparation of the descriptive
passages. About two hours were occupied
in the delivery. At the close Rev. J. W.
Lowry said, "I am sure we feel in our hearts
that thanks are due Dr. Gifford for his
effort to entertain and instruct us in
the beauties and wonders of the great
cave. Many of us might see it with our eyes
and fail to realize it as we have been made
to do with our mind's eye." He com-
plimented those present upon the privilege
of listening to such a literary treat, was
glad the Dr. had returned safe and well
from the "Fabled Regions" and had
pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks.
Rev. Dr. Gifford expressed pleasure in seconding
the resolution and in adding his quota
of appreciation for what Rev. Mr. Rae had
said. He enjoyed the lecture very much
and felt that in its delivery the Dr. had
exceeded himself. The resolution was
carried by a standing vote and the meeting
closed with the benediction.

Editor's Table.

The Officers and Teachers in Action
Schools for the Present Year.

The County Convention.

At this season of the year a good deal of
interest is excited in the Sabbath Schools.
The anniversary entertainments are over,
the new officers and teachers have taken
their places and now preparations are being
pursued with vigor by the officers of the
County Association, for the annual conven-
tion to be held in Burlington on the 25th
and 26th February.

The officers and teachers of the schools
in Action for the present year are as fol-
lows:-

PRESBYTERIAN.

SUPERINTENDENT - D. Henderson.

AST. SUPER. - J. L. Warren.

SECRETARY - John Mansfield.

TREASURER - George Hynd.

ORGANIST - Miss Alice Henderson.

LEADER OF SINGERS - Arch. Mann.

TEACHERS - Rev. J. W. Rae, Mrs. Lowry,
Cobban, John Cameron, Mrs. C. S. Smith,
Mrs. McGilli, Miss J. Anderson, Miss Poore,
Miss McGuire, Geo. Hynd.

RESERVE TEACHERS - Mrs. W. McNeill, Robert
Johnson, Mrs. Cobban, Miss McNeill.

METHODIST.

SUPERINTENDENT - D. Henderson.

AST. SUPER. - J. L. Warren.

SECRETARY - H. Brown.

TREASURER - Rev. Dr. Gifford, Mr. Gifford, Miss
Freeland, John Cameron, Arthur Laing, Mrs.
James Moore, Mrs. H. P. Moore, Mrs. J. Francis,
Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. James McLain.

TEACHERS - Rev. J. W. Rae, Mrs. A. Stephenson,
Miss Maggie MacLean, Mrs. Alice Laing, James
Moore, T. James Moore, J. C. Nelson,
Miss Maggie MacLean, Mrs. Alice Laing, James
Moore, T. James Moore, J. C. Nelson.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

SUPERINTENDENT - H. W. Henderson.

LIBRARIAN - S. Laird, Jr.

ORGANIST - Miss Stone.

TEACHERS - Rev. J. Thompson, Misses Rachel
Carter, Carrie Sutcliffe, Alice Goodall, Jenny Laird,
Lizzie Stone.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SUPERINTENDENT - Angus Ferguson.

SECRETARY - John Hunter.

TEACHERS - Daniel Robertson, Mrs. Mary Scott,
Misses Jessie Hill, Angie McLean, Aggie
Reid.

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