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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS

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

—Your vote and influence.

—Happy New Year to all.

—Last day of Leap Year, girls.

—We must write it "1897" to morrow.

—Have you renewed your subscription for 1897?

—The wheat markets have an upward tendency again.

—The weather on Christmas was of the old-fashioned order.

—Only two members of the past year's Council will sit at the Council Board next year.

—The post office officials have had a busy time with extra heavy mails the past week.

—The mild weather the past few days has caused the rapid disappearance of the snow.

—Miss Noble has opened dressmaking rooms at the family residence on Frederick Street.

—Making others happy always gives pleasure to the right thinking man or woman.

—Knox Church Sunday School has made provision for your entertainment to-morrow evening

—The midnight mass celebrated in St. Joseph's Church on Christmas eve was well attended.

—There was snow for Christmas, but it looks as though there would be a "green" New Year's

—The New Year's entertainment in Knox Church to morrow night will afford a delightful evening.

—A watch-night service will be held in the Methodist Church this evening, commencing at 10.30 o'clock.

—Two sets of ballots will be used at the municipal elections next Monday. The new County Council candidates require an extra ballot.

—The carrier boys will call upon all their patrons in town on New Year's morning to present each with a copy of the beautiful FREE PRESS calendar for 1897.

—Numbers of the teachers in the various Sunday Schools were remembered at the Christmastide with much appreciated tokens of love and esteem from their scholars.

—The Hamilton *Spectator* suggests that it might be well, next December, to advertise for tenders from persons willing to be Municipal Councillors, and give the jobs to the lowest bidders.

—Watchnight service will be held in St. Alban's Church this evening, commencing at 11 o'clock. There will be a short address and the celebration of the Holy Communion at midnight

—Miss Cassie McPhail, teacher of the third department of Acton Public School, was kindly remembered by her pupils at the close of the school last week, with a very pretty Christmas token.

—Rev. A. Mahaffy, of Milton, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church last Sunday and addressed the Sabbath School in the afternoon. His ministrations were very acceptable and the congregation were delighted with his visit.

—An exchange gives this new defination. The editor is a man who carries a pair of scissors in his vest pocket, a lead pencil in his breast pocket, a memorandum book in his coat pocket, and his wealth in somebody else's pocket.

—Mr. John Mitchell of Merton, died on the 21st inst, aged 68 years. Death was due to heart disease. Deceased was father of Mr. M. E. Mitchell, of Milton. He was for a number of years a resident of this vicinity, living on the farm on which the "Dolly Varden" kilns are situated.

HALTON PROHIBITIONISTS.

The annual meeting of the Halton Prohibition Association was held in Milton last week, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President Dr. Robertson; 1st Vice-President D. Hartley 2nd Vice President—Rev. A. Mahaffy; Secretary W J. Armstroug, Treasurer—Geo. Wooding. Executive Committee Messrs. Johnson Harrison and G. S. Bowes, Milton; A. Nowell, Kilbride; J. S. Allen, Burlington, and J. B. Foster, Oakville.

—TO LET—That neat shop now occupied by H. Strasser. A bargain. A good 500 and hard coal stove. Max B. A. Brown

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Montly of a Local Character, and every Item Interesting.

Officers of the Home Circle.

At a meeting of the Home Circle on Monday night the following officers were elected for 1897:—

Past Leader Mrs. I. Francis.
Leader—Mrs. J. Agnew.
Vice-Leader—Mrs. Thos. Elliott.
Secretary—J. G. Matthews.
Treas Fin. Secty.—Wm. Williams.
Chaplain—Mrs. Geo. Clark.
Marshall—Miss Sara Martin.
Warden—Robt. Johnson.
Guard—Arch. McPherson.

The Trans-Continental Trotter

The FREE PRESS had the pleasure of entertaining at dinner on Monday Mr. David Fraser, the special correspondent of the Aberdeen, Washington, *Recorder*, who is *en route* on foot from Aberdeen to Boston, Mass, via St. Louis, Mo., Detroit, Mich., and Montreal, Que. He left Aberdeen on July 14th and expects to reach Boston by the 10th January. By this feat of walking 3200 miles before the 31st January he will earn a purse of $3000. He is the first man ever granted a pass to walk over the G.T.R. and is registered at every station he passes. In next issue the FREE PRESS will give a brief review of his trip with some of the exciting experiences he has had.

Knox Sunday School Entertainment.

The annual holiday entertainment of Knox Church Sunday School will be held on New Year's night. This year the school departed from the usual custom of a programme by the scholars. It will be made up of quartettes, duetts and solos by the well known Campbellville Quartette Club, Messrs. N. and Charles McPhail and Messrs. Gollins and Elliot. In addition to these a number of selections will be rendered by local talent. The Missionary float Knox—will be freighted with the gifts which the Sunday School Scholars purpose sending to less favored parts of the land. The evening will be enjoyable for all who compose the large audience anticipated.

Knox Church Y. P. S. C. E. Officers.

The officers for the ensuing term of this popular and growing society were elected at the last annual meeting as follows:

Hon Pres Rev H. A. Macpherson
President John R. Kennedy
Vice Pres. Miss Armstrong
Recording Secretary John Moore
Cor. Secretary D M Henderson
Treasurer Miss Lambert.
Conveners of Committees Miss McPhail Miss J. McDonald, Miss R. Anderson, Miss Cobban, Miss Patterson, Miss M. McQueen, Miss A. Smith.

The meetings are well attended and most interesting. The topic card for January o July, giving names of leaders, &c., has just been printed. In addition to the regular topic, the pastor gives a brief address upon a catechism question at each meeting.

The Officers and Teachers.

The officiary of the Methodist Sunday School for 1897, elected at the recent annual meeting, will take their places next Sunday as follows:—

Superintendent—H F Moore
Supt of Home Dept.—Nettie Clark
Secretary Treasurer—R. J. Gurney
Assistant Secretary—T. J. Edmiston
Librarians C. Williams, A. E. Gurney Chas McLean and Edwin Francis.
Organists—Annie McNabb and Lizzie McLean
Leader of Orchestra—Chas. E. Jenner
Ushers—R. J. Edmiston and W McNabb
B B Artist—T J Edmiston.
Teachers—Rev. J. E. Howell, M.A., Mrs H. F Moore, Mrs. Oram, Mrs. James McLean, Mrs. I Francis, Miss Maggie Elbage, Mrs. John Agnew, Mrs C C Speight, Mrs. John Stephenson, Miss Maggie H Matthews, Mr J S Coleman, Miss Lottie E. Speight, Miss Walker, Mr Geo Vincent, Mrs. Harry Jeanes, Mrs James Moore.
Assistant Teachers Thos. T. Moore, Rev W Bryers, James Moore, Thurtell Brown, Missed Clara Moore, Lulu Howell, Annie Stephenson, and Nellie Brown

The annual report presented by the secretary on Christmas night showed a year of success. The number of scholars on roll 229 Average attendance 205 Receipts for the year, including $78 for missions, amounted to $269.15, balance on hand $20.75

Another Successful Anniversary.

The Methodist Sunday School has for many years held its annual entertainment on Christmas night and has enjoyed a long succession of successful events, both from the point of attendance and the meritorious character of the programme Christmas of 1896 will be remembered as adding another marked success. The church was crowded and the programme was most excellent. It was provided exclusively by the school and was as follows:—

1 Chorus, "Christmas Hymn," The School
2 Prayer by the Rev J. E. Howell, M.A
3 Brief address by the Superintendent
4 Chorus, "Ring Merry Bells," The School
5 Recitation, "Katy's Wants," Stella Gurney
6 Recitation, "A Question of Pedigree," Zella Ebbage
7 Motion Song, "A Christmas Bell," Twelve Girls
8 Recitation, "Why Does it?" Harold Nichlin
9 Recitation, "Santa Claus' Mistake," Mabel Soper
10 Chorus, "Christmas Time," The School
11. Recitation, "Hanging up the Stockings" Three Little Girls
12 Recitation, "Nettie's Christmas Visit to Grandma's," Mamie Agnew
13 Motion song, "God is Love," Seven Girls
14. Recitation, "Have you ever Noticed that?" Ella Gamble
15 Chorus, "Joy Bells," The School
16 Recitation, "Archie's Christmas Gift" Willie Clark
17 Recitation, "A Confession," Olive Harris
18 Motion song, "Hush a by," Edie Williams
19 Chorus, "Happy, Happy Christmas Every where" The School
20 Recitation, "Dorothy's Mustache," Ellie Matthews
21 Recitation, "A Christmas Secret," Ethel Coleman
22 Motion Song, "Topsy Turvey," 3 girls and 3 boys
23 Recitation, "Sister Sue's Wedding," Howard Oram.
24 Chorus, "The Glorious Army," the School
25 Cantata, "The Christian Graces," Ten Young Ladies
26 Recitation, "The Lament," Blanch Dills
27 Recitation, "The Girl with the Company Face," Lottie Moore
28 Chorus, "Merry Christmas Bells," The School
29 Recitation, "Selling her Hair," Edith Nichlin
30 Recitation, "Mike's Christmas," Edith Wilson
31 Good night Chorus, The School.

Every number was well rendered and the audience showed their appreciation by repeated applause. It will not appear invidious if special reference is made to the number, "The Christian Graces." The ten young ladies in their pretty white costumes were beauty and purity personified and their rendition of the cantata was as perfect as possible an interpretation of the composer's intention. The Christmas wigwam and its evergreen surroundings was a feature which delighted the young people, while the Christmas chimney composed of bricks filled with Chistmas sweets gave joy to the primary classes when the time for its rasing arrived.

THE NEW MARRIAGE LICENSE. The new Marriage Act requires that both bride and groom make affidavit when procuring a marriage license. In order to avoid inconvenience and unnecessary publicity the undersigned will wait upon the parties desiring licenses at the home of any of their friends in town to issue documents. H. F Moore, Issuer of Marriage Licenses. FREE PRESS Office, Acton.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

ROCKWOOD.

The fine new home of John Duff, Esq., on the Eramosa and Erin town line, was the scene of a very enjoyable surprise party on Christmas eveping Mr. Duff, in that genial manner and kindly way which has made him such a favorite wherever he is known, welcomed the visitors and instructed them to make themselves thoroughly at Rome. They lost no time in doing this and soon were merrily "tripping the light fantastic." The evening's pleasures were kept up until a late hour, when the party separated, everyone testifying that they had spent a delightful evening.

At the nominations for the municipal elections held on Monday the following men were nominated for the Reeveship: D Talbot and David Rae For Deputy Reeve: W. Argo and R Hamilton. For Councillors: C. McNabb, Jas. Black, Dickieson and McGregor.

The St. John's Sunday School entertainment was given on Monday, 28th inst., and was quite a success. The children acquitted themselves to the credit of their instructors.

Among the Christmas visitors were the following: Mr. F. Strange, Toronto, Mrs. MacMullen, Toronto; Mrs. Mann, Acton; Mr. F. Sullivan, St. Paul, U. S.; Mr. A. Smith and family, Acton, Mr. and Miss Connely, Alma; Mr. A Keetle, Mt. Forest; Mr. J. Lee

LIMEHOUSE.

The following is a report of the Christmas examinations at S. S. No. 9 Esquesing:

IV Class—Mamie Nickell, Alice Le Poidevin, Frank Moore.

III Class (promoted to Jun. IV) Olive Marshall, Emma Scott, Fred Swackhamer, John Newton, Arthur Meredith.

II Class Jun.—Carrie Meredith, Lennie Garvin, Jas. Nickell.

II Class John Hamer, Willie McDowell, Vernon Swackhamer.

Pt. II Class Susie Dremert, Bella Wheeler.

Pt. I B Burville Merritt, Eva Meredith, Duncan Sharp,

Pt. A Rae Scott, Earl Marshall, Wm Bowman. Ira A Foote, Teacher

Messrs. Isaac Newton, Wm Nickell and Robert Wheeler, came down from Sarnia to spend Christmas.

Mr. John Moore and family spent Christmas with friends in Guelph.

A number of our citizens are now engaged in wood cutting for the farmers.

Rev. Wm. Bryers preached here on Sunday evening.

A hockey team has been organized here and some enjoyable sport is being had on the pond.

Mr. Ninnian Lindsay Jr is very ill and since Saturday his case has been serious

Ed Sharp got around to his old home again for Christmas.

Mrs. John E. Wright, of Indian Head, N. W. T., who with her husband went out to the west about six years ago, is spending a few weeks at the home of her father, Mr. James Scott. They have prospered in their western home and are quite in love with the North West. Mr. Harvey, a neighbor, and brother of Mr. John Harvey, Acton, had 10,000 bushels of wheat this year.

NASSAGAWEYA.

On Christmas day Messrs T R Taylor and G. T and R F Wilson of Nassagaweya, captured a fine fox in the river swamp.

Christmas day passed off very quietly around Knatchbull. There were numerous merry family gatherings

Mr. George Husband of the North West Territory, is visiting relatives and friends in Nassagaweya.

Mrs. Josiah Kean, of Freeston Simcoe county, is visiting at her father's, Mr Geo Easterbrook's.

Miss Katie Kingsbury, of Nassagaweya who has been visiting friends in Galt and vicinity returned home on Thursday last.

Nomination day Monday The following were the nominations for Nassagaweya township council. Reeve, John Marshall, Deputy Reeve, Messrs. Beattie and Mc Gibbon, Councillors, Messrs J. Erwin, J. Kitching jr., S. Bell, and A. McMillan. There will be no contest for the Reeveship as Mr. Marshall is in by acclamation But for the other offices there will be a very keen fight.

Quite a number of the young people of the Darbyville neighborhood went to Guelph on Christmas eve Sight seeing and to have a good time, generally, was their object. According to reports they had a very pleasant time

Public school meetings were held yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs Herbert M Taylor who were spending their honeymoon in Dayville, Muskoka, returned home on Thursday last.

The public school examination on Tuesday, Dec 22nd, at No 4 school, was a decided success and reflects great credit on the teacher, Mr Geo O. McNair Quite a number from No 9 attended and were highly pleased with it After the examination was over Miss Annie McPhedran read an address and Master William Kitching presented the teacher with a library of 24 books and an album It was a pleasant surprise to him and he made a very appropriate reply

Miss M E Nelson, of Acton, is in the city on a visit to her brother, Alf Nelson, and Mrs. T J Moore, her sister Guelph *Herald*

Mr Edw Loveys leaves to morrow for Johnstown, N Y., to take a situation in the store shop where his uncle, Mr Harry Jenner, is foreman

Mr and Mrs J W Mann, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. John Mann and family, of Erin, spent Christmas day at the home of their father, Mr Peter Mann, near Acton

Mayor Holmes, of the *New Era*, Clinton, well known to newspaper men, has recently lost two of his sons through death, and two daughters are very ill. Mr. Holmes will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in his heavy bereavement.

Mr. J. Fyfe returned last week from Rossland, B. C., where he was prospecting for several months. He has great faith in the future of this rapidly growing city, as well as in the riches of the mines in and near Rossland. Mr. Fyfe came east to dispose of shares in the Ethel group of mines, in which he is interested, being Vice Pres. and Treasurer of the Ethel Group Gold Mining Co.

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COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes

The FREE PRESS invites all its readers to contribute to this column. If you or your friends are going away on a holiday trip or if you have friends visiting you drop a card to the FREE PRESS.

Mr. John Kirkness was in Huntsville over Christmas.

Mr Bert Mason, of Meadowvale, was home this week.

Mrs James Watson visited friends at Everton this week.

Mr. Percy Secord, of Buffalo, visited the old home this week.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson spent Christmas at his home in Galt.

Mr. Harry Elbage, of Toronto, was in town over Christmas.

Miss Edna Miller left on Monday to visit friends at Milton.

Mr. Walter Carrol, of Toronto, spent Christmas at his home

Mr. John Adams went to Teeswater, his former home, last week.

Mr. Fred Goodeve is home from Trinity College for the vacation.

Miss Mina Walker, was home from Toronto over Christmas.

Mr. James Brown visited relatives in Toronto during the week.

Mr. Harry Fink, went to his home at Ayton, to spend Christmas.

Mr. R. J. Edmiston has been visiting friends at Fergus the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vincent visited relatives at Brampton on Christmas.

Miss Fannie Bryers spent a few days last week with friends in Toronto.

Mr Fred Secord arrived home in time to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. T McKeague, of Toronto, favored Acton friends with a visit this week.

Mr. Rollie Smith, of Galt, spent Christmas at the old home, Fairview Place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Soper spent their Christmas with friends at Huntsville.

Mr and Mrs. Noble and family spent Christmas with friends in Georgetown.

Miss Minnie Orr, of Grand Valley, has been enjoying the holidays at her home here.

Mr Alex Cummings, of Dakota, is in town renewing his acquaintances of early days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jeane and children, of Georgetown, visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll and babe, of Toronto spent Christmas with Acton friends.

Master Cecil and Miss Lottie Rae, of Toronto Junction, are visiting Acton friends.

Miss Emma Graham, of Glenwilliams, spent a few days this week with Acton friends.

Miss Maggie Ebbage left on Saturday to spend a few weeks with her brother in Toronto.

Mr and Mrs J M Fernley and children, of Brantford, visited Acton relatives the past week.

Mr John Fallous went to Montreal last week to spend his holidays in his former home.

Mr. and Mrs Robert Hyde, left on Saturday to spend a month or so at Spring field on the Credit.

Mr James H. Nichlin, of Lowell, Mich., is in town renewing acquaintances in the home of his youth.

Mr Will Kennedy, of the Gravenhurst *Banner*, has been enjoying a week's vacation at his old home.

Miss Ida Barry, of Newmarket, and Mr. Will Barry, of Barrie, spent Christmas under the rooftree here.

Mr Wm Burns, jr., and the Misses Burns, of Rockwood, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. J Fyfe.

Mr and Mrs. Alfred Soper, accompanied by Miss Edna Miller, spent Christmas with friends at Georgetown.

Mr. John E. Wright and children, of Indian Head, N. W. T., are visiting at her father's home, Mr. Jas. Scott.

Misses Mabel and Tiny Graine and Master Howard, of Toronto, spent the holidays with their Acton friends.

Mr Cook and daughter, of South Haven, Mich., spent a few days in town this week the guests of Rev. R. B. Cook.

Mr E. H. King, of the C.P.R. audit office, Montreal, spent a couple of days during the week with his uncle, Mr. W. C. King.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Nellis, Mr and Mrs. John Crawshaw and babe, of Guelph, spent Christmas at the home of Mr James Scott.

Miss Jean Beattie, of Guelph and Dr. F J Scott, of Southhampton, visited at the home of Mr. Arch. McNabb during this week

Mr and Mrs F H Smyth and their little son, of Toronto, were guests of ex Reeve Pearson and other friends during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. W. J Campbell spent Christmas in Toronto with his brother Leonard, who is undergoing treatment at the General Hospital. He is improving slowly.

Mrs Thos. T. Moore went to Toronto on Monday to attend at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. John Ausman, who has been suffering from typhoid fever the past twelve weeks.

Rev J E Howell and family left yesterday for Homeseville to attend the marriage of their son, Dr. Bert Howell, of Detroit, to one of Huron County's fairest daughters, this afternoon.

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5 50 reduced to	5 95	12 75 reduced to	8 [illegible]
7 50 reduced to	5 95	13 75 reduced to	[illegible]
8 00 reduced to	5 95		

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7 75 reduced to	5 10	13 75 reduced to	9 [illegible]
8 00 reduced to	5 50	15 00 reduced to	10 [illegible]
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