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## BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.

January, 1907.—Election next Monday. —Want it a beautiful December. —The schools re-open this morning. —Vote for the electric power law.

The teachers have come and the teachers have gone to their respective duties again.

The postage on letters from Canada to Egypt and the Soudan is now two cents, half ounce.

—Many Actonians stayed up late on Monday to "watch the old year out and the new year in."

The January thaw came a day in advance of the month. The sleighing was abominably jeopardized.

The Francis Green Concert Co. occupied the town hall three nights last week. Patron report a good show.

Registrar T. T. Moore reports that there were registered in Acton last year 39 births, 27 deaths and 29 marriages.

The tramp of the candidate for municipal honour is now heard in the land. Hear him, encourage him, and then vote as you wish.

—Miss Dorothy Nelson brought to the Free Press on Saturday a handful of branches from the pussy willow with the catkins in full bloom.

—What would make a better gift to that friend who remembered you so kindly at Christmas time than a year's subscription to the Free Press?

—On Mill Street, Acton, on Monday, 2nd Dec., a "black" green chandelier was seen with a padlock firmly fastened to it at F. P. Ross' office.

Mrs. Fred. W. Plank has leased his farm on the first line to E. W. Grote, butcher, and will offer his farm stock and implements for sale by auction on the 3rd January.

The demand for the Free Press' premium fountain pens has been so great that further supply has been ordered from the manufacturers. They are sold retail at \$2.00, but while this lot lasts we will supply old or new subscribers at 30 cents additional to their subscription.

## IMPORTANT PROPERTY CHANGE.

Johnstone & Co. Will Build a Fine Block on Mill Street this Year.

Mrs. Joe McNaught and Sons disposed of their fine property at the corner of Mill and John streets to Mr. Johnstone & Co. last week for \$1,000.

It is the intention of the purchasers to remove the present house and ivy barn and commence as soon as spring opens the erection of a fine business block. It will contain a large furniture store and possibly two other stores covering the entire frontage.

The plan of the new building will be modern and attractive. The material to be used will probably be cement blocks.

## Disciples' G. S. Entertainment.

The Disciples' Sunday School gave the whistlers their annual Christmas treat on Friday evening. A beautiful tree was set up in the Sunday School room. Then all repaired to the church room. There a brief programme was given, consisting of solos and recitations, after which the Christmas tree was stripped of its fruit, each child being remunerated by a bag of candy and a gift. When this had been completed parents and scholars went home feeling that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

## NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

**Acton Bobcats' Christmas Giveaway.** The teachers and pupils contributed \$100.00 to the following as a Christmas offering: Gravenhurst, \$30.00; Sick Children's Hospital \$4.75; and the Alex. Muir Memorial Fund \$1.00.

**Evangelistic Services.** A series of special services will be held in the Methodist Church this month and will commence next Sunday. Dr. G. W. Barker, the pastor, will conduct them and will be assisted by officials of the church.

**Primer's Institute Meeting.**

Hamilton, Friday evening, the Inst. meeting will be held in Acton on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. The following speakers have been secured for the occasion: Miss Smith, of Hamilton, who is well-known in Institute work; Mr. Shearer, Height, and Mr. Jones, of Maitland. For further particulars see postscript.

**Highly Successful Entertainment.**

The entertainment of Khor Sunday School on New Year's night was a great success. The hall was crowded to the doors. The curtain "Santa Claus Doing" was presented in a manner which greatly pleased the large audience and reflected credit on the scholars and their instructors. Miss McMurtry trained the scholars, Miss Russell was drill instructor and the various teachers assisted them. The incident of the evening was the presentation of the Assembly Diploma to Little Miss Hamilton for fitting the whole of the shorter exercises and various subjects passed. The receipts for the evening were \$100.

**Helping the Young Men's Association.**

Headers of the Free Press all over the country manifest an interest in the Young Men's Club recently organized. Kind words are conveyed in numerous letters and practical aid in a number of instances has been proffered—Miss Claude McPhail, writing from New York City last Thursday, says: "I enclose \$1.00 for renewal of Free Press for 1907, also \$1.00 for your Young Men's Association. I wish the movement splendid success." Mr. H. W. Edmondson, of Tacoma, Wash., has forwarded the Young Men's Association a much appreciated budget of western magazines, portfolios, etc., and other reading matter of special interest. He also wishes the Association success.

**Graduates Receive Diplomas.**

At the morning service in the Methodist Church last Sunday morning the following graduates from the primary department of the Sunday School were presented their diplomas by the principal superintendent: Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Gertrude Amelia Peacock, Harold Franklin Stewart, Earl Henry Vincent, Edgar Campbell Stewart, William Robinson Leckie, Robert Evans Peacock, Ernest Arthur Brown and Henry Hill Rath. In the Sunday School in the afternoon an interesting pictorial review of the life of Christ was given. The Christmas missionary offering was presented and amounted to \$21.50. The total missionary offering of the school for year was \$117.07.

**Death of Mrs. John H. Barber.**

The news of the death of Mrs. John H. Barber, Georgetown, on Monday morning was received here with feelings of profound sadness. Some weeks ago Mrs. Barber suffered from an ulcerated tooth, blood-poisoning set in and her weakened condition of death "typhoid fever" ensued and died took place early Monday morning. The sincerest sympathy of the community is felt for Mr. Barber in his great bereavement. Mrs. Barber was the life of the home. Her amiable disposition and very capable character entitled her to give her the ideal qualities of a housekeeper. A little son of two years is left motherless. Mrs. Barber was the daughter of Mr. Ezra Beesley, of Georgetown.

**Capital Chatham Entertainment.**

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Capital Sunday School was held in the Church last Thursday evening. No pains had been spared to make it a success and those who had charge have every reason to be pleased with the result. The church itself was very tastefully decorated for the occasion while special lighting added to the effect of the whole entertainment. The usual Christmas tree was in evidence. The programme comprised a number of solo, choruses, etc., by the younger members of the Sunday School, a number of well rendered selections by a special orchestra, a reading by the Secretary, addressed by the pastor and superintendent.

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