MARRIED.

MORTON-FOWLIE—At the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, on Wednesday, December 11th, by Rev. W. H. Richards, D.D., John A. Morton, of Leicester, Eng., to Mamie, daughter of Rev. R. Fowlie, D.D.

MCPHERSON-DILLS—At the parsonage, 73 Grange Ave., Toronto, on Tuesday, 17th Dec. inst., by Rev. C. O. Johnston, pastor Queen St. Methodist Church, Robert J. McPherson, to Edith Blanche, third daughter of George Dills, Park Ave., Acton.

MCNABB-LINKLATER—In Wingham, on Wednesday, 11th December, by Rev. D. Perry, Neil McNabb, son of Arch. McNabb, Esq., Acton, to Miss Julia Linklater, of Wingham.

DIXON-EARL—In Milton, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, by the Rev. C. J. Bennett, Laura Elsie, second daughter of T. F. Earl, to Homer E. J. E. Dixon.

DIED.

ADAMS—At Guelph, on Friday, Dec. 13th, Mrs. Andrew Adams, formerly of Georgetown, aged 59 years.

TAYLOR—At the Dominion Hotel, Acton, on Monday, 23rd December, Duncan Taylor, in his 76th year.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1907

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The FREE PRESS most cordially wishes every reader the most joyous and happy Christmas possible. Christmas stands not only for love, but for faith—an all-conquering faith, that looks beyond the material and winds up the year with the spiritual. Thanksgiving has summed up the season of planting and reaping; Christmas goes far above the physical life, and bids us understand that we are something more than creatures who eat and drink. The grand idea that is here celebrated is self-sacrifice; and, no matter what our creed may be, we shall agree that the loftiest conception of humanity is to yield self-seeking for the good of the whole. For nineteen hundred years Christmas has spoken in terms of tenderest love. Ye are not only children of the earth, but children of heaven—members of that divine family that everywhere lifts hands and voice: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Christmas has found its place as a part of civilization—the most beautiful of all institutions. It speaks by time and custom, by sign and suggestive emblem, by laden tree and inexhaustible gifts of the omnipresent Christ spirit. It decrees that the Golden Rule shall yet be above all constitutions, the supreme international law of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A number of County Councils will co-operate with that of Halton in petitioning the Government of Ontario to increase the amount of grants for good roads to at least one-half of the expenditure on county systems. Dr. Buck, Reeve of Trafalgar, was the originator of the petition. If the matter obtains the approval of the Government it will be a fitting climax to Dr. Buck's forty years in municipal activity in this county.

Immigration to Canada this year will total about 288,000 persons, a gain of about thirty per cent. compared with the number of arrivals of the previous year. The number of immigrants from Great Britain showed an increase of forty per cent., which may be taken to show that the quality of immigration has improved during the past year. In 1907 the United States have received from other countries an addition of 1.6 per cent. of the population, while the addition to Canada's population has reached 4.8 per cent.

The new immigration policy of the Federal Government to restrict British and Continental immigration during the winter months, is not being received with open arms by Canadian steamship lines. Over a hundred able-bodied men have been deported from the port of Halifax because they had not the requisite sum of $50 in their pockets, or because they had not secured situations before leaving England. The complaint of the shipping men is that they were not notified of the changed conditions in time to notify their offices on the other side.

In a large number of municipalities of Ontario local option has been in force for at least eighteen months and it is possible now to gauge the results of their experience. Among the advantages gained are, the abolition of the treating system, which is admitted to be a good thing even by many who are still opposed to local option; less disorderly conduct about the hotels and on the streets; more cleanliness and better behavior about the hotels, and therefore more pleasure and satisfaction to the travelling public requiring to use them; money saved by the workingmen and in some cases their families better provided for; and a benefit to employers, who find their men steadier at their work.—Toronto News.

SPEYSIDE.

A delightful evening was spent last Friday by about one hundred friends of the mission at Speyside at the very hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McPherson, second line. Some weeks ago while a "bee" was in progress in painting and otherwise completing the mission hall, Mr. Henry Sayers happened along and generously offered to supply all the oysters that would be required if any one would find a place to have an oyster supper for all those interested in the success of the mission. The above home was cordially granted, and Friday fixed for the evening. The result was most agreeable to all concerned. Mr. Sayers supplied abundance of oysters, and the ladies of the community furnished most liberally other appetizing viands.

After the supper Mr. Neil Gillies was appointed chairman, and the following were called upon and delivered appropriate and encouraging addresses: Alexander Joy, Councillor Mullin, of Esquesing, and Councillor Williams, of Acton. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was moved to Mr. and Mrs. McPherson and Mr. Sayers.

Sunday School and Prayer Services will shortly be re-organized and the mission hall will be the centre of a very salutary influence for the community.

The bye-elections yesterday resulted in the return of Dr. McLean in Centre York, Mr. O. B. Major in Lambton, and Mr. J. T. B. Caron in Ottawa, all Liberals.

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

Self should become self-sacrifice,
And gentle peace should hush to rest
All souls by jarring strife distrest,
For love is born and hatred dies.

The Son of David, Son of God,
Hath glorified great David's seat.
In wondrous, simple, lowly state
He claims the heart for His abode.

He claims—and he will surely win
By slow degrees, by anguish sore,
By love unthought, undreamed before—
His royal home, the hearts of men!

And firmly fixed upon the throne
Of man's affection, who can stay,
O Sovereign Child, the final day
When all the world for Thee is one?

Rejoice, O earth! The star of faith,
Eternal star of hope and love,
Hath risen upon Thee far above,
And thro' the darkness thick beneath

It shines with morning brilliancy,
Allures and beckons thee to rise
To deeds of lowly sacrifice,
To deeds of love that will not die.

O, Mighty Child! We feel Thy sway!
The manger shadows forth the love
Then didst accord the cross to prove.
What love we sing—for that we pray.

It flows to-day, a crystal stream
Upon Thine altars, Lord, for those
Who take the yoke, the vows
Of sacrifice, in Thy dear name.

—REV. MATTHEW WILSON, M.A.

The Rectory, Acton.

CHURCHILL.

A case of smallpox has developed in the home of Mrs. John Snyder. Her brother, Robert Stauffer, a stone mason, arrived there from Hamilton a couple of weeks ago. He was taken ill and Dr. Hamilton, of Erin, was called in and had suspicions that it was a case of smallpox. The provincial health authorities were communicated with, and Dr. Bell, came up from Toronto to investigate. He pronounced the case smallpox. The premises were at once placed in charge of the Township Board of Health and quarantined. It is hoped the disease will be confined to the one case.

The annual tea-meeting last Wednesday night was a very enjoyable function. The attendance was not as large as usual, but the culinary attractions were plentiful and superior, and the programme comprised many appreciated numbers. Addresses were delivered by Revs. G. W. Barker, Acton, W. Black, Toronto, and D. A. G. Willoughby, the pastor. Music was contributed by Georgetown Congregational Choir. Their choruses, solos, duets, and quartettes were all most creditable. Rev. Mr. Willoughby gave two recitations. The chair was occupied as usual by H. P. Moore.

COLLEGE RE-OPENS.

The Central Business College of Toronto will re-open for the registration and reception of new students for the winter term on January 2nd. This school employs a staff of twenty-four regular teachers with several extra assistants during the winter months when the attendance is largest. The courses given are modern and the results produced are best shown in the success and satisfaction enjoyed by the graduates of this excellent institution. The new catalogue just from the press is an excellent one and explains in detail the systematic work of all departments of this great school.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Toronto hotelkeepers have agreed to advance rates 50 cents a day.

Mrs. McTavish, wife of Rev. D. Mc. Tavish, Toronto, has died in Baltimore Hospital.

Cutts & Co. of Toronto Junction, have assigned, with liabilities of about $20,000.

John Ross of Weston died of injuries received by being thrown out of his cutter.

Fred. Danby, a farmer of Fairbank, was held up at the point-of-a-revolver and robbed.

A final dividend of of 4½ cents on the dollar was declared on Saturday by the liquidators of the Atlas Loan Company of St. Thomas.

Cases have come before the Associated Charities of late where immigrants were offered positions and refused to take them unless more money was forthcoming.

The funeral of Hon. J. Israel Tarte took place at Montreal on Saturday.

The storehouse of the Hamilton Powder Works, at Northfield, B.C., were wrecked by a powder explosion.

Several moving picture shows kept open at Hamilton on Sunday, and the police took the names of the proprietors.

Mrs. McClelland, wife of Councillor Jas. McClelland of Grand Valley, was burned to death by falling down cellar with a lighted lamp.

West Lorne and Rodney will be incorporated as villages, and thus escape the operation of the local option law, which will be voted upon by Aldborough township next month.

Toronto nominated five candidates for Mayor on Monday and fifteen for controllers.

Norman Swartz was instantly killed by being thrown from a load of hay, at Osage, Sask., on Monday. He became entangled by the lines, and was dragged under the wheels.

It is reported that Mr. John D. Rockefeller will donate $2,000,000 to McMaster University, Toronto, for the establishment of a medical department.

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