DIED.

DENNY—In Erin, on Wednesday, 16th December, Frederick Lail, second son of Fred Denny, aged 20 years 9 days.

NIXON—At her home at Streetsville, on Thursday, 17th December, Maggie Nixon, widow of Dr. A. W. Nixon, M. P. P., Georgetown, aged 59 years.

WARWICK—At the home of her son, Wychwood, Toronto, on Tuesday, December 22nd, Ellen McDonald, widow of the late John Warren, in her 77th year.

ELLIOT—At her residence, Parkhill Farm, Issa line, Departing on Thursday, Dec. 19th, Barbara Hunter, beloved wife of William Elliot, in her 76th year.

BOONER—At Victoria Hospital, London, suddenly, on Thursday, December 6th, Edna M., beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Boomer, in her fortieth year.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1908

MERRY CHRISTMAS

There is a special fitness, and a practical utility in our annual observance of Christmas. Let us all enter fully into the spirit of the happy festival. "Good Will to Men" is the keynote of the song that was the lullaby of our Saviour's manger-cradle, and the melodious harmony of His life. May all our good wishes for a Merry Christmas be cordial and genuine, breathing forth in very fact this Christ-like spirit.

This joyous day should, as far as possible, be spent at home. The prevalent notion seems to be with many that happiness is found only by going somewhere and seeing somebody. This is a mistake. The sereenest and sweetest of all joys are those which dwell within the sacred limits of the family circle. On such festal occasions it is eminently desirable that parents and children, brothers and sisters, should meet together, even though they be put to some expense and inconvenience in doing so. By and by such gathering will be impossible. The tides of life will sweep sons and daughters, and other members of the home circle, in different directions. When the days come that they can look upon the faces of loved ones no more, let them have the holy memories of this present time as a solace and delight.

Christmas affords a good opportunity to meditate upon all the goodness which God has shown us during the past year.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snowflakes at Christmas tide. And beautiful is the year in its coming and its going; most beautiful and blessed because it is always the Year of our Lord.

Dickens says: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." And perhaps this, which he said at another time, is the reason why he wants to keep it all the year: "I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind of forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." The true Christmas is all this, and much more. Any Christmas joy that does not find its spring and source in Jesus, the Holy Babe of Bethlehem, is not the true joy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Canadian Government is showing commendible enterprise in its endeavour to further the extension of the foreign trade of the country. The Department of Trade and Commerce has sent out a circular letter to exporters and manufacturers throughout the Dominion inviting suggestions as to how the department might increase its usefulness to Canadian trade in the matter of commercial information and trade statistics received through trade commissioners. Attention is also given to the possibilities for increasing Canada's export trade, and manufacturers are also asked to send any suggestions they may have as to possible means of widening the scope of Canada's markets abroad.

At the meeting of the Council on Monday evening the statement of receipts and expenditures for the year, up to December 15th, was presented by the Treasurer. It shows total receipts of $14,523.77, and payments of $13,031.59, leaving a balance in the treasury of $1,492.18. This appears to be a very satisfactory statement. The balance on hand a year ago was $741.22. The receipts from the Electric Lighting plant this year have been $3,108.71, and the payments $1,730.77. This is a better showing than last year by $250.11. Last year $905.57 was spent on Streets and Walks; this year $1,070.05. The statement shows a receipt of $235.14 from the Government, through the County Council, on account of good roads.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT LORNE

Presentation to Miss Black, who has Completed her Engagement

The Christmas closing exercises of Lorne School were held on Tuesday afternoon, when quite a number of the parents and friends were present. The scholars gave a splendid programme of choruses, songs, recitations and dialogues.

At the close of the programme, Miss Black, who is leaving, was called to the platform, and Miss Maggie McDonald read the following address:

DEAR MISS BLACK:—We, the pupils and members of this section, find much pleasure in expressing our heartiest appreciation of your work among us, during the last two years. We ask you to accept this gift as a very small token of our high esteem for you, and wish that it may carry with it the best wishes of the section.

During your time here you have been a kind, efficient and faithful teacher, and we will always look back with pleasure to the days we have spent together.

Every member of the section unites in wishing you unlimited success in the future and a Merry Christmas for 1908.

Signed on behalf of the school,

MAGGIE MCDONALD
ISABELLA CHIPPS
ROBERT DAVIDSON
ORVILLE JOHNSTON

Lorne, Dec. 22nd, 1908.

Masters Lachlan McMillan and Herbert Maudes then presented a beautiful toilet case.

Miss Black made a suitable reply expressing the pleasure she had felt in giving her best services to the school during the past two years.

Short speeches were also made by Messrs. James Brown, A. McDonald, T. P. Watkins and the Chairman, Mr. A. A. Worden.

The exercises closed by singing the National Anthem.

NEXT YEAR'S MUNICPAL COUNCIL

Reeve Swackhamer and Dr. Gray Will Probably Contest the Reeveship

BUT WHO WILL RUN FOR COUNCILLORS?

Rarely have matters been so quiet respecting the probable personnel of the Municipal Council for the new year. If there are aspirants they are very quiet in their candidature.

It is generally understood, that, notwithstanding the number of years he has occupied the office, Reeve Swackhamer is quite willing to continue in office, and a strong plea is put up in his behalf in the claim that, if returned he will have a very fair chance of securing the Wardenship of the County Council next January. If he is again candidate, however, he will have to enter a contest.

Dr. Gray has been persuaded to stand for the position of Chief Magistrate of the municipality, and he will receive strong support. The Dr. has given three years of faithful and valuable service in the Council. He has ably filled the position of Chairman of Finance during his tenure of office, and has been instrumental in correcting certain irregularities and putting municipal affairs on a more business like basis. He has a very just claim for the Reeveship, and now that he is in the field he will put up a strong campaign. Acton is usually appreciative of the efforts put forth in her best interests by those elected to serve in public position. The town has been very kind to Mr. Swackhamer and has honored him for years. It is very generally felt that the honors should be passed around. It is quite reasonable, therefore, to conclude that the candidature of Dr. Gray for the Reeveship will be successful. He is in every respect well qualified for the position, and by his term of service as a Councillor is justly entitled to it.

The Reeve elected should be supported by a Council selected from among our best citizens. If Councillors Speight, Williams and Bell can be persuaded to serve another year the municipality will be fortunate. They have gained an experience which in each year growing more valuable and should be retained if possible. To fill the other seat it should not be difficult. The claims of citizenship and service in a public capacity are upon such esteemed citizens of ability and influence as John Harvey, D. M. Henderson, William Johnstone, W. A. Storey, A. T. Brown, W. H. Denny, John Kenney, Jr., John R. Kennedy, John Clarke, Thos. Gamble, N. Forbes, J. B. Mackenzie, J. C. Hill, Wm. Swackhamer, George Soper and others that might be mentioned. By all means let us at the nomination next Monday select the best citizens available for the Council. Municipal business has become very important and the future well-being of the town is at stake. The coming year will be a most important one, owing to the necessity for wise, judicious and progressive action in connection with the Hydro electric Power question. If that matter is handled intelligently now Acton's splendid manufacturing interests may be largely added to during the next decade.

REV. MATTHEW WILSON, M. A.

Surprised With an Address and Generously Filled Purse

On Thursday evening last, a surprise party came from the Rockwood congregation to present the Rev. Matthew Wilson M. A. and Mrs. Wilson with an address and a purse of money which was indeed a most liberal one. The address was as follows:

TO REV. MATTHEW WILSON, M. A.

DEAR FRIEND AND PASTOR.—We, a few of the members of St. John's Church, Rockwood, on behalf of the church, to which you have ministered so acceptably desire to convey to you our sincere esteem and regard. We have learned with deep regret that you purpose removing from this parish to a charge in the City of Hamilton, and have arranged to meet at your residence this evening and convey to Mrs. Wilson and your worthy self our high appreciation of your services as our minister, and our personal esteem and regard for you.

We have always enjoyed your sermons, your teaching was scriptural and helpful, and, being delivered in a kind and sympathetic spirit, has brought us to a better knowledge of the Divine One, who giveth us life and strength and hope. We have always found you a kind, sympathetic friend, ever ready to give us counsel and encouragement, and much of our interest in the higher themes of life have been inspired by your helpful teaching.

We part with you with sorrow, and we commend you to God and the word of his grace, and pray that, in your new field of labour, He may richly bless you with health and strength and increasing joy in His service.

May He whose you are, and whom you serve; be with you both, and with your family through life; may the light of His countenance be around about you, and when meetings and partings are over, may it be our happy privilege to meet and abide forever in the home of unending joy. God be with you till we meet again.

On behalf of your many friends of St. John's Church, Rockwood, we ask you to accept of this purse and contents as a small token in proof of the sincerity of our esteem.

Signed by

JOHN SOCKETT,
CHAS. BENHAM,
N. M. LIVINGSTONE

Rev. Mr. Wilson replied by assuring them that what they had done had touched the hearts of Mrs. Wilson and himself, and that he would devote the money to something which they could always see and have beside them to remind them of the attachment which they had so forcibly expressed by the address and the gift of money.

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I. Francis, Toronto—"The Christmas Number is beautiful. It excels all previous efforts."

Angus Lawson, Cheyenne, Wyo.—"We think the Christmas FREE PRESS exceptionally fine."

William Hawes, Hamilton,—"Your Christmas Number is a dandy, equal to any I have seen this year."

J. A. McGrail, Hastings—"Your handsome Christmas Number recalls many familiar scenes in Acton."

Wm. Mussell, of Lyman-Knox Co., Montreal,—"We congratulate you upon the beauty and taste displayed."

Rev. D. H. Taylor, Rockwood—"Allow me to commend the superior excellence of your Xmas Number."

Georgetown Herald—"The Acton FREE PRESS published a very handsome Christmas Number last week."

Brampton Conservator—"Like everything else connected with the FREE PRESS, it is of a very high order."

Miss Mina Langtill, Armada, Mich.—"I think it is really beautiful. Many thanks for including it in my subscription."

Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Epworth Era, Toronto—"Your Christmas Number is worthy of your long-sustained reputation."

Mrs. P. S. Armstrong, Nebraska—"It is simply grand. I have sent it on a trip around to the other members of my family."

Rev. Josias Greene, Clinton,—"The Christmas Number is a beautiful production. I wish I could send copies to all my friends."

Huntingdon, Que., Gleaner—"The FREE PRESS of Acton, Ont., has a Xmas supplement of a character that few country printers would attempt."

Col. Macleon, President Macleon Pub. Co., Toronto—"The Christmas Number is as good a piece of work as was ever turned out of a country office in Canada."

Controller Harrison, Toronto—"Allow me to congratulate you upon the issue of so good and creditable a number of the Christmas edition of the Acton FREE PRESS."

Rev. Dr. Briggs, Toronto—"I consider the Yuletide Greetings Number of the FREE PRESS 'A1, double extra, superfine' and am proud to have it issued by a member of our Book Committee."

Hugh Cameron, Sarnia, says: "It is a work of art and a credit to all connected with it. It is most pleasing to an old Acton boy to see the faces and the places he knew so well in the earlier years."

Boston World—"It is really a work of art. Both the typography and the plates are in every respect fully equal to any printed in Canada. The issue is both a credit to the enterprising publisher and his well equipped office."

Dr. Robertson, Registrar, Milton—"The engravings of our old friends, Robert Little, Colonel Allan, W. H. Storey and Asa Hall are lifelike and recall many pleasing incidents in the lives of these good and noble men. The good they have done still exists and will go on forever."

Mrs. Jennie B. Wood, Guelph,—"Much pleased with your Christmas Number. Your selections are so appropriate. The portraits of old friends are a pleasure to look upon, and yet a sadness mingles with the thought that those who lived and did so much for Acton have passed over to the majority."

Mrs. Kate Smyth, Penetang—"Christmas Number has been greatly admired by my friends as well as myself. It is good to get a glimpse of the dear old streets of Acton again, and it makes me homesick when I look at the faces of the friends of long ago. When I scan the face of Mr. Little I can almost imagine myself back in the old school-house again."

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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And, further, take notice that after such last mentioned date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

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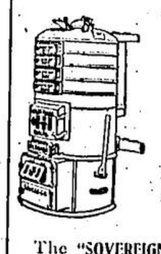

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