

MARRIAGE.

McDonald-Hastings—At Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, January 2nd, by Rev. J. W. Waddington, John E. McDonald, Minister, and Rev. Peter McDonald, Lake Ave., Acting to Mr. Jean E. Miller, of Mississauga, Ont.

Hannan-Hannan—At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, 25th January, by Rev. Wylie Clark, John Hannan, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Action, to Mrs. Mary Hannan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hannan, formerly of Mississauga.

DIED.

Hannan—In Keweenaw, on Monday, January 25th, Isabella Pringle Scott, beloved wife of Mr. and Mrs. John Hannan, of Keweenaw.

Whitman—In Georgetown, on Tuesday, January 26th, Elizabeth Farnham Whitman, beloved wife of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitman, aged 11 years.

Brown—At 10 Water Street, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 20th, the widow of the late Mr. H. Brown, aged 80 years, who died 20 years ago.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1912

EDITORIAL NOTES

AMONG the vital questions to be discussed at the National Convention in Toronto this month will be the demand for province-wide abolition of the bar, the repeal of the unfair three-fifths requirement, the laying of plans for another great Local Option campaign, and for effective enforcement of the law, particularly in Local Option municipalities.

A ROCKWOOD CORRESPONDENT writes: "The citizens of Rockwood are anxiously awaiting the vote on the hydro-electric by-law in Action in February. No doubt but Action will carry it with a large majority. Rockwood will then expect their village council to get busy and fall in line, so we would enjoy lightening up Main street those dark nights. We think it is up to the council to give us this comfort when it can easily be had."

THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE for February contains a good variety of material, composing a number that is entertaining, as well as instructive. "The Trail Beyond Cobalt," by Duncan Armstrong, is a gay description of the scenery and encounters incident to a prospecting trip in Northern Ontario. W. Lucy Amy contributes a humorous, almost ironical sketch of the capital of Newfoundland, which he calls "the most interesting little Papalooza." A pointed drama by Arthur Stringer begins in this number, and there are three first-class short stories and some excellent verse.

THE AUTHOMATIC MILKMAN of the Grand Trunk Pacific main line and branches is 11,500 miles, of which, 1,725 miles between Winnipeg and Prince Rupert. 1,900 miles is under contract by Transcontinental Railway Commission between Winnipeg and Moncton. At the completion of this national railway, the trip around the world will be shortened by one week, as Europe will be nearer Asia, and as the maximum grade of the Grand Trunk Pacific is one-fifth of the next best transcontinental railway on the continent, the time between Atlantic and the Pacific will be much reduced when the service is in operation.

AMONG the many newspaper references to the malicious outrage on the Fuxus Passes the following, from the *Beaconsfield Post*, gives a good idea what outsiders think of the perpetrators of the deed: "One night last week a plate glass office window of the Action Free Press, whose editor is a Justice of the Peace, and as such had fined a law-breaking hotelman under the Local Option clause of the Act, was broken by a fusillade of whiskey bottles. The perpetrators may think they avenged up with the moderate either on their own or other hotelmen, but they did not. On the other hand, they illustrated the part of the craven who would do worse if he were not afraid of getting a ham necklace placed between his shoulders and his ears. We hope the authorities will spare no effort to secure the perpetrator that he may be taught the lesson the law-doctor must learn in this Canadian land, that lawlessness must be put down no matter what the cost."

CHEWING COUNTERS

Owing to the quarterly communion services being held in Rockwood next Sunday there will be no service in the church here.

The many friends of Mr. Percy Carroll will be pleased to hear that he has successfully passed his second year examinations at the Chicago Dental College. He recently took a trip to Galtier and Edmonton in connection with his dental studies.

Mr. Albert Wilding left last week for a visit to his home at Salt Ste. Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Currie and children, of Action, spent Sunday at Mr. Geo. Graham's.

HALLINAN

Last week was a busy one in our village. The Farmers' Institute and the Women's Institute had their annual meeting on Wednesday. Each of these had afternoon sessions separately, the former at the hall later known as the Hallinans'. They united for the evening session, which was held in the Town Hall.

Rev. J. H. Gilchrist, of Toronto, will preach in the Presbyterian Church here and at Caledon on Sunday, the 28th ult., and taught the Bible Class.

The thaw of last week made the roads somewhat heavy, but they have been kept open.

The sick people of our district are on the road to recovery, though some of them will be confined to the house for a few days yet.

The annual meeting of the Methodist Church last Friday evening was a gratifying success. The addresses were timely, the musical part of the programme was very entertaining and the tea filled the most sanguine expectations.

The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening was well attended. The reports presented by the Managers, the Sunday School and M. E. Society were all encouraging.

A SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Mr. Williams' Sermons in Knox Church Were Pleasant, Helpful and Appropriate

PINK MUSIC BY THE CHOIR

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, M. A., of Hamilton, was the preacher at Knox Church anniversary and his sermon was highly appropriate and helpful discourse.

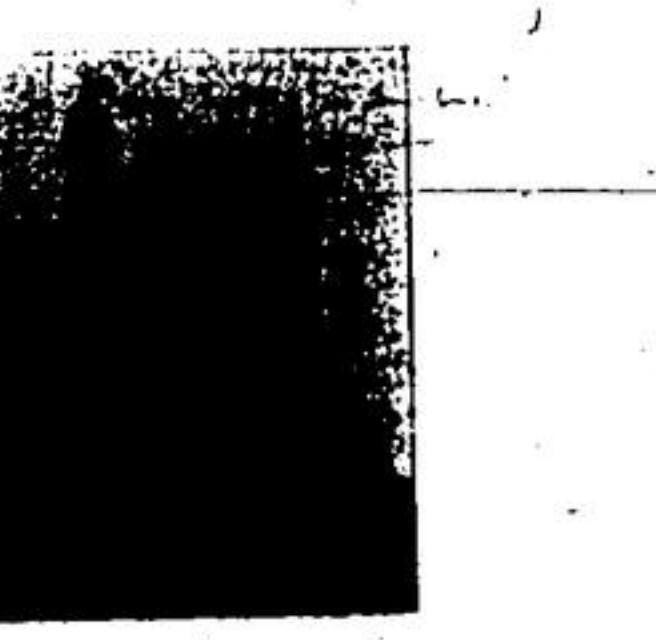
At the morning service he based his sermon on Isa. 21: 11-12. "Watch man, what of the night? behold the morning cometh, etc." After a brief but very interesting exposition of the text two points were emphasized as growing out of the passage: first, the heart's cry to God, and, second, the world's cry to the church. The answer of the church to the world shows that the morning comes. To all who believe there are bright spiritual experiences, and there are also dark days such as came to the prophet. The history of the church and its experi-

ence, where often amid the grime of work, and presence of ungodly men, he would go forth a little while, and gain upon the face of his enemies, it is possible. Young people, it is particularly right to associate with any one lower morally than yourself unless with the specific object of raising them up.

The power of pure, unselfish womanhood is a mighty force for good and how awful the character of any man who goes forth from the company of any such and engages in anything in any way vile. So the campaign slip day by day, of the loving Havoc is the great power of woman to raise and keep live pure and sincere.

The sermon was intensely interesting. Many honest, telling illustrations were given, some unusual but coming with startling force, and it was a discourse of immense practical value.

Rev. Mr. Burrell of the Baptist



KNOX CHURCH, ACTION

J.P. GRIFFIN, NELSON IS WARDEN

On Motion of Reeve Hynde, Action, he was Elected by Acclamation

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

At the meeting of Halton County Council last night, Mr. T. W. Gillmor, Mayor of Nelson, was elected by acclamation of Reeve Hynde, Action, and Reeve Bligham, Esquinton.

The standing committees for 1912 were appointed as follows:

Finance—Earl, Milton, chairman; South Burlington, Hynde, Action.

Roads and Bridges—Hutchison, Nassagawaya, chairman; Ford, Trafalgar; Foster, Oakville; Bligham, Esquinton.

Education—Hynde, Action, chairman; Moore, Georgetown; Earl, Milton.

Special Communications—Featherstone, Trafalgar, chairman; Cox, Esquinton; Foster, Oakville.

Railways and Legislation—Bligham, Esquinton, chairman; Peterborough, Trafalgar; chairman; Head, Nelson.

Game Roads—All the members of the Council.

The Warden is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Alfred Hillmer was re-appointed high school trustee for Oakville for the ensuing three years.

J. A. Willoughby was re-appointed high school trustee for Georgetown for the term of three years and Rev. H. F. Cameron was appointed for one year to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Elliott, removed.

Reeve Earl was re-appointed commissioner of the Peelhouse house of refuge on behalf of Halton.

Mr. Ford, Warden for 1911, presented the Council with a framed portrait of the members of the council for last year.

The choir did remarkably well with their special anthems during the day under Mr. J. A. Murray, Guelph. Mr. Murray himself sang solo both morning and evening.

WHAT HALTON NEWSPAPERS THINK

Of the Recent Malicious Attack on the Free Press Office

The Gazette has the guilty parties will be brought to justice and severely dealt with. Such vandalism is inexcusable.—Burlington Gazette.

All decent people must condemn this outrage, whether they approve of the stand of the Fuxus Passes in support of local option or not.—Milton Champion.

Such action only weakens the chances of a repeal of the measure, gives the town a bad name and leaves the guilty parties open to severe punishment, which they deserve if apprehended.—Georgetown Herald.

Those Action whiskey heads who smashed the plate glass windows of the Fuxus Passes office, will find that they have made a lot of work for local option, not only in Action, but in the other places in Halton where the vote on this measure may be taken this year. No self-respecting people will stand for that type of lawlessness.

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There are three conditions confronting us which require strong effort to be sincere: first, the struggle for existence and the competition of the age. How often is it said a man cannot do business and be good? The steady going, up and down, is the result of offering to the giddy crowd, who are ready to chase a few cents of gaudy without thought of its source. Under this head was put in a strong arraignment, the forcing of labor, especially female labor, to endanger health and existence itself, in order that goods may be turned out to satisfy the cheap harrigan.

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Second, the conventionalities of the times. One of your greatest drawbacks is your unbending and else hard line of your greatest leader. Do you want people to be like their neighbors, or do what they do, regardless of cost or ability, thus maintaining an appearance of things which really do not exist and tearing the very life out of them in the effort.

Third, it is often hard to force public opinion in order to be sincere. I believe, however, that while the voice of the public is not always the voice of God, the estimate of the man in the street, who has seen and noted your daily walk may be about as good as God's judgment of you as can be got from men. I had rather when my remains are carried to the cemetery have the men of the street lay down their picks, take off their hats and wipe their eyes, than have the countenance of the learned or the great.

However, there is a brighter side.

There are at least three things: first, self-reliance. This is far removed from mere selfishness. To be self-reliant means to have faith in one's own strength.

Miss Mary and Mr. W. J. Sharpe are visiting at the home of their mother, fourth line.

Miss Olive Marshall is from Toronto, convalescing after her recent illness.

Miss Winifred Polkinghorne is from Guelph, Ontario.

Farmers in this vicinity are making good use of the sloughing now that the weather has moderated.

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Second, faith in the real God. Why do I say real? As there are to whom God is not real, I fear there are many. I think there are, probably, who will not say they believe in God, and have faith in him.

He is to him who has lost faith in himself, in his possibilities. Oh! my friends, what possibilities are here dormant in this congregation. What might have been done for the work of God, for His church, for the community. Young people, reverence your being and its possibilities, have faith in yourself and be sincere.

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