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The New Year

The heir of all the ages,
 His ensign Nineteen Six,
 Has come in youth and splendor
 His signet to affix;
 To claim the royal heirship,
 The next of kin to reign
 Upon the throne vacated,
 Nor does he come in vain.

His predecessor's mantle
 Is his by right to wear;
 Though worn by his ancestors,
 No signs of age appear,
 Direct in the succession,
 No one will doubt his right;
 Nor will assassin's dagger
 Compel his hasty flight.

For all the world expects him,
 His coming none can stay;
 A universal kingdom
 Unrivaled in its sway,
 No fears of swift dethronement
 Disturb his peaceful mind;
 His record here is stainless,
 No dastard deeds to bind.

The young year full of vigor
 And plans, not yet defined,
 Will not postpone his duties,
 As mortals are inclined,
 Till old and sad and weary,
 He lays his sceptre down
 To rest with Time's old heroes
 Of primitive renown.

He comes to us a stranger,
 In pure robes arrayed,
 To fill his term's probation,
 His gifts to all displayed.
 He beareth only blessings;
 Not his the war and strife,
 The tragedies and sorrows,
 The wasted human life.

We know not whence he cometh,
 His home-place or his kin;
 Alone and unattended
 He steps upon the scene.
 But sure we know he bringeth
 Some good for every one
 Upon this microcosm
 Who lives beneath the sun.

To all presents a blank-book,
 For every day a page,
 Therein to keep a record,
 For youth as well as age,
 Where all may read in future,
 When days and years are done,
 Their failures and their conquests,
 Their battles fought and won.

His sojourn short and fleeting,
 Yet gives to all the same
 The space to quell bad habits,
 For purer life to aim,
 To help where help is needed,
 Time to redeem the past,
 That when our life is ended
 We'll dwell with Christ at last.

His stay is the arena
 Where men enact their will,
 Their objects and ambitions
 They struggle to fulfill.
 Some tragic in their ending,
 While some a blessing prove,
 Who teach their fallen brothers
 A Godly life to love.

The burdens he must carry
 Will soon exhaust his strength;
 His servants, twelve in number,
 Leave him alone at length.
 One at a time appearing,
 A month their time of stay,
 Worn out by earth's distractions
 They quickly pass away.

We'll give him hearty welcome,
 Nor cherish doubts or fears,
 Invite him to our firesides,
 The youngest of the years;
 Will greet him with thanksgiving,
 In songs our voices blend
 For all years past and future
 Till time its course shall end.
 —P. L. GRANT.

SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMurchy celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage at their home, "Cherry Grove Farm," Collingwood Township, on the evening of December 29th, 1905. The morning train from Toronto conveyed the following guests to Thornbury: Mrs. Magee and daughter, Fort William; Mr. and Mrs. W. Walkington, Master A. Walkington and Miss Flossie, and Mr. A. McMurchy, of King; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, Aurora; Mrs. Laurie, Weston; Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron and daughter, Vaughan; Misses May and Allie McClure, Nobleton; Miss Jean McMillan and Miss Jean Marshall, Barrie; Misses Cameron, Mr. W. and Miss Robinson, Maple; Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, Collingwood; Miss Smith, Mount Forest. Upon the arrival of the train at Thornbury the party were met by members and relatives of the family who had several conveyances and took charge of the guests, taking them to the homes of Mr. John and Thomas McMurchy, where they enjoyed their kind hospitality. About 6 p. m. they all repaired to the home of the bride and groom of twenty-five years. Their number was increased by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Smelser, their son Frank and the

Misses Smelser, Mr. and Mrs. John McMurchy, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McMurchy, their son Norman A. and Miss Agnes, a friend, Mr. Berry of Roland, Man.; also the Rev. and Mrs. Barton of Thornbury. The "dinner" which had been provided for the occasion was a complete success in every detail. After the "inner man" had been well supplied speeches were the order of the evening for a time. Many were the hearty congratulations tendered to Mr. and Mrs. McMurchy. The gifts were many and valuable, every article being a piece of silver. The guests still further enjoyed themselves by listening to the very excellent music by Rev. Mr. Barton, violinist, with Mrs. Barton accompanying him on the piano. Miss Ethel McMurchy also contributed to the pleasure of the evening by rendering several instrumental solos with good effect. Mr. Norman A. McMurchy and Mr. Norman McMurchy gave several songs in good form. Mr. Reynolds of Aurora also gave the song, "A Very Happy Man." Miss Annie McMurchy and Miss McDonald gave recitations. About one o'clock a. m. the whole party assembled in the parlor and joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," thus bringing to a close one of the happiest events ever held in Collingwood Township.

FROM ONE WHO HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING PRESENT.

WEDDING

Many of our village folk had looked forward to Jan. 9th as a special day in social circles. It had been announced that Miss Louisa Adelaide Teffy, second daughter of our respected postmaster, would be united in marriage to Nicholas D. D. Beck, Esq., K. C., LL.B., of Edmonton, Alberta. St. Mary's Church was crowded with friends and neighbors to witness the ceremony. Promptly at half-past ten the bride, dressed in light grey tailor-made dress, and wearing a blue toque, entered the church leaning upon the arm of her venerable father. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mary A. Teffy, whilst H. T. Beck, Esq., M. A., of Toronto, and brother of the bridegroom, acted as groomsmen. Both on the entrance and exit of the party Mr. Earle Newton played choice selections at the organ. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, the Rev. Father Teffy, C.S.B., assisted by the parish priest, the Rev. Father McMahon. After the marriage mass the bridal party drove to Mr. Teffy's residence, where the newly married couple received the congratulations of a few invited guests. These were limited to the relatives: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clarkson of Toronto; Mrs. T. Mulcahy, the bride's sister, with her second son, Mr. Teffy Mulcahy, and her third daughter, Miss Eileen A. F. Teffy, Esq., of Chicago, and Mrs. W. Houston of Toronto. After refreshments had been served Mr. and Mrs. Beck left for Toronto and Peterboro. Miss Teffy was the recipient of a large number of beautiful and valuable presents, showing her popularity in the community, and the appreciation of her many friends and well-wishers. THE LIBERAL joins with them in extending to both the bride and groom its sincere wishes for very many years of happiness and prosperity.

Victoria Square

The young people of the League gave a varied and interesting programme on New Year's night. The proceeds, which were in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital, amounted to \$16.40.

Anniversary Services were conducted here Sunday afternoon and evening by Rev. P. M. Peacock of Mansfield. In the afternoon he gave an earnest and impressive discourse basing his remarks on the latter part of I Chronicles, 29: 5—"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord. God will only accept of a willing service." Now only is ours, since we have no to-morrow nor yesterday." The congregation was one of the largest that has assembled here for several years, thus showing that many, not only at this appointment but also at other neighboring appointments, have a "warm spot" in their heart for Mr. Peacock. In the evening he was greeted by another enthusiastic congregation. His remarks in the evening were based on the first four chapters of Ruth. After giving the details of the story in his impressive, thrilling, and soul-inspiring manner, he applied its lessons to present life with such vividness and earnestness that his words could not help but leave a deep impression on the minds of his listeners. The choir of Unionville Methodist Church provided excellent anthems at each service. The Free-Will Offering amounted to over \$65.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mortson of Brandon, Man., are visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bond of Headford, were the guests of Mrs. W. Boynton

on Sunday.

Mr. Devlin of Unionville, was the guest of Mr. Wm. Meek on Sunday.

The Misses Rumble, accompanied by Mr. D. Rumble, all of Patterson, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. Perkins.

Rev. P. M. Peacock called on several of his friends on Monday, before returning home.

The topic for discussion at League on Tuesday evening next will be: "What Christ taught about Money and its uses." A paper will be given by Miss E. A. Lever.

Mrs. Edward Sanderson set out for Winnipeg on Saturday, where she expects to spend the winter.

Miss H. and Mr. W. Wellman spent Sunday with Mrs. Thos. Frisby.

A number of young people spent an hour after church on Sunday evening with Rev. P. M. Peacock at the home of Mr. F. Nichols.

The Woman's Auxiliary held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Thos. Frisby on Monday evening.

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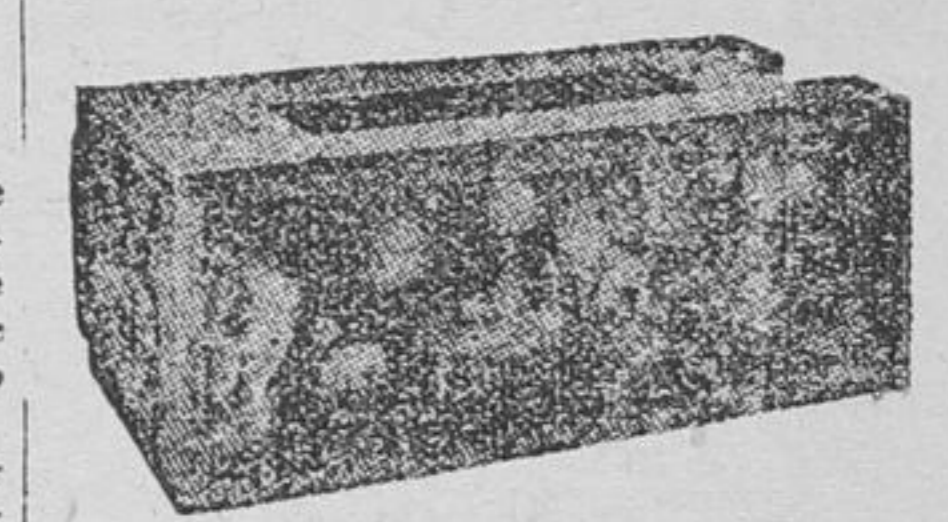
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