It was the rule in Galloway, st other places, that the bo aid his footing," and new wed kinds was consecrated by a poured not on the ground, but throat.

S TO THE CLERGY.

rgy are held in honour, or at fear, and evil must not be gainst them, for, as a proverb s unlucky t' meddle wi' crawe sters." "Holed" stones were nulets for cattle, but the of these are known to other Britain. After a cow had back was sprinkled with salt al. The first milk it gave went by the name of beestings, English midlands beestings), used for various special pur- ever, if it can be avoided, let foal" under a roof, and mind rk-eyed person is the first t a young pig. A horseshoe k—that is universal—and so e hedgehog; but a dead one, at and a hare are signs pof ne—nay, some think even a it ill to meet.

hens were deemed as objec- s whistling lassies, and even ight not utter his natural ntimely hours, for ill would —a belief often verified when kept in towns. But if a cock e age of seven years he be- angerous fowl, for then he gg and from this is hatched e. That, too, is a very wide- tion. A cock is said to have mnly tried and condemn- e in the middle ages for this ime. Wild birds take their uguries. Ill fortune comes ing swallows, wrens, robins, cuckoos, but the last may d or bad luck according to ces. A single magpie is if three approach a house will soon leave.

STONES AND FORTUNE.

ones can be found and bring ne, and a spell can be laid der. If you try to kill one apes the respite is brief, for ake a "tryst" to meet it t a fixed hour and place, and d to keep the appointment. ce they believe that wasps ng in September. The say- y haws, many snaws," ex- at is generally believed fur- and other trees have their , especially the elder and the last being a potent inst witchcraft. In that, of rybody believed, that there stories about spells and rms.

arriage and death have each customs and superstitions. the second, there are many ugh not to the extent of own advice—don't meet a have the bridecake chipped, er the banns have been pro- hear your own banns read, he house after the wedding nister has gone in, or let hands with either till the d. The bride, also, should her wedding dress, when finished, nor should the ness the ceremony.

of death are much the same as in other places, and so ny of the customs, such as doors and windows, put- n the breast of the corpse, reshments at the funeral, th a host of superstitions les, drowned folk and the

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

liam C. Oldrieve Plans a Peril- oceanic Trip to be Started .

William C. Oldrieve of Bos- nned to walk across the ean. He will begin his y 4, and will be accompan- in William A. Andrews of famous by reason of his ss the Atlantic in a small

ing new for Captain Old- omenade the waves. That s pleasure and profit these Captain Andrews, who is mpanion of the water pe- l journey in a brand new oat, and in this merely re- performed in 1878 and 92.

ndrews is really the man ught about the whole af- is his own statement: e as it may seem, next really going to walk and oston harbor, out onto the over to Havre, France, great bore of the River n up to Paris, to be there e exposition of 1900 in our ng shoes and smallest fast- t boat that ever crossed Ocean, the Phantom Ship. we speak on the ocean will of us walking and some- g the boat in calm wea-

ing shoes of Mr. Oldrieve st wonderful part of the . At first thought they ulous as the six-league y lore. Yet they are sim- when understood. They a pair of cedar boxes, 5 ith fins on the bottom and are very light and capa- ining 140 pounds, but, as ghs only 130, they are as as a steamer's deck.

HE GROWS TALL.

y looks up at me— eight and he is three. eet tall, I'm six, and oh! e my inches so!

days go by I guess ce will be less and less rough years of youth he'll

eath the weight of time.

by, as summers flow ebb, alas! I know

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FLESHERTON.

The Annual meeting of the Centre Grey Farmers' Institute, held in the Town Hall here on Wednesday of last week was pronounced a success both in attendance and interest. The delegation consisting of Mr. Wm Rennie of the O. A. C., and Mr J. I. Dodson of Guelph, a farmer of wide experience, assisted by local talent discussed the various subjects under consideration with much interest and profit. At the afternoon session there was a fair attendance of appreciative yeomen, presided over by the President, Mr. John Irwin of Redwing. Mr. H. Douglass opened with an interesting paper on Manure and Fertilizers. Dr. Christoe then read a circular on "Commercial Fertilizers" and asked for an expression of opinion on the same. Mr. Dobson said it was the con sensus of opinion that the fertilizer referred to was an unprofitable investment for a farmer, which opinion Mr. Rennie concurred in. Mr. F. Cann then gave his experience in farming throwing out some useful hints. Mr. Rennie followed speaking on "Resting and maintaining soil fertility." On the Experimental Farm they had adopted rotation and found it a success. They turn the sod only once in four years, plowing only four inches deep. J. M. Davis gave a short address on preparing fowl for market. Mr. Hobson then spoke on "Success or failure on the farm." Early training and a taste for the calling had much to do with success. Failure is frequently the fruit of carelessness and lack of attention to details. In the course of his address Mr. Hobson cited cases where cows had netted from $60 to $100 each. The owners knew a good cow when they saw one and then cared for her so as to get the best out of her. In the evening the Hall was well filled and Dr. Christoe presided. Mr. Hobson spoke on "Lessons learned during a summer's travels in this and other lands" dwelling specially on the fertility and beautiful scenery in our Western provinces. He described his visit to the Government farms at Indian Head and Brandon and spoke of the good work being done by these for the province. Alluding to the Chinese at Victoria the speaker said they were almost a necessity as they did the most menial work without complaint. Mr. Dobson has twice visited the North West country and looks upon it as a desirable place for settlers. He also spoke of his visit to Quebec and from there took his hearers to London, Londonderry and Edinburgh in an interesting manner. Mr. Rennie then spoke on "Beautifying the farm" and displayed a chart showing how best to lay out a farm and buildings. The Vandeleur string band did much to enliven and make the evening enjoyable. Mr. J. I. Graham the pushing Secretary, was on hand from start to finish deligently attending to all the duties of his office. Votes of thanks were tendered to all who aided in making the meetings so profitable and sucessful.

The Methodist choir enjoyed a drive to Kimberly one evening last week and sang for the people of that burg at an entertainment in the Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Thom entertained the Presbyterian choir at the manse on Tuesday evening last week when a very enjoyable time was spent together.

On the following evening Miss Christoe gave her Sabbath School class of boys a very pleasant social evening at her home which was much appreciated by the class.

A large load of young people, married and single, drove over to the entertainment at Maxwell at which Miss Annie Richardson was engaged to recite on Wednesday evening last week. The drive was superb and Miss Richardson being in fine fettle captured her hearers and was given the heartiest tokens of appreciation by a large and enthusiastic audience.

At the regular meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society last week the following officers were reelected for the current year: Mrs. A G. Heron, Pres.; Miss McKenzie, Vice Pres.; Mrs. J. Blackburn, Secy. Treas

Artemesia Township Fathers held the first session of '98 on Monday. Members all present. T. Kells and D. McMillan were elected deputy reeves. J. Brodie and J McArthur were appointed auditors The assessership was left over for further consideration.

Mrs. Forsyth, of Glencoe, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, Sr., returning home last week.

Miss Mart Wright left last week to attend the Hagersville High School.

Mrs. W. J. Douglass, of Collingwood, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Dusen, last week. Mr. Douglass came over Saturday, both returning Monday. Their little son William Ross received the rite of baptism at the morning service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Mrs. Harnden, of Brighton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. N. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane from near Durham, are visiting their daughter Mrs. Archie Boyd, on the east back line.

Miss Bell, of Lauriston, is visiting at her uncle's, Mr. Wm. Strain and Mr. John Bell, who has also been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Strain left on Monday for Philadelphia.

Mr. James Strain, of Great Falls, Mont., who has not been home since '93 arrived last week to spend a few weeks with his parents recuperating after a heavy holiday trade. Miss Asselstine, of Great Falls, accompanied him and is the guest of Miss Sarah Strain for a few days before leaving to enter upon a college course in Alma Ladies' College. St. Thomas.

Mrs George Mitchell is visiting her parents at Feversham this week.

Mrs. Andrew Rowe and sister, Mrs. Nelson, who reside near Crystal City, Man., are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp and other relations here.

CORNER CONCERNS.

Mrs. Eliza Chapman accompanied her daughter, Mrs. White to Artemesia a week ago and remained for a few days.

Mr. Will Edwards of Traverston was in the neighborhood last week. He is seriously contemplating a change from the old neighborhood again. This time he will go up northward instead of the "lower regions" of Proton, where the fire bugs dwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiff of Vancouver, B. C., came over on Friday to visit friends and relatives The latter was formerly a resident here and left for the west a few years ago, in which time great changes have taken place, especially in herself. Her maiden name was Eliza Lawrence, by which her many friends and acquaintances will remember her.

Miss Alice Lawrence of Toronto is home for a short visit.

Some of our boys attended Prof. Brush's Horse Show and Training School, and had their ideas on horse breaking "brushed" up a little.

Miss Agnes Baird, who was up from Toronto for a fortnight's rest, returned last week by way of Paisley where she will spend a few days with her sister Mrs. J. E. Burrows.

Your Varney man is bound to have the best news in the country even if he has to go out of his latitude to get it. The famous wood cutters mentioned last week were residents of this line. Of course what he said was absolutely correct, but will not the wood men of Varney feel jealous, when he has to leave home to find somebody to blow about.

A blind man entered this neighborhood last week, announcing for a magic lantern show, but when he learned that a similar affair was to take place on Tuesday night, and many other social events on hand, he concluded there was no room for him, so he withdrew for a time.

A sleigh load of the youth and beauty of this vicinity spent Tuesday night in your town, as the guests of Miss Orch rd, who is by no means forgotten by her many friends in this vicinity.

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