

very well... was mostly a... J. Curran... the greater part of the program... with his fine business voice... the audience to such an extent as to be compelled to answer to an... in nearly every number. The... given by local talent were... ceremonial duet, Miss Christine and Mrs. Blackburn; quartette, Miss Christos, Miss Joy, Mrs. Blackburn and Dr. Murray; waltz... by nine girls; farce and tableaux. Music was also interspersed by the orchestra. Mr. Geo. Mitchell presided in an efficient manner.

The teachers and pupils of Markdale public school paid our school a return visit on Friday afternoon last when a very enjoyable time was spent together. Trustee Bellamy was appointed to the chair and conducted the program which was interesting throughout. Short addresses were given by Principal Rowe, of Markdale, and Revs. Thom, Ward and Lamont, of this place. These fraternal visits not only relieve the monotony of school work but engender warm and friendly feelings between the youth of sister villages.

Mrs. Bellamy, Sr., mother of township clerk Bellamy, of this place, celebrated her 82 birthday on Friday last and in the enjoyment of fairly good health. The esteemed old lady received congratulations from a number of her children and grandchildren at a pleasant gathering in the evening at her son's in honor of the event.

The news on Monday morning from Eugonia that Mr. Henry Meldrum, postmaster in that place, had suddenly died the evening before came as a shock to many in this place who have for many years been acquainted with him. There are therefore many here who sympathize with his aged, devoted partner and family in their sudden sorrow.

Mr. Andrew Cullen, back line, disposed of his farm stock, implements, etc., at auction last week. R. J. Sproule, of this place, successfully wielded the hammer. Mr. Cullen is about to remove to New York State.

The homes of Mr. W. Petch and Mr. Jas. McClocklin have been brightened by the arrival of a son in the former and daughter in the latter.

Mr. F. Dofoe, of this place, received the sad news last week of the death of his father at Norwood, but was too ill himself to attend the funeral making the bereavement more keenly felt by Mr. Dofoe.

Rev. Mr. Brown, who is assisting Rev. J. Ward in special services in the Methodist church conducted an impressive service on Sunday evening, preaching from the old revival text Rev. 3:20, "Where is my wandering boy to-night" was sung with good effect by Mr. R. N. Henderson assisted by Miss Joy in the chorus.

Mr. M. Richardson was up from Ottawa on Monday returning Tuesday.

Mr. T. J. Sheppard spent Sunday and Monday in Mount Forest and Durham.

Miss Lamont, teacher, Toronto, paid her brother, Pastor Lamont, a short visit last week.

Mr. Wm. Benham, of Silver Creek, N. Y., is visiting old friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Geo. Wilson has gone from town to enter the employ of Mr. Bennett, Commercial Traveling Station.

Unmarried ladies don't like their friends to say they know them "a long time ago."

Miss Madachin, the Singing Societies, will be able to take home some Miss with her as to what a Concert Hall should really be like. The Durham Opera House would be a fine model for a novelist.

It's awfully easy to be suspicious of some people.

It is a serious thing to make slanderous reference to the character of a woman, and we have very little respect for the person who does it.

Shack rents are likely to go up when the cement business begins. Most of the tenement houses belong to this class.

The older we grow the more firmly convinced are we in the opinion that a radical wrong exists in allowing children under a certain age to go to concerts, lectures or entertainments at reduced rates. Under no circumstances should a youngster be allowed to attend one of these under regular fare unless accompanied by one or both parents. Most grown people who pay twenty-five cents to go to an entertainment or lecture go with the expectation of being either amused or instructed but the amusement or instruction, whichever it may be, should be from the platform, and not from different parts of the audience where a number of ill-bred children are allowed to run wild, and extend their contaminating influences to others who have been brought up under more careful training. We would be one of the last to deny young people a little enjoyment, but their enjoyment should not be of such nature as to disgust the older people. Nearly every grown person feels the annoyance, but we all know how delicate a thing it is to lecture other people's children at a public gathering.

If a lecturer is so exacting as to demand his pay before he puts up his performance, it should be equally proper for every newspaper man to make the advance agents whack up before they get any work done. We have already adopted the method, and with proper co-operation it will work all right. It is just as correct for us to "look after our interests" as it for peregrinating lecturers to look after theirs.

The Canadians did it.

The fact that the forward part taken by the Canadian troops at the battle of Paardeberg was largely instrumental in forcing General Cronje to surrender has now become accepted history. The Weekly Globe is presenting its yearly subscribers with a picture of that memorable scene. Their correspondent, Mr. Frederick Hamilton, and others, who were eye-witnesses of that memorable battle, say it gives a most intelligent idea of their position and that of the Boer camp. A copy of it can be seen at this office.

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