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FROM THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS

DR. NEWTON RE-ELECTED

AS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF DESERONTO.

Those Elected to Other Positions—
Wedding of Miss McGaughey—
Several Christmas Entertainments.

Deseronto, Dec. 30.—Nomination meeting was held on Monday evening in the town-hall when Dr. Newton was elected mayor by acclamation. James Dryden was elected reeve and Messrs. T. J. Taylor, Jos. R. Stanton, W. H. Harvey, James Fairbairn, and W. Kinnely were elected by acclamation, and with Thomas Donnelly comprise the councillors. For public school trustees Messrs. James Sexsmith (West ward), Milton Hunt (Centre ward), were re-elected, and Thomas J. Gault for the East ward.

There are negotiations for selling the furniture factory, but they are not finally settled.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence (Hill Crest) of Mrs. A. H. McGaughey, on Wednesday morning at half-past nine o'clock, when daughter, Miss Anna Mabel, was united in marriage to Frederick W. Shalmers, of Gowanda. The young couple left for a honeymoon before going to their home in Gowanda, where Mr. Chalmers is postmaster. Rev. Mr. Wagner of St. Mark's church, performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCaughey and daughter, Edna, of Kingston, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Oliver and children, of Kingston, spent the Christmas vacation with their mother, Mrs. William Oliver.

The cant to be given by the Sunday school of the Church of the Redeemer, in Wednesday evening last, was well received under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. Macfarlane and Misses Lydia Dalton and Jessie Mackie. The parts were taken by members of the school with Mrs. Florence Knox as queen of song and Thomas Donnelly as a stony man. On Christmas night the Methodist Sunday school held its entertainment. St. Mark's Sunday school held its on Wednesday evening. The West End Mission held its entertainment on Monday evening.

Miss Cleo Chamberlain, of Toronto, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain.

Miss Edna Wagstaff, of Toronto, spent the holidays with her parents, Stella Vandervoort, of Toronto, with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Vandervoort.

George Aldred returned home last week from British Columbia, to spend the holidays. Miss Irene Hart is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Harris, of Ottawa.

Thomas Hart, of the Government Construction company, is spending the holidays at his home here. Stanley Embury, of Oshawa, spent the holidays here. Percy Watson, of Schenectady, N.Y., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Anna Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, and little son, of Brantford, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Moore. Messrs. Benjamin Butzer, of Smith's Falls; George Butzer, of Gananoque, spent

Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Butzer, Sr. Muriel Jones, of Rochester, N.Y., spent the Christmas holidays here with friends. O. K. Deane spent Christmas at his home in Yarker. Alexander Therrien left this week for Oshawa, where he has accepted position. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Button and children, of Oshawa, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Archer. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph St. Louis, spent Sunday at Bath, with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Clifford. Murney Leonard, of West Toronto, is spending the holidays with his mother, James Topliffe, of Kingston, spent Christmas with his sister, Miss Kate Topliffe. Messrs. John and Joseph Fox, of Rochester, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fox Mill street.

Miss Emma St. Louis spent Monday in Belleville with Miss Kate Nichols.

Mrs. John Clifford spent the first of the week with her sister, Mrs. H. Clifford.

Bath, Edward Burns, of Brockville, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Burns and daughter, Sybil, of Brockville, with her mother, Mrs. Robinson, Mill street.

William Sayers, of Oshawa, and David Sayers, of Detroit, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sayers.

James Freeman, of Oshawa, under the parental roof, Messrs. George Honle, Thomas J. Fox, Joseph Fox and Joseph Roach attended the C.M.A. ball in Belleville on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jamieson, of Haileybury, are the guests of Mrs. A. H. McGaughey, Charles McGaughey, of Queen's College, is home.

Went Brown, of the Herimer Bank, Little Falls, N.Y., spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brown.

Miss Minnie Jones spent Christmas with her cousin, Miss Jeanne Taylor, Kingston. Miss May Ellis with her father in Trenton. Clara Pasmore, of Toronto, is home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pasmore. Leo Knox, of Toronto, Bank, Gananoque, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Knox. Clement Graycey, of the Bank of Toronto, Haweck, Thomas J. Fox, Joseph Fox and Joseph Roach attended the C.M.A. ball in Belleville on Monday evening.

Albert Frost, of Oshawa, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Frost. H. Dubey, of Oshawa, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dubey.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of North Bay, with their mother, Mrs. Alexander Smith, George Fairbairn, of Potsdam, N.Y., is spending a few days with his brother, Councillor James Fairbairn. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Solmes, of Cobalt, spent a few days with relatives in town. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marriigan, of Port Arthur, is spending holidays with her mother, Mrs. Flood. John Edwards, of Toronto, spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. John Edwards. Frederick Lloyd, of Toronto, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. W. Lloyd.

Rose Bank, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, of Montreal, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Fourth street, Misses Mary and Lizzie Wilson, of Toronto, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson. Miss Anna Gartland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gartland.

Oso Station.

Oso Station, Dec. 28.—The Christmas entertainment held in the Prentiss Boys' Hall, in aid of the Methodist church, on Thursday last, was a decided success. Johnston Chambers, in the Kingston General Hospital, with typhoid fever is slowly recovering. The funerals of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burke, who died last week, were largely attended. John Thompson, of New Ontario, made a flying trip home last week. Jacob P. Graham, Moses Chambers, George P. MacPherson, are home for the holidays. Miss Mary Henderson, of Perth is home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Radisson, spent Christmas with friends here. Robert Butler is home. Thomas, William and Joseph Bourk spent Christmas at home. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erwin, of Fallbrook, spent Christmas with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, of Harriston, spent Christmas with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burke, of North Bay returned home yesterday after attending the funeral of his father and mother. David Burke, of Midville, spending a few days with his brother, John F. Burke.

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NEWS OF NEIGHBORS

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TELL US.The Tidings From Various Points in
Eastern Ontario—What People Are
Doing And What They Are Saying.

Macdonald Items.

Macdonald, Dec. 28.—The entertainment on Christmas day was a success, judging from the crowded house and pleasant looking faces. Miss Eva Richardson is on the sick list. Miss Amy Romfhong, Toronto, is spending the holidays under the parental roof. Amos Joyce, Toronto, at his father's, John Joyce's, E. Bayley has returned home after spending the season sailing on the lakes.

Eagle Hill Echoes.

Eagle Hill, Dec. 28.—Roads are fine, and farmers are hauling wood and hay. J. R. Petter left Monday to spend the winter at Cobalt. Hugh Petter is blacksmithing for John Winters, Millbridge, L. and E. Muske returned to Spring Lake, on Sunday, after spending the holidays with their parents here. W. Radin is busy drawing hay from Kitter farm. Andrew Armstrong is spending the week at Tweed, and intends bringing his mother with him to spend the winter. S. Kring spent Christmas with friends at Denbigh. Several from Eagle Hill spent Christmas night at H. Petters.

Moscow Matters.

Moscow, Dec. 29.—The annual school concert was given by the children at the closing of school, on 21st. All the pupils were given a treat by the teacher, Miss Rydell, to whom much credit and praise is due, for the excellent training she has given the children. A large number attended the nomenclature at Joyceville, on Monday. John Ward, who has spent the past four months in the west and in New Ontario, returned home recently. Mrs. W. T. Gordons' friends are glad to hear that she is recovering from her serious illness. John Hunter and children, visiting his father and friends for the past few weeks, have successfully completed a course in Peterborough Business College. Mrs. C. Trotter, is spending a few days in the city. Mrs. Whitney and family, Kingston, spent Christmas at W. Hylands'. Mr. Jackson, Sunbury, has returned from visiting the past week at W. Gordon's. William H. Henderson, Coal, is visiting at Mrs. Ward's, as also are Mrs. J. Smythe and baby. Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, Brockville, Mr. and Mrs. Keys and children, Washburn. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Martin and children, Kingston, spent Christmas at J. Martin's. W. Woods and wife, Westport, were recent visitors at S. Woods. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Sunbury, is at Mrs. Hamilton's. James Hutton, apple shipper, has finished for the season, and returned to his home for the winter.

Perth Road News.

Perth Road, Dec. 28.—The entertainment on Christmas eve was a successful event. The church and trees were beautifully decorated, and a good programme was produced. W. Stone has left here for Cobalt. School meetings will be held here on Wednesday. Miss Myrtle Raymond, from Sydenham High School, is spending the holidays with her parents. Aldred Babcock is from Toronto. Edgar Christopher of Sydenham, is at H. Babcock's. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Campbell went to Kingston on Monday. Mrs. Adams, Kingston, spent Christmas with her daughter. Mrs. Snider, Mr. and Mrs. W. Holder spent a couple of days at A. Sands' Baden-Sands and Miss Nora Hitchins, of Millburn, are at W. Holder's. Robert Hukler, of Bladworth, Sask., and sister, Mrs. Theodore Carter, of Spokane, Wash., are visiting friends at Perth Road. Mrs. Walter Cooper, of Brockville, is visiting her parents in

Doing At Allisonville.

Allisonville, Dec. 28.—Nominations at the town hall, Hillier, passed off quietly. All were elected by acclamation. The Christmas entertainment of Bowerman's church was held last Thursday evening and was well patronized. A good programme was rendered. Mrs. Hodge, organist, is well capable and her willing services are highly appreciated. Holiday visitors: Mrs. S. Rankin and daughter, Gertrude, of Salmon Point; Mrs. Ahlman and two sons, of Sandstone, Minnesota, at Grant Valeau's. Mr. and Mrs. Giles and daughter, Beatrice, of Trenton, at A. Hodge's. Mr. and Mrs. R. Collin and son, of Belleville, at R. Hick's; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Parliament, of Ainsburg, at J. Boyd's. Miss Pearl Marvin, teacher at Salmon Point, is spending her holidays with her parents here. Miss Sadie Forshee was home from Wellington for Christmas. Those away for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, at their father's; H. Thomas, in Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. L. Drummond, Ainsburg, Bruce McFaul, at W. S. Davison's, Napanee; Mr. and Mrs. John McFaul, H. A. and Lewis McFaul and wife, at Phil Terry's, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Danford Ainsworth, at their daughter's in Ainsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mordan are away for a three weeks' visit in Rochester with Mrs. Mordan's son, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Moon visited Charles McFaul's Monday evening. G. Ferguson and wife visited in Picton Monday.

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Leland. E. Timmerman at L. Young's. Ross Miller is home from Cobalt. George Alton is hauling wood from his farm.

NOTES FROM KALADAR.

Kaladar, Dec. 28.—Joseph Dunnett, of Rosenstiel, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. A. Fleming. Members from Cayone and Flinton attended the oyster supper at the King Edward House last week. Miss Myrtle Thompson, of Napanee, is spending the holidays with her brother, Mr. Thompson, of the Carman House. Master Lin Dunn, attending the high school in Smith's Falls, came home on Tuesday, to spend the holidays with his parents. John Critchley, of Harlowe, came down and repaired the telephone wires, which have been under the weather since the last storm. A number from here took in the Northbrook and Cloyne entertainments. Rev. Mr. Williamson, Methodist minister at Flinton, preached to a large congregation on Sunday last. Miss Addie Presley, Northbrook, spent Christmas with Miss L. Fleming.

NOTES FROM WILTON.

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SERMON
FROM

SHAKESPEARE

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And this our life, exempt from public
haunt,
Find tongues in trees, books in the
running brooks, and sermons in stones,
and good in every-
thing.

—As You Like It, Act II, Sc. 1.

From the earliest Christian times men dealing with ethical questions have turned to the Bible for their texts. Did the Infinite Mind cease His revelations two thousand years ago? Coming down the ages has there not been a sequence of seers, poets, dramatists, who have snatched fire from the Altar of the Divine and set up torches that light men through the rough places of earth. Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, Emerson, have all moments when they have seen God face to face.

Pre-eminent among writers, who have revealed the will of God, stands Shakespeare. More self-evident truths have been crystallized into illuminating phrases on his pages than on those of any other man who has wrought for the amusement and uplifting of the human race. In every scene of his immortal dramas there are passages that stand as do stars in clear sky—guides to the traveler through life's way.

Shakespeare himself saw that important spiritual truths were to be learned from dumb Nature. In the Forest of Arden there were no books, but the book of Nature spoke feelingly to the banished duke and his brothers in exile. The thoughtful reader can find sermons in Shakespeare. The inspired poet went a step further and found tongues in trees, books in the running brooks and sermons in stones. The poet's great work is to interpret Nature and life. He is a priest standing between the Infinite and man, groping after eternal truth. Shakespeare is supreme as an interpreter of life. At times he sees into the heart of Nature with a seer's insight. The passage under consideration admirably illustrates this:

In the Forest of Arden is a body of exiled men. They have been rulers and courtiers. They have lived in the city with its luxury, its hypocrisy, its cruelty. Deprived of their estates, they have been forced to retreat to the green wood and live lives "exempt from public haunt." The palace walls, the physical comforts they enjoyed, the struggle for power and place, have been warping their souls, but now the clear stretches of blue sky seen through the spreading branches of the oaks, the brooks that dance and sparkle in their journey to the sea, the very cliffs, teach them lessons of life. Living close to Nature, they are brought into intimate contact with the Infinite. Their sympathies are broadened. They who were wont to see evil everywhere, to be suspicious of their comrades and nearest of kin, are now able to see good in everything. Even the stone, neglected of the builder, has its uses, and may discourse wisely to humanity.

It is not difficult to understand how the trees, swaying and singing in the wind, how the brooks, babbling by the haunts of men, can appeal to the human spirit. A hundred poets have been inspired by trees and flowers, by sylvan streams and running brooks. But the wayside stone—what voice has it to speak to the heart or mind of man? When Shakespeare wrote, science was in its infancy, and he could not possibly have understood the full significance of his words. In a vague way he felt that all created things had their purposes. He says elsewhere:

"O' mickle is the powerful grace, that
In herbs, plants, stones and their true
qualities;
For sought so vile that on the earth
Doth live,
But to the earth some special good
Doth give."

To the modern man how wonderful is the truth of the expression "sermons in stones." The footprints of the Creator have been traced by means of the rocks. Hammer in hand the geologist goes forth learning from the stones. The history of the vast world has been handed down in imperishable tablets of stone. Hammer in hand the paleontologist goes forth, and the living things that inhabited the earth since its foundations were laid, are reconstructed. Hammer in hand the botanist wrests secrets of plant life from the cliffs. But for the lessons learned from the rocks the world would still be living in darkness and superstition.

It will be well for all men to occasionally get into contact with Nature. In the city the life is artificial. It is a struggle for existence, and the wheels of trade ruthlessly crush the weak and incompetent. The blue sky is hidden by smoke and tall edifices; the eye rarely beholds green things, but occupies itself with gazing at artificial displays. The ear