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The Events of the Week that concern the Residents of the Midland District—Little Escapes Notice, and Each Locality in Find Something of Interest.

MORVEN, March 13.—The revival meetings at the Lutheran church closed on Friday evening. The young people's surprise party at J. Fralick's on Friday, was well attended, and a pleasant evening spent. Mr. Fralick moves to Napanee.

MORTON, March 16.—The Sons of Temperance held a sugar social on Saturday evening.—Miss Victoria Sly teaches the Delta Point school the remainder of the year.—On account of the soft weather our horse races are declared off.—W. L. Kelly, Brockville, gave us a call last week.

RAILTON, March 13.—The recent temperate weather has caused the farmers to make preparations for sugar-making.—Residents are making the most of the last of sleighing and are busily engaged hauling bass wood to Murvale station and hay and saw logs to Sydenham.—Miss E. Donovan, Kingston, visiting friends here the past few weeks.—Visitors: L. Byrnes, Tamworth; Miss J. Murphy, Wolfe Island.

DESMOND, March 15.—Grass birds have made their appearance.—W. H. Henderson is in our midst again. He intends spending a few weeks and then return to Watertown, N.Y.—Mrs. Miller, Tamworth, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Bell last week.—Mrs. A. P. Bell attended the funeral of her mother last Thursday at Centreville.—Anson Collier and mother left for home last week after spending a few days with relatives and a near friend in this place.

LAVANT STATION, March 14.—The six months' old child of John Watt died from the effects of a severe cold, Saturday night. Funeral took place yesterday afternoon. The body was buried in Mr. Watts' field. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.—Miss Janet Lee, ill for some time, is about again.—I. Allan, Mississippi, is here to-day on business.—The recent thaw has left the roads in bad condition. Lumbermen will be unable to haul all their timber, etc., this season if weather keeps soft.

CLAYTON, March 14.—Mrs. John Robertson passed away on the 11th and the funeral was largely attended to-day. The departed leaves four sons and five daughters to mourn her loss. She was eighty-four years of age and has lived in this community over fifty years and was most highly respected, as seen by the large cortege at the funeral. The Rev. A. G. Robertson, sr., reached home a little before the departure of his beloved mother. The funeral service was conducted by Revs. N. B. Topping and S. D. Chown.

PITTSBERRY, March 13.—Miss Gertie Boyd, Wolfe Island, spent a few days of last week with relatives here.—E. Jackson had a bee last week drawing wood, and G. F. Ashley one for the purpose of drawing his pressed hay to the station at Gananoque.—Miss Atkinson spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Joyceville.—Mr. Henderson is preparing to build a barn on his lower place.—Mr. and Mrs. Bricoland are the guests of Mr. Maxwell.—Mrs. D. McClement is home again after having been ill in Kingston.

CUSHENDALL, March 15.—Everybody took advantage of the last remains of the snow to finish their teaming.—Rev. Mr. Pimplott had a bee for cutting up his wood last week. After the work was done all were hospitably entertained by a royal repast of oysters.—The Epworth league of this place is progressing favorably.—A. Martin has returned from Ottawa, where he was sent by the council to obtain a bonus from the government to build a bridge from the Isle of Man to the mainland. He, after some difficult persuasion, obtained $500.—Miss Franklin is visiting in this vicinity.

SEELEY'S BAY, March 14.—Farmers are preparing for sugar making. Prospects are good for a good flow this spring.—A large number of delegates will attend the district lodge of the Sons of Temperance.—Mrs. Hiram Moore presented her husband with a young son.—Dr. R. J. Gardiner has moved his surgery to George Cheetam's house, formerly the Russell house.—Mr. Tomlinson is a happy man, it's a girl.—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Maxwell have returned to Detroit after spending two months visiting friends here.—Owing to the roads being in a bad condition the Kingston stage went out on wheels to-day.

HARROWSMITH, March 15.—D. Graves, proprietor of the Albion hotel, is able to be out again after a serious illness.—J. Johnson, shoemaker, has moved into S. Stewart's stone house.—The Rathbun Co. will recommence work on the new railroad next Monday.—It is rumored that D. Wallace will soon be a resident of our village.—W. J. Sprole has a pony, "Ned Hamlin," which stands thirteen hands high. It is a gay traveller.—Mrs. W. J. Sprole has gone to Berlin, Ont., as a delegate to the grand council of Chosen Friends.—J. Lyons, Portland, is a visitor at his brother's, W. J. Lyons.—A youthful visitor came to Elias Jackson's last week.

HOWE ISLAND, March 14.—Waggons are taking the place of sleighs.—Farmers busy buying up their seed grain and bringing it home as our ice bridge is going rapidly. A horse belonging to one of the islanders dropped in on Monday last and was rescued with great difficulty.—Messrs. D. McDonald and T. Shughrue paid us a flying visit last Sunday. They hail from Clayton, N.Y.—G. Phillips, from Ogdensburg, was buying horses last week. He says horseflesh is cheaper here now than any preceding year.—Visitors: Miss K. Lovitt, at J. Foley's; Mrs. S. Clixby, at T. Prior's; Miss H. Rochfort, spending a few days with friends, has returned to her home.

DENBIGH, March 11.—Mrs. Solomon Vinsberg and one of his sisters, of Pontiac county, Que., are on a visit to Henry Shibley's.—Miss McLellan, of Matawatchan, is favoring her sister, Mrs. J. S. Lane, with a visit.—Mrs. P. Martin and children have returned to their home at Stoco.—Gustas Stein has nearly completed his duties of assessing the taxable property in this municipality. He says he found it a bigger task than he expected.—Miss Mollon, Erinsville, is staying at the Denbigh house, intending to give lessons in painting.—James Youman has been added to the sick list. Most of the parties reported sick last week are improving.—Henry Libley is going on an extended peddling trip up the Opeongo line.

BATHEL, March 14.—Spring birds are returning, evidently a sign of an early spring.—John Galbraith is preparing for sugar making.—A. Benn, Moscow, was through here securing cows for the Petworth cheese factory.—Miss Martha Carr, Petworth, has returned home after a two weeks visit with friends here; also Miss Mary Salsbury, Camden East.—Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson, Harrowsmith, and Mrs. J. L. Skinner, Camden East, were the guests of George Williamson last week.—Mr. Paul, assessor, was through here last week.—As, the Bay of Quinte train was passing here a few days ago a car loaded with wood jumped the rails and was badly wrecked.—Ira Salsbury has moved his bride to the neighborhood.—D. Smith is hauling basswood to the paper mills.

ATHENS, March 14.—Miss Birdsell occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday evening last.—The Rev. Prof. Wrench will preach in the Methodist church on Thursday at 7.30 o'clock.—The R. T. of T. paid a friendly visit to the lodge at Addison on Saturday night and spent a very pleasant evening, although the rain made it very unpleasant driving.—Deloma Kilborn and family and Messrs. Alex. Taylor, James Ross, Alex. Sherman and John Mackie left for Manitoba to-day.—Thomas Connors has accepted the position in the Armstrong house which has lately been vacated by Brock DeWolfe.—The thaws of last week and the rain of Friday night have taken nearly all of the snow off, but there is a prospect of good skating if it continues to be as cold as it was yesterday.

CAPE VINCENT, March 14.—The snow has rapidly disappeared. The roads in terrible condition. In some places snow banks are deep and then bare ground follows.—H. W. Bailey has purchased a power cider press. He is building an addition on his shop to accommodate it.—Will. R. Shelley will have charge of his father's farm on Carleton Island. His furniture is being taken there.—At the union caucus held at the firemen's building, last evening, the following candidates were nominated: President, D. L. Fitzgerald; trustees, Richard Davis, Frank Dezengremel; treasurer, L. G. Kelsey; collector, M. S. Cornair.

LONG POINT, March 14.—Preparations for sugar making have commenced.—Miss M. Townsend is very ill.—David Townsend has rented the farm of James Leader, Ballycanoe, and is moving there. His brother James has rented his farm.—Ira Bevins has been very sick but is slowly recovering.—Annie O'Connor has returned from Watertown.—Harvey Perry intends leaving this neighborhood for Gananoque.—Some immense loads of grain have passed through here for the mills at Lyndhurst.—The WHIG seems to be the favorite paper here.—Visitors: Miss Lizzie Killingbec, Lansdowne; Phillip Yates, Mrs. M. Judge, Miss Ralph, Kitley; Master Edgar Flood, Delta.

WESTLAKE, March 14.—The Westlake association of the Patrons of Industry held an open lodge last Friday evening, largely attended. The speeches made by W. R. Brown, teacher of Westlake school, Benjamin Ainsworth, Hillier, Herb Williams, county secretary of the county association, and W. R. Miller, secretary of Westlake association, were based principally upon the platform of the order and were listened to with attention for about three hours. Many sent in their names to become members. The music, by members of the order between the speeches, were well rendered.—Mr. McKibbon lost a valuable colt last week.—Mrs. Susan Hicks, Deseronto, and Mrs. Lydia Pierce, Waupoos, are guests of Capt. A. Hicks.—Manly Hicks is enlarging and improving the barn on the lot occupied by Mr. Cunningham.

KEPLER, March 10.—Persons are busy laying up their summer's store of ice. The ice is quite good and of a fair thickness.—Misses Etta and Ada Aykroyd have returned from visiting friends in Glenvale.—Miss Bella Aykroyd is visiting in the city.—Fred. Johnston has been very ill with a relapse of the measles.—A large number of persons attended the social at J. Letherland's. They report a good time. The proceeds, some fifteen dollars, go to repairing the church at Elginburg, damaged some time ago by the winds.—The report that a couple of young people of this place while out driving were thrown out of the rig by the pitch hole and left in the snow is without foundation.—Lieut.-Col Hunter is talking of starting a company on North Shore. We have no doubt he will meet with the firm assistance of the boys.

MOUNTAIN GROVE, March 13.—Rev. G. F. Byam will hold special services in the league room during this week. Rev. W. B. Tucker, Arden, will preach on Tuesday evening.—G. Flynn led a very interesting meeting on Sunday night; attendance good. A sensation was caused by a falling lamp; no damage done except a reflector broken. T. G. Flynn, president, will lead next Sunday night. Subject: "Christian Manliness."—A very painful accident happened to Mrs. N. Price last Thursday. She slipped and fell on the ice causing a fracture of her hip.—T. P. Sadler received a flying visit from his brother, E. Sadler, of Detroit. Other visitors: Rev. W. B. Tucker, Arden; and Rev. Mr. Harrison, Cloyne, at the parsonage; Mrs. C. Godfrey, at S. Abbott's.—A large quantity of wood and timber is being placed on the bank for shipment.

SHARBOT LAKE, March 14.—The chief event here during this Lent (or spring) season is the enrolling of confirmation candidates, of whom the Rev. C. J. Hutton has a goodly list. The roads being improved by the recent thaw, he is enabled to get about the mission more easily.—The saw mill is in full swing.—Ice-houses being rapidly filled.—The success of the cheese factory here has decided the proprietors on erecting one at Oso.—Mr. Shibley is about to give up housekeeping and rent his residence.—Another house will be shortly available by the return of Mrs. Nugent-Maclean to her own place at the head of the lake.—We are glad to see an improvement in some of our former invalids, Mrs. Hutton retaining her renewed vigor; Mrs. Gordon also recovering, and Mrs. R. Bruce, very sick for some days, now about again.—Two shanties have been broken up.—Top water, with a hard crust of ice, renders the lake unpleasant as a highway and dangerous to the teams, whose feet break through at almost every step.

HARTINGTON, March 14.—The roads are almost impassable and the people think that spring has almost come.—A large quantity of logs and shingle timber have been drawn to B. Campsall's mill yard this winter, which will take them a long time to saw and get ready for the market.—J. M. Babcock's sister and four of her family, from Michigan, are paying him a visit, after an absence of fourteen years.—James Walker has sold his mica mine to an English company, and they intend to commence operations very soon.—The choir attended a sugar social at Verona last week, and furnished part of the entertainment.—Mrs. William Patterson is very ill.—The farmers are engaging their help for the coming season.—Miss Nettie Purdy has returned from Battersea, where she had been summoned to see her mother, who was dangerously ill with inflammation of the lungs.—Mrs. Purdy, at B. W. Spike's, is gradually getting better, and we hope to see her among us soon again.—T. S. Genge, our school teacher, spent Sabbath with friends at Bedford.—Mr. Clair, evangelist, held two meetings here last week.

BEDFORD MILLS, March 14.—Sunday's rain storm reduced the snow considerably, but the sleighing is very good yet and the lakes are in excellent condition for driving on.—Mr. O'Connor has completed his job building the Devil Lake bridge. It is a substantial structure, the timber being mostly cedar. One is badly needed across Buck Lake.—F. Page and family have returned from the lumber shanty.—George Moulton is making preparations to build the school house here.—The break in the grist mill has been repaired and the corn crusher is running full time again.—George Wyatt is recovering from an attack of influenza. Although he is reduced somewhat in flesh he thinks he will soon regain it. Many farmers are harvesting their ice; also preparing for sugar making.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Campsall, Fermoy, are renewing acquaintences here.—Tett Bros. are kept busy dealing out lumber every day.—The chimney on the old blacksmith shop took fire last week but was soon brought under control by our fire brigade.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning March 19. Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—Temperance. Prov. xxiii. 19-35.

The proverbs of Solomon are full of instruction and wisdom. It is not without reason that they are so. God gave him wisdom. His position was such as to give him personal experience in all the vanities of life. He was also, as we learn from his writings, a close observer of men. Guided by these three sources of wisdom, in terse, pointed sentences he constantly lifts his voice against the injurious and evil practices of men, and among them intemperance. In the reference of our topic we see what we may call three warnings in reference to intemperance:

1. Solomon warns against the charms of evil, verse 17, "Let not thine heart envy sinners." There is something about sin and sinners that fascinates specially the youthful and inexperienced. It was this that caused the downfall of our first parents. A fatal look, a fatal desire, a fatal action, and humanity was ruined. Intemperance particularly, as seen in its best light, presents these fascinations. The brilliant saloon, the quiet wine party, with their associations of apparent freedom, of good cheer and joviality, have their attractions. But we must not envy sin and sinners. The look of desire may lead to false action, and in the end ruin. To see sin in its true light we must look beyond its glitter and glare. In its hideous forms of disease and death it is not enviable. That these may not come to us let us envy it not even in its most desirable forms.

2. Solomon warns against the association of evil, verse 20, "Be not among wine bibbers." Great danger lies in evil associations. "Evil communications corrupt good manners." No one can come in contact with evil without being contaminated to some extent. To look upon evil, to touch it, is contaminating. The only safe course is to "avoid the very appearance of evil," to shun evil companions, to studiously avoid all places and associations of evil. That which in itself may not be evil, but which is associated with evil or which leads to it, must also be avoided. The true course of temperance calls upon us to shun the association of the intemperate, all places of intemperance, all things associated with it and all things whose tendency is to lead to it.

3. Solomon warns against the results of evil, verse 21, "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." Who has not see the terrible results of all sins, and especially the sin of drink? The pathway of life is strewn with wrecked bodies, minds, homes, hopes—all caused by the accursed influence of drink. Let the young, therefore, be warned against it. Look upon it in its last results rather than its first appearances. "In the end it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." In total abstinence alone lies true safety from the awful results of intemperance.

Bible References—Deut. xxi, 20, 21; Prov. vi, 27; xx, 1; xxiii, 29, 30; Isa. xxviii, 8; Dan. i, 8; Joel i, 5, 6; Amos vi, 6, 7; Math. xxiv, 49-51; Luke i, 15; xxi, 3, 4; Rom. xiii, 13; xiv, 21; I Cor. v, 11; vi, 10; Eph. v, 18; Gal. v, 21.

Junior Endeavorers.

Mr. Sizer, state secretary of Washington, tells of a junior society that is raising money to erect a drinking fountain in front of its church. This will be a living and permanent temperance sermon. Why should not every church preach in this way, and why may not every junior society take up such a beautiful task?

The Young People's Standard suggests that one of the following verses be repeated in concert by the children while the missionary offering is being collected:

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Can I bear the glad tidings over all the land?
Yes, if love goes with me, then shall I be blessed,
For God's love is promised unto all the rest.

Drifting, drifting, drifting! Hear us fall!
Crowding in the mite chests offerings great and small.
Surely God will bless as we gently fall;
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