

HOW DISEASES ARE SPREAD

Board of Health Will Investigate With a View to Preventing Causes.

Death Rate of Consumptive and Diphtheria Patients Increasing—Dr. Hutchinson's Salary to Remain as at Present—Regulations for Rag-Picking Industries—Another Sewer.

The board of health, at the regular meeting, held last night, decided to have an investigation into the causes of the largely increased death rate of persons as a result of consumption and diphtheria. The matter was brought to the board's attention by Dr. Hutchinson in his report of the proceedings of the convention of medical health officers at Ottawa. From information gathered and papers read at the convention by Dr. Bryce, it became at once apparent that all kinds of tubercular diseases, as well as diphtheria, were increasing, and as the Provincial Government had already done all in its power to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, the municipalities were advised to take up the matter. The establishment of homes for the treatment of persons in the first stages of consumption had been advocated. The cause of the increased number of consumptive and diphtheria patients were many. One of the chief causes, however, was the contraction of these diseases by germs conveyed by means of books and papers which had been perused by persons suffering from these complaints. Books used in the sick room for days were circulated through various means to other houses, where these diseases soon afterwards made their appearance.

Ald. Taylor asked if any record were kept of the increase in the number of diphtheria cases treated since the establishment of the free library. In London the year before the public library was opened, only 52 cases were treated at the hospital. The following year he believed there had been 115 cases. It occurred to him that in all probability the disease was conveyed by means of the books. It was likely the same was the case with consumption.

Mayor Wilson thought the matter should be taken up and dealt with, as it was a serious one.

Mr. Christie asked if there were any proper means of fumigating the books of the public library, and was answered in the negative.

Dr. Hutchinson said that where he found contagious diseases, all books, etc., were removed.

Ald. Taylor opined that books would be supplied by friends of the patients in spite of any such order. In cases of consumption, reading was about the only thing left for the patients to do, and they would get the books in spite of any order of the board.

A committee was appointed, on motion of Mr. Christie and Prof. Bowman, consisting of Dr. Cl. Taylor, Mr. Christie, Mayor Wilson, Ald. Taylor and Prof. Bowman, to go over the report of the convention with Dr. Hutchinson, consider the important suggestions contained in it, secure all information obtainable, and report to the board, with a view of preventing the spread of these diseases.

DR. HUTCHINSON'S SALARY.

The memorandum from the council concerning the increase of the salary of the medical health officer caused a prolonged discussion. The memo read as follows: "That the salary of the medical health officer be not increased, and that all requests for pay over and above his usual salary be deducted from his salary until paid back." Dr. Hutchinson's salary was raised early in the spring from \$1,000 to \$1,500, on motion of Mayor Wilson, and ever since there has been a kick in the council.

Mr. D. W. Blackwell voiced his disapproval of the large increase. He had opposed it at the time it was made, and he thought \$200 quite sufficient. The increase had been 50 per cent, and was 150 per cent more than Dr. Hutchinson himself expected. City officials got their increases, it appeared to him, by approaching the members of the different boards.

Dr. Cl. Taylor did not think \$1,500 excessive for a competent man. If the medical health officer made mistakes death was likely to follow. If he were not a competent man it was for the board to say, and that there was a competent health officer. Prof. Bowman said he had opposed the increase of \$500, but was favorable to an increase, and thought that the board should be responsible for certain expenses of the health officer.

Dr. Campbell thought that as it was so near the end of the year the matter might lie on the table for the new board to deal with.

Mr. Bowman moved Mayor Wilson moved to file the matter, and this was done.

ANOTHER SEWER NEEDED.

A deputation consisting of D. C. Hannah, Fred Henry and others, waited on the board to request that the council be recommended to put in a

sewer on Waterloo street, from Princess avenue, to connect with the new sewer on Palm Mall street. Many of the property-owners on Colborne street had signed the petition favoring it. Besides this, there was a blind sewer on Princess avenue, which the people were paying for and could not use for want of an outlet.

Dr. Hutchinson thought sewer connection in that portion of the city was an absolute necessity for sanitary reasons.

The board will recommend that the work be done under the Local Improvement Act.

RAGS AND BONES.

Dr. Hutchinson, in accordance with the request of the board, submitted a code of regulations to govern rag-picking and bone establishments. He recommended that the council be asked to pass a bylaw embodying the suggestions offered, which were: That the building used for rag-picking should be with the approval of the board of health, be well lighted, with floors of brick or cement; that the building for storing rags be not less than 50 feet from the nearest residence; that the storing of bones be not allowed within the city limits.

Dr. Campbell suggested that a license fee be charged rag dealers. He thought the license system should apply to them, as well as to pawn shops. He moved that the adoption of the medical health officer's recommendation be approved, and that the matter be sent to the council.

A communication from Victor Hill, of St. Catharines, re flush tanks, was referred to Dr. Campbell, Prof. Bowman, Ald. Taylor and the medical health officer to report.

I. Collins, of Piccadilly street, appeared before the board and protested against the condition of the streets along through his premises to Carling's Creek. The creek was being used as an outlet for cesspits, and was causing a great nuisance. Referred to the medical health officer, with power.

The members present were: Ald. Taylor (chairman), Prof. Bowman, John Christie, D. W. Blackwell, Mayor Wilson, Robert Pritchard and Dr. Campbell.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Mysterious Disappearance of a Waterford Young Man.

Grain Thieves Arrested—Smallpox in Kent County—A Four-Year Old Child Terribly Burned—Pretty Wedding at Sarnia.

Blenheim fair opens today (Wednesday).

Ferth's two county fairs were fairer this year.

Leamington's fair was the most successful this year.

Tavistock's new public school building has been opened.

A pure white sparrow is one of Guelph's attractions at present.

Contractor Gibson is about to start work on Brantford's flood prevention.

John J. Wigle, one of the pioneers of South Essex, died at Kingsville last Friday.

The Windsor bakers have decided to charge 1 per cent on all American bills after this date.

Roy McMurray, of Gladstone, goes to Inwood this week, having secured a situation at that point.

Col. Guillot, of Windsor, has received about 75 applications from veterans of the Fenian raid for medals.

Mr. Thomas McMean, formerly a member of the Brantford police force, died in the Woodstock House of Refuge on Sunday.

While riding up town at Ingersoll on her wheel on Saturday evening, Mrs. Frank Curtis collided with a buggy, and was badly injured.

The customs officers at Windsor made a seizure recently of an old bike which a lady had paid \$5 for. The costs amounted to \$6.50 in all.

President Ledyard, of the M. C. R., has promised to build a new depot at Windsor next year if the finances of the company warrant it.

On Monday morning Mrs. Gregory, an old resident of Chatham township, who has recently resided at Chatham, was found dead in her bed.

Walter Kirby was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the Sandwich jail for stealing a pair of shoes from Arthur Janisse, of Sandwich.

Mr. Samuel Archer, sen., and Miss Leila Beacham, both of Harrietsville, were married on Wednesday last, only a few invited guests being present.

Brantford Rod and Gun Club tried to get the Six Nations Indians to let them control the reserve. Inducements were offered, but the Indian council would not hear of it.

Little Lizzie Coles, of Woodstock, died from dropsy on Tuesday at the age of 8 years. The disease was caused by burns contracted seven years ago in an accident.

Miss Jessie W. Armstrong, of the town line, Enniskillen, became the bride of Mr. John Brown, of Sarnia, on Monday. The happy couple left for Australia, where they will reside.

Melvin Hind, the 4-year-old daughter of Mrs. Hind, Inkerman street, St. Thomas, was terribly burned on Saturday. The child was putting some rubbish on a bonfire, when her clothes caught fire.

The members of the Windsor council adopted a People's Telephone bill, and knocked out the Bell Company bylaw on Monday night. Some questions arose, however, and a special meeting will be called to settle the matter.

Henry Finch was tried at Aymer on Saturday before Police Magistrate McDiarmid on three charges of obtaining money from Messrs. Trim and Moore by false pretenses on account of Edward Sissle. He was committed for trial.

Charles Hopenier and John E. Bate-man were arrested on a charge of stealing twelve bushels of wheat from the barn of E. McIntyre, Brantford. They are believed to have also committed numerous burglaries in this vicinity lately.

The provincial health authorities do not have any serious outbreak of smallpox in Canadian township, county of Kent. It appears the infected man came from Detroit, but every precaution has been taken to prevent any spread of the disease.

The approaching Ontario convention of the Order of King's Daughters and Sons at Stratford, Oct. 19, 20 and 21, promises to be a memorable occasion. Mrs. Margaret Bottoms, of New York, the international president, and Mrs. I. C. Davis, the international corresponding secretary, are both expected to be present.

Robert Humphrey, a young man living at Waterford, disappeared from

his home three weeks ago, and no trace has since been had of him, although several search parties have scoured the neighborhood. His parents cannot imagine why he left home; they wished him to continue at school, but he refused to go.

Sarnia Observer: It is said that the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company is casting about in town with a view to securing the right of way and property on which to build an uptown depot for themselves, and thereby do away with the annual rental now paid to the Grand Trunk for running privileges into the Cromwell street station.

THEY HELPED THEMSELVES

Burglars Very Busy Around Port Stanley—Hotels, Dwellings and Barns Visited—Horses, Buggies and Many Miscellaneous Articles Stolen.

Port Stanley, Oct. 12.—Burglars and horse thieves are operating in this vicinity. Monday night Mitchell's general store was burglarized and a quantity of boots, shoes and other articles stolen. The Franklin House, conducted by George Jones, was also entered, and cigars and liquors stolen. The tills of both places were emptied of all the change they contained.

The thieves also broke into Mr. Herriock's stable and took his horse and cart, which they evidently used for a short time, as they were found at Mr. Shepherd's barn. They also broke into Edgar Johnston's stable, two miles north of the village, and stole his horse and buggy, which were found in St. Thomas.

Another horse and buggy were found at White's Station, which appears to have been used to bring them to the village.

It appears that the value of the articles taken from Mitchell's store is estimated at \$100.

The robbers attempted to enter the Fraser House, but Mrs. Dan Fraser heard them and notified her husband, and the thieves made off.

The robbers came to the Port in a piano-top buggy, and tied up their horse in front of Fred Long's cooper shop. The animal freed itself from the vehicle and ran away. Subsequently the horse was found at White's station by Constable Joe Hough, and brought to the Port. The animal is thought to have been stolen in London.

When the thieves discarded Mr. Johnston's rig they entered the barn of Mr. Nicholas Misener, Talbot street east, and stole a bay horse, covered top buggy and set of harness. Their rig made off, and the police started hunting for Mr. Misener's horse, which was afterwards found.

The residence of Ethel Davis, who lives on Talbot street, was entered, and a quantity of pie, etc., taken. Chas. Ellwood's barn, in the same locality, was entered and a lot of fodder carried off.

Mr. Land complains that a number of tramps have been sleeping in his barn, and it is likely that the Wandering Willies are responsible for these robberies. The general impression is that the work was done by St. Thomas parties. Among the things stolen from Mr. Mitchell's store were two rubber coats, half a dozen gold collar buttons, half a dozen gold cuff buttons, half a dozen gold cuff links, three perfume bottles, three boxes of cigars, pair of shoes, hat, boots, sixteen shirt, cigars, etc., and \$2.50 in cash, 50 cents being in coppers. A provincial detective has been asked for.

CLEARED OUT THE BANK.

Zeeland, Mich., Oct. 12.—The private bank of ex-State Senator Jacob Zeeland was broken into yesterday by burglars, who blew open the safe and secured \$1,000 in cash. The cracksmen blew the safe to pieces with dynamite, took all the cash in eight minutes, and escaped without leaving a clue. A heavy search was being made at the time, and officers have nothing to work on, as the heavy rain washed all traces of the robbers away.

DISCOVERY OF THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN North America.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 12.—The Geological survey party, which has just returned from Cook's Inlet country, is declared to have discovered the highest mountain in North America. The peak, which is located far above Mount St. Elias, is situated in Alaska, to the right of the Sushitna River. The government topographer took triangulations of the elevations, ascertaining by scientific calculations the exact height of the peak, which he declares to be more than 20,000 feet.

GET FLESH.

Get Strength, Vigor, Clear Complexion and Good Digestion, Not by Patent Medicine, but in Nature's Own Way.

Any honest physician will tell you that there is but one way to get increased flesh; all the patent medicines and liver oils to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Nature has but one way to increase flesh, strength and vigor, mind and body, and that is through the stomach, by wholesome food, well digested.

People are thin, run-down, nervous, pale and shaky in their nerves simply because their stomachs are weak. They may not think they have dyspepsia, but the fact remains that they do not eat enough food, or what they eat is not quickly and properly digested, as it should be.

Dr. H. H. H. says the reason is because the stomach lacks certain digestive acids and pepsines, and deficient secretion of gastric juice.

Nature's remedy in such cases is to supply what the weak stomach lacks. There are several good preparations which will do this, but none so readily as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which are designed especially for all stomach troubles, and which cure all digestive weaknesses, or the common complaint of furnishing the digestive principles which the stomach lacks.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give perfect digestion. First effect is to increase the appetite and increased vigor, add to the blood, and strength of nerve and muscle is the perfectly natural result.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest tonic known, and will cure any form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach. May be found at druggists at 50 cents for full-sized package, or direct by mail from Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. 50c zxxv.

Big sale now on at Cole's Cut Rate Store. Be on hand for snags. 55 tf

The oil wells of Senator Roger Q. Mills are said to net him about \$100 a day.

The Fly has come to the front. 34 tf

TO SAVE A CAR TICKET

A Workman May Lose His Life.

Well-Known Farmer Found Dead in a Fence Corner—Warning Against Mating Wild Berries.

TO SAVE A CAR TICKET.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Emmanuel Hewitt, a middle-aged man, almost lost his life trying to save a street car ticket yesterday. Hewitt was on a King street east car on his way to work, when at a corner he essayed to jump off the car, run across the street to a grocery, leave an order and again board his car. Just as Hewitt ran across the end of the west-bound car, an east-bound motor, running at full speed, struck him fairly. Hewitt's back was seriously injured, and he received four bad scalp wounds. He is in a serious condition.

KILLED IN A LOGGING CAMP.

Vinnipeg, Oct. 12.—P. W. Keyser, formerly of Montreal, was crushed to death by a log falling on him at Tait's logging camp on North Arm.

DIED IN A FENCE CORNER.

Peterboro, Oct. 12.—Isaac Milburn, a well-known farmer of the township of Smith, disappeared from home on Thursday afternoon, and in spite of diligent search was not found until Saturday afternoon, when his body was discovered in a fence corner five miles from his home. He had succumbed to epilepsy.

FATALLY BURNED.

Lethbridge, Alta., Oct. 12.—On Monday the 4-year-old son of W. S. Morris lost his life. It seems that the boy had wandered into the kitchen in his night-clothes, which, by some means, caught fire, and he received injuries which resulted fatally.

POISONED WITH WILD FRUIT.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Mrs. James Ogilvie, of Brewery street, had some wild fruit which have seed like grapes. This was on Saturday, and she died on Sunday.

WHITE VS. BLACK

Serious Difficulty Among U.S. Troops—An Officer Shot Dead—Two Men Fatally Wounded.

Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 12.—The Tenth United States Cavalry, colored, arrived from Montauk yesterday and had not been off the train an hour before some of its members became involved in a difficulty with the provost guard. One man was killed and five wounded, two fatally.

Soon after the men left the train one of the cavalrymen went to a house frequented by white men and attempted to clean out the place. He was arrested by a corporal's detail of four men of the provost guard. The arrest was quickly noised about and the negro cavalrymen attempted to rescue the soldier. The first man who advanced to the guard was halted, and as he turned to run was fired upon. Firing then became almost general and continued several minutes. Corporal McLaughlin, company I, Sixth Infantry, commanding the detail, was killed at the first fire. Private E. Wiles, company M, Sixth Infantry, was shot in the knee, and Private Larkin, company L, Sixth Infantry, received a bullet in the leg.

A mounted patrol from the Tenth Cavalry scattered the belligerent negroes with drawn sabres.

GONE UP IN SMOKE

Destruction of the New Tourist Hotel at Takoma—Loss \$600,000.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 12.—The Tourist Hotel, under construction by the Northern Pacific Company, was burned last night. There had been expected on this structure up to date \$600,000, upon which there is no insurance. It was the purpose of the land company to make this one of the finest hotels in the country, and it would have cost, completed, over \$1,000,000.

POLITICAL POINTS

The trial of the North and the South Grey election petitions have been postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Tarte has abandoned his proposed trip to the Maritime Provinces for the present, and instead will visit Western Ontario.

The Conservatives of East Wellington have nominated Dr. Coughlin, their late defeated candidate, in opposition to Hon. J. M. Gibson, for the vacant seat in the Legislative Assembly.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health excellent." This shows what thousands have proved for years. Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils, and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by all druggists. Every bottle guaranteed.

Premature gray hair often causes the good to dye young.

The gallants of the summer girl are now being mustered out of active service.

We have no hesitation in saying that Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial is without doubt the best medicine ever introduced for dysentery, diarrhoea, cholera, and all summer complaints, sea sickness, etc. It promptly gives relief and never fails to effect a positive cure. Mothers should never be without a bottle when their children are teething.

The man who talks the most about obliging his friends very seldom does it.

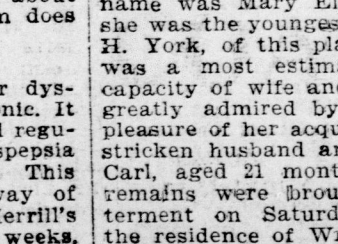
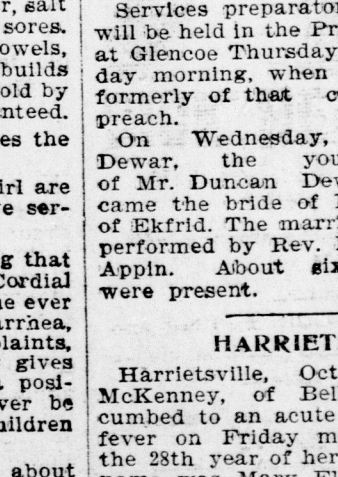
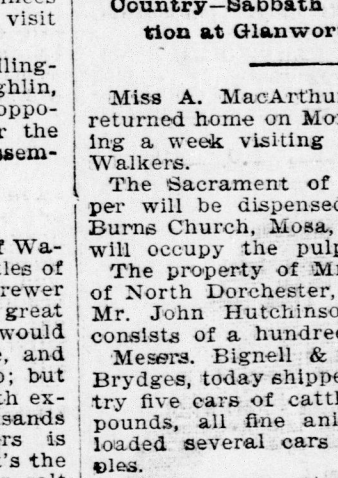
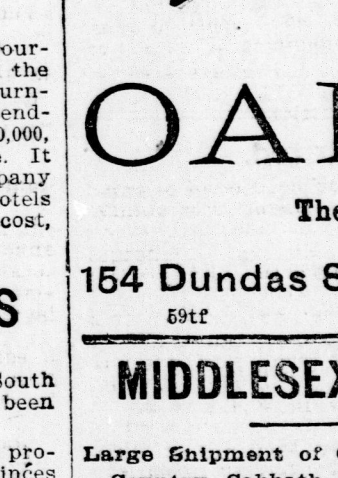
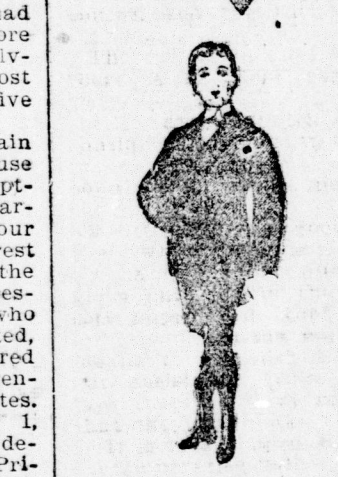
Don't Waste Money.

If you have nerve troubles or dyspepsia take Merrill's System Tonic. It purifies the blood and regulates the bowels. Then dyspepsia and nervous diseases disappear. This is the scientific and correct way of doing. Get a 50c bottle of Merrill's System Tonic which lasts three weeks, at W. T. Strong's drug store.

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Suits for Men and Boys

In styles that are perfectly new—qualities that are perfectly good. We have a complete range of sizes. The business we are doing is evidence of our judgment as to workmanship and pattern.



Men's Single-Breasted Sack Suits,

Made of All-Wool Canadian Tweeds, in gray, brown and other dark mixtures, cut and made in the latest style, trimmings to match,

\$5, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50

Men's Fine Imported English Beaver-Cloth Overcoats,

in black and navy blue, lined with fine Italian cloth, mohair sleeve lining, deep velvet collar, equal in every respect to custom made,

\$8, \$8.50, \$9, \$10.

Boys' Clothing

BOYS' 3-PIECE SUITS,

Ages 10 to 16, heavy tweed, best of linings, in grays, browns and dark tweeds,

\$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50

Suitable for school or dress wear.

Children's 2-Piece Suits,

\$1 25, \$2, \$2 50, \$3, \$3 50

Children's Fancy Suits,

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Boys' All-Wool Pea Jackets,

Deep Collars, Muff Pockets—**\$3 to \$5**

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MIDDLESEX NEWS

Large Shipment of Cattle to the Old Country—Sabbath School Convention at Gleanworth on Oct. 12.

Miss A. MacArthur, of Wardsville, returned home on Monday after spending a week visiting friends around Walkers.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed next Sunday in Burns Church, Arosa, Rev. Mr. Munro, will occupy the pulpit.

The property of Mr. W. C. Dundas, of North Dorchester, has been sold to Mr. John Hutchinson, for \$4,000. It consists of a hundred acres.

Messrs. Bignell & Allen, of Mount Brydges, today shipped to the old country five cars of cattle, averaging 1,400 pounds, all fine animals. They also loaded several cars of hogs and aples.

Services preparatory to communion will be held in the Presbyterian Church at Glencoe Thursday evening and Friday morning, when Rev. A. McLean, formerly of that congregation, will preach.

On Wednesday, Miss Minnie Dewar, the youngest daughter of Mr. Duncan Dewar, Walkers, became the bride of Mr. Jim Johnston, of Ekfrid. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Appleton. About sixty invited guests were present.

HARRIETSVILLE.

Harrietsville, Oct. 12.—Mrs. (Dr.) McKenney, of Bellevue, Ohio, succumbed to an acute attack of typhoid fever on Friday morning, Oct. 7, in the 28th year of her age. Her maiden name was Mary Elizabeth York, and she was the youngest daughter of Wm. H. York, of this place. The deceased was a most estimable lady in the capacity of wife and mother, and greatly admired by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. A heart-stricken husband and a babe (Clinton Carl, aged 21 months) survive. The remains were brought here for interment on Saturday, and taken to the residence of Wm. H. York, father of deceased. The funeral took place

on Sabbath at 1 p.m. The remains were taken into the Methodist Church, where services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Crichton, of Arosa, aided by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Gladstone, taking for his theme Corinthians, chap. xv., 35. The choir sang the hymn "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep," with Thomas McKee at the instrument, and a chorus of fifteen voices. The church was profusely draped in black, with number of white ribbons, decked with beautiful bouquets. At the close of the solemn service the basket was opened, when the large gathering, a number of whom had been unable to gain admission to the building, viewed the remains. The interment took place in the Dorchester cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. S. York, D. York, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. York, four brothers of the deceased, and Messrs. Shyne and Wolf, of Bellevue, Ohio. The floral offerings included a wreath of flowers from Eastern Star Lodge, of Bellevue, Ohio, of which deceased was a member, and a bouquet from Mr. Kissan, of Bellevue, Ohio. The chief mourners were Dr. S. McKenney, of Bellevue, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. York, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coyle, of D. York, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. York, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. York, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, of this place, and Mr. and Mrs. (Dr.) Neff, of Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson, of Mount Vernon; Mrs. John McKenney, of Chicago Junction, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Kenny, of Springfield. Conspicuous in the cortege were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kenney, of Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of Ingersoll; and Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, of Elfring.

The 20th annual convention of the North Dorchester Union Sabbath School Association will be held in the Methodist Church here, on Friday, Oct. 21, when the following gentlemen will participate in the programme: Rev. Messrs. Quance, Rayson, Orleton, Currie, Kay, Nathan and W. V. Nigh, also Mr. German, of London, with H. Pinch as president, and George R. Thompson as secretary