

## JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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### ALVINGTON.

Alvinston, Nov. 23.—On Wednesday, Nov. 18, Miss Kate McLean, of Brooke, was united in marriage to Mr. Alex. McDonald, by Rev. J. M. Wallace, of Inwood. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. John McDonald, while Miss Eliza McLean, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. The bride was for several years organist of the Presbyterian Church, with line of Brooke.

Mrs. R. Gubins, of Brooke, returned home on Saturday, after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. John A. Rose, Lorne avenue, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lickman, Essex Center, were the guests of Mrs. Kate McLaughlin on Wednesday last.

On Tuesday evening, a large number of the citizens of Alvinston assembled at the home of the Misses Brannan to bid them farewell, prior to their departure for Manitoba. Miss J. L. Brannan has secured a good position in Rowland, Manitoba, and leaves for that place on Saturday morning. During the evening, Miss Brannan was presented with a purse of gold pieces.

Miss B. Rick has gone to Toronto, where she will spend Christmas with friends.

Mr. W. H. Burk and family left for Mount Forest on Saturday, after spending a few days with friends.

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is laid up with a severe illness, was no better at the present writing.

Miss Edith Johnson will leave in a month for Hyde Park.

Winnie Baker, Albert Baker's little girl, walked a mile on Wednesday, and the parents are very proud of the result.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of Ingersoll, and Miss McKendrick, of Hyde Park, are visiting at John Campbell's.

These few cold days are making the farmers think winter is near at hand. Some are wishing they had hustled a little more during the nice days, and got their fall plowing done.

Miss Sloan, of Kincardine, is visiting at John Campbell's.

A number of the young people of this district will attend a party at James McKendrick's, in South Yarmouth, on Thursday evening.

Rev. B. McIntyre will give in the near future his interesting lecture, "What I Saw in the Old Land," in the Presbyterian Church.

Miss E. Prior is visiting friends in London.

Rev. R. McIntyre, the popular pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is in great demand this fall as chairman at all the entertainments for miles around. He is certainly one of the best chairmen in this part of the country, and everybody knows that where Mr. McIntyre presides there is bound to be a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Herron held a reception on Wednesday night in honor of their niece, Mrs. H. Dawley (nee Lila McLeod), who has returned from her wedding trip east. A number of Lambton people were present.

Mrs. Hardy and niece, who have been visiting the McPherson brothers, have returned home to Detroit.

### HENSALL.

Hensall, Nov. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Hazell, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting Mrs. Hazell's father, Councilor Orwin, this week. It sounds strange to hear Mr. Hazell say that this is the second time in his life that he has seen snow.

G. C. Petty went to the old country last week in charge of 40 head of cattle that he and Hugh McDonald are interested in. Mr. McDonald returned from Montreal on Saturday.

ville, gave a short address, after which the ladies were invited to a well-spread table, and all enjoyed a pleasant half-hour. The society is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Fraleigh returned home last Saturday evening, after spending a pleasant two weeks with friends in Tringville and Toronto.

The literary and social meeting of the Arva Epworth League, held on Thursday evening of this week, was a decided success. The meeting was divided into two parts, "Then and Now." The first address was given by Mr. E. Corsaut, and the second by Mr. Quance, of Silham.

Mr. Cummings gave an original poem; Mr. Hoath an Irish recitation; recitation by Master P. Nethercott; solos were given by Messrs. Hudson and Hatch; a duet by Messrs. Webb and Morden. Mr. R. Hudson and Mrs. F. Shobrock acted as accompanists. Refreshments were then served by the young ladies, and after singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," all went home well satisfied with the evening's enjoyment. Miss B. Shepherd devoted much energy for her efforts in providing so good a programme. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Nethercott, occupied the chair.

Mr. E. H. Hargrave, of Tringville, is visiting on his property, which is quite an addition to the village.

West Lorne, Nov. 23.—A sad death took place west of the village on Tuesday, when, Seth, the little seven-year-old son of Mrs. Annie Smith, passed away after a few days' illness.

quinsy. Owing to the case showing signs of diphtheria, it was decided to place the house under quarantine, and have a private funeral, which was held Wednesday to Rodney Cemetery. Deceased was the only child, and Mrs. Smith has a large family of children.

One of West Lorne's oldest and most highly-respected residents passed away last Saturday after a very few days' illness with the grippe. The person was Mrs. Wm. Wall, at the age of 52 years. Besides a loving husband, she leaves a son, Mr. J. H. Wall, and two daughters and two sons, Mrs. James Toles, of Rodney; Mrs. Harry Ripley and Miss Nettie, of this village; and Mrs. E. H. Hargrave, of Tringville.

At this place, The funeral service was conducted at the family residence, Main street east, Monday, at 1:30 p. m., by Rev. J. A. Johnston, St. L. pastor of the Methodist Church, after which the remains were interred in Rodney Cemetery.

Mr. John Hauser has purchased from Mr. J. W. Trigger, the property on Main street west, at present occupied by Mr. R. Downing.

Inverary Camp, No. 90, Sons of Scotland, held their annual Friday concert in the opera house on Friday evening, Dec. 4, at 8 o'clock.

The talented Scottish soprano, of Buffalo, and Mr. Harry M. Bennett, humorist, vocalist and entertainer, of Toronto, are among those who will take part. F. G. McFarland, M. P. P., will occupy the chair.

The date of the Methodist Sunday school Christmas entertainment has been changed to Dec. 23, instead of Dec. 24.

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Mr. A. V. Hargrave, representing Atkins & Co., Glasgow, Scotland, was in town this week.

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Mrs. (Rev.) E. B. Horne is suffering from a serious attack of typhoid fever. Fred H. Lawrence returned Wednesday from a business trip to Toronto.

Miss Kate McDonnell, who was visiting friends in London and Hamilton for the last few weeks, has returned home.

Miss May Armitage is the guest of London friends.

Mrs. (Rev.) T. Brantford, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Cornell.

Mr. C. H. Baldwin, who has been under treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, returned home Wednesday much improved in health.

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