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TO ADVERTISERS.

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Local Notices.

All advance notices in the local columns of THE SIGNAL *of meetings or entertainments at which an admission fee is charged, or from which a pecuniary benefit is derived, must be paid for at the rate of one cent per word each insertion, no charge less than twenty-five cents. Where advertisements of entertainments are inserted a brief local will be given free.*

BORN.

LANE—Sorel, Friday, Dec. 13th, the wife of H. J. Lane, C. E., of a daughter.

MARRIED.

TUFT—CAMPBELL.—At Goderich, on the 18th inst., by the Rev Dr Ure, Mr John Tuft to Miss Christina Campbell, all of Goderich.

DIED.

PURVIS—In Colborne, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Janet Catherine, only daughter of James Purvis, aged 3 years, 4 months and 8 days.

WATSON—At the residence of Mr Magnus Swanson, on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, Violet, eldest daughter of Mr Wm. Watson, aged 9 years and 8 months.

WATSON—At the residence of Mr P. Macfarlane, on Dec. 4th, Carrie, second daughter of Mr Wm. Watson, aged 7 years and 8 months.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bargains—F. Jordan.
Scrap Iron—C. A. Humber.
Holiday Goods—C. A. Nairn.
We're In It!—Saunders & Son.
Sewing Done—Miss Lou Haley.
Boarders Wanted—Mrs Girvin.
Special Offer—G. W. Thomson.
Boar for Service—John Linklater.
Legal Blank Forms—SIGNAL Office.
Nomination Meeting—Wm. Mitchell.
A Merry Christmas—Fraser & Porter.
Xmas Presents—R. P. Wilkinson & Co.
Sweeping Reductions—J. A. Reid & Bro.
The Stockings Must be Filled—G. C. Robertson.

TOWN TOPICS.

"A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes, An' faith he'll prent it."

Christmas and New Year's novelties in photograph cards still hold first place at Geo. Stewart's studio.

A GOOD PRESENT.—The most useful gift you can make is to give a Wirt Pen. Apply to D. McGillicuddy, agent, Goderich.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—If you want to inspect goods in variety suitable for young and old, in latest designs and at lowest price, call at Butler's.

It matters not in winter's train whether comes snow or hail, or rain. For we have got in Goderich town suits for all—with prices down—at Pridham's.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union meet in the basement of North-st Meth church every Tuesday afternoon. Prayermeeting at 2:30, business meeting at 3.

The orders for handsomely framed pictures and beautiful artotypes have been coming in fast during the past few weeks to R. R. Sallows, but he still has a number of magnificent pictures and a quantity of elegant moulding that is intended for house decoration this festive season. Don't let your otherwise pleasant rooms have dead walls, when you can embellish them at such a small cost.

We're in it! We're in it! The popular song carried the house at the concert the other evening. Saunders & Son carry the crowd for Christmas novelties. They hold against all comers the title of The Cheapest House Under the Sun. Don't make any mistake, but call and see their stock; you are sure to buy. Read their advertisement on page 8 of this issue. All welcome. Extra clerks.

CARD.—I beg to inform the public that I intend cleaning out my whole stock before the New Year, and have reduced the prices so as to insure the same. Parties desiring big bargains in fancy goods and tinware will have to call early. We also announce that this week we will commence the auction and continue it until the entire stock is sold out. This is a genuine sale. Call early, as the time is short. Lots of Chrismas goods at surprisingly low prices. J. W. MILNE.
It. Auction Store, next to Downing's.

BRIEFLETS.

Mr Ernest Malcomson arrived home on Saturday.

Captain A. M. Sheppard returned home last week.

Mr H. Secord has returned from his visit to Manitoba.

Mrs A. L. Hincks has gone to Detroit to visit her parents.

Captain A. Chambers returned to town last Saturday.

Rev G. W. Racey, of Blyth, was in town on Monday last.

Mr Wm Kay has been confined to the house the past week by severe indisposition.

Goderich Model School closed last Wednesday, and the students returned home.

Mr A. Straiton, G. T. R. agent, met with a mishap last week, by which his ankle was injured.

The election of officers for Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 27, A.O.U.W., will be held Monday evening next.

Mr Button, proprietor of the Wingham chair factory, has moved his family from Teeswater to Wingham.

Mrs Jordan and children left on Friday on a visit to Montreal. Mr Jordan accompanied them as far as Toronto.

At the regular meeting of Huron Encampment, No. 28, I.O.O.F., next Monday evening, the semi-annual election of officers will take place.

Mr Ed. Doyle was able to be out for an airing several times the past week. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his improvement in health.

Dr McDonagh will be in Goderich for consultation on the first Saturday of every month.

STILL THEY COME.—Clinton *New Era*: Mr Thomas Shipley moved his family to Goderich on Wednesday.

Wm Smith is home from the Goderich Model School, where he has been for the past session.—Brussels Post.

Rev Geo. Richardson, of North-st. Methodist church, is in Toronto this week, attending the meeting of the Ontario branch of the Dominion alliance.

Dr M Nicholson, the West-st dentist, makes the preservation of the natural teeth a specialty. Gas administered from 9 a. m. for the painless extraction of teeth.

Mr Wm. Jessup, of Chicago, Ill., and formerly of Goderich, was in town during the past week. He has improved wonderfully physically since going west.

Capt Wm McLean arrived in Goderich Saturday last, having put the steamer Stevens in winter quarters at Buffalo after a very successful season of eight months, plying between Buffalo and Duluth.

Persons wishing to improve their memories or strengthen their power of attention should send to Prof. Loisette, 237 Fifth Ave., N. Y., for his prospectus post free, as advertised in another column. 10-tf

At the regular meeting of the Maitland Lodge, A F & A M, Goderich, on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst, officers were elected as follows: Bro. H W Ball, W M; R Park, S W; Jas Crainie, J W; A Straiton, Chaplain; S Sloan, Treasurer; W A Rhynas, Secretary; T J Videan, Tyler.

WEST HURON FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—The West Huron Farmers' Institute will hold its annual meeting at Goderich, on the 17th and 18th of January, 1890. C. C. James, professor of chemistry, G. C. Caston, Esq., and Wm Cowan, V. S., from the Agricultural College, Guelph, will deliver addresses.

Here is a fact that every one is not aware of, that Christmas and first of May are always on the same day. Wednesday is the day this year, and if you have little leisure time gather your old calendars together and you will find that May 1 and Christmas have always been on the same day of the week.

The *Canadian Horticulturist* improves every year, both in appearance, illustrations, colored plates and reading matter. Every fruit grower, gardener and farmer should have it. The editor is a practical fruit grower, and the other writers are the leading practical gardeners and fruit growers in Ontario. One dollar, addressed to the editor, Grimsby, Ont., secures this monthly, the interesting Annual Report of the Fruit Growers, and a choice of plants for testing.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—The following will be the order of service for Christmas Day.

Celebration of Holy Communion 9 a.m.
Choral—Ter Sanctus ..... Ely Book
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Anglican
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
Hymn No. 77 ..... Adeste Fideles
Venite exultemus Domino ..... Nares in A
Proper Psalms—19 ..... Boyce in D
" " 45 ..... Charters in F flat
" " 85 ..... Mornington in D
Te Deum ..... Jackson in F
Jubilate Deo ..... Jackson in F
Anthem—Luke 2. vs. 10 11—
"Behold I bring you good tidings" ..... Sir John Goss
Kyrie Eleison ..... Walmsley in E
Gloria Tibi ..... Tallis in C
Hymn 78. "Hark the Herald" ... Mendelssohn
Sermon by the Rector
Offertory—Holy offerings ..... Redhea
Celebration of Holy Communion.

POULTRY.—We beg to draw our readers' attention to the great strides which poultry culture has taken in Canada of late years. This is clearly evinced by the teeming columns of our prosperous contemporary, the *Canadian Poultry Review*, published at Toronto, Ont., by H. B. Donovan. The *Review* has now reached the close of its twelfth year, and is invaluable to all who take an interest in either commercial or fancy poultry. It is beautifully illustrated, contributed to by leading experts all over America, England and France, and makes a specialty of its "Medical" and "Question" departments. The price is only $1 per year, or trial trip, four months for 25 cents. A kennel publication, and one devoted to pigeons and small pets are also issued from the same office. 2t.

H. S. L. S.—The last meeting of the High School Literary Society for the year was held on Friday evening last. The meetings during the term have been very well attended, and the entertainments given, on the whole, have been very good. It is hoped that no abatement of the interest taken in the Society will be allowed to take place next year. The first proceeding at last Friday night's meeting was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, Mr Nevins; 1st vice-president, Miss Hutton; 2nd vice-president, Miss MacCormac; secretary, Miss Parsons; secretary of committees, Miss Rusk; treasurer, Mr Lineham; editress, Miss Doyle; librarian, Miss N. Strachan; councillors, Mr A. Tiffin, Miss Eva Ausebrook, Miss Sillers. The following program was then given:—Chorus, Glee Club; recitation, Miss Grace Johnston; reading, Mr Boyd; solo, Miss Nettie Crabb; editress' selections, Miss Halls; dialogue, in which the leading parts were taken by Miss Grace Johnston, Miss Eva Ausebrook, Miss Flo Robinson and Miss E. Robertson; chorus by gentlemen of the Society; recitation, Miss N. Strachan; reading, Miss M. Fraser; question drawer, Mr Strang; reading, Miss Lily Graham; chorus, Glee Club.

N. G. Bowbeer, assistant postmaster at Goderich, spent last Sunday with friends in Brussels.—Post.

Mr F G Rumball, of London, son of Benj. Rumball, of Clinton, had the misfortune to lose about $200 worth of jewellery out of his house, the other day, by the visit of a thief during the absence of all the household.

Mr Angus Reid, Harlock, has just returned from Manitoba, having spent the summer there. He looks well and gives a good account of the country. He says the crops are not so bad as reported; he intends going back in the spring.

Mr W F Wilson, the Manitoba partner of Mr Smith, of the Broadfoot & Box Furniture Company, Seaforth, has removed to Seaforth from Brandon. He takes Mr Smith's place there and that gentleman leaves for Brandon this week.

AN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT.—The new Soft Stop and Practice Pedal attachment to a Newcombe Upright Piano serves the nerves of the listener or performer, when practising, as well as the instrument from wear, and preserves the tone. tf.

TO BE INDUCTED.—Rev D G Cameron, for some years past in charge of Erskine church, Dungannon, passed through Goderich on Wednesday on his way to Strabane, Wentworth county, where he has received a call. His induction will take place on Dec. 24th at that place.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.—Pursuant to adjournment, the public school board met last Tuesday evening, the 17th inst. There were present S Malcomson, chairman, M. Nicholson, Wm. Acheson, C. Crabb and H. W. Ball. The report of Robt. Parke, principal, was considered, and the various changes recommended in the teaching of the different rooms of the central school were, on motion, adopted. The board then adjourned.

A PECULIAR PEOPLE.—The Disciples of Christ, who preach the Gospel in the hall over Smith's bakery, East-st, are a peculiar people. Last Saturday morning a number of loaded vehicles drove down to the lake, where a large crowd gathered, and, notwithstanding the cold, two persons went down into the water, —Miss Butchart and Mr Gerrard—and he baptized her for the remission of sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, exactly the same as we read in the New Testament of the apostles and disciples of our Lord performing the rite. A similar occurrence took place about four weeks ago, when two young men of Goderich confessed their sins and that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and were buried with Him by baptism unto death. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God,"—COM. (Clinton *New Era* please copy.)

KNOX CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE.—The Young People's Association held a very successful literary and musical entertainment on Thursday, Dec. 12th. The lecture room of the church was crowded. The programme was a good one throughout. The address given by Rev Mr Anderson on the subject "Every man the architect of his own fortune" was excellent, and well calculated to inspire his younger hearers with a true idea of the responsibilities of life. The silver collection in aid of a Xmas dinner for the poor amounted to $12.45. The Association will hold their next meeting on Jan. 9th, when the program will be "An evening with Byron." The members of the Association are requested in the meantime to read this author's works and make selection of those parts they think finest, and be able to critise both the man and his writings. All who do not wish to read selections or criticisms may hand the same to the editors of *Ye Growler*.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.—A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Wednesday evening to consider a number of business propositions from persons wishing to locate in Goderich. President R. S. Williams occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members of the Board. After the reading of the minutes of previous meeting, the secretary placed the following communications before the Board: To establish a creamery—E. Miller, Parkhill; W. H. Brubacher, St. Jacobs. To establish a canning factory—J. W. Cuykendall & Co., Hamilton; Mathias Moore, Chatham. To establish a brick and tile yard—E. and A. M. Miller, Parkhill; Irving and Vanvalkenberg, Norwich; Lewis Hamley, Bowanville; W. L. Smith, Mount Forest; J. P. Freet, St Thomas; D. Norton, Woodbridge; W. Senderoth, Kingston. Moved by Hutchison, seconded by Dunlop, that the secretary correspond with Messrs Miller, of Parkhill, stating inducements contemplated, and invite them to come up and look over the respective grounds and buildings for themselves, and that the Board will pay one half their expenses in so doing. Carried. The secretary was instructed to write the other correspondents, and state that the Board is collecting the necessary information and will send all possible data in a few days. Moved by Humber, seconded by Price, that we communicate with Cuykendall & Co., Hamilton, giving all necessary information, and inviting a representative of the firm to come up and make full enquiries. Carried. Moved by Nicholson, seconded by Campbell, that the president, Messrs Butler, Hutchison, Humber and Horton be a committee to meet the gentlemen when they come in answer to the invitation of the Board. Carried. Board adjourned.

The Sessions of the Peace have been adjourned to Jan. 4th.

Mrs Wm Cantelon left Wednesday last to attend a sick sister at Stratford.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The sale was well attended on Monday night and good prices were realized.

Mr Robt Park, principal of the central school, is presiding at the high school entrance examination at Exeter.

INLAND REVENUE OFFICERS CHANGED.—Mr J. J. Brown, of the Inland Revenue department, has been promoted to the position of assistant collector at Sarnia, and will shortly leave for that town.

Mrs John Dorsey, Seaforth, who has been laid up with a severe attack of bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs, at last accounts, we understand, was somewhat better.

Mrs Campbell, of St Mary's, wife of our old friend, Rev T M Campbell, formerly of North-st church, was in town Sunday and Monday last, the guest of Mr and Mrs Geo. Acheson. She seemed to have recovered completely from her recent indisposition.

Mr Robt. S Conochie, of Galt, travelling agent of the Royal Templars of Temperance, has been in town during the past week, arranging for the organization of a select degree in connection with that Order. We understand he is meeting with considerable success.

THE WHITELY INQUEST.—The adjourned inquest in regard to the death of the late Hugh J. Whitely was held on Tuesday last in Clinton, by Coroner Holmes, and after the taking of some evidence was further adjourned to Dec. 30th to enable the public analyst to present his report.

The parents of Mrs W. Yates are visiting in town for a few days. The infant son of Mr and Mrs Yates was christened, in the Methodist church, Wingham, last Sunday evening, when the little fellow seemed to take a great delight in pulling the minister's whiskers.—Cor. New Era.

THE CARRER BOYS' ADDRESS.—We have got up a tasty calendar for 1890 and an address for our patrons this year, which we will present to them on Christmas Day. When you are receiving other callers don't forget to expect THE SIGNAL carriers—ED. MCGREGOR and HARRY LE TOUZEL.

ST PETER'S CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS.—This year St Peter's church will be specially decorated for Christmas and the services will be of a highly impressive character, as follows: Low Mass at 7 and 7.30 a.m., High Mass at 10:30 a.m., and vespers at 7:30 p.m. The musical service during the day will also be of a special character.

A handsomely engraved business card on our table, from Pearen Bros., flour manufacturers of Brampton, informs us that that enterprising firm are not keeping their light under a bushel. Mr J W Pearen, a former well-known and esteemed resident of Goderich is one of the active members of the firm.

CHRISTMAS SERMON.—Next Sunday evening in Victoria-st. Methodist church, Rev Mr Hutton will preach a special discourse, "The Message of Christmas." In this church arrangements are being made on the evening of Christmas day for a Christmas tree and entertainment in connection with Sunday school and congregation.

We regret to be called upon to announce the death of Mrs Young, of Lucknow, wife of Mr Henry Young, jr., of that place (eldest son of H Young, Clinton,) which event took place quite unexpectedly on Saturday morning the 7th inst. Deceased had been in her usual health during the week. She leaves a family of six children.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.—The statutory meeting of the town council to receive the report of receipts and expenditures of the town during the past year, was held in the town hall, Monday evening. The statement showed:—Receipts $62,000.85, and disbursements $59,046.66; leaving a balance on hand of $2,962 19. The statement in detail will be published for the use of electors before nomination day.

LECTURE.—A lecture on a very interesting theme will be delivered by Rev B. L Hutton next Monday evening in the Victoria-st. Methodist church, "Ireland—Her Sins and Sorrows." Admission only ten cents. Joseph Beck, reeve of Colborne, will preside. The lecturer promises to give the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth! He may anticipate to face a large audience to see that difficult task performed.

SADLY BEREAVED.—Mr Wm Watson, who recently returned from Dakota, has, during the past few weeks, sustained a heavy bereavement, in the death of two of his children. Violet, the elder, was stricken with diphtheria and died on the 3rd inst., and her younger sister Carrie died the following day. Mr and Mrs Watson have the sympathy of all who know them in their severe affliction.

Kincardine *Reporter*: We had a pleasant call from Capt W. C. McKenzie on Monday. During the summer he commanded the schooner Sephie, owned by Mr Williams, of Goderich, and had a very successful season. The captain's home is at Cypress, Manitoba, and he and his family are delighted with the country. Capt McKenzie has taken three new schooners out of Goderich harbor during his sailing career, and he pronounced the Sephie the best sailing vessel on Canadian waters today. The captain left for Manitoba on Wednesday.

GONE TO HIS REST.

Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D., Methodist Superintendent, Dead.

His Life a Golden Page in the History of Methodism in Canada—Full of Years and Rich in Hope, He Passes to His Reward.

From the Globe, Dec. 17th.

The death of Rev Dr Williams, which was very long expected, took place early this morning. He was conscious all afternoon, and in the latter part of the evening he fell asleep, from which he passed to his eternal reward, without any symptoms of pain. During the day, when asked by his sons and daughters, "Do you see us, father?" he whispered an affirmative. There were at his bedside all his surviving children:—Dr Watson Williams, Clinton; Rev J. E. Williams, Buffalo; Mr Geo Williams, St Thomas; Mr Algernon Williams, Brampton; Mr Benjamin Williams, Buffalo; Mrs W. E. Ross, Montreal; Miss Williams, and his nephew, Rev Dr D. G. Sutherland.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, 30 Maitland street, on Thursday, at 1:30, to the Metropolitan Church, where a service will be held at two o'clock.

All through the summer his condition has caused anxiety to his friends. With occasional brightening periods and recurrent relapses, he has been gradually sinking. Several times the physicians almost abandoned hope, and immediate dissolution was expected. Then a rally would revive the spark of hope. Last week his daughter, Mrs Boyce, who had come up from Texas to remain with her father through his illness, died, and the shock so affected him as to preclude all chance of recovery. Death was still slow in coming, though it came all too fast for the friends who had gathered around him and were still hoping against hope. Sunday night his sinking became more perceptible, and this morning his soul went to claim a reward earned by a lifetime of service.

CAREER OF THE DECEASED.

The biography of the deceased is written in raised letters upon the history of Canadian Methodism. From the time of his conversion during the troublous year, both ecclesiastically and civilly, of 1836, John A. Williams has been more and more a power in some branch of the Methodist Church in this country.

He was born in Wales in 1817, and spent his boyhood days among the crags and amid the keen mountain air of that rugged land. When a lad of sixteen he came to Canada and settled in the historic town of Prescott. It was here that he was converted under the pastorate of Rev W. H. Williams, father of Rev T. G. Williams, espousing at the same time the strictest of teetotal principles, the warm advocacy of which he never relaxed through his prolonged labors as a Christian minister. When about twenty-five he began a secular business of his own in the village of Kemptville, which lay about midway between Prescott and Bytown (Ottawa), but after some time, however, he transferred his business to the latter town. While in Kemptville he was a popular and acceptable local preacher; and in 1846 he was prevailed upon to give up his business in Bytown and go out as a "supply" under the charge of that honored divine—a brother Welshman, by the way—Rev Richard Jones, at that time Chairman of the Cobourg District. In 1850 he was ordained at the Brockville Conference, and nine years later he was found chairman of the Owen Sound District.

At this time the young clergyman gave ample promise of the brilliant career that he was just beginning so favorably. The late Dr Carroll, writing in the *Methodist Magazine*, of June, 1875, says of him at the age of thirty-three:—

"He was then ruddy in complexion, erect, muscular and lithe in person, with a full chest and strong straight neck, which supported a massive and well balanced head—just that medium size and weight which gives a person strength without unwieldiness—and symmetrical throughout. His physiognomy or facial proportions were equally good; full brow, well-shaped nose, brilliant eyes, curved lips and a dimpled, double chin projected at an angle which indicated push and determination."

He was at once recognized as a recruit fit to be sent forthwith to the front, and the record of his early stations shows that he was entrusted with what were in the Methodism of that day responsible and important positions. These first charges of his ran:—Hallowell, Napanee, Sheffield, Consecon, Wilton, Cookstown, London Circuit, Owen Sound, Milton, Toronto East, Port Hope, Brockville.

When the London Conference was organized in 1874, Dr Williams was elected President of that body, in which position he so won the esteem of his brethren that at the expiry of his term he was re-elected. Naturally a man to be chosen as a representative, he was selected in 1876 to bear the greetings of the Canada Methodist Church to the General Conference of the M. E. Church of the United States, that was about to meet at Baltimore, Md. He was accompanied by Hon. John Macdonald. In 1878 the Senate of Victoria University conferred upon him the degree of "D. D."

In the last union movement of 1883 Dr Williams was the recognized leader of the party in the Canada Methodist Church, which, while favoring the principle of Methodist Union, was dissatisfied with the "basis of union" submitted to the Churches. The astuteness and vigor with which he fought the battle of his convictions in the Belleville General Conference of 1883—held previous to the Union Conference—will long be remembered by the members of that body. But, when the Union Conference assembled on the morning after the "basis" had been adopted by the Canada Methodist Conference, it was the voice of Dr Williams that led in fervent prayer for the well-being of the newly formed Church, and it was Dr Williams himself who was chosen as Chairman of the Provisional Conference, on motion of Dr Carman, the leader of the Methodist Episcopal delegation, and the late Dr S. S. Nelles, a warm advocate of the proposed union. In less than a year, when Dr Rice, who had been elected one of the General Superintendents, died, Dr Williams was called from his place among the working pastorate of the Church which he had filled so well for nearly four decades, and asked to sit in the highest double seat within the gift of his brethren. He was at this time President of the newly-formed Niagara Conference. The General Conference of 1886 re-elected him to the four-year term of the General Superintendency, which he was not allowed quite to complete.

In this connection, a sentence in Dr Carroll's article, already quoted from, has a peculiar interest. Speaking of Dr Williams' connection with the past union movements of the Church, he says:—

"And if we secure a union of all the Methodist bodies, I do not know what we may not yet expect to find him."

A charming trait in the character of Dr Williams was his tender love for the hymnology of his Church, which, by the way, lost nothing when sung in his marvellously musical voice. Possibly his last literary work was a series of papers published in the *Methodist Magazine*, that were most delightful studies of early Methodist hymns and hymn writers. During his last illness he was fond of repeating over and over again the thrilling lines of Oliver:—

The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of Love.

Especially did he like the stanza:—

He calls a worm his friend,
He calls himself my God,
And He shall save me to the end,
Through Jesus' blood.

Dr Williams was a militant Christian. He believed thoroughly the faith of his fathers. He believed in and professed true Wesleyan sanctification. He made no compromise with doubt, ancient or modern; he was a stalwart priest of the old religion and was ever ready to preach its doctrines with plainness and power. In the pulpit, he was persuasive and thoughtful; on the platform forcible and effective; in the social circle genial and lovable. He had much of manhood, of intellect and of heart to give; and he gave it all to the cause of Methodism and "sweet religion."

The many friends of Rev Father Shea, Seaforth, will be pleased to learn of his convalescence after being confined to his house for about two weeks with a severe attack of bilious fever.

HE'S A FARMER, TOO.—Many people in Goderich are acquainted with Mr J D Stewart, the well known manager of Goderich Caledonian Games, but everyone doesn't know that in addition to being one of the most successful travellers on the road, he is also an accomplished and progressive farmer. Yet such must be the case, from the following, which appeared in last week's Mitchell *Recorder*, and which referred to the redoubtable J. D.'s dairy output:—"A few days ago we had laid upon our editorial table a large roll of very choice fresh butter from the Jersey herd dairy of Mr J D Stewart, of Russeldale. Of course we cannot give all the credit to the cows for the superior excellence of this butter, though, no doubt, much is due to them on account of the superior qualities of their milk. Of Mr Stewart's herd it is quite safe to say that there is no purer Jersey strain in the Huron district, nor anything to equal them in their fawn-like beauty. To Mr Stewart's niece, Miss Clarke, who has charge of the dairy, we are in part indebted for the large roll now before us, and we can assure her and our genial Scotch friend, J. D., that our appreciation of the unlooked for compliment can only be expressed in the superlative degree. In response to such a compliment, our sentiments are not only those of the customary song "they are jolly good fellows," but we would also add "allow us to move a vote of thanks."

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