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Prices. Everything must go. My
stock is very complete and sure to
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your choice of a big stock.
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DON'T delay in waiting to
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Mirrors, Work-boxes, Glove boxes,
grand line of Watches, Clocks and
Jewelry, and Silverware CHEAP.
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Business Cards.

INSURANCE.

W. D. MITCHELL,
Atwood, Agent of CONFEDERATION
LIFE ASSOCIATION of Toronto. Guar-
antee capital and assets, \$4,211,643.00.
Business in force, \$19,311,789.00.

MEDICAL.

L. E. RICE, M. D., C. M.
Trinity University, Toronto; Fellow
by examination of Trinity Medical Col-
lege, Toronto; member of the College of
Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario; mem-
ber of the College of Physicians and
Surgeons, Michigan; special attention
given to the Diseases of Women and
Children. Office and residence, next
door to Mader's store, Atwood. Office
hours: 10 to 12 a.m.; 1 to 2:30 p.m., and
evening every to 8:30.

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Is using an improved Electric Vib-
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painless extracting of teeth. Satisfac-
tion guaranteed. Office—In block south
side of Main street bridge, Listowel.

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Gas, electricity, or local anæsthetics,
administered for painless extraction.
Artificial teeth guaranteed to be of the
best material and of first-class work-
manship. Office over Thompson Bros.
store, Main street, Listowel. At
Boerger's hotel, Atwood, every Monday.

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All sales attended to promptly and at
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Money to Loan.
At Lowest Rates of Interest.

THE RANKIN Concert Co.

Will give one of their renowned Scotch
Concerts, under the auspices of the
Atwood Lodge of the Independent Or-
der of Foresters, on

XMAS NIGHT

In the Town Hall, Atwood.

Tickets, 25c. & 35c.

Plan of Hall may be seen at J.
L. Mader's store.

HURRAH FOR

XMAS

Xmas Goods Coming

We have purchased a large and select
stock of Christmas Holiday Goods for
young and old, which will arrive in a
few days.

Groceries,
Confectionery,
Stationery, &c.

We have in stock new and fresh Gro-
ceries, Confectionery of all kind, Canned
Fruits, Vegetables, Salmon, Lobsters,
etc. Also a nice assortment of Station-
ery. Call and see goods before making
your purchases.

Terms Cash.

MRS. ZERAN.

J. S. Hamilton's old stand.

Additional Local Items.

COAL oil for sale at Loree's.
20 LBS. of good raisins for \$1 at
Loree's grocery.

KAY Bros' flour for sale at Mrs.
Zeran's grocery.

MINERAL water for sale at Loree's
grocery. 30c. per gallon.

FRESH oysters kept constantly on
hand at Mrs. Zeran's grocery.

SPECIAL attention paid to orders sent
with children at Loree's grocery.

GEORGE DUNN, of Tara, was in the
village this week, the guest of his brother,
Wm. Dunn.

NEXT Monday is nomination day.
The orations will begin at 12 o'clock,
noon, in the Town Hall.

I WISH all my friends and customers
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year. Yours truly, MARTIN E.
NEADS.

THE announcement of John Rogers
appears in this issue. The place to buy
cheap hardware, stoves, tinware, paints,
oils, etc., is at the Atwood hardware
store.

JAMES IRWIN will be at Atwood on
Wednesday next, Dec. 30th, to collect
accounts still due on his books. All
accounts not then settled will be put in
court for collection—better pay up and
save costs.

A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLAR
PLANT—The Family Herald and Weekly
Star of Montreal is now comfortably
settled in a fine new building, which
with its magnificent equipment cost a
quarter of a million dollars, and the
best of it is that it is paid for free from
any sort of insurance. The Family
Herald and Weekly Star is in an un-
doubtedly strong financial position.

REMEMBER the lecture and experi-
ment on electricity in the Town Hall
on the evening of Jan. 1st. The lecturer,
W. Lochhead, B.A. of Galt, is well-known
in this vicinity, while Mr. Murray is an
excellent Scotch ballad reciter and elo-
quentist. Everybody should be present
to see the workings of this world trans-
forming agency. The evening's enter-
tainment will be varied by several
Scotch songs by George Hamilton. All
should avail themselves of the privilege
of hearing the above lecture, so inter-
esting and instructive.

B. & T. B. S.—The annual meeting
of the Atwood Branch of the British and
Foreign Bible Society was held in the
Baptist church on Friday, 18th inst.
This was one of the best meetings held
since the Branch has been organized.
All the local ministers took part, and
Rev. J. M. Smith, the Agent of the So-
ciety, gave a rousing address in behalf
of the good the Bible is accomplishing
towards the Christianisation of the
world. Officers for 1892:—Rev. A. Hen-
derson, M. A., President; Rev. D. Rog-
ers, 1st Vice-President; Rev. C. H. Phil-
imore, 2nd Vice-President; J. W. Mc-
Bain, Secretary; J. L. Mader, Treasurer;
Mrs. J. J. Harvey, Depository; William
Dunn and M. E. Neads, Auditors.

THE following is the standing of Sen-
ior Department of the Atwood school
for the month of December as shown
by examinations. Names in order of
merit:—Senior 4th class—Kate Priest,
John Farrell, Minnie Corrie, Florence
Stacey, Albert Robertson, Frances
Mader, Mayne Hamilton, Wm. Thomp-
son, Robert Morrison, George Dunn,
Junior 4th class—John Dickson, Rich-
ard Holmes, Hugh Porter, Albert Ham-
mond, Robena Dickson, Edith Robert-
son, John Challenger, Lizzie Wright,
Senior Third—Elgin Robertson, Mary
Murray, Eva Priest, Bella Piton, Edith
Hope, Bee Dunn, Melvin Graham, Han-
nah Priest, Lizzie Graham, Russel Bell,
George Porter, Burt Wilson, Martha
Thompson, Bertie Humanson, William
Longhore, William Blair, Junior 3rd
class—Thomas Fox, Jane Murray, Eva
Hastings, Bertha Murray, William
Hope, Sam Skaltitzky, Jennie McAllister,
Charlotte Coghlin, Alfred Challen-
ger, Maggie Tyndall, Jennima Gra-
ham, Agnes Dickson, Eunice Dunn,
Colin Cameron, Geo. Brown, Elsie
Klump, Geo. Corrie, Wm. Hoar.

S. H. HAINES, Teacher,
DISMISSED WITH COSTS.—Judges
Rose and MacMahon disposed of the
Dominion controverted election peti-
tions at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Sat-
urday, Dec. 19th. In the North Perth
case, in which the question of the trans-
portation of voters by the Grand Trunk
Railway Company came up, the learned
judges gave judgment holding that W.
T. R. Preston was an agent of the re-
spondent in that particular case, but
they held upon the evidence that the
arrangement made by him with the
company was not for payments for the
tickets issued and that it was not in-
tended that they should be paid for.
That charge was dismissed. The Lav-
ell charge in the same case was disposed
of later in the day. This was a charge
that one Lavell had been given a glass
of whiskey, on account of his vote, by
Mr. Daly, an agent of the respondent.
Upon this the judges were of opinion
that the evidence was contradictory and
not sufficient to enable them to form a
conclusion in favor of the petitioner.
This charge was therefore also dismiss-
ed. The Gowing charge that one of
the respondent to enable him to go and
vote, was also adjudicated upon. The
judges considered it a case of grave
suspicion, but in the face of the denial
by the two parties concerned they were
unable to find that a corrupt practise
had been committed. The petition was
dismissed with costs.

THE REV. H. A. BAYLIS.

A LIFE OF PROMISE ENDED AT
TWENTY-FIVE.

HERBERT A. BAYLIS was born
in Birmingham, Eng., in April,
1866. During his infancy his
parents came to Canada and
settled in Haldimand county,
where they lived until Herbert was five-
teen years of age when the family moved
to the township of Grey, near Trow-
bridge. During these years he display-
ed the same unquenchable ambition
and love of study that characterized his
later years. Whether at school or on
the farm he was always vigorous and
active.

It was during the pastorate of the
Rev. Henry Berry on the Trowbridge
circuit that our friend made a profes-
sion of faith and became a member of
the Methodist church. The zeal and
earnestness of the young convert at-
tracted the attention of the Church of-
ficers and he was granted a local preach-
er's license. His power as a preacher
was acknowledged by all who heard him,
and it was manifest from the first that
his place was in the pulpit. At the same
time the Holy Spirit was working
upon his heart and he was led to
devote his life to the ministry.

In January of '88 he commenced study
at Listowel High school, preparatory to
a course at college. In October of the
same year he went to Albert College,
Belleville. It was at this time we be-
came acquainted, and our associations
began. As I write I think of Herbert
Baylis as he was at that time, young,
vigorous, active, a perfect type of phys-
ical manhood. Humanly speaking, he
was the most likely boy in the school
to see old age. Truly "the Son of Man
cometh in such an hour as we think
not." His diligence combined with
superior intellectual powers, soon made
him a prominent member of his class,
and his name was invariably at the
head of the list of successful candidates
at examinations. As a companion he
was genial. He was always too ear-
nest to be frivolous. He never allowed
anything to interfere with his attend-
ance at the religious services of the
College. His splendid voice often re-
echoed through the College halls as he
sang the songs of Zion and his fervent
prayers in the Y. M. C. A., and in the
prayer meeting were always accompan-
ied with power.

Immediately at the close of the Col-
lege year he began his ministerial work
on the Arkwright circuit under the
superintendency of Rev. B. Sherlock.
He carried his characteristic enthusi-
asm into his chosen calling. He neg-
lected no part of his work and compet-
ent judges say his sermons displayed a
ripeness of thought remarkable in one
so young. The following year the au-
thorities recognized our young friend's
worth by appointing him to Owen
sound, one of the best positions in the
Conference. He served this people
faithfully until in the spring of the
present year he was disabled by illness.
The devoted young servant of God had
preached twice to his people and had
retired to rest feeling as well as usual.
In about a half an hour after his retire-
ment he was suddenly seized with a
severe hemorrhage of the lungs. He
never thoroughly recovered from the
attack. During the summer months he
rested at his home. In October he con-
sidered himself sufficiently restored to
attend College, and started for Albert
College, Belleville, but had not strength
to enter upon his studies. God had
some lessons to teach him in the cham-
ber of sickness. On the 18th of Nov-
ember his brother brought him to his
home. Joyed up and comforted by
the Gospel promises he awaited pa-
tiently God's time. On Sunday, Decem-
ber 10th, at midnight the summons
came and he went to be forever with
the Lord, in whose presence there is full-
ness of joy forever more. His death
was triumphant. A short time before
the end came he asked the members of
the family to come to his bedside. His
face is lit up. There is an unusual
brightness about his eyes. With a clear,
strong voice he says:—"I have asked
God to grant me strength to speak to
you; he has granted my request," then
in the full consciousness of his position
he gave a rich testimony in which he
spoke of the preciousness of Christ, "I
love to work for my Master," he said,
"and would like to have lived, but he
knows best. Good-bye, I will now fall
asleep in the arms of Jesus." What a
sublime ending to this short career of
our departed friend? Who does not
say, "Let me die the death of the right-
eous, let my last end be like his?"

The funeral was held on Wednesday
the 23rd. After a short service at the
house the procession proceeded to the
church where a very impressive service
was conducted by Rev. R. Rupert, M. A.,
Chapman of the Listowel District.
Revs. J. W. Holmes, President of the Con-
ference, Guelph Conference, F. E. Nugent, W.
Baugh, Caswell Sherlock and W. H.
Harvey, B. A., were present and took
part in the service. Revs. Holmes and
Sherlock, who were associated with the
departed in church work, spoke in the
strongest terms of his ability and faith-
fulness. Rev. W. H. Harvey, B. A., on
behalf of the young men of the Confer-
ence spoke of the high esteem his broth-
er placed upon him. The friends fol-
lowed the remains to the Elma Centre
cemetery where they laid all that was
mortal of Rev. H. A. Baylis.

McB.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

BY BOB BURDETTE.

"Wealth maketh many friends; but
the poor is separated from his neighbor."
—Proverbs, XIX, 4.

The Scripture moveth us in sundry
places, and about once a year, to yearn
with bowels of compassion for the poor,
to stretch out hands to the needy, to
send a load of limber wood to the widow,
and to give the fatherless a job of
shovelling off four dollars' worth of snow
for fifty cents. We send a barrel of last
summer's clothing to the Montana mis-
sionary in the blizzard season; we buy
a five dollar ticket to a ten dollar char-
ity ball, out of which we get fifteen dol-
lar's worth of fun, and cry aloud, "I am
he that considereth the poor." Yea,
verily, and though considerest him a
nuisance, for hath not the wise man
own neighbor?" He hath—see Pro-
verbs, XIV, 30—and you are the very
neighbor he was thinking of.

BELOVED LET US CONSIDER
this matter a moment. I indeed ex-
pected that the announcement of the
text would raise a howl that might stop
the clock—"but none of these things
move me. Let us see, not how much
you have done for the poor this merry
Christmas season, but what you have
done for him all the year round? I am
not given to criticising Providence, but
sometimes, in my daring and skeptical
moments, I have thought that it might
have been money in the poor man's pocket
and "callops of fat on his flanks," had
he been built, as to his interior depart-
ment, upon the plans and specifications
of the cow, with four stomachs; or with
a storage lip like the pelican. Then,
when the rest of the world had its an-
nual spasm of Christian benevolence,
he might line himself with "fat things
full of marrow, and hibernated until the
next December took us by the throat
with "la grippe" again, and the fear of
death should once more frighten us in-
to renewing our fire insurance, and buy
a cut rate ticket to heaven over the
Phylactery Board Gauge. I cannot
make you believe this now, when you
have just helped to decorate a Christ-
mas tree for the Blind Asylum; but if
you would recall this sermon—which
you will not—remember the text—
which you cannot—about six months
from now, I think

IT WOULD GROW UPON YOU.

"All the brethren of the poor hate
him; how much more do his friends go
far from him? He pursueth them with
words, but they are gone." So it was in
the days of Solomon. Is it much better
now? This Christmas week your heart
is warm; you say "the first-born of the
poor shall feed and the needy shall lie
down in safety" if it takes a dollar. But
when the same poor man came to you
in October and wanted to borrow seven
dollars, you even wished you had a
sword in your hand that you might
slay him. You can stand him once a
year, when all the world is bent upon
gorging him until he "loateth the hon-
eycomb" but to see a beggar lying at
the gate every time you go out, that is
trying. We could love him were he a
naked heathen, far, far away in benig-
ned lands where we could never see him;
but to stumble over him every time we
go church or theatre, eucates table or
prayer meeting, communion table or
ball room, this makes us tired. But
brethren, he isn't promised to us as an
annual blessing, like the latter rains;
he's an all year round reminder of God's
riches and our stewardship. "For the
poor shall not cease out of the land;
therefore I command thee, saying, Thou
shalt open thine hand wide unto thy
brother, and to thy poor and thy needy
in thy land."

THANKS TO CHRISTIANITY.

thanks to every church founded on the
teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, we do
take better care of our poor, a thou-
sand-fold than Solomon, or his father
before him or his sons after him, ever
did. But we have yet to learn that
while spasmodic charity is better than
none Christianity ought to last all the year
round. And, indeed, there is no reason
why it shouldn't. Because no man
knoweth just when it should come. If
we are positive about anything connect-
ed with the 25th of December, we know
this, that Christ was not born on that
date. So as we can't agree upon the
date for observing Christmas, why not
decide it up all the year round? It
doesn't do to save all our charity for an
annual deluge. A waterspout isn't a
good thing for a garden. A cloud-burst
destroys more crops than it helps.
What blesses the land is not the thun-
derstorm, advertising itself far and wide
with noise and fire, cyclone, lightning,
thunder, roar and crash. The smiling
farm and the dirty lane, the garden and
the stony street laugh in gratitude for
the commonplace, quiet, rather sleepy
drizzle-drozzle that comes down with-
out attracting much attention to it-
self.

"Love covereth a multitude of sins."
sayeth the Apostle Peter, and of a verity
brethren, the little short-lived love we
feel for our neighbor at Christmas time
is as a garment that is made to serve as
a duster in July and an uster in De-
cember. You have given a Christmas
token to each of the servants, if so be
that you are, like Canaan, "a servant
unto servants." That is right. But did
you pay their wages regularly all the
year? And if you didn't, don't you
know that prompt payment is ever so
much better than a present? "Thou

shalt not oppress a hired servant that
is poor and needy, whether he be of thy
brethren or of thy strangers that is
within thy gates.

IN HIS DAY SHALT THOU GIVE HIM
his hire, neither shall the sun go down
upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his
heart upon it; lest he cry against thee
unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee."
Is there a dressmaker or a tailor, a
shoemaker or a carpenter, hired man or
servant girl holding claim against you
this week that you have put off to your
own convenience? "Thou shalt re-
member that thou wast a bondman in
the land of Egypt." You'd better; be-
cause if you forget it, there are a hun-
dred people right here in this congrega-
tion, who will remember it for you, and
who will take frequent pains to remind
each other that they can remember
when your grandmother hadn't clothes
to wear to church. And this story, oft
repeated, will lead to the belief that
your grandmother dressed in a palm
leaf fan and was baptized in the river
Congo by a missionary.

Do not abate one jot of your Christ-
mas benevolence; but do not admit
the firm of Mammon, Mammon & Mam-
mon to your dealings. To whom are
you most apt to send the costliest gifts?
Do ye not send to those of whom ye
hope to receive? And how often do
we read that the employees of a certain
house have clubbed together to present
a gold watch to the boss? "He that
giveth to the rich shall come to want."
Do not make Christmas a financial bur-
den and worry to yourself and friends.
A letter of a dozen lines is better
than an insane frenzy of a Christmas
card, representing a howling snow storm
on the seashore at midnight, with a
woman dressed for bed, and half a doz-
en bare-foot children picking up sea-
weed with hot house blooms on it, with
a verse of poetry that doesn't rhyme,
scan or mean anything.

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on the white ground on the margin of
the nightmare. And is it not so, in
these days of high art, that it is even
cheaper to give unto a friend a house
and lot, than a second-prize Christmas
rebus? And is it not so, beloved, that
oftimes the women of the household
have worn themselves out in the pre-
parations for Christmas, so that it was
the hardest day in all the year to them?
And is it not so, that people labor to re-
member all to whom they should send
gifts, and make a catalogue of their
friends? Verily our love is altogether
lighter than vanity when it cost us an
effort. Rather had we been forgotten
than have people tax brain into a head
ache, trying to remember us. Give sim-
ple gifts out of the fullness of your
hearts.

After the deliverance of the Jews
from the plots of Haman, the days of
deliverance were established among the
Jews in provinces of King Ahasuerus—
the 14th day of the month of Adar and
the fifteenth day of the same, "as the
days wherein the Jews rested from
their enemies, and the month which
was turned unto them from sorrow to
joy, and from mourning into a good day;
that they should make them days of
feasting and joy, and of sending of por-
tions one to another, and gifts to the
poor." Now, there is a good way to
celebrate Christmas. If you love me,
send a turkey to a poor family down
the alley; if you want to make your
present, give it to the poorest
man you know; if you want to surprise
your father with a gift, give it to some
needy old fellow of whom you never
heard. That will insure for you a right
royal merry Christmas.

Additional Local Items.

TRY Loree's for cheap groceries.
EDMUND FOX was in Brussels last
week.

FRESH oysters kept constantly on hand
at Hamilton's grocery.

MISS JENNE HARVEY is visiting
relatives in Georgetown this week.

DON'T forget the Rankin Family con-
cert in the hall on Christmas night.

CALL and see Loree's stock of crock-
ery, 30 per cent. cheaper than any
place in town.

MISS ROGER and Miss Belle Morrison,
of Fullarton, are the guests of Mrs.
John Rogers.

REV. D. ROGERS and family are spend-
ing the Xmas holidays with Mrs. Rogers'
relatives at Belmore.

R. M. BALLANTYNE was summoned
to Downie on Tuesday to attend the
sick-bed of his brother.

A THANK-OFFERING meeting will be
held in the Presbyterian church next
Monday evening, at 7, p. m.

1,040 LBS. of candy has arrived at
Hamilton's grocery for the Christmas
trade. Call and get your supplies.

THE Presbyterian Mission Band will
hold an open meeting next Saturday,
Dec. 26th, at 2:30 p. m. A cordial in-
vitation is extended to the ladies.

THE committee of the Rankin Fam-
ily concert have arranged comfortable
seats for all. Secure your reserved
seat tickets early; price, 35c. Remem-
ber the date, Xmas night.

WOULD it not be a proper suggestion
for the village to get up an entertain-
ment of some kind, the proceeds of
which to go toward purchasing a few
street lamps. We feel confident that an
effort made in this direction would meet
with the hearty response of all our citi-
zens.