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Mrs. Maggie Meredith, a young and comely woman, who was highly respected by all the residents of the neighboring sining village of Keystone, where she has seed since childhood, committed suicide and Friday. Mrs. Meredith had seen better days, and there was a time, not very long ago, when her husband John was one of the most prosperous men in the village, and her some was a model of comfort.

For some reason that no one can explain, deredith, whose habits had hitherto been exemplary, took to drink about a year ago, and has since then rarely been sober. Soon the little home was broken up, and at last little home was broken up, and at last little, meredith was forced to support her worthless husband and her three little children by going out to do housework by the day in the neighboring farm houses.

Friends whom she had known in the lays of her prosperity helped her, but in spite of this it was only with the utmost difficulty that she managed to keep a roof over her children's heads.

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Matters went from bad to worse. Her husband robbed her of her scanty earnings to provide himself with whisky, and in his delirium used cruelly to beat his faithful wife. The children, too, were never safe from his attacks of brutal fury. Time and again the wife would lead him home from the saloon, only to be beaten again when he recovered from his drunken stupor. On several occasions the neighbors had to interfere to save Mrs. Meredith's life, and her intercessions alone saved her husband from being sent to prison.

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It seemed as if her faith and constancy were about to be rewarded last Thursday, for in the first sober interval that John had had for months he seemed to have some appreciation of the ruin he had caused, and with every appearance of the most sincere repentance he promised that whisky should never again pass his lips.

Mrs. Meredith was the happiest woman in Keystone that day. She went about telling her friends that what she had prayed for had come to pass, that John had promised to reform, that she felt sure that he never would touch whisky as long as hived, and that now she felt that a new era of happiness was dawning for her and her children.

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The poor woman's new-born happiness was destined to be short-lived, for that very night, soon after the pledge of reformation had left his lips, her wretched hasband was found lying helplessly drunk in the road in front of his home.

The blow broke the poor woman's heart. The faith and courage that had sustained her in her sore trials failed her, and she gave up the struggle. The next day she sold her stove to a peddler and purchased a quart of whisky. The dealer who sold it to her, who knew her sad history and knew that she never touched stimulants in any form, asked her in some surprise what she intended to do with it. She replied that whisky had been killing her by inches for more than a year, and she was going to see if it would not put her out of her misery.

She went home, kissed her children tenderly and then started toward the mountains.

Women of To-Day.

Miss Edna Gray, of Hillsboro, Ohio, is the first woman of her State to be the nominee of a political party for public office. Woman sulfrage ideas have never obtained very extensively in Ohio, so that the nomination of Miss Gray for prosecuting attorney of Highland county is an exceptional honor to her sex. She is but 21 years old, is a farmer's daughter, and prior to her admission to the bar, was locally famous and provided the was locally famous control of the same of the s old, is a farmer's daughter, and prior to her admission to the bar, was locally famous for her elecutionary exhibitions. She was graduated from the Cincinnati law school last May, and at once opened a law office in Hillsboro, a historically famous old village of Southern Chio, the boyhood home of Gov. Foraker. She was so successful with her first two cases that older lawyers gave her unreserved commendation, and the prohibitionists nominated her for prospective of the strongest temperance and prohibition section of Ohio, there is a possibility of Miss Gray's election, the more because the gallantry of the Highland county beaux is far above par. At a recent meeting of her party adherents, she made a stirring political speech, along with ex-Gov. St. John, the prohibition apostle of Kansas.

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At the Brant Assizes the most interesting auit was Smith vs. Smith—An action for \$2,000 for seduction. Plaintiff was employed on the farm of defendant's father in Brant county, when defendant, under promise of marriage, seduced her. The defense was a denial of plaintiff statements and an objection on the score of excessive damages \$1,200 and costs.

Ald. Bowlby, of Brantford, has decided to run for mayor in 1894. He is not the independent ticket.

John Layden, a well-known resident of Paris, died very suddenly at his home on William street Tuesday evening, between 6 and 7 o'clock. He was found dead in his bed. Heart failure was the cause of death. Deceased had only been alling for a day. He lived in Paris for a number of years, and was a carpenter by trade. He leaves behind him a family of seven—two daughters and five sons.

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Ald. John Hendley, of Windsor, was married Tuesday evening at his residence to Miss Caswell, of Lima, O. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Ford, after which a collation was served to the invited guests present.

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H. T. White, the absounding secretary of the Walkerville malleable iron works, was remanded to jail again Tuesday. His attorney, J. W. Hanna, had a bond for \$2,000, but the prosecution would not accept anything less than \$3,000.

Some of those in Windsor who are opposed to the extention of the waterworks above Walkerville say that if the council passes a bylaw granting the commissioners \$30,000, as it is intended to do, an injunction will be served.

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Municipal council of East Williams met at Nairn recently. All the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The collector presented his bond, which was read and approved. Bylaw No. 67, empowering the reeve and treasurer to borrow (if necessary) from the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the amount of \$1,000 to meet the current expenses of the township was read three times and passed. A large nu ber of accounts were passed. The council adjourned to the second Monday in November at Nairn.

The Dorchester union Sabbath school convention held its annual meeting in the Baptist church, Gladstone, on Tuesday, Oct. 24. There were three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening. The morning session was a business one, with an hour's discussion on Sunday school work by superintendents and others, opened by O. M. Maybee. The report of the executive showed a marked increase in the attendance in most of the schools. There are seventeen schools in the township. At the business meeting O. M. Maybee was elected president; thenry finch, vice-president; Wm. Malpas, execretary. Mr. C. E. German, president of the Middlesx Sunday School Association, was present, and pointed out the desirability of having the township association affiliate with the county association, and by a resolution of the convention this matter was accomplished, and Mr. E. McCan was resolution of the convention this matter was accomplished, and Mr. E. McCan was resolution of the convention this matter was accomplished, and Mr. E. McCan was resolution of the convention this matter was accomplished, and Mr. E. McCan was the county convention. The promoters of the convention in the vicinity. The onlive sessions were rowded, and the proceedings marked by a verifical selected the first delegate to the convention in the vicinity. The onlive sessions were rowded, and the proceedings marked by a verifical selected the first delegate to the convention in the

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Fishermen's Perils.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 25.—The closing of the fishing season tells a melancholy story of disaster, as well as success and gain. During the year there have been lost at sea from this port 57 men, leaving 10 widows and 32 children. Ten vessels, valued at about \$30,000, foundered or atranded. From 1830, since a record has been kept, to 1893, there have been 586 vessels cast away at sea, representing a value of \$2,000,000. The number of lives lost was 3,231, including those lost from this port on the sea prior to 1830; the list of the lost will amount to about 5,000.

Women of To-Day.

Wednesday in November.

A short, dark-complexioned young man attired in a dark suit, and giving Delhi as his place of residence, put up at Matthews' Hotel, Woodstock, on Monday night. The next morning he skipped out before breakfast, forgetting to pay his bill, and hiring a horse and rig from Hayward & Cornish, stating that he was a hog buyer for Ferguson & Co., and was going to make some purchases through the county. He stated that he would be back by evening. The horse has not yet been returned, and the liveryman are apprehensive that the mythical hog buyer has stolen their turnout.

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Prof. Black, of Harvard University, and his accomplished wife, are visiting in S. Marys. Mrs. Black is better known to the public as Miss Agaes Knox, and it is but short time since her marriage in Scotland to the professor, who is a distinguished member of the Harvard faculty.

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The 10-year-old sen of Frank Binonski, of Guelph, was thrown out of a wagon Monday night and the whole skin of his forehead ripped off, save for a few shreds which hold it to the bone. The doctors found it necessary to put in twelve stitches to draw the skin together. This is one of the most peculiar cases that has ever come under the observation of these physicians, the out being so clean and no damage done to the bone.

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Ten years ago Mrs. Justus Miller, of Mount Elgin, then a young lady living with her father, J. W. Elliott, at Culloden, lost a plain gold ring in the garden, and a few days ago Mr. Elliott, white working in the same place, found the long lost article not much the worse for its burial.

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Toronto, Oct. 25.—The 28th convention of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario opened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in Elm Street Methodist Church. The retiring president, Mr. D. J. Macrea, of Gueiph, presided. After devotional exercises the general committee met and received reports from the executive committee, general treasurer and general secretary. All these reports were of a most satisfactory character, showing the work of the association to have been very successful during the past year.

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EXECUTIVE'S REPORT.

The central executive committee's report gave an account of the various meetings held through the year, and mentions the purchase at greatly reduced rates of 500 copies of the Revised New Testament.

The general secretary's annual report showed the advancement in Sunday school matters throughout the world; it also compared the proportion of Sunday school scholars to population in Ontario and other countries. Mr. Day, the general secretary, also remarked that he had pledged himself to raise \$100 to help the funds of the World's Sunday School Building at Chicago. On motion Mr. Day's obligation was assumed by the committee.

The treasurer's report showed total receipts during the year of \$4,219 58, including a balance from last year of \$369 21; disbursements, \$3,761 26; balance on hand, \$458 32. ful during the past year.

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Mr. Wm. Reynolds, of Peoria, Ill., general superintendent of organization of the International Sabbath School Couvention, gave an address, "The Sabbath School Scholar Between Sabbaths," which was an excellent and sensible exposition of the week-day relations between the church and the scholar.

Election of officers.

Then came the nominating committees, and conformably to its recommendations, the following officers were elected: Precident, R. J. Score, Torouto; minute secretaries, Rev. J. C. Tibb, Lucas; and W. H. P. Moore, Acton (re-elected). This completed the afternoon's programme.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session the church was crowded to overflowing. The retiring president, Mr. D. J. Macrea, introduced his successor, Mr. R. J. Score, and in doing so congratulated the convention on electing such an earnest Sabbath school worker. Mr. Score briefly returned thanks. Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cock's Church, on behalf of the local members, welcomed the visiting delegates to the city. Rev. Rural Dean Wade, of Hamilton, delivered a very able address, taking for his subject. "Christ-Life in the Teacher the Best of All Qualifications." "The primary class: The children's portion of Biblical truth; how no prepare and how to impart it," was the title of an address by Miss Annie S. Harlow, of Lowell, Mass., who gave several examples of how word illustrations of Biblica trachings can be impressed on the minds of the scholars. The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

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