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KILLED BY A TRAIN.  
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18.—A Swedish named Noistrom, who with two others was riding on a hand car, was run down by a train Monday and killed. The others escaped unhurt.

HOSPITAL NURSES HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER.  
New York, Dec. 18.—Edward O. Dean, Jesse R. Davis and Clinton Marshall, three Bellevue Hospital nurses, were dismissed last night from the hospital staff for brutality and murder. They were charged with manslaughter in having caused the death of Lewis H. Hildard, a patient in the insane pavilion.

FOR NINE YEARS.—Mr. Samuel Bryan, Bedford, writes: "For nine years I suffered with ulcerated sores on my leg. I expended over \$100 to physicians, and tried every preparation I heard of or saw recommended for such disease, but could get no relief. I at last was recommended to give Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil a trial, which has resulted, after using eight bottles (using it internally and externally) in a complete cure. I believe it is the best medicine in the world, and I write this to let others know what it has done for me."

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## METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Dec. 18—3 p.m.—The weather has kept cold today in the Ottawa Valley, Eastern Canada, but elsewhere it has been mild and there is no indication as yet of a change to colder again. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-50; Kamloops, 35-44; Calgary, 18-42; Qu'Appelle, 22-26; Winnipeg, 16-22; Port Arthur, 32-40; Parry Sound, 14-24; Toronto, 24-40; Ottawa, 10 below-10; Montreal, 2 below-10; Quebec, 6 below-12; Halifax, 14-38.  
Local temperatures, Tuesday, Dec. 18—Highest 23, lowest 23.  
Today (Wednesday) the sun rose at 7:47 a.m. and sets at 4:43 p.m. The moon rose at 5:28 a.m. and sets at 3:03 p.m.

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## A LOCAL BUDGET.

## THE CHRISTMAS MONTH.

Not for all the joys of May,  
Not for sweet June's rarest day;  
Not for any springtime bliss,  
Not for summer's passionate kiss;  
Not for autumn's mellow mood,  
Nor midwinter's frolic rude,  
Would I barter from my year  
Old December's time of cheer!

Month of Christmas and goodwill,  
Childhood's love enwraps you still,  
All the world grows laughing young  
When your reindeer chimes are rung.  
None so gray and none so old;  
But do feel the charm you hold;  
Then mock ye none the truth confess'd,  
December's time of cheer!

—Ripley D. Saunders.

—Mr. Harry Smith, who has been seriously ill, is out again.

—Mr. P. E. Bucke, of this city, is spending Christmas and New Year's in Samaria.

—Manager Carr, of the street railway company, is around again after several days' illness.

—Mr. H. Marshall Graydon has just returned from a successful ten days' snowing trip near Wabigoon.

—Miss Hart, of this city, has returned home after spending three weeks with friends at Spruce Hill and vicinity.

—Mr. Ernest Richardson, of Winnipeg, Man., formerly of London, is in the city visiting friends and renewing acquaintances.

—Motorman Brethwaite, who was injured at the Rectory street crossing the other night, will not be able to resume work for some time to come.

—Mr. W. G. Reid, of Hamilton, has been appointed general agent for Canada, east of London, for the Consumers' Company, Limited, of Leamington.

—Mrs. Wade and her daughter Estelle, of Woodstock are visiting their relatives and friends in London, previous to going to Saginaw, where they will reside in the future.

—The sale of Mr. G. H. McGilivray's pictures will take place at Jones' auction rooms, Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. The collection embraces some of the best works of such celebrated artists as Collins, Sherwood, Griffith, Bell-Smith and others of note.

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home here from Pte. Percy C. Howell, who is serving with the United States army at Malabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands. He says the government did not want to kill too many men before the presidential election, but now that McKinley has been sustained hostilities will be vigorously waged against the rebels. Three expeditions will traverse the island from end to end, and put down with a firm hand all those in revolt.

## CHEAP RATES.

The railway companies announce the usual cheap rates for the holidays—single fare for the five days from Dec. 22 to 26 and from Dec. 29 to Jan. 2, and fare and a third for the period covered by the school vacations.

## BASKET BALL CLUB.

A basket ball club, with a membership of about 35, has been formed by a number of prominent young ladies in the city, and practice is being assiduously indulged in every Wednesday afternoon in the gymnasium of the St. John's Athletic Club. They are rapidly becoming quite efficient.

## A PRESENTATION.

Toronto News: Owing to ill-health, Mr. W. E. Sherbrooke (formerly of this city), has resigned his position in the Grand Trunk passenger agent's department at the Union station, and will move to California. His conferees at the station presented him with a valuable gold ring Monday afternoon.

## "HIGWAYS OF EUROPE."

An illustrated lecture on "Highways of Europe" was given in Tabbot Street Baptist Church last night by Mr. Frank Yeigh, of Toronto. Before the lecture tea was served to the children of the Sunday School, it being the real object of the treat. The large audience present at the lecture enjoyed thoroughly both the beautiful views shown on the canvas and Mr. Yeigh's interesting description and explanations.

## ALMOST SUFFOCATED.

Mr. J. Cathro and his friend, Mr. Clarence E. Reid, had a narrow escape on Monday night from suffocation by the fumes of a gas lamp in the room at Mount Pleasant avenue, in West London. In the middle of the night Mr. Cathro was awakened by the whining of his dog, and found the room full of gas. Though almost overcome, he managed to get the doors and windows open. A closed damper caused the trouble.

## ST. THOMAS WELCOME.

The St. Thomas Times says: "The 25th Regiment will go over to London to meet B Company on its arrival, provided they do not come the Saturday or Monday before Christmas. It has also been decided not to hold a demonstration or banquet upon either of those days. The committee has also decided to present the homecoming soldiers with medals such as were presented to those who have already returned. They will also be presented with \$31.60 each, being share of the receipts from the homecoming fund."

## COLLIDED ON A HILL.

St. Thomas Journal: Geo. Gill, of London, while driving down the Kains hill was run into by a rig driven by Mr. Campbell, of Southwold. His wagon was smashed and he was thrown out. Mr. Gill has only one arm and only had a hand on the other side and the hand was cut and skinned. He laid an information before Police Magistrate Davidson, charging Mr. Campbell with reckless driving and malicious damage to property. The case will be tried tomorrow.

## KERR-WILKIE.

Yesterday afternoon, in All Saints' Church, Toronto, the marriage was celebrated of Miss Marion Wilkie, daughter of D. H. Wilkie, manager of the Imperial Bank (formerly of London), and W. A. H. Kerr, of the legal firm of Blake, Lash & Cassels. The bride was attended by Miss Alice Betune, Miss Homer-Dixon, Miss Atkins, Miss Patterson, of St. Catharines, and little Miss Winnifred Tait, of

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Montreal, as flower girl. Mr. J. H. Ross was the best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Baldwin, assisted by Rev. H. J. Cody, of the Arthur Church.

After the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the bride's father's residence. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr left on their honeymoon at the conclusion of the reception.

HURON COLLEGE ALUMNI.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Huron College Alumni Association was held in the college reception room on Wednesday, Dec. 12, the president, Rev. W. J. Hodgins, R. D. of Huron, in the chair. Rev. D. W. Collins, of Wardsville, was elected secretary of committee. The time of holding the next meeting of the association was fixed for the two previous days to the December meeting of the synod executive, thereby enabling members of the executive to attend the meetings of the association. For some years past the interest taken in this association has been on the wane, and active steps have been taken to arouse the members to a deeper attachment to their alma mater. Representatives from each deanery were selected, with whom the secretary was requested to communicate with the view of assisting in carrying out a decidedly new and interesting programme. The committee will meet in March to complete the final arrangements for the programme.

## At Knox Church.

Gaul's beautiful cantata, "Ruth," was produced at Knox Church last night by the choir of the church, assisted by Miss Eva N. Roblyn, soprano; Mr. J. W. Fetherston, tenor; Mr. H. Ruthven McDonald, bass; Mr. Roselle Pococke, violin; Mr. Waldemar Bluetner, accompanist, and the Musical Society Orchestra.

The production was large and gave evidence of enjoying thoroughly the artistic presentation of the cantata. The character parts were taken, as follows: Naomi, Miss Leys; Ruth, Miss Roblyn; Orpah, Miss M. Kemp; Boaz, Mr. H. W. Gliven, each vocalist proving fully equal to the requirements of the part undertaken. The production as a whole was distinctly creditable to the conductor, Mr. F. L. Evans, to the choir, the Musical Society Orchestra, and the assisting artists. The programme opened with an overture by the orchestra from "Rosaumeau." Mr. McDonald sang "Sands of Dee." A trio, "Protect Us, Thine, the Coming Night," by Miss Roblyn, Messrs. Fetherston and McDonald, was one of the finest numbers. Mr. Roselle Pococke's rendition of the piece from Mendelssohn. After the conclusion of the programme the choir and those who assisted them were entertained to luncheon.

## Kilties Will Play Here.

Mr. W. W. Power, the genial representative of the 48th Highlanders' Band, is in the city, completing final arrangements for the appearance of the Kilties here on Friday afternoon and evening at the Auditorium. He speaks enthusiastically of the receptions tendered the band in the big American cities. The tour has been one of continuous ovations all along the line. So enthusiastic were the Americans to hear this crack musical organization, that in several cities the school children were given half-holidays. Mr. Power, with brother, T. P. J. Power, toured the United States with the Godfrey Band and some years ago, with the Kilties, left a much better impression behind them. In Chicago the Kilties were given a royal reception, and played to 10,000. After the concert, a banquet was tendered the band by the Canadian and British residents, prominent among them being a large contingent of London Old Boys.

After their concert in this city the band goes back to Toronto, where a

big military reception awaits them. The Kilties will be on parade here Friday noon.

## ST. GEORGE'S REUNION.

Pleasant Gathering of Pupils and Graduates.

An Enjoyable Programme—Presentations to Principal and Pupils.

The annual reunions at St. George's school have become features of the school life of London. The fifth gathering of pupils and graduates was held last night, and was a pleasant affair indeed. Teachers and pupils had worked with equal energy and enthusiasm to assure its success, and the result certainly justified their endeavors. The programme was rendered in Principal Baker's room, which was beautified by flags, palms and bunting. Several appropriate mottoes were written upon the blackboards, and in one place were the names of one hundred graduates of the school. Mr. E. J. MacRobert presided, and with him upon the platform were Rev. A. J. McGilivray, Mr. George Robinson and Trustees R. A. Bayly (chairman), J. M. Logan, W. H. Morgan and Dr. Ziegler. The National Anthem was sung with loyal vigor, and afterwards Master C. Bissell gave the graduating class speech in capital style. Mr. Will Skinner sang "When the Boys in Khaki All Came Home," and Miss Lizzie Watson followed with a splendid speech upon "Aim in Education." "Reminiscences of a Reunion Day" was an amusing concoction presented by Mrs. Gaud. Mr. A. Carlisle's speech on "School Life," and Dr. Ziegler's solo were heartily received.

The audience gave warm welcome to Mr. Charles Redge, one of the school's graduates, who fought in South Africa, who related many of his experiences in simple, unpretentious manner, and was loudly applauded.

After Mr. Skinner had sung again and Rev. A. J. McGilivray had made an address on "Character-Building," the medals of the pupils at the mid-summer examinations were presented to them. The Boyle memorial medal was presented to Miss Flossie Kipp by Chairman Bayly. Those won by Masters Jack Ferris, Miss E. Lee and Miss D. McLeod for general proficiency, were presented by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Logan and Mr. Morgan. In the course of replies made by the recipients, they all expressed their gratitude to Principal Baker for his kind attention to them. The formal programme was completed by a violin solo, very acceptably rendered, by Mr. E. Lott, a piano selection by Mr. Fischer and a speech by Chairman Bayly.

Principal Baker was then given evidence of the affection borne for him by his pupils, in the form of a handsome pair of fur gauntlets, which were presented by Miss Mattie Hutchinson and Aileen Gaud. In thanking them he said that it was a source of great satisfaction to him to know that his boys and girls appreciated his efforts in their behalf, and the success of his pupils was in a great measure due to his efficient staff in preparing the pupils for their higher studies.

Subsequently the company partook of refreshments in adjoining rooms.

The committee who helped Mr. Baker in making the reunion so successful comprised Rose Smith, Frank Wilson, Roy Grant, Eliza Drowe, Alberta Simpson, Charles Bissell (secretary) and Bertha Carlisle (secretary).

The reunion was disbanded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen.

## YOUNG MEN AND DRINKING.

Is It on the Increase?—Is Too Much Attention Being Directed to Legislation and Too Little to Other Forms of Effort?

Mr. D. A. Campbell, of Wingham, is a old and experienced traveler, and for the past fifteen years has represented a city publishing house. Besides being a successful traveler, Mr. Campbell is a keen observer of men and events, and has his own opinion regarding most matters, religious or secular. He knows who are "the best preachers" in most of the towns of Western Ontario, and is equally familiar with the style and merits of political speakers.

Asked as to the social customs of the day, compared with 40 years ago, Mr. Campbell said there was a decided change. "The drinking then was almost entirely done by the old men. Now I am sorry to say the young men are the heavy drinkers, and while I rarely see an old man intoxicated

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At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, held last night, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that we, the Trades and Labor Council of the City of London, having read in a recent issue of the London Free Press the following:

"If what it says about other cities is no more reliable than what I quote as the cost of living in London, then the figures published in the Labor Gazette are not worth the paper they are printed on."

"And knowing that the table of cost of living in London, as shown in Labor Gazette was prepared by the local correspondent of the same, he being a member of one of our affiliated unions.

"Therefore, we declare the assertion of the Free Press to be unwarranted, knowing that the table as prepared by him is substantially correct."

London Trades and Labor Council.

## "The Dairy Farm."

"The Dairy Farm," the quaint production of the keenly sympathetic and humorous pen of Eleanor Merriam, was humorously enjoyed by a large audience in the Opera House last night. It is a simple play, built upon situations and human passions well known to every reader and playgoer, with love and avarice, pathos, hatred and incidents droll, so commingled as to form a production that appeals to the best qualities of every auditor. The characters are so typically suggestive of the conditions of affairs when the anti-slavery crusade was arousing the republic, when the corner stores were the marts of gossip and news. The strong dominant Squire Hurley, whose hatred of a nephew who will not marry as he desires, continues until broken by a woman's supplications, was admirably portrayed by Mr. Rapley Holmes. Arthur C. Sanders as Simon Krum, a peculiar, miserly, scheming individual, was strongly effective. The most amusing scene was between Paul Taylor, a shy, hesitating lover and the sprightly object of his affections in the person of Miss Louise Bates, whose maneuvers in an old-time situation were really delightful. The entire support was excellent.

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