On Tuesday morning of last week a farmer living a few miles from here went to Kincardine with a load of wheat and pork. After disposing of his p. duce and being very fond of "a wee drop" he took to drinking. Sometime during the night he drove to Lucknow, but though near home he did not feel inclined to go. After staying there sometime, he went to near home he did not feel inclined to go.

After staying there sometime, he went to
Dungannon, thence to Kintail and arrived home on Friday night considerably
lighter in pocket than when he left Kincardine. Next morning he joined a
temperance society and it is to be hoped
he will keep his pledge.

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A musical and literary entertainment was held in this place on Tuesday evening 23rd inst, under the austices of Dewdrop Lödge No. 396, M. T. A. As the evening was fine every available seat was occupied and a great many had to remain standing. Mr. D. G. Mackenzie being called to the chair a lengthy and well selected programme was commenced. The Lucknow String Band furnished excellent music which was highly appreciated, as was also the thrilling sound soft the bagpipe by Mr. A. Finlayson of Lucknow. The singing of Mr. James Hunter and the Dutch recitations at d songs of Mr. Edward Richards were frequently encored. In the dialogues Misses Sarah Mackenzie and Mary Murdock and Messrs John Murray and D. A. Mackenzie performed their parts admirably. Some excellent readings and recitations were well rendered. The singing of "God Save the Queen" brought the meeting to a close. meeting to a close.

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TRUSTEE. -- Mr. C. Girvin, Sen, wes re-elected Trustee for Nile section at the annual meeting.

annual meeting.

EDUCATIONAL.—The following are the names of the pupils of the Nile School who obtained the highest marks in their respective classes for the month December:—viz V class.—1 G. Pentland, 2 J. Sheppard, IV—1 E. McIlwain, 2 M. McIlwain, 3 S. Young.—III Sen.—1 S. Jackson, 2 C. Bailie, 3 W. May.—III Jun.—1 R. Young, 2 E. Garner, 3 J. Smyle.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT. The annual entertainment in connection with the Nile School was held in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening Dec. 23rd. The entertainment was quite a success. The church was really crowded although a fee of 10cts was charged to defray expenses. Rev. Mr. Riceacted as chairman, and interspersed the acted as chairman, and interspersed the proceedings with some witty remarks which were heartily enjoyed by the audience. At the close of the entertainment Christmas Trees were held for the benefit of the children. The most comical part of the entertainment was the arriving of Santa Claus in his most unique dress. The children highly enjoyed this part of the programme. The Misses Ralph and Smeath from Goderich rendered some beautiful pieces of music both vocal and instrumental on the occassion.

St. Helen's.

MUNICIPAL.—At the nomination for West Wawanosh held in the Township Hall on Monday of last week, the old council was elected by acclamation. The officers are as follows: Reeve, Charles Girvin; Deputy Reeve, Edwin Gaunt; Councillors, Chas. Durnin, Wm. Kinahan and John Washington.

ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment was held here on Friday evening last by the pupils of S. S. No. 4, West Wawanosh, under the care of their teacher Mr. Morgan. Mr. R. D. Cameron was called to the chair, when a good selec-MUNICIPAL. - At the nomination for

called to the chair, when a good selection of music, readings, recitations and dialogues was given by the pupils. At the close of the entertainment Mr. Morgan was presented by his pupils with a handsome chain and locket, accompanied by the following address: Mr. Jas. W. Morgan.

DEAR TEACHER,—We, the pupils of S. S. No. 4 West Wawanosh, having had the benefit and blessing of your valuable services in our school for the last five years, desire to embrace this opportun ity of expressing how much we are in-debted to you for the great pains, labor, and zeal you have displayed in our be-half, in the way of enabling us to ad-vance in our studies under your care. We are sorry that we cannot reward you according to your merit, as it is out of our power to do so. Permit us to pre-sent you with this chain and locket as a Christmas gift, and as a small token of our affection and appreciation of your labors among us. Hoping that Almighty God may long spare you to wear this chain and locket as a remembrance of the love we bear to you, and for what you have done for us. We remain yours, in the name of the pupils of S. S. No. 4,
West Wawanosh, Angus Cameron, John
Anderson. Mr. Morgan made a short
but suitable reply, thanking the pupils
for their appreciation of his work among

Holmesville.

SCHOOL MEETING. -At the annual school meeting held here on Dec. 29th, Mr. John McCartney was elected trustee instead of Mr. J. Calbick, retiring trus-

PETITION.—The ratepayers in this vicinity are signing a petition to be laid before the township Council for the purpose of bringing before them the advisability of erecting a hall for holding the meetings in connection with said Council. Just the thing; go ahead. You are behind your neighbors.

HOLMOSTHULE COSPEL TEMPERANCE

HOLMESVILLE GOSPEL TEMPERANCE
ASSOCIATION.—The usual monthly meeting of this association was held on Tuesday last, the 4th inst; when Mr. H. A.
Manning of Clinton, delivered a lecture on temperance. It was listened to by the audience in a very appreciative manner, showing quite plainly that the lecturer had the sympathy of those present. For a young man he has undoubtedly orstorical powers which can be excelled only by few of his years. At the conclusion of the lecture 18 names were added to the list of total abstainers of this society. The president, Rev. A. Edwards, occupied the chair in his usual affable manner.

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