

Country Talk.

Newry.

W. G. Morrison, teacher, is spending his well-earned vacation at Holbrook, Ont.

James A. Harvey left for St. Thomas last Saturday accompanied by his sister Mamie.

Miss Addie Clayton, B. A., of Ridgetown, was the guest of the Misses Harvey last week.

The 85 volumes presented by Mr. Morrison to his pupils at his recent examination were purchased from M. E. Neads, of the Atwood drug and book store. The books are not only beautifully bound but are well selected.

Monkton.

The Methodist Sunday School entertainment, which came off on Christmas Eve, was a decided success. The performers, although young, did their parts well. After the program was finished Santa Claus entered the church and distributed the numerous beautiful presents that were loading down the boat and arch.

The ninth annual meeting of the shareholders and patrons of the Monkton cheese factory was held in the afternoon of Dec. 23rd. The statement of the season's business, which was read by the President, appeared satisfactory to all concerned. The directors elected for next season are Messrs. Moffat, Strathers, Francis, Hammond and Smith.

The regular meeting of the Bachelors' Union was held on New Year's Eve in the school woodshed. The back-siding member, Robert the Singer, was in his place and the other members were making merry over the return of the prodigal. He explained that he had been won back to the path of duty by the kind and fatherly appeals of the President who had pointed out to him the stern fact that had Adam belonged to the Bachelors' Union he would have been in the Garden of Eden to-day. During this touching reference to himself the President was deeply moved, and went out and wept bitterly. In order to dispel the gloom that these proceedings had cast over the members the Manager started to sing "We'll go home to our wives and sweethearts." He had hardly finished the first verse when the Secretary was on his feet and in a few swift eloquent words he took the Manager to task for mentioning women within the sacred precincts of their meeting room; the culprit was completely humbled and promised to do better in future. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Grand Lodge to have its annual meeting in May held in Monkton. The Singer was asked to close the meeting. He seemed surprised and muttered something which appeared to be a strange mixture of the benediction, the National Anthem and Annie Rooney.

Listowel.

The rink is the centre of attraction for the young people these evenings.

Listowel's income this year was \$18,410.87, and the total expenditure \$17,956.79.

Remember the Farmers' Institute meeting in the Town Hall, on the 9th inst. See programs.

Robt. Walt of the palace restaurant, moves to Stratford in February to engage in the same business. He is a fine jovial fellow and will do well almost anywhere.

John Little had the misfortune to get his hands badly burnt on Saturday last. While playing around the table one of his little girls upset the lamp, the contents of which set fire to the little girl's clothing and burnt her so badly that the doctor gives little hopes of her recovery. While extinguishing the flames on the poor little girl Mr. Little got his hands burnt very badly.

Obit.—The holiday season has brought a sore affliction to the household of John Carruth, Inkerman street. Mr. Carruth's son, George Hilliard, a promising boy of 17 years and a few months died on Tuesday morning of last week after an illness of but a few days. Inflammation of the bowels was the cause of his sudden death. He was an apprentice to the printing trade and was working at the Banner office.

Municipal candidates are somewhat backward in materializing this season, though it is anticipated that there will be a keen contest for all the offices from Mayor downwards. For the Mayoralty Messrs. W. G. Hay and J. A. Hacking have already announced themselves, and W. M. Bruce is also spoken of as a probable candidate. For the Reeveship Messrs. S. Bricker and T. E. Hay are understood to be in the field, and Wm. Welsh is likely to again stand for Deputy Reeve. A number of aspirants are understood to be in the field for Councilors.

The Town Hall was crowded with little folks and big on Monday evening of last week to witness the annual Christmas entertainment of Christ Church Sunday School. These entertainments have been deservedly popular in past years, and the success of that of Monday evening gives promise of increasing popularity. The stage was arranged in drawing room fashion of a century ago, with appointments to suit the presentation of the attractive cantata, "One Christmas Eve." The "Ancestors," who stepped down from the portrait frames on the wall, and the "Fairies," who emerged from the wide old-fashioned fire-place, presented a scene which captivated the audience, and the excellent manner in which the young people sang the carols and choruses in the cantata was highly creditable to them and very pleasing to all present. The fairy scene which followed the presentation of the cantata was a charming picture. The distribution of the presents from a heavily laden tree to the children of the school closed this excellent Christmas entertainment.

Ethel.

Try THE BEE for 1891.

Thos. McDonald, of Whitechurch, is visiting at Mr. Young's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knight are spending a few days with James Knight.

John Slemmon and Hugh Cunningham are busy laying down material for the erection of new barns.

John Heffernan shipped two carloads of potatoes to New York this week. Mr. Heffernan is doing a big business in buying grain and pork.

W. O. McTaggart left this week for home. He will be missed greatly at social gatherings here as he was a general favorite. Miss B. will feel lonesome.

The annual meeting of the Directors of the Ethel cheese factory, held in Burton's hall last Wednesday, was well attended, and the patrons expressed themselves well satisfied with the season's work.

Donegal.

Try THE BEE for 1891.

Wellington Knox, of Stratford, is home visiting his parents.

D. McClellan leaves to resume his studies at the Gederich High School on Tuesday next. Success.

W. T. McClellan, who has been up north deer hunting, has returned home well satisfied with his season's sport. He reports having put in a good time.

Judging by the attendance at the nomination on Monday the people of this neighborhood take a deep interest in municipal matters as they were strongly represented on that occasion.

The balance of the season's make of cheese was shipped from the Donegal factory on Tuesday. This factory has made a very successful season and all concerned in its management are to be congratulated on the result of the year's work.

A. A. Gray, of Toronto, is spending his holidays under the parental roof. He intends returning to Toronto about the 15th inst., where he will continue his studies in his chosen profession—that of an artist—devoting the greater part of his time to the study of life size picture enlarging.

Brussels.

G. A. Fear is home for his holidays.

Rev. R. Paul preached in Bluevale last Sabbath.

Mrs. Funston and Ella are visiting in Kincairdine.

Victor E. Smith is home from Caistorville for his holidays.

Miss F. Brown, of Watford, is visiting Miss Clara Creighton.

J. T. Cook, wife and children spent Xmas in Kincairdine.

Jack McNaughton was home from London for a few days.

Miss Clara Creighton is home from her situation in Watford.

Miss J. Cross, of Palmerston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Bruce.

Mr. Woodman, of Londesboro', is visiting his sister, Mrs. D. C. Roberts.

Miss K. Dutton, of Stratford, is visiting her sister Mrs. G. A. Deadman.

T. S. Humphries, of Wingham, was in town Saturday visiting old friends.

Miss Lizzie Wilson is spending her Xmas holidays with her sister in London.

Our skating rink is being well patronized this winter. Mr. King is an excellent manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopold, of Toronto, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson.

Miss Lily Gordon, of Lucknow, is spending her Xmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. T. Fletcher.

Messrs. J. Creighton, of Palmerston, and Ed. of Guelph, spent a part of their Xmas holidays in town.

Miss Emma Walker arrived home from her millinery situation in Bienheim last Monday evening.

Mr. Worth and daughter, of Chicago, visited in town over Sunday. Mr. W. is brother-in-law to Mrs. B. Gerry.

Last Monday evening Rev. Mr. Walwin, of Bluevale, delivered an excellent address at the Y. P. C. A. of the Methodist chu. cto. Topic, "The chief aim in life."

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willis, of Mitchell, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gerry. Miss Theresa Gerry returned home with them for a short visit.

Rev. W. E. Kerr filled the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday evening very acceptably. Mr. Kerr intended returning to Montreal Wesleyan College in January but received word to supply Durham circuit, as Rev. J. T. Legear, who has been stationed there, is leaving for Michigan the first of the year.

The funeral of the late Alfred Conery was very largely attended last Sabbath afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. S. Selery, and the Methodist S. S. and Royal Templars of Temperance Council, of which the deceased was a worthy member, marched at the front of the procession. Next Sabbath evening the pastor of the Methodist church intends conducting a memorial service.

A very successful tea meeting was held in the Methodist church Xmas night. After the inner-man had been supplied, a most excellent program was gone through with as follows:—Anthem by the choir, "Fear not," recitation, "The Xmas mouse," Miss Winnie Selery; solo, "The old songs," Mrs. W. H. Willis; reading, W. B. Dickson; speech, Rev. Selery; quartette, "One sweetly solemn thought," Misses Kerr and Messrs. Cavanagh and Kerr; recitation, "Our duty," Mrs. S. Jackson; music, Miss L. Hill and brothers; speech, Rev. Godfrey, of Belgrave. So ended a very interesting entertainment. Proceeds over \$40.

Stratford.

John Harding and wife, and Miss Harding, are spending their Christmas season on Milton street.

A novel Christmas card was received by Mrs. A. C. Mowat, of this city, from a friend in San Bernardino, California, in the form of a thin slab of orange wood, cut from an orange tree. It measured about 8x16 inches, and on one side was very prettily painted a cluster of oranges.

Newton.

Wm. G. and Miss Bertha Zoerger, are spending their holidays with friends in Hanover and Neustadt.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Lutheran Sunday school was a success, the attendance being large. The tree was decorated to perfection, reflecting great credit on those who were instrumental in getting it up. Success to all such enterprise in the way of morality amongst us.

An oyster supper was given by our genial citizen, Wm. McDonald, last Tuesday evening. A good program was prepared and rendered. A large number were present including a load from Atwood. It was a late hour before the company separated, all feeling grateful to their host and hostess for their hospitality.

Mrs. Thomas Tanner, who had been ailing for some months, passed peacefully away on Dec. 15. The funeral, which took place to the church of England cemetery on Thursday, 18th ult., was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives. She leaves a large family, most of whom are grown up and doing well. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

Grey.

Election next Monday.

The revival services in Roe's church have been moving along very nicely.

George Forest, 13th con., had a valuable mare injured by throwing herself in the stall.

It is currently reported that Councilor Hislop will oppose Reeve Milne at the coming election.

Every farmer in the township whose market is Atwood should take THE BEE as it will be money in their pockets.

Miss Ellen McLaughlin has returned from Ottawa Normal School. Miss McLaughlin will now be a full fledged pedagogue.

Enoch Clark, 17th con., purposes erecting a new residence on his lot next year. Although he is George's son it is said he may also become related to "William's son."

The auction sale of Robert Scott, which took place on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, was largely attended. Good figures were realized especially for stock. A. Raymann, the popular auctioneer, wielded the hammer.

Miss Ann Stewart, of Hamilton, Dakota, has been visiting on the 16th con. during the past week or two. She is a sister of John and Alex. Stewart. She says she feels the cold more here than in Dakota, where the air is drier.

Rev. H. A. Baylis, of Owen Sound, was home for a visit to his parents. His father has been on the sick list. Mr. Baylis is doing well in the northern town. He conducted service at Roe's church Saturday, 20th ult.

Chas. Williamson, who was so seriously injured some time ago by a fall from a mow, has gone to Fergus to have an operation performed by a physician of that place. It is to be hoped that he will soon be restored in health and strength to his family and friends.

Miss Maggie Stewart, daughter of Alex. Stewart, of the 16th con., accompanied by her aunt, Miss Ann Stewart, has gone to visit relatives in Whitby and vicinity. They will probably be away five or six weeks. May they have a nice time while away.

On Wednesday, Dec. 17th, Rev. W. T. Cliff, incumbent of St. John's church, Brussels, tied the matrimonial bow between Samuel Askin, photographer, of Teeswater, and Miss Susie Alcock, at the residence of the bride's mother, 14th con. The bridesmaid was Miss Bella Ballantyne and the groomsmen Marshall Hughes, of Morris. The wedding gifts gave ample proof of the esteem in which Mrs. Askin was held by her friends. After dinner the wedding party drove to Brussels where the happy couple took the afternoon train for their new home, followed by the hearty good wishes of all who knew them. May their joys be many.

Mr. Gladstone's 81st birthday was celebrated at Hawarden Sunday.

Two patients who were being treated with the Koch lymph died in St. Petersburg hospital.

Dr. Winnett, a Toronto physician, writes very hopefully from Berlin concerning the Koch discovery.

An important addition to the great bridges of this age will be the steel bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver. It will be 6,000 feet long, with a double set of rails, a roadway on the top for vehicles, and will be erected on pneumatic piers.

Englishmen are to have "an automatic railway library," which means a case of books fitted into railway carriages. The books will consist of short novels and stories by good writers, and any books likely to tempt the weary traveller into putting the all important coin "into the slot."

An enquiry into the position of the Catholic church in Canada reveals the fact that it can boast one cardinal, five archbishops, 22 bishops, 2,352 priests, 109 religious communities, 1,314 nuns and monks, 1,914 churches and chapels, 317 missions, 17 seminaries, 3 universities, 53 colleges, 333 convents, 166 academies, 3,203 schools, 69 hospitals, 48 asylums, 1,157 parishes, and 2,045,800 church members.

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