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## Town Talk.

NEXT Sunday is the shortest day in the year.

Jos. WARD has gone to spend Xmas in Port Elgin.

We wish our readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

THE Dominion census enumeration will begin on the 6th of April next.

MISS MAY HAWKE, of Stratford, is the guest of the Misses Dunn this week.

W. F. M. S.—We have much pleasure in stating that a very successful thank-offering meeting was held in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Monday evening of this week, in the interests of the Atwood Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church in Canada. Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., pastor of the church, presided, and after conducting the opening devotional exercises gave a short address highly eulogizing the work done by the women in the cause of foreign missions in Atwood and elsewhere throughout the world, showing how much woman is indebted to the Gospel, commending Christian women for their strong attachment to Christ, and for their fidelity and perseverance in His cause, and referring to the inestimable privilege of being engaged in such noble and Christ-like work. The choir then sang "Seeking the lost," after which Miss Maggie Graham read a piece on "Thank-offering." Miss Beatrice Dunn gave a suitable recitation, the choir sang "From Greenland's icy mountains." T. M. Wilson gave an excellent address, full of the spirit of missions. Misses Alice and Miriam Dunn sang a duet, Miss Frances Mader gave a reading, followed by an interesting address from Robt. Anderson. Envelopes were then collected and opened by Mrs. Mader and Mrs. W. R. Erskine, and texts enclosed read by the chairman. The total amount of the thankofferings was found to be \$49.60. The choir then sang "Bring them in," and intermission was taken. After intermission the choir sang "Let Him in," the Secretary and Treasurer's report was read showing a year of good progress, and that Mrs. Wm. Dunn had become a life member, the dedicatory prayer was offered by the chairman, followed by an admirable address from J. H. McBain, breathing the spirit of Christian love, and dealing especially with the missionary movement among the students of the United States and Canada. A duet by Misses Belle Mitchell and Miriam Dunn, a recitation by Miss Annie Priest, "God be with you till we meet again," by the choir, and the benediction by the chairman brought this most delightful meeting to a close. Evidently the Spirit of God was present, and all felt that it was indeed good to be there, many remarking as they went away that it was the best and most enjoyable meeting they had ever attended.

XMAS TREE.—A very enjoyable time was spent at the Xmas tree and entertainment, given in connection with the Methodist S. S., which was held in the Town Hall on Christmas Eve. Rev. D. Rogers was in the chair, and conducted the proceedings in his usual genial manner. The program, in many respects a unique one, was as interesting as it was unique. Mr. Harding gave the opening address, discussing the S. S. work for the year. Dr. Rice gave a recitation entitled "Spartacus to the gladiators at Capri," and a *resumé* of gladiatorial combats in general. Addresses were also given by J. A. Harvey, of St. Thomas; J. H. McBain, of Victoria University, Cobourg, and Rev. W. H. Harvey, of Guelph. The various topics of interest, and the general advancement of the age in its different departments were taken up and ably commented upon. A notable feature of the entertainment was the music. The selections by the choir were appropriate and rendered in a manner reflecting great credit upon the able leadership of Mr. Fox. The solos given by the Misses Hawkshaw and Bristow were tasteful and well appreciated. Frank Wilson, in his mouth organ exhibition, founded for himself a reputation that will remain when the stars will have faded into nothingness. He was loudly encored. The distribution of the presents brought joy to many a heart. The gifts were in many instances quite handsome, and graced the tree in a manner that reflected credit upon the tree dressers. Santa Claus was an imposing figure, Atwood was specially favored by him. A bag of candies and an apple was presented to each pupil of the school, so that no one was completely left out in the cold. The hard-working and efficient superintendent of the school, J. W. McBain, is to be congratulated on the highly satisfactory manner in which everything passed off. It certainly did honor to the zeal and painstaking efforts which has characterized all his work in this department. The people are to be congratulated on having as the hub around which their children's spiritual teaching centres, a man who interests himself in developing every side of the child's nature, and in giving joy to the little hearts at every opportunity, trying in this way to follow the Man who so loved little children that he took them up in his arms and blessed them. We hope Mr. McBain will long be spared to fill the position he has so ably held for years. Proceeds \$25.

NOMINATION day is fixed for next Monday and election day January 5th, 1891.

THE pulpit of the Methodist church here will be occupied by J. H. McBain next Sabbath, at 11 a. m.

MISS BELLE MITCHELL, of the Brantford Ladies' College, is spending her Xmas holidays at home. Judging from appearance her college studies have agreed with her.

W. D. GILCHRIST took the train last Tuesday for Denver, Colorado, where he will spend the winter. He expected to join R. Knox at Detroit, but a telegram was received stating that he was quite ill with la grippe at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Gilchrist's Elma friends join in wishing him success in the west.

OUR friend, R. Parker, will accept the warmest thanks of THE BEE staff for a large basket of Northern Spies—real beauties. Christmas passes off more pleasantly when we are thus remembered by our friends. Mr. Parker and Miss Ida intend leaving next week for East Zorra, Oxford Co., where they will spend a few days with old friends. Mr. Parker has still pleasant memories of his old Oxford home.

D. McCLELLAN, who has been attending the Goderich High School, is home for his vacation. He is getting along very nicely with his school work.

WM. DUNN and wife left this week for Detroit, Mich., where they purpose spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Gray. We wish them a pleasant visit.

THE cheesemaker in the Classic cheese factory, Ellice township, is a woman, Miss Charlton, of Atwood, and she ranks as one of the best cheesemakers in the Province.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

WE received a copy of the London Free Press Holiday Number. It is beautifully illustrated, bristling with original and interesting matter, and is altogether a handsome output and a credit to the enterprising publishers.

JAS. HARVEY and Mr. Stewart, of St. Thomas, are spending their Xmas vacation at the former's home. Mr. Harvey has resigned his position as Principal of the St. Thomas public school, having decided to study law. Success Jim.

AND now the sharper is trying his hand on the preachers. This is the way it is worked. A young couple well dressed and well-to-do in appearance present themselves to be married. They have a certificate—the ceremony is performed and the newly made husband produces a \$20 bill stating that he would like to pay a fee of \$5. He gets \$15 in change and the couple departs to visit the next minister, where another \$20 bill is produced, and another \$15 in change secured, and so on to the end of the chapter. The \$20 are cleverly executed counterfeits.

THE Exeter Advocate tells this yarn:— "A farmer who resides not fifty miles from here, drove in the other day to make the purchase of a suit of clothes, after which he became somewhat inebriated and shortly after dark started for home, and while driving home the idea came into his muddled brain to surprise his wife by appearing in fine clothes. Stopping on the road he undressed and threw his old suit into a creek, not knowing that he had lost his new one out of the wagon. Unable to find either suit he was obliged to wander home arrayed like a Zulu, and of course succeeded in surprising his wife.

J. H. MCBAIN will preach at Jubilee next Sabbath evening.

BLANCHARD, one of the Quebec murderers, was hanged at Sherbrooke on Friday last. Radcliffe, the executioner who officiated at Birchall's execution, did the job.

THE London Star of December 5th says: "Mrs. Birchall, who is living at her father's home in Norwood, looks ill and weak, and, it is said, declines to speak on the subject of her husband and the murder, even with her friends.

THAT old standard publication, the Canadian Almanac, has made its appearance for 1891. It is one of the most useful publications in existence and richly merits its wide popularity. It is brimful of useful, everyday information.

MISS M. HAWKSHAW, of Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, arrived home last week. She will remain home for the winter we understand. Her friends will be pleased to learn that the Faculty of Alma speak in glowing terms of her vocal attainments.

THERE is great disappointment throughout the Dominion at the announcement that the publishers of the Montreal Star are too busy with their regular subscription and advertising business to allow of their completing a Christmas Star this year. These Christmas Stars are such gems that it is very generally hoped the publishers will see their way clear to continue their publication.

FAX.—The Town Hall was filled to its capacity last Friday night with an audience eager to hear Canada's humorous vocalist, James Fax. The enterprise and desire to please, regardless of expense, of W. G. Morrison, the teacher of S. S. No. 5, Elma, is indeed commendable, and we need not add that his efforts have been more than successful—financially and otherwise. Our people really appreciate a good entertainment, and their expectations were fully met in that of Friday evening. The press of Ontario have showered so many flattering compliments on Mr. Fax that it seems almost superfluous for further eulogistic remarks from us. His delineation of character is good. While all his numbers are quite new and his rendition of them fully up to his reputation as a humorist, he displayed his genius to best advantage in "The Irish Jaunting Car." Fax is at home when singing this masterpiece of Irish humor. If you will allow us to phrase, he has got the Irish accent "down fine." His every appearance was the signal for storms of applause. He sang "The Nationalities" as an encore, and in this he gave further evidence of his inimitable mimicry of the true Irish character. It is evident, however, that local talent is frequently at a decided disadvantage when a star is on the program, as the audience too often depreciates and even ignores the creditable efforts of lesser lights in their clamorous applause of professional artists, and at times when the latter's efforts are simply farcical as regards true merit. We will say to the credit of the pupils of No. 5, that they did exceedingly well, especially in the dialogues "The world be teachers," by K. McMane and Jas. Danbrook, and "Scene in a backwoods school," in which the various characters were well brought out. The dialogue, "In search of a servant" also did credit to the participants. Dr. Rice made his first bow to an Atwood audience, and his selections on the guitar were enjoyed by lovers of music. He also gave a recitation which elicited hearty applause. Miss Maggie Pelton and Miss Jennie Harvey acted as accompanists, the former for Messrs. Irwin and Rice, and the latter for Mr. Fax. Following is the program: Chairman's address; instrumental duet, John Irwin and Dr. Rice, accompanist, Miss Maggie Pelton; song, "You can't get 'em," James Fax; dialogue, "How Jim Peters died," Wm. and James Morrison; recitation, "A sleepy little school," Robt. McBain; dialogue, "Barney in search of a situation," James Morrison and Robt. McBain; dialogue, "The little philosopher," Maggie Allison and Annie Danbrook; recitation, "Bernado del Carpo," Dr. Rice; dialogue, "Ned's present," James and Fred. Danbrook, George Burton and Albert Morrison; recitation, "Give me three grains of corn mother," Fannie Adams; dialogue, "Not one there," Messrs. Gray, Clarke, Morrison, Linnham and McIntyre; song, "Up to date," James Fax; instrumental duet, John Irwin and Dr. Rice, accompanist, Miss Maggie Pelton; recitation, "The girl with thirty-nine lovers," Carrie Gilmer; recitation, "Who knows," Edith Alexander; dialogue, "The silly dispute," Barbara McIntyre, Carrie Gilmer and Minnie Chisholm; song, "Irish jaunting car," James Fax; recitation, "What became of a lie," Willie Holmes; dialogue, "The world be teachers," Robert McMane and James Danbrook; recitation, "A child's diary," Laura Simpson; song, comic, Dr. Rice, guitar accompanist; song, "She was," James Fax; dialogue, "Scene in a backwoods school," seven boys; recitation, "The mortgage," Jas. Danbrook; dialogue, "In search of a servant," W. Gray and Misses Gilmer, Gray, Simpson and Linnham; song, "You were before," James Fax; Miss Belle Mitchell gave callisthenic exercises with clubs. Considerable praise is due Miss Mary Harvey for her efforts in the training of the children. The chair was acceptably filled by W. P. Humphrey. The proceeds netted \$27.



BRINGING HOME THE HOLLY.

Ho! ho! the green holly  
This life is most jolly.

Bring home the holly! Hoo-ray! Hoo-ray!  
With three times three for Christmas day;  
For Christmas day—of all days most jolly—  
Wouldn't be Christmas without the green holly:  
The holly so green, when the "May" is all dead,  
Oh! Christmas is here when its berries are red;  
The mistletoe, too, with its snow-white berry;  
Oh! don't forget it, for when we're all merry,  
Jill—quite without thought, will under it stand,  
And Jack—Oh, the rascal!—a kiss will demand:  
Then bring home the holly! Hip, hip, hoo-ray!  
With three times three for Christmas day.

Mrs. HARDING's mother is spending Xmas with her daughter.

We are constantly adding new names to our subscription list every week. If you want a live, spicy local paper subscribe at once for THE BEE. Only \$1.

A FINE large turkey came by the noon train on Wednesday from Lonsdaleboro' to Mr. Rogers with the request to "ponder over old friends while eating it."

COUNCILLOR PELTON, of Listowel, Jas. Bell and wife, of Brussels, Miss Harris, of Monkton, Mr. Sprout, of Seaford, were in the village Xmas Eve as guests at Miss Maggie Pelton's wedding.

LAST Monday Oliver Turnbull and his mother started for a visit to friends in the neighborhood of Peterboro'. On the way Mr. Turnbull intended taking his mother to behold the beauties of Niagara. We wish them a pleasant time.

The neatest design in the form of decorations that we have seen for some time may be seen at Jas. Irwin's store. The work was done by Mr. Massey. Mr. Massey has evidently been familiar with the holly and evergreen decorations of Meery Old England.

W. T. FARRELL, teacher, of Glenfarrow, is spending his holidays under the parental roof.

STEVEN PELTON and Gomer Green, of Innerkip, are in the village on business and pleasure.

SEVERAL of our villagers speak of attending the entertainment in the Methodist church, Listowel, to-night.

WE learn from the report of the final examination of the Mitchell Model School that Miss Ida McBain secured the highest percentage, not only in the Mitchell School, but the highest percentage in the county. This is commendable indeed.

The Christmas tree in connection with St. Alban's church was given in the Town Hall last Monday evening. The tree was loaded with good things for old and young, especially for the young. The incumbent, Rev. E. St. Yates, is deserving of much praise for the interest he has taken in the children in providing this Christmas tree, nearly all the presents on which were purchased at his own expense. During Mr. St. Yates' incumbency here he has worked with much zest and earnestness and as a result his congregations here have greatly augmented. He is a power in the pulpit.

REV. W. H. HARVEY, B. A., of Guelph, is visiting his parents on the 10th con., Elma, this week.

MISS JOAN HAMILTON, who has been in Manitoba for some time, has returned in time to spend her Xmas at home. The climate of the West has agreed with her.

FOLLOWING are the lists of successful candidates at the recent Model School examines for the county of Perth, at the Stratford and Mitchell schools:—Stratford—Stewart M. Barram, Stanley B. Chadzey, Andrew B. Chalmers, John Frame, Thos. J. Later, Geo. H. Murray, James P. McNamara, Joseph H. W. McRoberts, Cornelius W. Parkinson, Robert T. Rutherford, Maude Abraham, Melinda Aiken, Alice M. Beatty, Jessie Bell, Nellie R. Brown, Nellie C. Claxton, Edith R. Delmage, Miriam Dunn, Kate Ferguson, Sarah Ann Hardie, Mary McClarty, Minnie Thompson, Nellie Forrest, Maggie Cameron, Mitchell—David Plume, J. Laver, J. McCormick, Thos. Sawyer, Matilda S. Byers, Sarah Coghlin, Anna L. Doherty, Bessie Frank, Addie Ford, A. T. Glass, Annie Gordon, Mary McIntyre, Ida McBain, Alisia Mulhern, Lizzie Ryan, Emma Stevenson, Lottie Strachan, Maggie J. Scott, Lizzie Waugh, Wm. Harrow.