

FIERY MANIFESTO BY CHURCHILL.

Lords and Unionists Have Many Meetings—Gladstone Foresaw Present Fight.

London, Dec. 28.—From now onward until the day of the general election there will be an unceasing struggle in the rival political camps until it culminates in the polling in London on Jan. 14 and in the provinces as a whole on the following day. As will be seen from the list of speakers who took part in to-day's meetings, the Lords are not shirking their share of the work. The speakers at those meetings were Lords Milner, Rothschild, Denbeigh, Newton, Lamington, Desborough and Heneage.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the leader of the Unionists, who has been ill for several weeks, is rapidly convalescing and will open his political campaign at Henley on Jan. 4. His other engagements include speeches at Ipswich, Jan. 6; Aberdeen, Jan. 10; York, Jan. 15, and Trowbridge, Jan. 18.

To-night Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was the principal speaker on the Ministerial side. Sir Edward got sarcastic about Tory promises to reform the House of Lords. If it meant the House of Lords was to be changed into a self-elected body of superior persons, it would not be a reform at all, and it would be worth nothing.

CHURCHILL'S FIERY MANIFESTO.

A feature of the campaign to-day was the issue of a fiery manifesto to Dundee electors by Winston Churchill. He devotes the larger part of an attack on the House of Lords.

Referring to the reform as an alternative to the budget, he wants to know "is the money to be got from taxes on bread, meat and manufactures, or from luxuries, monopolies and superfluities?" Behind the tariff grow the trusts. The whole vast abuse, from millionaire organizers at the top, to the most pitiful slave at the bottom, sits down deliberately to coax, wheedle, bully and bribe new favors from the political caucus with whom it is allied. Forces of reaction are out for the double event. They are gambling with the right and freedom of the nation. They are running a terrible risk to win a tremendous prize—that prize is no less than the complete tying up of the democracy, both through its politics and its industry.

Mr. Churchill, after eulogizing the German State insurance against unemployment and sickness, said it is the system which the Liberals intend to carry even further.

MANY UNIONIST MEETINGS.

The Unionists held more meetings than their opponents to-night. The principal speaker was Lord Rothschild, who addressed a stormy gathering in East-end. He said, in regard to the budget, what he objected to was the system of bureaucracy it introduced. He added that he would have nothing to do with tariff reform if it increased the cost of living. The Duke of Westminster, at Chester, reminded the audience of Lloyd-George's pro-Boer days and asked ought a man of his kind to aspire to the position of leader.

LONDON A PICTURE GALLERY.

With boardings and wall fences covered with highly-colored posters and placards, London is being turned into a vast picture gallery. The Tories can claim more artistic work for their posters than can the Liberals. Among the new phrases exhibited are the following:

"The Radicals shouted against Chinese labor in the Transvaal; the Radicals don't shout Chinese pork for the British, why?"

"Who shouted Chinese slavery?"

"The Radicals. Who shouted Chinese pork?"

"Have you heard of the Radical Free Trade in Chinese pork?"

A well-known Liberal is credited with saying that half a loaf is better than no loaf. Better have a majority of Socialist and Labor men than no majority at all.

The Liberals have made great preparations for the celebration of the centenary of Gladstone's birth to-morrow.

THE STARS NOT UNANIMOUS.

London, Dec. 28.—With professional politicians hopefully at variance as regards the probable outcome of the struggle at the polls in England next month, it is disappointing to find that even the stars in their courses are not unanimous in their prognostications. The Occult Review, which pretends to have accurately forecast the Unionist disasters at the previous elections, is now equally confident that a sensational defeat of the Liberals is to be looked for.

On the other hand, Mme. de Thebes, the famous French prophetess, in whose second sight half Paris believes, is equally sure that the Liberals will win. "The Lords," she says, "are under the influence of unlucky stars. The revolution is upon England—our revolution with the bloodshed. The remnants of the feudal system will be swept from the country. It is very fortunate for England to have a diplomatist like Edward VII. on the throne, capable of exercising a conciliatory influence. But the new generation now springing up will not be attached to the throne. It will be advanced Liberal and even republican in its sympathies."

Mme. de Thebes foresees catastrophes of all sorts for England, mainly due, so she says, to the malignant influence of the mummy case of the Egyptian priestess Amen Ra in the British Museum, which is said to have brought disaster to those who have handled it or have even looked upon it with frivolous incredulity.

GLADSTONE ON THE LORDS.

L. T. Hobhouse, in the Contemporary Review of this month, has an interesting article on "The Lords and the Constitution," the following extract from which shows that Gladstone saw the coming fight:

More than fifteen years have passed since Mr. Gladstone addressed the House of Commons for the last time. His theme was the mutilation of the Parish Councils bill by the House of Lords, his purpose to announce the reluctant acceptance by his Government of their amendments, and his words were these: "We are compelled to accompany the acceptance with the sorrowful declaration that the differences, not of a tempo-

rary or casual nature merely, but deliberative assembly occupied by many prepossession, differences of mental habit, and differences of fundamental tendency, between the House of Lords and the House of Commons, appear to have reached a development in the present year such as to create a state of things of which we are compelled to say that, in our judgment, it cannot continue."

The issue which is raised between a deliberative assembly, elected by a vote of more than 6,000,000 people, and a deliberative assembly occupied by many men of virtue, by many men of talent, of course with considerable diversities and varieties, is a controversy which, when once raised, must go forward to an issue."

His hearers, adds his biographers, did not know that they were listening to his last speech. Nor, may we add, did his party recognize that he was summing up to a conflict which he was the last man to desire, which on a prior occasion he had been eager to avert, which only prolonged and repeated experience had convinced him to be inevitable. Still less did they foresee that by declining that conflict they would sterilize Liberalism for years to come, and end by finding it forced upon them on different ground, and, indeed, at the very centre and citadel of parliamentary institutions.

THE ATTITUDE OF LABOR.

Mr. Keir Hardie, M. P., speaking at Crewe, said that the budget came as near wrecking the Liberal party as did Home Rule 25 years ago. Why was the Budget League a necessity? Why was the league formed? It was to save the Government from being defeated on the land clauses of its own. The President of the Board of Trade when Conservatism was popular was among the ranks, when the Liberals got into power he got into theirs, and now that Socialism is becoming fashionable he almost promised to become a Socialist. He well knew how to trim his sails to catch votes. Mr. Churchill hoped that the Labor candidate would withdraw in Crewe and avoid a three-cornered contest. His hopes would not be realized in this respect. They were told that three-cornered contests would let Tories in. If they had listened to that cry there would have been no Labor party to-day. They intended to continue the fight until Labor became the dominant power in the State. He predicted that 65 Labor candidates would be returned at the election.

RAN AMUCK.

A French Lumberman Goes Suddenly Insane.

Elk Lake, Dec. 28.—On Sunday night a Frenchman named Lamone, in one of J. R. Booth's lumber camps, near here, went suddenly insane. Armed with an axe, he ran amuck through the camp in pursuit of an imaginary enemy, who he thought had taken refuge in the blacksmith's shop. With the axe he began to attack the door, which was overpowered before he succeeded in breaking it down. He was taken under a close guard to the lockup here, where he was examined by Dr. Harcourt, who ordered his detention till he could be sent out. The unfortunate man comes from the neighborhood of Otter Lake, where he has a wife and family. This is the second case of the kind here within the past month.

Day passed quietly here for a mining town.

HER SAD DEATH.

Disgrace to Toronto, Says Coroner's Jury.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Mary Clark came to her death on December 19, 1909, at 127 Queen street east, from pneumonia. Further, it is the opinion of this jury that the conditions under which this woman lived and died were a disgrace to the city of Toronto. The owner of the building deserves severe censure, as does the medical health department, or those whose duty it may be to look after the sanitary conditions in lodging places where the poor live in this city, as it is quite clear from the revelations made in this inquiry that many human beings are treated worse than cattle in places of this kind.

Such was the verdict brought in after a discussion lasting over two hours by the Coroner's jury at the inquest into the death of Mrs. Mary Clark, which was conducted last night by Coroner Dr. G. G. Rowe in the morgue. The woman was found dead on the morning of December 19 in a back outer room at the house of George Large at 127 Queen street east.

CHILD'S DEATH.

Doctors Unable to Determine Cause—Inquest at Port Hope.

Port Hope, Dec. 28.—Evidence of a somewhat contradictory and startling nature was given at to-night's session of the inquest in connection with the recent death and clandestine burial of the illegitimate infant of the young girl Florence Paden. Evidence was adduced to the effect that James Paden, the father of the girl, purchased strychnine at a local drug store, and this fact awakened interest in the case. The family claim that the poison was obtained about one week before the birth of the child, and was all used for the destruction of rats. Sufficient importance appears to have been attached to the circumstance to warrant the authorities in forwarding the stomach to the Provincial analyst, Prof. Ellis, of Toronto, and the result of his analysis was expected to have been presented at to-night's session. His report has not been received as yet, however, and another adjournment of the inquiry was found necessary.

GOT DOCTOR JOB.

Dr. Hamill Could Not Collect Commission From Client.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—"I did not think medical men did that sort of thing," exclaimed Judge Morson yesterday, in dismissing a suit of Dr. W. E. Hamill against Dr. Jas. McBride, to recover a commission for getting him a position on the medical staff at the Keeley Institute. The plaintiff, who describes himself as a medical broker, buying and selling medical practices, sought to recover \$70. He explained that the Keeley Institute had asked him to get a doctor, and an application came from the defendant, who he claimed, agreed to pay over a commission of ten per cent of his salary monthly for eleven months, which worked out at \$10 a month. He stated that the doctor paid four instalments, and then forwarded him a letter to the effect that if he (McBride) had signed any such contract he must have been "crazy," or a fool.

A fit subject for the Keeley Institute, remarked the Judge, as he glanced over the contract which the plaintiff claimed the defendant had signed. Dr. Hamill said this arrangement was entered into while the institute was under the direction of Mr. McBride. When McBride disposed of his interests in the institution, the defendant, who remained in the service of the new owners, claimed that the payment of commission to Dr. Hamill ceased.

FOUND BODY.

Father in Search of a Son Found His Grave.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—After lying in a nameless grave at the Necropolis since Nov. 9, the body of William Gorman, 22 years old, was identified yesterday by Mr. William Gorman, a miller, of Peterboro, father of the young man. Deceased was found dead on the 1st of November near the St. Lawrence Market with a revolver in his hand, and the Chief Coroner, who made the investigation, decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The remains were kept for eight days, and although many viewed the body, none could give a clue to the identity. With money found upon the body, Undertaker Harry Ranks buried the remains in the Necropolis.

Some weeks ago the absence from his home in Cobalt of William Gorman caused his friends some anxiety, and inquiries indicated that the young man had left the north for Toronto, as he feared he had typhoid fever. The search was continued here, and after all the hospitals had been visited Inspector of Detectives Duncan was interviewed.

The records of the Chief Coroner and Morgue were also examined, and as a result, the family sent to Undertaker Ranks a photo taken five years ago. Mr. Ranks easily recognized the picture, and when Mr. Gorman reached the city yesterday the remains were exhumed. The body was in an excellent state of preservation, and the father had no difficulty in identifying the remains, which he had sent to Peterboro last night for interment in the family burial plot. The young man was a machinist at Cobalt.

CHURCH LOST FIGHT.

Marriage With Deceased Wife's Sister Declared Legal.

London, Dec. 28.—The Church of England has fought a great fight against the legalization of marriage with a deceased wife's sister as far as the Court of Appeals, and lost it. An appeal to the House of Lords is still possible, but in the meantime, the course of this historic case has run as follows:

A Mr. Banister, aving married his deceased wife's sister in circumstances which the recent Act legalized, was barred from the holy communion in his parish church by the rector, Canon Thompson. Mr. Banister's first step was to take action in the ecclesiastical court known as the Court of Archbishops. There Sir Lewis Dibdin, Dean of the Archbishops, decided against Canon Thompson.

Canon Thompson next applied to the Court of King's Bench for a prohibition to stop the proceedings in the ecclesiastical court on the ground that Sir Lewis Dibdin had improperly construed the law. The King's Bench also decided against Canon Thompson, one of the three judges supporting him. The canon then appealed, and the Court of Appeals has now unanimously affirmed the decision of the majority of the court below.

BIG INTEREST.

Promised by the Societe Des Beaux Arts of Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—A case of exceptional interest will be heard in the Court of Special Sessions to-morrow, when the Crown commences its action against the Societe des Beaux Arts. This was a society which advertised that it would pay phenomenal rates of interest to patrons who paid in certain amounts weekly. As much as 88 per cent interest was promised, and in some instances, it is said, paid. The payments were supposed to extend over a period of eight years. Thousands upon thousands of poor people invested their hard earned savings, in many cases every cent they had, in this brilliantly promising venture.

News in Brief

A hundred-room hotel will be erected in Brandon by the Canadian Northern next season.

It is believed in Toronto that there will be little further inquiry into the National Exhibition a year.

Rev. Arthur J. Sullens, pastor of the Congregational Church, Garry, Indiana, has resigned, and is returning to Toronto.

Editor L. D. Taylor, of the World, yesterday announced he was in the field against Mayor Douglas for the Vancouver mayoralty.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Institute of Dental Pedagogics was opened at Toronto yesterday morning, with a large attendance.

Beulah Jarvis, a twelve-year-old girl living near Corunna, Mich., was set upon by her father's big bulldog and so terribly bitten that her recovery is despairing of.

The application, to be placed on the retired list, of Inspector William Davis, of the Toronto police force, was disallowed by the Board of Police Commissioners.

A sharp earthquake occurred throughout Switzerland on Tuesday morning. The walls of houses were cracked in some places. The abnormal warmth continues.

The whole Turkish Cabinet resigned on Tuesday evening, following the resignation of Hilmi Pasha, the Grand Vizier, who withdrew from the Ministry earlier in the day.

Jos. Jubinville, a prominent farmer of this district, was found frozen to death in the bush by E. Carter, four miles from Letellier, Man. The body was in a sitting posture.

The Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade will take immediate steps to press the claims of Esquimalt on Swan Hunter, of Newry, on-Tyne, who proposes to build drydocks in Canada.

The Earl of Lanesborough, who succeeds Sir John Hanbury Williams as Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General, has arrived in Ottawa and assumed his duties.

At Centralia, Ill., four shot-firers were killed in a dust explosion, caused by a "windy" shot in mine number 6, two miles south of here, to-day. The workings were badly damaged.

The Socialists in the Belgian Chamber of Deputies yesterday opposed the civil list of the King, which amounts to 3,300,000 francs (\$690,000) and reaffirmed their allegiance to a republic.

It is announced from G. T. P. headquarters at Winnipeg that the road will make its grant to the Selkirk Centennial conditional upon the postponement of the Exposition to 1914, a year later than was previously mentioned.

According to the London Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent Russia intends to sell the northern half of the Island of Saghalian. She hopes to obtain a good price owing to possible competition between the United States and Japan.

George Northern and Herbert Cole lost their lives and Charles Melvor barely escaped drowning through the overturning of the canoe in Kootenay Lake, opposite Proctor, B. C., on Sunday afternoon. The men were employees of Watts' sawmill.

Mrs. Alice V. McAloon obtained an interlocutory decree of absolute divorce in the Supreme Court, New York, from Wm. A. McAloon, who is known on the wife as Andrew Mack. It grants to the wife the custody of their only son, Francis A. McAloon.

Monstaches have been made compulsory in Austria, or rather an ordinance prescribing them which had fallen into disuse has been revived by a rescript from the War Ministry, acting, it is said, on the personal wish of Emperor Francis Joseph.

It is stated in Montreal that Dr. J. T. Finnie, M. P. P. for St. Lawrence division, Montreal, is to be appointed Provincial Treasurer when that office is vacated by the translation of Hon. W. A. Weir to the Bench, which, it is understood, will occur shortly.

Three new branches of the C. P. R. in Manitoba are now being opened for passenger traffic. These include the extension of the Lacombe branch, from Stettler to Castor; the opening of the Wayburn to Forward line, and the opening of a new line from Lethbridge to Carmungay.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed the case in which she was fined \$100 for smashing the bar at the Union Station in Washington some weeks ago with the Police Court of the District Court of Appeals. Her attorney has raised several constitutional questions in her behalf.

Two gunners, who were found frozen death near Wildwood, N. J., were identified as Lewis C. Kraus, aged 29, of Philadelphia, an instructor in botany in the University of Philadelphia, and E. J. W. McFarlane, aged 19, a son of Prof. John McFarlane, of the same university.

Princess Louise, the eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, denies that she returned to Cologne because of representative duties. She was in Cologne, she states, with whom she stayed some years ago. She states that she will return to Brussels in a short time and take up her residence at one of the royal palaces.

With a broken shoulder bone, a broken collar bone, and three broken ribs, one of which has pierced his lung, Augustus Wagner, of Cleveland, is lying in Grace Hospital, Toronto, in a critical condition as a result of a fall of 26 feet into the shaft of the new trunk sewer at the corner of John and Adelaide streets.

Madison Square Garden, New York, designed by the late Stanford White, and erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate, and will be replaced by a modern office building, according to a report in realty circles to-day. The property has been on the market for some time at \$3,000,000.

After being struck by a Michigan Central passenger train, Frederick Helstern, of Tillsonburg, lay for three hours unconscious in the snow, just outside Windsor. When he came to Helstern managed to drag himself to a neighboring house, whence he was removed to the Hotel Dieu. He is badly cut and bruised, but will recover.

The typhoid epidemic in Montreal is daily becoming more severe, and the citizens are now bordering on a state of panic. The epidemic is one which the medical men are at a loss to explain. The general cause is declared to be the water supply, but many cases are reported

in which the victim, prior to contracting the disease, had not been drinking any tap water.

Joseph Mackley, of Toledo, who killed 18-year-old Caroline Hunt and shot her parents, Stephen Hunt and wife, was captured on Tuesday night by the police at an obscure hotel near the business section, where he had a room.

At a meeting of the St. John, N. B., harbor board, it was recommended that delegation be sent to Montreal to interview the C. P. R. to see whether the company would buy the city wharves used by the winter port steamers. The city has expended something over a million dollars in their construction.

A three days' ocean race from Bermuda to New York through blinding fog and heavy seas, in which the two steamships kept track of each other by wireless, ended on Tuesday, when the Quebec Company liner Bermudian breasted Quarantine three hours and ten minutes ahead of the Orontas, of the Royal Mail Steamship Packet Company.

W. Seaman, an English capitalist, who was the first to realize the opportunities for colonization of the West by his countrymen, and who at one time bought nearly a hundred thousand acres of land from the old Northwestern road, which he sold to settlers, and advanced them the money where necessary to develop it, is dead at Winnipeg.

King Manuel yesterday visited Oporto to sympathize with the flood sufferers. Crowds surrounded him and implored him to help them. The King's sympathies were so deeply stirred that he was moved to tears. He spoke comforting words to the suppliants, and promised to help them to the utmost of his powers. He headed a local subscription.

The strike of the boilermakers in the Schenck plant of the American Locomotive Company was settled on Tuesday afternoon, and the action taken at the conference there will also act as a settlement of the strikes of the boilermakers in the plants of the company at Montreal, Dunkirk, Richmond, Va., and Pittsburg. About 3,000 men are involved.

The Winnipeg Board of Control, which has been experimenting with city ventilators and Webb lamps as a means of deodorizing sewer air, has decided to install the ventilators as cheaper and more efficient. About four hundred will be required for the city, compared to 800 lamps, and the cost will be about \$20,000, compared with \$200,000 for the lamps.

Three Indians from Cornwall Island, Lawrence White, Mitchell Hops and David Point, are in jail at Cornwall, awaiting sentence, which will be given on Friday next. They were convicted of stealing a stock of seasoned oak timber fifty-eight feet long and twenty-eight inches square, valued at over \$200, from the St. Lawrence Power Company.

News has been received at Cape Town of the arrival at Cairo of Mr. J. B. Don, brother of the editor of the Times, of Natal, Maritzburg. Mr. Don started from King William's Town, Cape Colony, last Monday to do the journey from South Africa to North Africa by bicycle, passing through the wildest parts of the continent, and is believed to be the first man to accomplish this feat.

First steps were taken yesterday by Mr. George Stewart Scott, the young Canadian geological student, to have the authorities in Saxony revoke their order expelling him from that country. Embodiment in his communication the story of his treatment in Saxony as he told it upon his arrival in this country last Friday. Mr. Scott yesterday forwarded to the Government officials at Ottawa his formal protest.

The Paris Journal states that Turpin, the inventor of Melinite, has discovered a method by which floating mines may automatically be rendered harmless whenever they accidentally break away from their moorings. This idea is applicable to torpedoes, which after two hours' immersion would be made incapable of doing any damage. The Minister of Marine has ordered experiments to be made with the new invention.

The Strassburg correspondent of the Paris Matin tells of a fight between two companies of the 187th Regiment of German infantry, which have been in barracks at Forts Werder and Vonderlann near Strassburg. Although belonging to the same regiment, do the men of the two companies live in a state of enmity. On Sunday last seventy of the soldiers took part in a fierce battle. Five of the combatants were picked up dying and one was found dead.

Holding that a common carrier charged with exacting an unreasonable rate cannot escape liability upon the ground that the shipments should have been transported over a route carrying a lower rate, the United States Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered reparation of unreasonable charges upon eighteen carloads of newspaper, shipped from Grand Mere, Que., to San Francisco, in the case of H. R. Williar versus the Canadian Northern Quebec Railroad Company.

Entering her kitchen at East Douglas, Man., unexpectedly yesterday, Mrs. Chas. Potter found a young wayfarer, who had asked to be allowed to warm himself in the act of cutting the throat of her 77-year-old husband, whom he had pinioned to the floor. At her shrieks the assailant fled, but not before he had cut the aged man's windpipe and injured him so severely that it is thought he will die. Later, a man named Peter Manite, aged 18 years, was arrested in Sutton. The victim was popularly credited with keeping a large amount of money in the house.

Useful Gifts For Men.

Razor strops and shaving brushes are very suitable for Christmas presents. Probably the finest stock in Ontario of these lines is kept at Gerry's drug store, 32 James street north. Beautiful razor strops, varying in price from 25c to \$2.50 each, and shaving brushes from 15c to \$3 each are shown. Do not buy without seeing this stock.

There are some who would rather nurse their grudges than to put them to sleep.—Dallas News.

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Baptist Settlement

Miss May Sager, of Toronto, is holidaying at the parental home.

Mr. E. Kitenen and Miss Nellie Kitenen, of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson, are guests at Mr. J. L. Wilson's, at Jerseyville, on Sunday.

Mr. Fred Pettit is visiting at Mr. Cyrus Johnson's, Lansing, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Knox attended the funeral of the former's father, Mr. Thos. Knox, of Lynden, which took place on Friday.

Verna and Aden Vansickle, of Jerseyville, spent part of last week with Mrs. Lorne Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Sweet, of Galt, rendered a very pretty duet at the Sunday evening service in the Baptist Church.

Some of those spending Christmas holidays here were Miss E. Huggins, of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dougherty and Fern, of Hamilton, at A. J. Minner's; Mr. and Mrs. R. Vanderlip, of Burtch, Mrs. N. Brooks, Mrs. J. Bishop, of Lynden, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wilson, of Orville, Vansickle's; Mr. and Mrs. O. Sweet, of Galt, Mr. Geo. Wood, of Toronto, at C. H. Baguley's; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Miller, Willie and Charlie Miller, of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haines, at Louis Miller's; Miss E. Lockman, of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, of Alberton, at Wm. Spoor's; Mrs. E. Harrison and baby, of Hamilton, at Mrs. J. Vansickle's; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brock and Miss Nellie Wilson, of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Del. Vansickle, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mulholland, of Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vansickle, at T. E. Wilson's.

Mrs. H. G. Baguley and son, of Toronto, are visiting here.

Mrs. Elias Vansickle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brooks, spent Christmas day at Dr. Kemp's, Brantford; Mrs. Emmet Vansickle and children at Trinity; Mrs. Ernest Vansickle and Dennis Lockman at Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. G. Shaver, Charlie Shaver, Mr. Albert Embury, at Addison Embury's.

The Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening was a decided success. A good programme was given, mostly by members of the Sabbath school, assisted by Miss Eva Nicholson, of Brantford, a student of Moulton College, who gave some songs in a pleasing manner and was much appreciated. Jolly Santa Claus appeared in a log cabin with lovely presents, and the usual treat for every one.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Farley spent Christmas at Brantford.

Miss Nicholson was a guest at the parsonage on Thursday and Friday.

SCRAP BOOK POETRY

THE SUBSTITUTE.

There was mourning in the Pedro Club last Tuesday afternoon. Because a stranger played that day and won the silver spoon.

'Twas Mrs. Gray who couldn't come; her name was taken all.

And so she sent a substitute her vacant chair to fill.

The proper thing for her to do—that fact no one denies—

But who'd expect the substitute to walk home with the prize?

Now, Mrs. Gray can scarcely play the game; she doesn't know.

Enough upon her partner's ace, to let her five-spot go.

She's never won a single prize, she's dull at cards, but say!

It staggered us to see the way that substitute could play.

Why! bids of eight or nine or ten she'd give, and always make it.

She won the prize, but no one dreamed she'd have the nerve to take it.

We all expected she'd refuse to take the prize; and I

Was sure that it would come to me because I was next high.

When Mrs. Gilbert offered it to her—just for a bluff—

I thought I'd drop to see her smile and put it in her muff!

Some people have such awful nerve! It made the women sore.

We never knew a substitute to take the prize before.

At our next meeting, though, you bet, this thing will be discussed.

We all agree it's time for us our by-laws to adjust.

I'm going to make a motion and I'm going to make it plain.

That substitutes that pay no dues and never entertain.

Although they fill our tables up, and help us play the game.

Shall not be given prizes, even if they win the same.

Merritt Settlement

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lampman attended the funeral of Mr. C. Warner, Chippewa, on Saturday last week.

Mr. Ernest Bartlett, of Toronto University, is spending a few weeks with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lampman and Mrs. L. Lampman spent Christmas with Mr. M. Merritt, of Fulton.

Mrs. J. Warner and little son, of Caistor Centre, visited her parents here last week.

Miss May Bartlett, of Grimsby vil-

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