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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Church Services.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—Happening to be conversing with a friend about the Atwood churches, he remarked, "It is a shame that every other Sunday evening we have no service in Atwood." Think sir, of having four churches in our thriving village and no service in any of them every other Sabbath evening, and in the Methodist church only on the alternate Sabbath. It is true we have a well-conducted Bible class in the Presbyterian church, but it is also well known that many are not attracted to it that would to the regular preaching service. Why cannot the different congregations arrange it so as to have preaching in some one of the churches every Sunday evening? and not have so many of our young people gadding the country instead of attending the house of God. I know of no other village the size of ours so deficient in this line. A great deal of good could be done by having regular Sunday evening services, it would cause a closer union and create a greater affection among the different congregations. I hope the different churches will consider this and see their way clear to what has been proposed.

A CHURCH-GOER.

Suicide at Innerkip.

JAMES GILLESPIE DROWNS HIMSELF.

James Gillespie, a wealthy resident of Innerkip, aged 70 years, had been suffering from low spirits of late. About 2 o'clock Monday morning of last week he got up and partly dressing gave the impression to Mrs. Gillespie that he was only going out for a few minutes. As he did not return, in about ten minutes his daughter Minnie went out to look for him. Not finding him she became alarmed and going across the street awakened a neighbor, Mr. Mitchell, and a thorough search was instituted in the neighborhood. About five o'clock the neighbor found the following letter, written on a small scrap of paper, in lead pencil. It was found in the stable near the house, on the top of a keg of nails, several nails having been placed upon it to keep it from blowing away:—"You need not look for me, for you will not find me; so good bye. I don't blame any of you, and may God be with you and guide you in all your ways. God be merciful to me.—JAMES GILLESPIE." Diligent search was made in neighboring ponds and swamps, but no trace of him was found until Wednesday afternoon, when he was discovered in a neighboring pond. He had jumped off a log, and he was found standing perfectly upright, his head being just below the surface of the water. His strange position is accounted for by his feet sticking in the mud. Melancholy, the result of an attack of a gripe, is supposed to have led to the unfortunate man's suicide.

Vital Statistics of Ontario.

The annual report of the registration of births, marriages and deaths in the Province of Ontario for the year ending December 31st, 1889, shows that during the year 1889 there were registered 48,538 births, 14,890 marriages and 23,329 deaths. Compared with the registration made during 1888, the births show an increase of 1,585, the marriages an increase of 329, and the deaths a decrease of 465. The male births in the Province numbered 24,737, the females 23,801, an excess of 936 males, showing a proportion of 103.5 males to 100 females. There was a small increase in the number of twin births registered. Three cases of triplets, the same number as in 1888, were registered, one each in the counties of Haldimand, Peterborough and York respectively. The report says:—"Of the 48,639 children whose births were registered during the year 1889, 47,581 or 98 per cent. were legitimate and 958 or 2 per cent. illegitimate. In 1888 there were 46,963 births registered. Of these 46,335 or 98.7 per cent. were legitimate, and 618 or 1.3 per cent. illegitimate, showing a large increase in the number of legitimate births registered in 1889." The marriages of the four principal denominations:—Methodists, 9,920; Presbyterians 6,022; Episcopalians, 5,041; and Roman Catholic, 4,316. Little change took place in the months chosen for marrying. October, December and January are still the favorite months, especially December, which heads the lists with 1,533 weddings, nearly 12 per cent. of the whole number celebrated during the year. Comparatively few marriages took place in August, only 913, or 6 per cent. of the whole number returned during the year.

Poole.

Thos. Magwood, M. P. P., has returned from his parliamentary duties. Misses Nellie Dewar and Kate Richmond spent Sunday at Hampstead. Mr. Diersam of Wellesley village took possession of the Poole hotel last Thursday. John Enge has gone to Cincinnati to practice with a veterinary surgeon during the summer months. Mr. Roop of Musselburgh, while taking a load of Mr. Engel's household goods to Milverton on Thursday last was thrown from the wagon and had his collarbone dislocated.

Huron County Notes.

An effort is being made to organize a town band in Goderich on a sound basis.

Two robins' nests on Dinsley street, Blyth, each containing young birds is early hatching.

The Huron district Methodist annual meeting will be held in Centralia on May 13 and 14.

The Wingham new Salvation Army barracks was opened by a big banquet on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May.

Joseph Coombs has sold his fine 50 acre farm, lot 7, con. 10, Morris, to Wm. Haggert, Blyth, for a good sum.

Lucknow people will entertain the county councillors when they visit that place on the 3rd Tuesday in June.

The Bank of Hamilton will shortly open a branch office in Lucknow to be under the management of Jas. C. Brown.

Frank Wickett, of Greenway, killed 49 snakes in one day a few weeks ago. He has killed about 60 this spring.

The beautiful pair of twin Jersey calves belonging to T. F. Cain, Lucknow, are the admiration of all who have seen them.

Miss E. Watson, an expert violinist and organist, late of Wingham, has been appointed organist in the Presbyterian church at Regina.

J. P. Fisher and W. Jackson, Blyth, have purchased the young stallion, Brown Rooker, bred by Thos. Brady, Chatham, for \$1000.

It is now definitely settled that the Firemen's Tournament will take place in Seaforth on Tuesday and Wednesday June 16th and 17th.

The Dominion Government has sent two and a half millions of white fish spawn to Goderich, Kincardine and Southampton to be deposited in Lake Huron.

The next entrance examination will be held in Kincardine and Port Elgin High Schools, and in Lucknow and Teeswater Public Schools on July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, commencing each day at 9 a. m.

Wm. Bell, of Hensall, has disposed of his farm on the 5th con. of Hay, to W. J. Jarrett, for the sum of \$2,400. It contains 50 acres and has on it good frame buildings, and is in excellent condition.

G. A. Hindman, who has conducted a grocery business in Exeter for some 12 years, has been compelled to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, who have claims of sums aggregating in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

The many friends of George Lockhart, son of George Lockhart, of McKillop, will be pleased to learn that he has passed his final examination at Manitoba Theological College and took a good position in the graduating class.

An Ottawa despatch says: M. C. Camerou, who was given a seat immediately behind Mr. Laurier, changed it when he arrived to his old place 2 seats further removed from his leader, but the place from which the old fighter years ago poured volleys of chain shot across the House.

We are glad to notice that another of Seaforth's young men has distinguished himself at college. George McKinley, son of Robert McKinley, has graduated at the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, winning the Rebecca Little prize in Theology; the Holt prize in Greek, and the Bishop Gold medal for Physical Sciences.

John Hannah, who ran the Goderich creamery last year has made arrangements for running the same this year. Mr. Hannah expects to start operations about the middle of May, and will shortly canvas for patrons. In the Londesborough and Kirkton creameries the increase in each will run from 150 to 200 cows over those of last season, and there ought to be a proportionate gain in the Goderich creamery.

Geo. Swanson, Goderich, rejoices in the possession of two erratic hens. One of these hens recently presented its owner with an egg that measured 3 1/2 inches the longest way round, while the other, to show that the McKinley Bill hadn't discouraged it laid an egg that measured full eight inches. Mr. Swanson says that during the year he gets five small eggs from one of the hens and six large ones from the other, and the remainder of the time the lay is of natural size.

The Toronto Globe says:—"While the Rev. A. H. Ranton was walking down Centre street, on Saturday afternoon, 5 o'clock, three men probably intoxicated gave him a severe beating. Thomas Fleming of Front street, East, was arrested on suspicion of being one of the assailants. He was up in the Police Court on Tuesday, and was remanded for a week." Mr. Ranton was at one time an officer in the Salvation Army and conducted meetings in Brussels, Clinton, and other places in Huron county.

A cable despatch just received from Rev. Dr. Mackay, Canadian missionary at Tamsui, Formosa, China, announces the death of the Rev. John Jamieson, M. A., formerly of Goderich, who for the past seven years has been laboring in that field with him. No particulars are given. At the time when the letters last received from Formosa by the foreign missionary committee of the church were written Mr. Jamieson was enjoying his usual health; but about two years ago he suffered from a severe attack of phthisis, and it is supposed that a recurrence of this has now proved fatal.

ELMA COUNCIL.

The municipal Council of the township of Elma met at Newry on the 25th day of April. Members all present except Mr. Tughan. Minutes of last meeting read and signed. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Hammond, that the request of R. Harrow, S. McCourt and E. Buchanan for an account of the expense incurred in full in the construction of the drain known as the 14th con. drain, be complied with and the Clerk authorized to make out the said account. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Hammond, that a grant of \$25 be allowed for certain drainage in Atwood in accordance with L. Pelton's request when the drainage is satisfactorily completed. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Hammond, that the Reeve be appointed a delegate to interview the Dominion Government in reference to railway subsidies. Carried. Moved by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that orders be issued for payment of the following accounts: S. Wilcott \$20, repairing Code's bridge; A. Kell \$28, for board and attendance on the late W. Chenan; H. Buck \$16, funeral expenses of said W. Chenan; Mrs. Harvey \$18.75, for 25 weeks allowance to Mrs. Montgomery; J. Ballard \$6, gravel Town Line E. & W.; J. Hamilton \$7.70, work T. L. E. & W.; J. Hollinshead \$1, culvert con. 3; J. McNeelands \$4.50, repairing two culverts; C. Benhart \$8, relief; R. S. Pelton \$35, printing By-law; E. Fisher \$16.40, gravelling con. 14; T. Fullarton \$38, preparing By-law and serving copies of same on all concerned in S. W. M. drain. Carried. Council then adjourned and met at Court of Revision in the Southwestern Municipal Drain, whereafter a careful consideration of the appeals several changes were made in the By-law. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Bray, that the assessment of the Engineer in the S. W. M. drain be sustained except the following charges, viz.: Lot 10, con. 17 reduced \$10; W. Betcher reduced \$20; R. Smith reduced \$10; J. Blair reduced \$10; A. Forrest reduced \$10; W. Elliott reduced \$20; J. Holman reduced \$20; S. Dobbs raised \$20; H. Martin raised \$10; A. Steaf raised \$10; E. Henry raised \$20, and the municipality of Elma for roads raised \$40, and that By-law No. 284 relating to said drainage as thus revised be finally passed. Carried. Council then adjourned.

THOS. FULLARTON, Clerk.

NORTHWEST ECHOES.

There is an unusual scarcity of teachers in Manitoba this spring.

Three-quarters of the seeding of the province, it is estimated, is now completed.

There was severe frost throughout the American and Canadian Northwest on Saturday night, May 2nd.

It is said a mammoth building is to be erected for C. P. R. offices on the corner of Main and McDermott streets, Winnipeg.

The chief commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company, Joseph Wrigley, with his family, will leave on Saturday for England.

Attorney-General Martin's resignation has been accepted. His successor, will probably be Mr. Sifton, has not yet been appointed.

The two Indians, Bear Bull and Casto, who are now in durance vile at Brandon awaiting their trial for shooting with intent to kill a squaw near Deloraine, took it into their heads that they would cheat the gallows of two victims, and with the assistance of a piece of zinc, which they managed to secure in the yard unknown to the guard, proceeded to stab themselves in the right breasts. Gaolor Noxon was, however, promptly on the scene and called in the gaol physician, who pronounced the wounds not serious. The Indians are convinced that they will be hanged, and no amount of talk can drive that idea from their heads. They say they tried to commit suicide because they did not want to be hanged.

Joseph Couture, of St. Joachim, Man., while hunting in Labroquerie one day recently ran across a little shanty, in front of which was a human foot. Entering the lodge he found a man lying on a bundle of rags. He was almost famished and nearly insane by his sufferings. Some weeks ago both his feet became frozen and mortification set in on one foot. In desperation he cut it off with a butcher knife and put it outside. This crippled him completely, and he lay in his hut dying with starvation, thirst and pain. Couture gave the wounded man something to eat and set out to secure assistance. His first appeal was to a man living about two miles distant, who declined on the ground that he had his seedling to do. An appeal to the clerk of the municipality was, Couture says, equally unsuccessful, he flatly refused any assistance. Couture then secured a team and two men and returned to the hut, only to find that in the intervening period the wounded man had hacked off the other foot, mortification having attacked it also. He was placed on the wagon and a start made for Winnipeg, but the condition of the sufferer prevented rapid travelling, and not until Friday night was the wounded man placed in Winnipeg hospital. He is in a terrible condition, and his recovery is doubtful. His name is McKinnon.

Perth County Notes.

Mitchell has a population of 2,202. There was no tree planting in Stratford on Arbor day.

According to the census enumerators, Stratford's population is 9,490.

A fountain is talked of for the square in front of the Stratford City Hall.

The Evening Beacon has been revived at Stratford under the new management.

The registrar of North Perth receives a salary of \$1,855; South Perth registrar gets \$692.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, Provincial Secretary, formerly opened the Stratford hospital on Thursday, May 7th.

The Monkton Cheese and Butter Co. will open their factory early in May, with prospects of a big season's work.

The Ontario Express and Transportation Co. have opened an office in Stratford. Ald. Hodgins has been appointed agent.

The management of the Monkton Methodist church are going to have the inside of the church painted and papered.

Adam Berlet, Monkton, has moved his boot and shoe business to the old stand where Mr. Tindall once ran a boot and shoe shop.

The Toronto World says the Capital Lacrosse club of that city expects to play the first game this season with Stratford on May 25.

Millbank's new operator and assistant postmistress, Miss Hemsworth, of Listowel, who succeeded Mr. Clark, has entered upon her duties.

St. Thomas Journal: Dr. Wm. McKay, of New York, late of St. Marys, brother of County Clerk McKay, has left for London and Berlin to walk the hospitals.

Wm. Tier, of the Monkton school, passed every scholar he sent for promotion and we are glad to add the marks were high. He sent up over 20 in number.

Andrew Erskine, of Monkton, has men engaged bricking his dwelling house. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Erskine may be long spared to enjoy their comfortable home.

"In Shakespeare ward near the Hamlet ward school, Stratford, will be found an old dead horse and a barrel of pigs feet and sausage."—Times. Sort of a free lunch counter we presume.

At the closing examinations of the Women's Medical College, at Toronto, last week, Miss Macklin, daughter of Wm. Macklin, Stratford, passed her final first exam. with 75 per cent.

The Stratford Methodist district meeting will be held in Mitchell on May 24. A Sunday school convention will be held at 7:30 p.m. Rev. S. C. Edmunds, B. D., and Rev. W. H. Hincks, L. L. B., will introduce discussions.

Arrangements are being made for having a grand concert in Monkton on the evening of May 22nd. G. L. Moon, one of the best comic vocalists in Ontario, will be present in addition to the best available local talent.

The young lad who tried to murder Mr. Dow, Hibbert, and then set fire to his barn, was tried by Judge Woods the other day and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Considering the heinousness of the crime, the fiend got off lightly.

Following are the officers of the St. Marys baseball club for this season:—President, Jas. McDonald; Manager, Jos. Okey; Vice-President, J. Clark; Secretary, J. J. Guittard; Treas., F. W. Long; Directors, Ed. Dusty, W. Moyes, J. W. Woods and W. C. Moscrip.

On the 15th of April there died in Logan Wm. Rose. Inflammation of the bladder was the cause of his death. His wife tried her best, she called two physicians, one from Mitchell and the other from London, but it was all in vain. Deceased was a consistent follower of Christ.

Henry Cole, Avonbank, is going to raise his barn, build a stone basement and also an addition; Mr. Miller is building a new brick house; James Brooks is building a basement to his barn; W. Armstrong a new kitchen, and Mr. Mountain has made preparation to build a fine new barn.

Thos. Freeborn, of Mornington, of cancer curing fame, has been fined \$50 and costs at Hanover, by Police Magistrate James Proctor. The person cured of cancer is Mrs. Wm. Moyes, township of Egremont, county Grey. The case will be appealed. Detective Webb, of London, was the complainant.

W. J. Butler, of Woodstock, brother of R. E. Butler, of Stratford, the inventor of the Butler Automatic Railway Crossing Signal Bell, has received advice that after an examination of the invention the Parisian Inventor's Academy has conferred upon him the title of Honorary Member, with attribution of the first class diploma and the gilded medal.

R. Horn, of Granton, while returning home from a drive one day recently with his wife and family had the misfortune to have a runaway. The horse took fright at some lumber at the saw mill and kicked himself clear off the buggy at the corner of King street. One of the children was slightly injured about the head, the others escaping without a scratch. The buggy was badly smashed and the horse was caught quietly pasturing in D. G. White's garden.

SCRAPS.

The strangest thing about a "crank" is that he can't be turned.

A hog recently killed in Perry, Ga., had three complete set of lungs.

Columbus Post: "To spring industries I contribute my shear," says the sheep. Six millions of letters are annually torn and sold as old paper in Washington.

Two young men went to Visalia, Cal., lately and took out licenses to marry the same girl.

Women are not cruel to dumb animals. No women would wiffully step on a mouse.

About the only women in the world who swing their arms walking are Canadians and Americans.

A Tennessee man has been fined \$600 for kissing a woman three times, and he is gallant enough to say he got off cheap.

The census of the United Kingdom, according to the estimate of the Registrar-General, gives a population of 39,000,000.

Boston Bulletin: The only confectonery a girl who works in a candy store cares for after a while is sweethearts.

Tennyson was once asked to supply a dozen birthday poems of eight lines each for one thousand guineas. The poet refused.

Philadelphia Record: Even the humble umbrella suggests a valuable lesson to mankind—it is put up or shut up with the umbrella.

In writing as well as in speaking, one great secret of effective eloquence is to say what is proper and stop when you have done.—Swift.

London is full of highly-cultured gentlemen, both young and middle aged who are able to do almost anything except earn a subsistence.

No man is wiser for his learning; it may administer matter to work in, or objects to work upon; but wit and wisdom are born with a man.

Somerville Journal: Some men think that indorsing the good deeds of other people is about the same thing as performing them themselves.

Ram's Horn: One reason why the world seems to move so slow is because there are so many people who want to sit on the fence and whittle.

A foreign watchmaker has patented a device by which an hour or two before a clock runs down the word "wind" will appear at an opening in the dial.

The London Times urges the Conservatives to run candidates in case Mr. Farnell and Mr. Healy resign in Cork to test the popularity of their cause.

When the carpet has been soiled by ink, instantly apply blotting-paper, then milk, then blotting-paper, and so on until the spot is out, as it will be. Don't rub.

For some years past society dances have steadily degenerated in style and character, until at the present time little remains of their former grace and elegance.

It was a French general who first found out that tobacco might prove eminently serviceable in warfare, inasmuch as it immediately allays the pangs of hunger.

Before using new earthenware, china or glass, place it in a boiler of cold water and salt, and let it gradually boil and then slowly cool. It is less liable to crack if thus treated.

Mrs. Koch, the wife of the famous German specialist, has the entire charge of her husband's immense correspondence, and performs her duties as secretary very successfully.

The cowboys of Kansas say that "one drink tempts you to steal your own clothes, two to bite off your own ears, and three to plunge in and save your drowning mother-in-law."

It is stated that among the records in the Tower of London a document was found according to which a man was hanged in the time of Edward I. for no other crime than having been caught burning coal.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland is a proud woman, for her pet spaniel has taken the first prize at the Cleveland bench show, and has won so many medals and ribbons that it has to have an assistant dog to help to carry them.

Admiral Sir Provo Wallis, who was Capt. Broke's lieutenant in the famous Shannon-Chesapeake battle, will be 160 years old on the 12th inst., and Halifax friends are preparing to present him with a piece of plate on that day.

The demand for Percheron horses for export is so great that the purity of the breed is seriously threatened, and a stud book has been recently started in France by which the pedigree may be preserved and the race kept up to the standard.

An examination made by the New York State engineer and surveyors shows that from 1842 to 1890 the American side of Niagara Falls has receded a mean distance of over 30 feet and the Horseshoe Falls over 104 feet.

King Omoru, an African sovereign, has gone over to the shades. He leaves seven hundred and six widows and a large family of children. His eldest son, though of short experience, is becoming an adept in the marriage business; he has four hundred and twelve wives.