

ALL THE NEWS OF THE TOWN

—Latest Christmas toys and confectionery at Wm. Mott's Main st.

—Judging from the display, Santa Claus' headquarters is at T. S. Kendrick's.

It has been announced that wedding bells are to ring in Athens on the last day of the year.

The Athens High School closes on Friday of this week, to re-open on Monday, 5th of January.

—Fancy house slippers for men and women are nice Xmas gifts. We have them.—T. S. Kendrick.

—Sit early for your photos and have them for Christmas. A special rate is now on at Falkner's gallery, Athens.

During the absence of Mrs. Slack, Miss Bertha Lester is officiating as organist in the Methodist church.

—We have hundreds of dainty embroidered handkerchiefs to select from.—Kendrick.

The Baptist Sabbath school Christmas tree entertainment takes place this evening.

—What makes a more useful present than a nice fur collar or cap? See our stock.—Kendrick.

Mrs. D. M. Spaidal, of Brockville, who had been visiting Mrs. Cornell for a few days, returned home last week.

A few days ago, Mrs. F. W. Tribute, while coming up the hill from the woolen factory, fell and broke one of her arms.

Mr. R. Gainford, of Seeley's Bay, has moved to Athens, and is occupying Mr. Geo. Gainford's house, on Wellington street.

—Don't fail to call and see Fisher's last car load of cutters. They are beauties. In style and finish there is nothing equal to them in the market this year.

One day last week, while working with a class of students in the laboratory of the A. H. S., Mr. Graham, science master, had one of his hands quite badly burned with phosphorus.

—When puzzled what to buy for Christmas, visit the furniture store of R. D. Judson & Son. You will probably find both the article and the price you want.

Parties who promised to bring in wood last winter in payment for Reporter subscriptions, but failed to do so, are notified that unless they bring it in before the 1st of January, 1903, they will have to pay the money.

—There is nothing more acceptable as a Christmas gift than a nice piece of furniture. A fine line of fancy rockers, jardiniere stands and fancy parlor tables is attracting deserved attention at Judson's furniture store.

Mr. Arden Parish, of Smith's Falls in Athens this week. The hockey club are very desirous that he should remain here during the winter and help them chase the puck up against the teams of the league that is to be.

This (Wednesday) evening the Reform electors of Athens and Rear Yonge and Escott will meet in the town hall for the appointment of delegates to the convention to be held in the same place at 1 p. m. on Thursday.

In the Methodist church, Lyndhurst, on Christmas night, there is to be a "good time" entertainment held in connection with the Sabbath school. A Christmas tree is to be a feature of the evening, and there will be an interesting programme presented by the children.

The windows and store-fixtures of Athens merchants now present a decidedly holiday appearance. The useful articles displayed probably outnumber the purely ornamental, but that person must be hard to suit who cannot supply his Christmas wants here.

Mr. Justus Bullis and wife, of Watertown, N. Y., are on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Athens and other points in Ontario. Mr. Bullis is a son of Mr. Peter Bullis, an old-time resident of Elizabethtown and Kitley. It is twenty years since he was in this section, but now, having renewed old acquaintances, he announces his intention of attending the annual reunion of the Bullis family at Charleston Lake next summer.

Last week, the teachers in training at the model school presented the principal of the school, Mr. C. Ross McIntosh, with an address, nicely framed, and a fountain pen. The relations between the students and their teacher have been very cordial during the term, and in this way they expressed their appreciation of his painstaking and efficient services.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers this week a seasonable poem by Mr. C. C. Slack. It breathes the true spirit that everywhere prevails at Christmastide, and we have no doubt it will be welcomed and read with pleasure in many homes, where it will serve to awaken such sad, sweet thoughts as are inseparable from the family gatherings that everywhere take place on Christmas Day.

THE ATHENS REPORTER

—Fruit and Christmas decorations on hand at Wilson's, West Market.

Rev. L. N. Woods, of Orillia, has accepted a call to the Westport Baptist Church.

—The collection of a considered and initiated silk better shows by T. S. Kendrick is anticipated.

Messrs. Gibson, Munroe and Quinn shipped a carload of dogs from this station on Tuesday.

—See the display of furniture, specially suited for Christmas trade, of R. D. Judson & Son.

—A nice piece of linen is always acceptable as a Xmas present. See our stock.—Kendrick.

Ms. M. E. Holmes is this week attending the annual meeting of the Ontario Bookkeepers' Association at Barrie, Ont.

A large party of young people spent a few hours very pleasantly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mullin on Friday evening last.

Owing to the rush of church work now on at the Methodist church, the annual Sabbath school Christmas entertainment has been deferred until some time in February.

A Church of England Sunday school conference will be held at Brockville, Tuesday, January 21st, the clergy of the district co-operating. The Bishop will make the opening address.

The 26th annual convention of the Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Association will be held at the Assembly Hall, Normal School, Ottawa, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday January 7, 8 and 9.

Rev. Elber Crummy, M. A., Kingston, may be called to succeed Rev. F. A. Cassidy, as pastor of Norfolk Street Methodist church, Guelph. He used to labor in Japan. Mr. Cassidy leaves next week for his new work in Japan.

The members of Christ church Sabbath-school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on the evening of Thur., Dec 18th. A programme is being prepared and an admission fee of 15 cts. will be charged.

In Grace church, Winnipeg, on the 10th inst., Mr. B. B. Halladay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Halladay, of Deloraine, Man., was married to Miss Young, daughter of Captain George H. Young, of Winnipeg.

Mr. Thomas Begley, one time employed on the B. & W., was accidentally killed a few days ago while working for a telegraph company in the vicinity of Grand Forks, Dakota. He was a brother of Mr. William Begley, fireman on the B. & W., and his home was at Easton's Corners.

The special services being held in Christ church, Athens, by Rev. F. D. Woodcock, of Trinity church, Brockville, during this week are well attended. The addresses are of a most practical character, and well calculated to stir up the hearts of people to greater zeal in the service of God.

The members of Addison Church of England Sunday-school are now busy practising for their annual entertainment, and have been very fortunate in securing the aid of Mr. Frank Tooker, of Brockville, to help carry out the programme, which will consist of music, songs, recitations, dialogues etc. Everything promises to make the concert a success. The date has been fixed for Monday evening, December 22.

—If the success of students in finding situations is any indication of the work done in a business college, the institution in Brockville must be the best in the province. Miss Laura Copeland has a position as bookkeeper in Brockville; Miss Florence Rowan, as stenographer, in Toronto. Miss Kate Bryant has a position as cashier in Brockville, and Miss Judson has a position as stenographer in New York.

The tea and entertainment given by the members of St. Paul's Presbyterian church Sabbath-school on Tuesday evening was one of the most enjoyable events of the week. After partaking of the good things provided by the ladies, a short programme of recitations and songs was given by the pupils. In addition, interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. McIntosh and Rev. Mr. Frizzell, after which an abundance of sweet-meats and candy was distributed to the children. The event was voted a great success by all, the only regret being that it was over.

These are busy days for the ladies of the Methodist church, who are planning and laboring to bring to a successful issue the part assigned to them in connection with the dedication of the new church. Everything is being calculated on a large scale, so it is safe to assume that all attending the ceremonies will be served with dinner and tea in good style from an abundance of the best that can be produced. In addition to this important work, the ladies have undertaken to provide and superintend the placing of certain furnishings, and all this added to the usual preparations for the holiday season will very fully tax their administrative and executive capabilities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

G. W. Brown, Chief of Police, now required to enforce the law that prohibits the use of profane language, cursing and swearing on the streets and in all public places in the village of Athens, and to fine all persons found guilty of the same—drunk or sober.

DR. JACKSON, SURGEON.

Diseases of women and of children, office and residence, King Str., West corner of Kincaid Str., (one block west of the Bradshams and Grand Central hotels), Brockville, Ont.

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A few helpful hints to puzzled purchasers of Christmas goods.

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Read down Read up

P.M. STATIONS. A.M.

3.30 †Brockville 10.25

8.45 †Lyn Jct., G.T.R. 10.10

3.55 †Lyn, B. & W. 10.00

4.04 †Seeleys 9.46

4.18 †Portlinton 9.34

4.23 †Elbe 9.27

4.34 †Athens 9.21

4.54 †Soperton 9.01

5.01 †Lyndhurst 8.58

5.09 †Delta 8.47

5.28 †Elgin 8.29

5.55 †Forfar 8.21

5.42 †Crosby 8.16

5.55 †Newboro 8.05

6.10 †Westport 7.59

†Telegraph Stations. †Flag.

E. A. Geiger, Supt. Samuel Hunt, G.P.A.