



ITS but a very short time until Xmas, and you will make a great mistake in your life if you don't visit Goldsmith's Hall and see the bargains I can give you in Silverware. Remember I have the largest and finest stock to choose from. Just think, Diamond Rings from \$5 up to \$300. Engagement Rings that always bring luck, from \$2 up to \$10. Don't forget that I will sell you a Genuine Elgin or Waltham Watch in a good 3 ounce O. F. case for \$5. *Cut this out and mention The Bee.* Wedding Rings, I keep a grand assortment, from \$1.50 up to \$6. Come straight to me and I will please you in anything or everything. If you have a Watch which others have failed to make keep time bring it to me and I will give you satisfaction.

J. H. GUNTHER,
Watch Specialist,
Goldsmith's Hall,
Main St., Listowel.
Two Doors East of Post Office.

Town Talk.

BRO. HOLMES, of the Clinton New Era, has a libel suit to occupy his spare time during the Xmas holidays.

GHASTLY RELICS.—"Gen." Grant, who secured the scaffold on which Bechall was hanged, and the carpet to his cell, has sold both to a man in Toronto for a museum. For the scaffold he received \$50 and for the carpet \$10.—Sentinel-Review.

MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER'S Reminiscences of her late husband, which she is now writing, has been purchased by the Ladies Home Journal, of Philadelphia, and the articles will shortly begin in the periodical. Subscription for the Home Journal taken at this office.

We are in receipt of a communication from Monkton relative to a dispute over some stray calves. Judging from its tone we think it advisable to withhold it, or even refuse its insertion, as its contents, if made public, would only give rise to unnecessary hard feelings between neighbors.

THE annual missionary sermon will be preached next Sabbath morning, in the Methodist church, by Rev. Dr. Shaw; collections for missions. On Monday evening following Dr. Shaw will give the first lecture of the course, subject: "Some characteristics of the age." Admission 10c. Tickets for the course of three lectures to be had at the door for 25c.

NOTICE.—All reading notices inserted in THE BEE will in future be charged at the rate of eight cents a line. For notice of entertainments at which an admission fee is charged, or whose object is the raising of money the rate is eight cents a line, unless posters or programs are printed at this office when such notices will be inserted free of charge. Special rates are given to patrons who have standing advertisements.

THIS is the time of the year in which the mind of the energetic merchant turns toward securing a share of the Christmas trade. The month of December and wintry weather have arrived, and it will be unnecessary to remind dealers of the propriety of announcing their readiness to dispose of seasonable goods. But two weeks remain between now and Christmas, and, as in former years, this will no doubt be the time in which the winter supplies and holiday goods of many families and individuals will be purchased. Good sleighing will bring many from the surrounding country with the produce of their farms, and naturally a busy period is looked for. Those desiring to purchase goods of any description should consult the columns of THE BEE, and dealers who have not made special announcements of their holiday goods should take advantage of the large weekly edition to place themselves among those who are ready for the rush.

THE following complimentary notice appeared in last week's Toronto Truth:—It is not generally expected that bees, especially in these northern latitudes, will be making any unusual stir in the month of November. But then there are bees and bees, and what is against nature in one case is perfectly natural in another. There is nothing unnatural, for instance, in THE ATWOOD BEE (which belongs to the journalistic hive, and whose proprietor is well-known as being much alive and fully abreast of the times) issuing from its hive doubled in size, clad in a beautiful pink dress of excellent quality. And such are some of the peculiar features of the recent Pioneer Number, which is a credit to the publisher and ought to be the pride of those who depend upon this particular BEE for any portion of their weekly supply of intellectual honey. Truth congratulates the people of Atwood and vicinity on having a paper like THE BEE, which is not unwilling to incur extra labor and expense, provided it can please its patrons. Success to THE BEE, and may its energies never falter nor its popularity grow less.

THE BEE will be clubbed with any of the city weeklies at \$1.75 per annum.

DR. SINCLAIR will visit Atwood, at Iorger's hotel, on Monday, Jan. 5, 1891. See advt.

At the gun club election of officers the other day Dr. Rice was elected Surgeon by a unanimous vote.

REV. MR. CAREY is assisting Rev. Mr. Dack in the special services in progress in the Baptist church this week.

Saw logs and wood are being hauled into town, and if the snow continues we may look forward to an old-time Canadian Christmas.

A NUMBER of our young people purpose driving over to the school entertainment at Trowbridge this (Friday) evening. A good time is in store for those who attend.

THE annual meeting of the Elma Reform Association will be held in Graham's hotel, Atwood, on Saturday, Dec. 27th, 1890, at 2 o'clock p.m. A full attendance requested.

THE next meeting of the Atwood Mock Parliament will meet in the Town Hall, on Saturday evening, Dec. 13. A full attendance requested. All our young men should take an active part in these meetings as they are especially designed for their good.

THE fact that a horse at full trot is sometimes, at all events, entirely in the air, without any of its feet touching the ground has been proved by an instantaneous photograph taken by M. Ottenheim, Vice-President of the Versailles Photograph Society. The picture shows the horse trotting in a dogcart with a single occupant, and the shadows on the ground clearly demonstrate that all its feet are in the air.

THIS weather looks and feels like the beginning of a genuine Canadian winter. Good. The climate needs to improve upon its last imitation of a native winter. In its youth this year was mild and moist. The early months of 1890 will be remembered as being damp, disagreeable, friends to the doctors. True, the mild winter is easy on the poor, but an absence of snow impoverishes people in this country. When snow is scarce money is likewise. For reasons economic and sentimental Canadians may long for an old-time winter, that can make up in strength what it lacks in length. Then, there is nothing like good sleighing to bring weddings to a head.

A GENUINE smash-up occurred on the 8th con. of Elma last Sunday forenoon. It appears Rev. E. St. Yates was driving to his Henfryn appointment and when he reached the Spring Creek bridge J. A. Turnbull's horses and sleigh ran into his cutter from behind, literally demolishing the vehicle and spreading its occupant on both sides of the road. The team, after upsetting Mr. Turnbull's children in front of Mrs. Harvey's store, became unmanageable and ran away with the above result. J. B. Hamilton cautiously and reverently picked up the scattered remains of the English church divine, whom he was surprised to find still alive, and chanting to himself in low and broken accents these words: "I will arise and go to my father, and say unto him, father I have sinned, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." Another cutter was procured at Mr. Pebbles, opposite the wreck, and in a few minutes the horse was attached and the preacher sent on his way rejoicing over the corduroy road to Henfryn.

WE are informed by Mr. Heller, of Monkton, that the article on "Monkton in its early history and growth," contained several errors. The first settlers on the 16th con. of Elma were John Elliott and Samuel Gill and not the parties set down by the writer. The grist mill was erected in 1876 or 1877 by Hill & Howes, instead of the year stated by our correspondent. However, Mr. Heller, with many other of our Monkton readers, regards it as being very accurate in the whole and he gives "whoever he is" great credit for his pains-taking efforts. In our experience we find it extremely difficult to ascertain authentic corroborative statements bearing on matters of this kind especially where you have to rely upon the woefully defective memory of about fifteen different residents of the community who are endeavoring to write up, and none of whom tell the same story. Dates are hard to remember, and when all these facts are taken into consideration we think our Monkton, Donegal and Trowbridge scribes did remarkably well in supplying matter for our recent Pioneer Number. So well were their efforts appreciated that several papers in different parts of the province are publishing similar numbers.

BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING.—Monday evening the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian church, addressed by Dr. Fraser, the General Agent, and Revs. Henderson, St. Yates, Carey and Dack. The Agent's address consisted of a review of the Society's work and mission work in China. The address was interesting and instructive especially the latter part which was a narrative of the speaker's own experience for many years as a missionary in China. The collection at the close totalled \$5.30. The officers of the Atwood branch for next year were appointed, namely, Rev. A. Henderson, M. A. President; J. W. McBain, Secretary; J. E. Mader, Treasurer; Wm. Dunn, John Bell, Jas. Duncan, Jas. Dickson, Jr., J. A. Turnbull, Wm. Lochhead, W. Forrest, J. W. Boyd, R. Anderson and J. W. McBain, executive committee. The collectors were also appointed, and are requested to complete their work by Feb. 1, 1891. It is a source of general regret that these annual meetings are not more largely attended by those who pray for the dissemination of God's Word in every part of our Dominion and in heathen lands. We hope the collectors will meet with liberal encouragement in their work of love. Give liberally and heaven will bless you.

THE pork market is livening up and well fattened hogs find ready sale at good prices.

JAS. IRWIN has put in a new lighting apparatus in his store, which illuminates the building fully as well as electricity.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are coming in rapidly for 1891. We want to double our circulation during the next few weeks. Help us.

MRS. R. GRAHAM received a telegram Tuesday evening that her mother, in Wellesley township, was dying, the result of injuries received by a runaway team of horses. Mr. and Mrs. Graham drove down to Wellesley the same evening.

HE is a poor business man who cannot get his money back on a reasonable amount of judicious advertising. If he has anything to advertise and advertises it in a way to attract attention he is certain to receive benefit from the announcement.

M. E. NEADS has removed his drug and book store into the premises lately occupied by R. Brooks & Co., where he is prepared to attend to the wants of the public better than ever. His stock is replete with everything for the Xmas holidays. Before deciding on something suitable for your best girl, my boy, call at the Atwood drug and book store.

LAST Monday evening a little child of Richard Graham found a bottle of liniment containing, among other things, strong ammonia and aconite, and took a mouthful. A doctor was summoned who administered remedies to counteract the poison. The child recovered with a very badly burned mouth. People should keep drugs out of the reach of children, especially anything of a poisonous nature.

JOHN ALLAN and family removed to Stratford this week, where the family will make their home with friends for the present. Mr. Allan will be shortly for Seattle, W. T., and if he is pleased with the city and country he will remove his family there. Mr. Allan has always taken an active part in Sabbath school and church work for many years and his open countenance and genial disposition will be greatly missed in Atwood. We join with many friends in wishing him and his estimable family happiness and continued prosperity wherever their future lot may be cast.

ADVERTISE STRAYED ANIMALS.—Clerk Prouty, of Stephen, writes the press:—Any person retaining stray cattle on their premises must give the clerk notice within 48 hours after taking up the same; he is not entitled to one cent for keep or his trouble, for any time previous to 48 hours before notifying the clerk. The poundkeeper has no right to hand over any of the proceeds of the sale of such animals to the party retaining the same until after the retainers shows said poundkeeper a certificate from a J. P. that he (the retainers) made affidavit that he put up and gave all the necessary notices. A poundkeeper runs great risk by selling such animals in the absence of a J. P.'s certificate or affidavit. I have so frequently, through the press and otherwise, given the law relating to stray animals and registrations, that I am forced to the conclusion that all the departure from the requirements of the statutes relating thereto are wilfully done.

SCHOOL CONCERT.—The concert given in the Town Hall by the public school last Friday evening was a decided success, financially and otherwise. The hall was filled to its capacity with old and young, and although the program was somewhat lengthy the interest did not wane in the least. After a few well-chosen remarks by the chairman, Jas. Irwin, the following program was introduced:—Song, "Skating Glee," Glee Club; recitation, "The Blacksmith man," Melvyn Graham; recitation, "Somebody's mother," Jennie McAllister; dialogue, "Out boating," Geo. Irwin and Albert Robertson; song, "Singer's Invitation," the children; recitation, "When I'm a boy," Will Hoar; dialogue, "Playing school," Edith Robertson, Hattie Challenger and Elgin Robertson; recitation, "Number one," Ella Holmes; song, "The pretty moon," the children; recitation, "Only five minutes," Jennie Murray; dialogue, "Wonderful eggs," R. Holmes and R. Morrison; recitation, "Widder Spriggin's daughter," Wm. Thompson; song, "Twilight," the children; recitation, "Suppose," Nellie Hoar; representation, "When I'm a man," eleven little boys; recitation, "Grandma's mistake," Edith Robertson; song, "Jack Frost," the children; song, "Fairie moonlight," Glee Club; dialogue, "Caught napping," seven young ladies and two gentlemen; song, "Brown's daughter," Geo. Corrie; reading, Mr. Snell; song, "Leannoinn sing to-night," Miss Bristow; reading, Jas. Wilson; song, "Whip-poor-Will's song," Glee Club; reading, C. J. Wynn; song, "Papa what will you take for me," Mrs. Rogers; recitation, T. M. Wilson; song, "Beautiful river," Glee Club; reading, Miss Annie Priest; recitation, J. W. Ward; song, "Homeward bound," Glee Club. The Kindergarten songs by the children were heartily appreciated by all and much credit is due Miss Harvey for her pains-taking efforts in training them so well. The Glee Club rendered several beautiful numbers, which elicited hearty applause. We justly feel proud of our musical talent. A comic song, entitled "Brown's daughter," by little George Corrie, called forth deafening applause. It was perhaps the most pleasing thing given on the program. Every time the little fellow would repeat the chorus the audience went into convulsions of laughter. George is a second edition of Sim Fax. Mr. Snell also delighted the audience with a very humorous reading. Mr. Snell is a good reciter and his mimicry is inimitable. Mr. Harding and those who contributed to this entertainment are to be congratulated on their success. The receipts of the evening totalled something over \$37.00.

"THE Story of a Story," is the title of our new serial. It commences with this issue. Read it.

THE ATWOOD BEE recently brought out a Pioneer Number, which was highly creditable from both a literary and typographical standpoint. THE BEE itself is one of the newest local papers that comes to our office.—Goderich Signal.

We received a communication this week from R. Gray, Stratford, denying certain rumors afloat charging him with being implicated in the Newry school controversy, particularly in the authorship of the last letter which appeared in these columns some weeks ago. Now, we wish to state that Mr. Gray did not write the letter in question neither was he implicated in any way in the controversy. The parties who give countenance to such rumors are doing Mr. Gray and themselves an injury. Mr. Gray is too much of a gentleman to allow either his name or influence to be associated with anything of a questionable character.

CRADLE.—DENMAN.—In Bluevale, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. J. J. Denman, of a daughter.

TOMB.—SMITH.—In Grey, on Thursday, Dec. 4, Mrs. Truman Smith, aged 50 years, 9 months and 9 days.

Auction Sales.—MONDAY, DEC. 15TH.—Farm stock, lot 6, con. 10, Elma, at 1 o'clock, sharp. T. E. Hay, auctioneer; R. Hamilton, proprietor.

Atwood Market.
Fall Wheat..... 80 85
Spring Wheat..... 80 82
Barley..... 35 42
Oats..... 36 37
Peas..... 57 58
Pork..... 5 00 5 20
Hides per lb..... 4 4 1/2
sheep skins, each..... 50 50
Wood 2 ft..... 1 15 1 50
Potatoes per bag..... 40 45
Butter per lb..... 14 15
Eggs per doz..... 18 20

Business Directory.

MEDICAL.
L. E. RICE, M. D., C. M.
Trinity University, Toronto: Fellow by examination of Trinity Medical College, Toronto; member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario; member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Michigan; special attention given to the Diseases of Women and Children. For the present, office next door to the Atwood Bakery; residence at Graham's hotel, Atwood, Ont. Office hours: 10 to 12 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m., and every evening to 9 p.m.

WITNESSES: J. B. BROOKS, HENRY ZIEMAN, JOHN ROGERS.

Dissolution of Partnership

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, COUNTY OF PERTH, TO WIT: R. Brooks & Company, in the business of Hardware Merchants, at the Village of Atwood, in the County of Perth, do hereby certify that the partnership heretofore existing between us Hardware Merchants, at the said Village of Atwood, was on this First Day of December, A. D., 1890, dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said firm are to be paid to the said John Rogers, by whom all liabilities will be settled.

Dated at Atwood, this First Day of December, A. D., 1890.

WITNESSES: J. B. BROOKS, HENRY ZIEMAN, JOHN ROGERS.

THE ATWOOD HARDWARE

Will be continued in future by John Rogers, in his New Brick Block, Opposite Mrs. M. Harvey's General Store,

Where he keeps a large and well selected stock of Everything in the

HARDWARE AND TINWARE

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Cross-Cut Saws, Axes, Etc., Always in stock. A complete range of the Best Fire Arms, Ammunition, Cutlery, etc., etc.

JOHN ROGERS.

NOTICE.—All accounts contracted with the firm of R. Brooks & Co. must be settled on or before Jan. 1, 1891, otherwise they will be put into Court for collection.

JOHN ROGERS.

J. R. HAMILTON, M. D., C. M., Graduate of McGill University, Montreal. Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Office—Opposite THE BEE office. Residence—Queen street; night messages to be left at residence.

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W. M. SINCLAIR, Solicitor, Conveyancer, Notary Public &c. Private funds to loan at lowest rates. Collections promptly attended to. Office—Iorger's Hotel, Atwood. Every Wednesday at 12:24 p. m., and remain until the 3:12 p. m. train.

DENTAL.

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C. H. MERYFIELD, Licensed auctioneer for the County of Perth, Monkton, Ont. Rates moderate. For particulars apply at this office.

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MONKTON Cheese Factory

The Annual Meeting of the Monkton Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Co. will be

Held in the Factory, on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd

At 12 o'clock, noon. All are invited.

A. ERSKINE, Secretary.