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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

MARRIED.

RUPPE-GIBSON-At St. George's Church, London, Ont., on Wednesday, Dec. 23, by the Rev. Canon Newman, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. G. R. Sage, Charles W. Ruppe, Sherbrooke Park, New York, to Anna Louise, only daughter of Samuel Gibson, Esq., Woodview, London, Ont.

RADCLIFFE-SHOLZ-On Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. St. W. Wilkins, M.A., of Trenton, N.J., Radcliffe, B.A., English master in Collegeville Institute, London, to Isabel, daughter of Mr. J. F. Scholz, Stratford.

DEED.

CLIFF-On Dec. 24, at Elizabethport, New Jersey, Mary Jane, beloved wife of Alfred Cliff, and 23 years, 8 months and 10 days, deceased, passed peacefully at 11:30 a.m., after a long illness, to be interred in the family vault, at 239 St. James St., on Thursday afternoon, at 2 p.m.

ANDERSON-At the residence of his father, 23, Ellis Street, London, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 11:30 a.m., Alfred Anderson, 52 years, 10 months and 15 days, died peacefully after a long illness. He was buried in the family vault, at 239 St. James St., on Thursday afternoon, at 2 p.m.

COONEY-On Dec. 23, at his late residence, 33 Albion Street, London, West, Patrick Cooney, in the 72nd year of his age. He was buried in the family vault, at 239 St. James St., on Thursday afternoon, at 2 p.m.

HOWLAND-At the residence, 600 King Street, on Dec. 23, John, the beloved wife of Frederick Howland, in the 72nd year of his age. Funeral private.

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—Miss Maggie Kelly, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Panten, Dundas Street.

—Two hundred live birds have been secured by the London Gun Club for a New Year's competition.

—Squire Lacey Tuesday sentenced Thos. Jamieson, of London, West, to three months in jail on a charge of vagrancy.

—J. J. Spittigue, an old resident of this city, has been very ill at Cedar Springs in Kent county, but is now recovering.

—Mr. R. H. Johnston has stated that he will not be a candidate for re-election as school trustee. He has been a good one.

—Dr. Baulk arrived home yesterday from Camden, N. J., and brings the news that Walt Whitman is so low that he may die at any moment.

—L. G. Jarvis, Port Stanley, passed through London Tuesday en route to Milton, Ont., and is expected to be on his feet at poultry shows.

—Auctioneer J. W. Jones sold the general stock of E. A. Cairnes, of Shakespear, to the Rev. Wm. Johnston, on Tuesday afternoon to Mr. Smith, of St. Thomas, for \$83 cents on the dollar.

—Detective Allen has served a summons on the Rev. Wm. Johnston, who is proprietor of the Robeson Hotel, on the 7 yon road, West Nisouri, charging him with selling whisky without a proper license.

—The wife of Rev. T. S. Johnston, of the St. Paul's Church in this city, is dangerously ill, and her sister, Mrs. J. A. Ford, of the same parish, is expected to be with her bedside during her affliction.

—One of the alderman candidates for No. 4 Ward evidently believes in being all things to all men. He has no cards, and no letters on the ground, and one for the things. On the card not intended for temperance voters is a picture of Bacchus.

—Whether or not the Bacchus candidate will get there remains to be seen.

—C. T. R. Brakeman James Johnson had the misfortune to slip from the top of a freight car while at Bothwell station, St. Catharines, and then put on No. 2 express and brought to this city. Only a severe sprain of the ankle was determined by the doctors until the swelling goes down. The injured joint is at present twice its usual size.

—John Lyons was charged at the Police Court yesterday with being disorderly at the Salvation Army barracks on Pall Mall street a few evenings ago. Wm. Deppel stated that Lyons and his brother Fred were in the barracks. He also charged Fred with striking him on the face. These boys were formerly fined one month each \$3 or a week in jail.

—Our esteemed local contemporary now proposes, quite disinterestedly, of course, to refer the women of this town to instruct them how to vote. Our sagacious neighbor should remember that a woman elector can see through a stool and vote for the next person besides, as the poet says:

"When they will, they will,  
When they won't, they won't,  
When they can't, they can't,  
When they do, they do."

—Mr. Sarah Fildew, Bathurst street, charged Barney Barnes, alias James Barney, at the Police Court yesterday with assaulting her in her home on Tuesday night with Mr. Fildew, and a couple of nights ago somebody went for the plaintiff and told her that Barney was killing his wife. Fildew went to his home on Tuesday to see his wife and she claims that Barnes struck her over the head with a chair and threw a wash-dish at her. He was drunk at the time and the magistrate fined him \$5.

—Beside the responsible positions held by the late G. T. R. Inspector Stewart at St. Thomas, he held similar positions in this city and in Woodstock. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., of the Royal Arcanum and of the Order of Scottish Clans.

—The Rev. J. H. Brown, who has been in this city for some time, was heard at public gatherings of all kinds. He was a fluent speaker, his voice was heard at the home of the late Mrs. Barnes, and respected by both political parties. His funeral yesterday was very largely attended.

—Christmas Envy themselves.

The annual Christmas festival of Christ Church Sunday School drew a crowd that filled the schoolroom Tuesday evening. The members of the school sang their brother's Christmas carols, and the program was opened by the singing of "New Year's Eve" to open the evening's programme.

The "May Queen," a "Summer Picnic," a "Harvest Scene" and a group of shop girls, who presented beautiful tableaux presented. The following took part during the evening: Misses F. Smith, M. Winder, H. Wright, M. D. Smith, Rose Merritt, Annie Duck and Frankie Collins and A. F. Wicks, A. E. Welch, C. McDonald, Bert Logan, W. H. Henry, Harry Evans, G. McCormick, J. T. O'Brien, W. B. Minihick. The cantata being completed, Santa Claus appeared and the young girls were presented with a number of toys and gifts. The audience that patronized the Swedish Quartet concert in Victoria Hall Tuesday night was larger if more gone for anything. The quartet is composed of Charles and Emil Skog, Henri Fugh and H. W. Wennerberg. Their voices are perfectly adapted to their instruments with an effect deliciously harmonious and musical. Nearly all their selections were encored. An arrangement of "Dixie," sung by the quartet, was especially popular. Several of their numbers were given in their native tongue, notably "Home, Sweet Home," while the introduction of popular selections was a pleasing feature. Miss Lura Barden is a gifted young reader who gives a pleasing variation to the programme. She has a handsome appearance and a rich, powerful voice to enhance her educational skill. Her numbers were well chosen and her renditions received the applause they deserved. The accompanist was Miss Vida Skog. Altogether the first of Professor Birks' series of star concerts was excellent.

—The annual tea meeting and entertainment of the children of the Adelaide Street Baptist Sabbath School took place Tuesday evening and a happy time was spent. After a hearty repast the children adjourned from the school room to the auditorium where the following programme was carried out. Mr. Fred Reid acting as chairman: Chorus by scholars; recitation, Nellie Angus; recitation, Ethel Reid; recitation, Clements Hedgegood; song, W. H. Taylor; recitation, Aggie Bayley; dialogue, by scholars; recitation, by Alice Reid Susie Bayly and Eva De Wolfe; marching song, by infant class; Norman Mason acting as captain; recitation, Leslie Angus; dialogue, Vera Taylor and Norman Mason; recitations, by Lucy Garrett and Mamie Masser; chorus, by scholars; recitation, by Lottie Vining, Myrtle Hedgegood and Minnie Angus; dialogue, by three girls; recitation, Lilla Taylor; chorus, by the choir; dialogue, by scholars; recitations, by Mildred Morehead and Edna Taylor, and dialogue, by scholars, representing the month of the year, H. Essex representing the Old Year, and Miss Eva Mason as the New Year. In the course of the evening a beautiful dressing case was presented to A. J. Watson by his class, Joshua Inwood reading a kindly-voiced address, and Miss Alice making the presentation. Miss Jennie McKeicher was also presented with two beautiful picture frames by her class. Miss Angus reading the address, and Miss Alice making the presentation. An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of the prizes for punctual attendance. Among the boys Walter Clark and George Kendrick received first and second respectively. The girls who took prizes were Myrtle Hedgegood, Mamie Dawson and Ethel Reid. While credit is due to all who took part in the entertainment, his success was undoubtedly largely due to the painstaking efforts of the Rev. H. C. Spittigue, who, upon the labor of drilling the scholars and arranging the programme principally devolved. Before closing Rev. H. C. Spittigue addressed the audience, wishing them all a happy new year, to which they responded with hearty applause.

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