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PRESENTATION.—On Monday evening the grangers of Farmer's Wreath Grange and their friends marched from the Hall with well-filled baskets to the residence of Mr. John Cuthbertson, who purposes leaving in the spring for Dakota. After the usual greetings on similar occasions, they presented Mr. Cuthbertson with a handsome silver watch, and an address expressive of their esteem for him as a neighbor, and of the useful work done by him in connection with the grange. Mr. C. made a very appropriate reply, after which the baskets were opened and a very sociable evening was spent.

SOCIAL.—On Friday evening last, the members of Dewdrop Lodge, No. 396, U. T. A., held a neck-tie social in the Orange Hall. At an early hour the hall was filled when the neck-ties were given out; and then the comparing of neck-ties and the pairing of partners began. When this had been done, and all had got comfortably seated again, the refreshments were passed around to which ample justice was done by those present, when order was once more restored, Mr. R. D. Cameron was called to the chair. After a few introductory remarks by the chairman, a lengthy programme consisting of music, readings and recitations was commenced. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen."

Carlow.

The brethren of the Morning Star lodge of A. F. & A. M., G. R. C. met [illegible] ult., at high twelve, [illegible] ing officers were duly installed:—W. Bro. A. Robertson, I. P. M.; Wm. Bailey, W. M.; John Morgan, S. W.; John Eppiett, J. W.; J. S. Habkirk, Chap.; John Wilson, Sec'y.; John Tiffin, Treas.; T. B. Miller, S. D.; Jesse Grummet, J. D.; John Bailey, I. G.; W. S. Clarke, T.; R. B. Scott, Organist; A. McDonald, D. of C.

On Monday evening, Dec. 28th, a very sociable and enjoyable time was spent at Mr. Alex. Young's, 6th con. of Colborne, where about forty young lads and lasses entertained one another by various kinds of amusements, such as parlor and table croquet, instrumental music, etc., until the "wee sma' hours of the morning. The party was gotten up as a kind of farewell greeting to Mr. John Young, a son of the cheery host and hostess, and a student of Queen's University, Kingston. Our young friend most acceptably occupied the pulpit of the Smith's Hill Presbyterian Church on Sabbath, Dec. 25th. He left for Kington, last Friday to resume his studies, preparatory to his B. A. examination. On the following evening another rich treat was prepared for the young people of this vicinity by the affable Reeve of the township, Mr. Wm. Young, and his kind lady in the shape of an evening party. It is quite [illegible] to say, especially to anyone [illegible] enjoyed at any time the large hearted hospitality of the host, that [illegible] happy time was swiftly passed. This social also partook of the character of a farewell greeting to Mr. W. J. Young, who at present is visiting his friends, and will shortly return to pursue his studies in the department of medicine in connection with Queen's University.

Amberly.

The closing examination in connection with school section No. 12 was held on Saturday 24th Dec. The unusual interest taken in the examination was created by the knowledge of the fact that the teacher, Mr. McLean, was about to sever his connection with the section in which he taught for the last three years. The pupils being examined by the teachers of the adjoining section answered the questions put to them, not only in a correct manner, but in a way that indicated the most careful mental development, and an application to their studies more suitable to mature years. The discipline and organization of the school was apparently not neglected. On the whole the state of the school bore a marked contrast to that described by a resident poet concerning the same school some years ago, a description that will repay the reading to any person desirous of being acquainted with the conditions of schools some thirty years ago. At the close of the examination several of the visitors in the course of their addresses expressed their appreciation of the work performed by the teacher during his stay among them, and their regret at his unavoidable departure from their midst, declaring the progress made by the pupils under his charge as unprecedented in the history of the section. The pupils made a presentation to Mr. McLean, together with the following address as a token of their deep regard for him:

DEAR TEACHER:—The human heart is hardly susceptible of more pleasant emotions than those excited in the act of bestowing upon their worthy objects the various tokens of esteem and love we often bear them. This is none the less true socially than individually, an evidence of which we to-day feel in the pleasure with which we unite in bestowing upon you a small tribute of our appreciation for the manner in which you have so efficiently discharged your duties as teacher of this school. We wish to make special mention of your punctuality industry and untiring perseverance—traits for which you have been so conspicuously distinguished. We, as members of this school thought it opportune to present you with some tangible expression of the fact that we indeed appreciate the character of your labors. We ask then the acceptance of this small token of our respect, not for its nominal or intrinsic value, but for the motives which prompt the donors. We tender also with our sincere wishes for which success in life whatever station you occupy [illegible] in the faithful discharge of the duties of this school be likewise extended to every cause of right and virtue it becomes your opportunity to support. In conclusion we venture to express the hope that although you leave us for the present it will only be for a season and that we shall have the pleasure of again welcoming you to Poverty Section.

Clinton.

The friends of the Rev. Mr. Stewart, will regret to learn that he is still laid up by an attack of quinsy.

SUCCESSFUL.—The following persons, from Clinton have passed the December examination for professional second-class certificates, at the Toronto Normal School: Mr. Robt H. McDonald, and Misses M. M. Corbett and J. E. Brown.

DROWNED.—We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Archie Macpherson, of Stratford, son of Mr. A. Macpherson, formerly of this place, which occurred by drowning, on Saturday last while skating. Deceased whs 22 years of age.

REFORM MEETING.—Next Thursday, at 10 a. m., a meeting of the Reform delegates for the South Riding of Huron, will be held at McLaren's hotel in this town, for the purpose of organizing for the next general election.

On Tuesday Messrs. W. Sheppard, J. Sheppard, C. Spooner, Jas. Hearn, J. Jordain and G. Bowers, left by G.W. R. for the northwest. Most of them go for speculation. On the same day Messrs. Walter Cook and Jas. Ross, went to Chicago, where they intend to put in this year's labor.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARIES. — On Sunday next Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D., of Goderich, will preach missionary sermons in the Methodist Church, morning and evening. On the following Monday evening the annual missionary meeting will be held, when Revs. Dr. Williams and B. B. Keefer, of Wingham, will deliver addresses.

A HERCULES.—On Thursday a man gave an exhibition of strength on the market ground, that was truly remarkable. To a coal oil barrel containing nearly 50 gallons of water was attached a small strip of leather, by catching which in his teeth, he raised the barrel a couple feet from his platform; and while holding it in this position two of the heaviest men in town — Messrs. Spooner and Sheppard—straddled the barrel, and the entire weight of over 900 lbs. was thus held by him for a minute or two. After doing this he took a heavy chair in his teeth, and carried it backwards over his head to the boards in which he was standing, and brought it back again in the same circle, a very difficult thing to do. He was rewarded for his performance by a contribution of over $12.—[New Era.

Dungannon.

Mr. Wm. McArthur, is authorized to receive subscriptions for THE HURON SIGNAL, and give receipts therefor.

Our village has had four weddings lately.

Messrs. Angus McNevin and Thos. Trimble, are spending their holidays with their friends in the village.

Mr. R. Bowers has lately sold his house to Mr. John Bartlett, who intends occupying the same shortly.

The Annual meeting of the Wawanosh and Ashfield agricultural Society will be held in Martin's Hotel on Thursday next, Jan. 12th.

ACCIDENT.—Charley Ceasar son of Mr. Charles Ceasar of Ashfield, cut his hand accidentally with an axe one day last week, inflicting a very painful wound.

A very successful tea-meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church here, on the evening of Monday last. A large number was present and a most agreeable time was spent, for everything was all that could be desired.

Mr. Wm. McKay left here on Monday to attend the Normal School in Ottawa. We are pleased to state that Miss Ada Burritt's services have been secured as one of the teachers in the Dungannon school for the ensuing year.

Christmas day (Monday) was spent very quietly in the village, a shooting match for turkeys being the principal event; but as the shades of night drew on, some troublesome juveniles began to wax wrathy, and clutched each other in a fierce embrace. However, beyond a a slight loosening of grey whisker and a collar button, not much damage was done.

ELECTION.—A lively time was indulged in here on the 28th ult., by the ratepayers of this section, over the election of one of their trustees. A large number wended their way to the school house, where Mr. Thos. Anderson was again nominated to his old seat in the council of three. Mr. Joseph Mallough was also nominated and a tight contest ensued, which resulted in favour of Mr. Anderson by one vote. But a slight hitch in the transaction in the shape of a vote being changed, led the opposing party to think the proceedings illegal, so a new election will probably be the result; at anyrate there is "music in the air."

CONRAD.

HYMENEAL.—A very sociable gathering took place here on the evening of the 29th inst., at the residence of the bride's father to witness the nuptials between Mr. John S. Miller, of Lucknow, and Miss Emma J. McCaig, of this place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Leitch, our esteemed pastor, who kept the company in good humor, with his cheerful countenance and pleasant conversation, while waiting for the lucky man to arrive on the scene. In the early part of the evening some of the young gallants were making speculations as to the possibility of the groom's getting here, on account of the bad roads. However, John remembered the old maxim that "a faint heart never won a fair lady," and his courage and perseverance brought him safely to the desired haven. After the nuptial knot was tied, the guests were furnished with a delicious supper, provided by the brides mother, and enjoyed immensely by all parties concerned. Among the many handsome presents which the bride received was a very handsome motto "Forget me not," presented by Mrs. Stothers. After supper some very appropriate songs were rendered very nicely by the young bride and her sister, after which the company amused themselves with games, which were rendered still more enjoyable by the shrill tones of the bagpipes. We wish the young couple every success, long may they live, and their shadows never grow less.—AN OBSERVER.

Holmesville.

Miss Minnie Elford leaves for Davenport, Iowa, next Monday, to visit some friends and attend school also.

School opened on Tuesday the 3rd of January, with a fair attendauce. It is somewhat warmer after the overhauling during the holidays. Mr. Carter is a good hand at closing up cracks.

Mr. Wm. Evans, ex-schoolmaster, goes to Toronto next Monday to push his fortune in the Queen City. This is contrary to usual custom, majority go west, but some rules work both ways, and why not this? Willie, we will miss you.

Three pedagogues now reside here, (Mr. T. Murch having lately moved to his property) all holding second-class certificates, and in active work. Two of them have two strings to their bow, one being a farmer and the other a storekeeper.

CHICKENS.—One day last week, Mr. T. C. Pickard, of Holmesville, was surprised to find one of his hens, which had set herself, come out with a clutch of chickens, which was such a novelty at this season of the year that he determined to try and raise them, which he is doing by giving them warm quarters indoors.

Benmiller.

The trustees of S. S. No. 2 have engaged Miss S. Patton as assistant teacher during the winter months.

CONTRACT.—Mr. Chas. Walters received the contract of wood for the supply of S. S. No. 2 at the rate of $2.50 per cord.

The Maitland river now sports three canoes all within a mile of the Maitland Concession, which connects Colborne with Goderich Tp. through Holmesville. Tell us there aint any need of a bridge.

The following is the list of officers elected for the ensuing quarter of Pure Retreat Division, No. 308, Sons of Temperance:—Wm. Robertson, W. P.; Mrs. C. Robertson, W. A.; Thos. Heddle, R. S.: Ida Walters, A. R. S.; Rich. Moore, F. S.; Chas. Walters, Treas.; W Moore, Chap.; Geo. Stewart, Con.; M. B. Gledhill, A, Con.; Mrs. Flanighan, I. S.; E. Flanighan, O. S.; A. Heddle, P. W. P.

ELECTION.—The election of trustees of school section No. 2 took place on Wednesday, the 28th Dec. Mr. A. Heddle was appointed returning officer. It was moved, seconded and carried, that Thos. Gledhill act as people's auditor. Mr. Wm. Vanstone acted as trustees' auditor. The report read by Thos. Gledhill (auditor) was adopted as read. Mr. Wm. Vanstone and Jno. Snider were candidates for election. Mr. Wm. Vanstone was elected by a small majority over the retiring trustee, Mr. John Snider.

Colborne.

PEDAGOGIC.—Mr. R. E. Brown, late of the Nile will take charge of No. 5 S. S. this year. The trustees are Messrs. John Linklater, A. H. Naftel, and D. Hetherington.

TIN WEDDING. — On Monday last a large number of friends and relatives met at Morrisdale farm to celebrate the tin wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris. Among the company was the venerable John Morris, as merry and sprightly as a lad of sixteen. The gathering was a joyous one.

The pupils of S. S. No. 1, have again organized their Literary Society. This society is composed of the pupils of the school who spend an hour (from three to four o'clock) every Friday afternoon in carrying out their programme of which a week's notice has been given. It consists of readings, recitations, dialogues, music and selections from the editor. The duties of the editor are to read selections from the weekly newspapers, and keep the society posted on all the great events of the day. The pupils elect their officers every two months, which are a president, vice-president, secretary, editor and three councillors. The officers this term are President, C. C. Oke; Vice-President, Mary Robertson; Secretary, Phoebe Smith; Editor, the teacher of the school, P. Strang; Councillors, Eliza Howell, Stasia Hogan, Bertie Oke.

The following is an account of last Friday evening's entertainment:—President in the chairman. The minutes of the last meet were read and adopted. First on the programme was a piece of singing by Eliza Howell, Bertie and Charlie Oke, entitled "Waiting at the Portals." 2. Recitation by Mary Robertson, entitled "Farewell of a Missionary to Africa at the Grave of his wife and child." 3. Reading by Adda Morris, "Patches and Hewes." 4. A dialogue by C. C. Oke and James Sallows, "Evidence Enough." 5. Singing by Ida Sallows, "Heralds of Zion." 6. Reading by Maggie Tiffin, "What she saw in Church." 7. Singing by Senta and Milton Tindall, Elza Wilson and John Oke, Walk in the Light." 8. Reading by Phoebe Smith, "A Mother's Gift." 9. Editor's Selections.

An address was then read by the president, and Miss Jones, teacher of junior department, was presented with a pair of beautiful vases. The following is a copy of the address:—Farewell address to Miss Jones:—We, the members of the Maple Leaf Literary Society, wish to tender to you our sincere regret at your having to sever your connection with our society. In losing you, we feel that we have lost a kind and able friend. We have spent more than a year very happily together, and next year, when Friday evenings come round, we will greatly miss your presence amongst us; but hope that they will always bring back to you happy recollection of days gone by. And those of the society who have been under your kind and patient instructions for the past year wish to express their deep sorrow at losing you as their teacher, and hope that next year you may meet with even greater success, in your new field of labor, than you have with us. And on this the eve of your departure, we beg of you to accept from these vases, as a small token of the esteem you are held in among us. If ever an opportunity permit you to visit our society again, ye may feel certain, that you will meet with a warm welcome from us, or, if you find a spare hour at your disposal, we will always be happy to hear from you. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year, with many happy returns. We remain Your Friends, &c.

A suitable reply was then given by Miss Jones which clearly showed the sorrow she felt in leaving No. 1. A piece of singing by a Class, "Happy New Year to You." Moved by Mr. Strang, seconded by Phœbe Smith, that the society adjourned until the 3rd of January—Carried.

Ashfield.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Dec. 37, 1881. The Council met at Martin's hotel, Dungannon. All the members present. The minutes of last meet were read and signed. Moved by Mr. McMurchy, sended by Mr. Griffin, that the clerk prepare a by-law to have certain streets in Port Albert opened. Moved by Mr. Clare, seconded by Mr. Whitley, that Wm. Moran be refunded 72 cents for mistake in assessment. Moved by Mr. Clare, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, that H. Phillips and Wm. Mallough be refunded $1 each for dog tax. Moved by Mr. Whitley, seconded Mr. Clare, that A. McWhinney be refunded $2, mistake in taxes. Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, that Mrs. Martin and John Lang be granted $5 each, as charity. Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, that the clerk be paid the sum of $12 for qualifing Union School Section, and other services under the Public School Act of 1880. The following accounts were paid:—W. McArthur, stationery, $4.47; N. Ure & Co., $3.52, for printed form; James Whyard, stove for court house, $8.63; Mitchell & Carey, printing, &c., $33; Mrs. Stothers, furniture for court house, $8.23; James Glenn, gravel, &c., $13.07; W. Thompson, repairing scraper, $1; John Cooke, postage account, $6.37; John Murch, Gravel, $9.65; R. Tiffin, do., $3.10; Wm. Holland, planking culvert, con. 3, $4; S. Hogan, do, con. 4, $2; Wm. Matthews, planking crossway, cutting trees on S. L. 9 and 10, con. 4 and 5, $4; J. Elliott, underdrain, con. 3 and 4; Mr. Murcheson, culvert, and filling on D. L. con. 6, $3.50; J. Farish, culvert, con. 10, $4; J. Vint, underdrain across road on con. 10, S. L. 6 and 7, $3.50; W. Durnin, digging drain S. L. 3 and $4 60 cents; Wm. Wiley, cutting hill con. 12, $50; do. ditching con. 12, $10; J. Johnston, culvert L. R., $8; W. Jordan, saving crossways from fire S. L. 3 and 4, con. 1, $3; J. Tigert, do, $3; Wm. Mallough, gravel, $15.90; W. McWhinney, gravel, $9.90; J. Dunbar, ditching, con. 2, $1; H. Prichard, lumber, $13.10: J. Farrish, building fence S. L., 3 and 4, $7; J. Sullivan, underdrain opposite lot 14 L. R., $3; J. Dunbar, stone culvert in front of lot 5 L. R., $10; J. Quaid plank, $1.80; W. Richardson, repairing hill, $3; J. Saunders, gravel, $6.50; J. Cooke, balance of salary, $60; by-law, No. 17 to open certain streets in Port Albert, was read and passed. The Council adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

JOHN COOKE, Clerk.

Ethel.

At the closing examination of the Ethel public school last Friday, Thos. Leishman, the teacher, was made the recipient of a handsome address from the pupils. Mr. Leishman in his reply expressed his thanks and hoped great things for the future in connection with the school.

Bayfield.

A reward of $5, will be given for the first victim in the new lock-up.

At the last Division Court held here, Mr. Seager, of Goderich, acted as judge.

Mr. Rutledge, of this place, intends erecting a new store in Clinton next season.

The C. M. Church is to be re-opened some time in January, when a monster tea-meeting will be held.

Mr. McKinley, Government Inspector of the Dominion Fisheries, paid our village a visit last week.

Morris.

DIED.—After a severe illness Mrs. Benj. Fralick died last Friday night in her 72nd year and was buried on Monday, when her remains were followed by a large concourse of relatives and friends who attested to the respect in which the deceased was held. Mrs. Fralick had resided in this township for nearly 30 years and on account of the public position held by her husband early became acquainted with the settlers of Grey and Morris. She was very kind to all needing her willing assistance, and although living to see her three score and ten she will be greatly missed. Three sons and one daughter remain with her bereaved partner to mourn her loss.

Brussels.

Mr. Thomas English has received an appointment on the police force in Winnipeg. He will leave for that city on the 10th January.

Mann Bros., owners of the stone grist mill have leased their mill to a gentleman named Stewart from the neighborhood of Ayr. Messrs. Mann will go to the North West.

While Mrs. Ainlay was working around the stove in the basement of the Methodist Church this week her clothes caught fire and had it not been for the prompt assistance of B. Gerry the accident might have been serious if not fatal. Mr. Gerry had his hands burned.

A gentleman was in town last week seeking information regarding the purchase of the Ronald foundry. The intention was to engage in the manufacture of steel goods, such as files, chisels, &c. Whether this will amount to anything or not is not yet known. The man we want in the foundry is one with capital enough to run the business and carry it on successfully.—[Post.

The steamship Moravian, ashore at Mud Island, is reported to be broken up. A heavy sea was running all day. The passengers have all been landed in safety, and are well cared for.

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