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HURON SIGNAL, FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1889.

TO THE FRIENDS OF "THE SIGNAL."

With this number we close the forty-second year of THE SIGNAL. We are pleased to know we have still on our list the names of quite a number who subscribed for the paper when it was started, and have continued it from that time onward.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE. A Word or Two About New Publications That Have Come to Hand. A CHARMING SOUVENIR.

The Youth's Companion Double Christmas Number is a charming souvenir. Its delicately colored cover encloses a wealth of stories and pictures that are intensely interesting to readers of all ages.

The numbers of the Living Age for the week ending December 14th and 21st contain Roman Catholicism in America, Nineteenth Century; Studies in Character, by Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, M. P., New Review; The Origin and History of Murray's Handbooks for Travellers, by John Murray, Murray's Magazine; Christianity and Socialism, by Dean Plumptre, Contemporary Review; Timoleon, the Liberator of Sicily, Westminster Review; A Modern Correspondence, Fortnightly Review; Diak, Macmillan's Magazine; Curiosities of Composition, All the Year Round; The Secularity of Fine Voices, Contemporary Review; Fisher's Life in Scotland, National Review; Some Indian Ancestors, Longman's Magazine; A Day in Damascus, Murray's Magazine; Notes for an Unsentimental Journey, Blackwood's Magazine; Folk-lore of Northern Portugal, Fortnightly Review; The Oil Wells of Burma, National Review; The Ballad of the King's Mercy, Macmillan's Magazine; with instalments of "Mrs Fenton," by W. E. Norris, and "Sir Charles Danvers," and poetry and miscellany.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the town council was held on Friday evening last, the 20th inst. All members present except deputy-rev. Smith and councillors Pridham, Nicholson, and Campion. The minutes of the last regular and the statutory meetings were read, approved and signed.

Chief officer for St. George's ward, showed the amount of relief granted in that ward for December to be \$2.75. The following reports of committees were read and adopted: WATERWORKS COMMITTEE.

Since our last report we have received one 50 1000-candle light dynamo and 40 lamps. The old 3000-candle lamps have been taken out and the new 1000-candle lamps put in their places. We have also had 19 water valves put in.

Your fire committee beg leave to report as follows:—They have considered the advisability of keeping the fire engine in condition for use at fires and have concluded that it is absolutely necessary that it should be always ready, particularly in case of a fire about the place in the outskirts of the town.

AMUSEMENTS.

GODERICH MECHANICAL INSTITUTE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM, cor. of East Street and Square (up stairs). Open from 1 to 6 p.m., and from 7 to 10 p.m. ABOUT 2000 VOL'S IN LIBRARY.

They do, it would result in letting good and benefit the young people. The program of the evening, which was composed of singing, recitations, dialogues, etc., was on the whole well performed by the several parties engaged therein.

His Honor Judge Doyle held Division Court here on Saturday, the 21st inst. The hall used for the purpose of holding court was insufficient to accommodate the large number present. Not more than one-half were able to obtain admission, and then only by packing themselves like herrings in a barrel.

From our own correspondent. A Sabbath School anniversary will be held in connection with Zion church, Beaulieu circuit, on Sunday, Jan. 5th, and Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 1890.

Strayed Animals.

OSTRAY CALVES.—CAME ON THE premises of subscriber, pt. 11, hold the calves—2 a steer and 1 heifer. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take them away.

OVERSTOCKED WITH WINTER GOODS! Sweeping Reductions will be made in all lines of Staple and Fancy Dry-Goods, Tweeds and Men's Furnishings.

Dentistry. M. NICHOLSON, L.D.S. DENTAL ROOMS. Eighth door below the Office, West-st., GODERICH.

THE PACKER'S FAVORITE.—THE Packer's Favorite—has secured a quantity of the above popular breed of pigs from the noted breeder, Jos. Featherston.

NOMINATION MEETING.—THE electors of the Town of Goderich will meet at the Town Hall on Monday evening, Dec. 30th, 1889, at 7 30 o'clock.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR XMAS AND NEW YEAR WEEKS. Organ Catalogue at \$25.00 for \$15.00. Pianos at \$100.00 for \$50.00.

FOR SALE.—A GOOD WOOD DIPPING RING room (Walden) with 35 ft. of water.

MUSIC LESSONS.—MISS AGGIE THOMSON is prepared to give music lessons on the piano or organ. For particulars inquire at Geo. W. Thomson's Music Store.

WOOD WANTED.—TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till 10 o'clock, for the purchase of 50 cords of green wood, beech and maple.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, at the next session thereof, for an Act to amend the Statute 20 of Victoria.

Amusements. GODERICH MECHANICAL INSTITUTE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM. CORNER OF EAST STREET AND SQUARE (UP STAIRS).

TED WOOD'S NEXT place on our Goods at G. Underwear, Gigan Jacket, Knitted Sh Caps, Ho

For Sale or to Let. FARM FOR SALE. The undersigned will offer for sale the following very desirable farm, consisting of the easterly 150 acres of Block 12 in the 7th concession of the Township of Colborne.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—This valuable property known as lot 105, Malthead con., Goderich township, within one mile of Goderich.

FARMS AND TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES FOR SALE.—Lot 12, in Malthead Con. Colborne, 112 acres—a very fine farm.

FOR SALE.—West half of lot 302, Arthur Street, with small brick cottage.

Loans and Insurance. E. N. LEWIS, Barrister, Prosecutor in Law. Maritime Court; Money to loan at 4 per cent, private funds. Straight loan, interest year, 5 per cent.

J. T. NAFFEL, LIFE FIRE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE AGENT. Representing New British and Mercantile (Liverpool, London & Globe); Norwich Union; North American Life; and Accident Insurance of North America.

\$200,000 PRIVATE FUNDS. To lend on farm and town property, at low interest rates. Mortgages purchased. No commission charged agents for the Trust and Loan Company of Canada.

ENVELOPES. JOHN KNOX, GENERAL AUCTIONEER and Land Valuator, Goderich, Ont. Having had considerable experience in the auctioneering trade, he is in a position to discharge his duties with thorough satisfaction.

PER GOODS! Auctions Goods, Furnishings, & BRO.

Woolen Goods! NEXT WEEK place on our Cheap Tables our Entire Stock of Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices.

GREAT DECEMBER SALE Going on all through the month CROMPTON, APPELBE & CO'S., 90 COLBORNE ST., BRANTFORD.

First-class Goods in December at usual February prices—That's the Point, isn't it? This Sale presents an opportunity to make duty for \$1.25 in the ordinary way, for all classes of Dry Goods...

THE STOCKINGS MUST BE FILLED. A XMAS TREE will be on exhibition for the next two weeks. G. C. ROBERTSON (CRABB'S BLOCK) Now is the time and here is your chance.

BRICK HOUSE AND SALE ON ST. PATRICK ST. 1/2 block addition to the rear...

FARM FOR SALE. 1/2 section of land in the Township of Colborne, in the County of Brant...

TOWN PROPERTIES. Lot 12, in Mattland Concession, in the Township of Colborne...

DAVIDSON & JOHNSTON and Insurance. IS, Barrister, Proctor in Law...

PRIVATE FUNDS. In and town property at low prices...

LOAN. APPLY TO HOLE & CAMERON, 1720. LEND—A LARGE Private Fund for investment...

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MR. W. R. MERRITT. An Open Letter to the Hon. Mr. W. R. Merritt.

The following is a copy of an open letter addressed to Mr. W. R. Merritt, M.P., by Arch-Deacon S. J. P. P. on the 18th inst. of this Province...

Never say Die! Scourged with ulcers, boils and Weak of limbs and more of a Hopeless now of growing better Surely one must die.

My Lord Archbishop: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday...

The newspaper in question by many understood to be in your confidence at least, and one would hardly be thought to have appeared in it without your approval...

THE METS. BREADSTUFFS. Dec. 26, 1889. Wheat, 4 00 to 4 40; Flour, 0 25 to 0 30; Oats, 0 40 to 0 45...

AUCTION SALES. All parties calling their sale bills printed at this list up to the time of sale. Valuable house and lot situated on the main street in the village of Duncannon...

WE KNOW YOU ARE! AND We Know we Have it, OUR PRICES BEAT THE BAND. R. P. WILKINSON & Co.

Looking for a Handsome Xmas or New Year's present at a Moderate Price, we have the Finest Lines of Silver Plate, Flat Ware and Cutlery ever displayed in this town.

VERY CHEAP! So say all who have seen our Plush and other Fancy Goods. If you want BARGAINS Come and see us. If you want to pay more for the same Class of Goods do otherwise.

F. JORDAN'S MEDICAL HALL. Dr Steep, late of Scotland, a native of Clinton, Ontario, per Sir, City of London, Eng., where he had a hospital course.

RIGHT THIS WAY TO DANIEL GORDON'S. First-Class Stock of Furniture, such as PARLOR SUITES, BEDROOM SUITES, DINING TABLES, LOUNGES, &c.

NEW GENERAL STORE, HAMILTON STREET. I have just received a choice stock of Groceries, Dry Goods and Gent's Furnishings, which I will sell CHEAP FOR CASH.

CHOICE XMAS TOYS, DOLLS, Etc. FLOUR and FEED constantly on hand. Call and examine goods before purchasing elsewhere.

H. J. HORTON, At Ferguson's Old Stand, Hamilton-st. Goderich, Nov. 21st, 1889. Prices Low at "The Signal"

Although the salt business is about a standstill there was quite a movement in freight in other lines from Brussels station last week. Reeve Graham shipped 10 cars of barley and 2 cars of oats to Portland, and Messrs. Stewart & Lowick sent 4 cars of peas and a car of flour to Portland and Halifax respectively.

A Penny Saved, a Penny Earned! ESTABLISHED 50 YEARS. I still take the lead in special value in DRESS GOODS

Dress Meltons, from 9c per yard up, Twill Meltons, Stripes Foulie and Amazon Cloths, Stripes and Check Costume Cloths, Velvets, Ribbons, &c.

MEN'S SUITS, SPECIAL VALUE. Tweeds, full lines. Overcoats very low, Good Quality, Nearly all Gone, Price Sells Them.

In Grocery Department, In Teas especially, I take the Lead, both in Quality and Prices. Pure Unadulterated Coffee only kept, price, 30c. per lb. Pure Spices only kept.

In My Hardware Department I have a full assortment. Glass, my own importation, from 7x9 to 34x58, full supply. Crosscut Saws, &c. Wagon and Buggy Gear, full assortment.

C. CRABB, Goderich, Nov. 28th, 1889. SQUARE. CHRISTMAS GREETING! MERRY CHRISTMAS COMES AGAIN

Now is the Time! to get Cheap Goods with Xmas, J. M. PROUDFOOT is selling his Dry Goods, Groceries and a fine assortment of XMAS GOODS, also Flour & Feed at a Great Reduction, for cash.

Give him a Call and be Satisfied before Purchasing Elsewhere. Farmer's Produce taken in exchange.

Books—NEW ISSUES. Alden's Ideal Revolving Book Case (the two sides are alike), price \$6.00 to \$10.00; holds 125 to 150 volumes of the average size. No other article of furniture of equal cost will equally adorn a cultured home.

CYCLOPEDIAS. The following is an interesting comparison of Contents and Price of leading Cyclopedias:

Agents Wanted. ALDEN'S MANFOLD CYCLOPEDIA is the BEST for popular use, as well as cheapest. Specimen pages free. Cyclopedias taken in exchange. Mention this paper when you write.

UNDERTAKING. DON'T - BUY - ANY FURNITURE until you call and see A. B. CORNELL'S. Beautiful stock of Bed Room Sets and Parlor Sets, Sideboards, Centre Tables, Cornice Poles, Pictures, &c.

Window Shades. Just arrived, Blind Rollers. Call and see the NEW RAYMOND SEWING MACHINES, Machine Oil. A. B. CORNELL, HAMILTON. ENVELOPES at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and 1000, printed at "The Signal" Steam Print.

THE POET'S CORNER

What is Good?
'What is the real good?'
I asked in musing mood.

To the Political Type
Hail! you say that politics
Hereafter you will shun

THE HOME CIRCLE

THE BORN NURSE

The "born nurse" is a family institution, whose fame is wide, and whose virtues are well recognized.

Eight Mistakes of Farmers.
To think that any one can farm; that a man who has starved as a canvasser for a patent churn or has been unsuccessful as a carpenter can jump into farming—a business requiring high intelligence and persevering efforts—and, being utterly unfamiliar with details, be able to make money on a farm.

Little Duties.
On reaching the post office after a long round of delivery, a letter carrier in one of our large cities found a letter in his bag that he had overlooked.

What consequences followed? For want of that letter a great firm had failed to meet their engagements; their note had gone to protest; a mill closed, and hundreds of poor workmen were thrown out of employment.

Another case: A mechanic who had been out of work a long time in New York went in September to collect a small sum due him. The gentleman who owed it, being annoyed at some trifles, irritably refused the money.

Then next day an old employer sent to offer him a permanent situation. Here was a life lost and a family left paupers because a bill of a dollar or two was not paid in the right time.

The old Spanish proverb says: "There is no such thing as a trifle in the world." When we think how inextricably the lives of all mankind are tangled together, it seems as if every word or action moved a lever which set in motion a gigantic machinery, whose effect is wholly beyond our control.

SOMETHING MORE NEEDED.
So much is written today about reaching the heart by way of the stomach and of making beautiful and attractive homes for our dear ones in order to keep them from wandering in forbidden paths, that I would like to speak a little word of warning to young mothers before they make the fatal mistake of thinking that well cooked food and elegant surroundings are all that is required to make the ideal home.

When my neighbor's boy comes stumbling up the steps of his father's palatial home, I shudder to think what mockery are silken hangings and soft carpets when a son is in that condition.

On the other hand, we see men and women occupying responsible positions and trusted by all, whose lives are a benediction to those with whom they come in contact; yet they were brought up in humble homes and upon very plain fare.

Very many mothers in our land today are rich only in children and we would not have them grow discouraged because it is not in their power to give them the surroundings which would be able to fit them for life in silver and gold.

Their home training, however, seems to have wrapped them in an impenetrable coat of mail, upon which the fiery darts of temptation fall harmless, and they walk through the flames and are not burned.

Let us take time to make companions of our children, boys as well as girls, and encourage their loving confidence. Let us have beautiful homes if we can; but above all let us cultivate well our children's hearts and minds.

Many an otherwise handsome face is disfigured with pimples and blotches, caused by humors in the blood, which may be thoroughly eradicated by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Life in a Lumber Camp.
While working in a lumber camp a year ago I caught a severe cold which settled on my lungs. I got no relief until I tried Hagar's Pectoral Balm, which cured me entirely. I highly recommend it.

Mr. J. W. Mately, who for the past three years has been the incumbent of St. Thomas church, Seaford, has received and accepted an invitation from St. James' congregation, St. Marys. Mr. Mately is a good preacher and was very popular with the members of his congregation here, all of whom will be sorry to part with him.

Wild Cherry Bark, Elecampane, Hoarhound and Seneca. These are the remedies with which Dame Nature has supplied Canada for the cure of Croup, Coughs, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Loss of Voice.

Mr. C. L. Papat, Seaford, had a handsome new cutter standing in front of the Queen's hotel for a few days, it being for sale. On Monday evening of last week some mean-spirited wretch, taking the advantage of the darkness, cut and tore the cushion and lining and scratched and mutilated the body, damaging it to the extent of several dollars worth.

Mr. Osborne, Clinton, was lifting a board off a hand saw the other day when a bar of iron dropped on his foot breaking several bones.

To the Editor.—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address.

Respectfully, Dr. T. A. SLOCUM, 164 W. Adelaide St., Toronto, Ont.

Best of All

Cough medicines, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is in greater demand than ever. Its preparation for Throat and Lung Troubles is so prompt in its effects, so agreeable to the taste, and so widely known, as this. It is the family medicine of thousands of households.

For Home Use.

I have tested its curative power, in my family, many times during the past thirty years, and have never known it fail. It will relieve the most serious affections of the throat and lungs, whether in children or adults.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

PREPARED BY Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists. Price 25c; six bottles, \$1.50.

Mr. John Stewart, Stanley, who lately visited us, is a member of the Board of the Agricultural Department, and was immensely pleased with all he had seen.

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Sweet apples are best for pickles. Pare, core and quarter the fruit. Take one quart of good cider vinegar, dissolve add cinnamon and cloves to taste, put into the vinegar as much of the prepared fruit as will cook conveniently, stew slowly until the fruit can be readily pierced by a fork, skim out the fruit and stew more, place the fruit in a jar, and pour over all the boiling vinegar that remains. The fruit must be entirely covered by the liquid. Keep the jar closely covered.

Minard's Liniment Cures Disempower. Expel the worms by using the safe and reliable anthelmintic Freeman's Worm Powders.

EPPS'S COCOA

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the first principles of cooking, we have prepared our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that we can insure a hearty and healthy built up until strong enough to resist every ailment that may befall us. Hundreds of cases of malady are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a painful ailment by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—"Civil Service Gazette."

Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold in all countries, under the name of EPPS'S COCOA, JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, England.

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Hastings & Ritchie, Wincham, are putting a chopping stone in their side mill.

STIX mends everything. Price 15c. 1m

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THE OLD AND RELIABLE

THOS. J. VIDEAN, who will carry it on in all its branches at the old stand, East-st., near the Square.

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ALL THE NEWS IN FULL

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"WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD."

WANZER LAMPS

GEORGE W. THOMSON

SEWING MACHINES, PIANOS AND ORGANS,

NOTICE

It will time to make out accounts.

"The Signal" does good printing and furnishes good paper.

DISCOUNT.

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BOOTS & SHOES

BELOW ACTUAL VALUE

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God Foundry and Machine Works,

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Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including various notices and advertisements.

THE MAMMOTH HARNESS DEPOT

STILL LEADS THEM ALL. WM. ACHESON; The Old Established Harness Maker, wishes to let the people of the County of Huron know...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE STOCKINGS MUST ALL BE FILLED. NOW IS THE TIME AND HERE IS YOUR CHANCE.

TOYS, BOOKS, NOVELTIES, FANCY GOODS, ETC.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED

With its Magnitude and Delighted with its Prices.

FRASER & PORTER.

Cor. North st. and Square, Central Telephone Exchange. Goderich, Dec. 19th, 1899.

North American Life Assurance Company

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF DOMINION PARLIAMENT. HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT. FULL GOVERNMENT DEPOSIT.

Mr Horace Foster, Clinton, is the possessor of no less than 199 different varieties of plants and flowers.



CUPID'S HARNESS.

Most women naturally look forward to matrimony as their proper sphere in life, but they should constantly bear in mind that a fair, rosy face, bright eyes, and a healthy, well-developed form, are the best passports to a happy marriage.

DR. PIERCE'S PELLETS

Purely Vegetable! Perfectly Harmless! UNEQUALED AS A LIVER PILL.



WE'RE IN IT! WE'RE IN IT!

The Christmas Swim. Saunders & Son, The Cheapest House Under the Sun.

LOOK AT THIS LIST.

- Building Blocks, Magic Lanterns, Dolls---100 doz., Mechanical Toys, Fancy China Ware, Photo and Scrap Albums, Jewellery and Plated Ware, and a thousand other Novelties which you can have at your own price, as they must be sold.

COUGHS. - COUGHS.

CASE'S Syrup Tamarac Gum

Cures all affections of the Throat, Lungs and Chest---such as Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Hoarseness, Influenza, Spitting Blood, Pain in the Chest, Coughs, Colds, etc.

Price 25 & 50 cts. a BOTTLE. Refuse all Substitutes.

H. SPENCER CASE,

Chemist, No. 50 King St. West, Hamilton, Ont. Sold by all Druggists.

FINE TAILORING

ALL SUITS AND OVERCOATS FOR GENTLEMEN. \$15, \$18 AND \$20.

B. MacCormac

THE GREAT BANNER IS STILL WAITING

TERRIBLE EXCITEMENT

McLEAN'S NEW BLOCK

Plate Glass Grocery

BEAUTIFUL DELF.

As the Proprietor is going out of that line, he intends to sell out his Entire Stock of Delf at cost. When I say cost I MEAN BUSINESS,

I. N. CASSIDAY,

PLATE GLASS GROCERY

Goderich, Ont., 28th, 1899. Three doors West of British Exchange Hotel, Courthouse Square, GODERICH.

SCRAP IRON. HOLIDAY GOODS

WE ARE READY. Come and see our DISPLAY.

SAUNDERS & SON,

WAREHOUSES near Victoria Street Church.

C. A. HUMBER.

25 AND 50 CENTS PER OZ.

10 DIFFERENT ODORS 10 SHAVING BRUSHES, TOILET MIRRORS, TOILET SETS, etc.

PLUSH GOODS

ODOR CASES, SHAVING CASES, DRESSING CASES.

JUST RECEIVED.

Call and see the Goods and Prices whether you buy or not.

WILSON'S

Prescription Dispensary.

McLEOD'S

System Renovator

is becoming the Standard Medicine of the day. Parties calling on us bring from all parts of Canada and the United States for the System Renovator.

It never fails to cure impure and impoverished blood, rheumatism, loss of memory, indigestion, consumption, gall stones, jaundice, kidney and urinary diseases, etc.

Manufactured only by J. M. McLEOD, Sole Patentee (better known as 'The Old Man') Newgate-st., Goderich, Ont.

The System Renovator is sold \$1.00 and \$2.00 per bottle.

Travelling Guide.



GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Trains arrive and depart at Goderich as follows:

LEEBOURN.

PERSONAL.—Mrs Hugh Chisholm is enjoying a pleasant fortnight's visit in Kingsbridge, the guest of Mrs P. Austin.

Mr and Mrs John Horton visited in Hullett last week, and were the guests of Mr and Mrs John Rapson.

BY THE INGLE-SIDE.—Our jovial friend Capt. James Bogie is home again, and seated once more in his arm chair relating his adventures on the mighty deep of his 38th season as a sailor on the lakes, and is as jovial, hearty and healthy as when he climbed the mast for the first time thirty-eight years ago.

The public school examination of No 5, Colborne, came off on Friday afternoon last. The teachers of this township present were Messrs Jones and Selwyn, of No 1; H. Beacham, Saltford, No 6; St Q. H. Williams, Dunlop, No 9; Miss Robertson, acting lately for Miss Plummer, of the Nile; Miss Annie Burrows, of Port Albert; nearly all taking a part in examining the scholars in the different grades. The teacher of the school, P. Stuart, at the close of the examination called on the large audience to select a chairman for the program to be given by the scholars. The lot fell on our popular veteran trustee, J. Hetherington, who expressed himself well pleased with the proceedings and the progress of the school during the year, especially the last half. Since they met last year the roll had lessened little though its area had been trimmed off for the new school section of Dunlop, and no death has occurred during the year. Among those present was one of the trustees of the section in its pioneer days, and later on he would call on him. Mr Wm Green, of Casselton, Dakota, replying, said his heart was too full to answer the kind words said of him when, in former years as a resident of Colborne, he was a trustee of this section and could not express himself in return for their kindness and the welcome to him. He was much pleased with the examination and the program given.

Those on the program in their different recitations came forward and ably gave their numbers. In the dialogue, "Patience in a Drug Store," we noticed Arthur Fulford ably mixing medicines, selling them, charging, posting and answering myriads of questions in a few minutes by those coming and going, which was well done; and one by a trio of three juniors, Mand Horton and Susie Fisher, (the former a matron and the latter a nurse. Their serious faces when the doctor, A. Horton, gave his advice to cure the sick doll upset the house in roars of laughter. Alex Bogie, a lad of 8 years, gave several mouth organ selections in an able manner, which were well rendered by one so young. At times the voices of the scholars sang in sweet union. "The Song of the Clock" was sweetly and prettily sung, as also the other selections. The strains of three violins blended in harmony in the way of instrumental music, given by James Linklater, John MacAuley and A. Thurlow. To the musician a note of thanks was moved by R. Fulford and carried. He also was pleased with the progress of the school during the year. In his address Mr Beacham noticed that parents should at times visit the school. It cheered the teacher to turn out at examinations. It gave the teacher encouragement in his work. Hearing no complaints made him think he was doing well, and getting praise encouraged him to take more interest. The teacher of the school, P. Stuart, said if a parent found fault with a teacher for punishing his child or in regard to his studies, he should see him and he would try to show him who was right, and not express his disapproval before the child, as it lessened confidence between teacher and scholar. Geo. Thurlow, trustee from Port Albert S. S., expressed himself pleased with the examination, as also did S. B.

WILLIAMS, OF DUNLOP, AND R. MORROW, TRUSTEES OF THE SECTION.

The latter endorsed the chairman's remark, saying the school had done well and the present teacher would teach for 1899, and hoped he would do as well with it as in the past. The ratifiers of the section turned out well. Among them were Capt. A. Bogie and councillor J. Taylor, Jas. Kirkpatrick, M. Foley, R. Morris and J. Boyd. A number of ladies from Dunlop were Miss K. Macdonald, G. and Susan Macmillan, G. Allen and Annie Lawson; from Saltford, Miss Jessie Sands. A quiet rally of the chairman in regard to the majority of lady teachers brought forth loud applause. After refreshments were served Miss Sarah Foley, Agnes Bogie and M. Hetherington oversaw the program with a large staff of waiters, and the annual treat of candy to the scholars, the proceedings broke up. Afterwards, the teacher, P. Stuart, entertained his fellow teachers and other friends to tea at his residence, where a social time was spent in talking over old school days. Those present with games and singing passed a pleasant time, breaking up with many kind wishes to P. Stuart for the coming year, 1899, as teacher of No. 5.

NILE.

The roads hereabouts are the worst for years.

Special services commence at the Nile on New Year's eve, with an old fashioned Methodist watch-night service. Little Bertha McWhinney met with an accident that might have proved fatal last week, by falling backwards from a wagon.

Inspector Paisley has been around Nile again. It is said he meant business. More power to his work for temperance.

Miss Lucy Dodd has been some better. She expects to come home when the weather becomes brighter.

John Taylor lost his little daughter, aged 9 days, last week. A throat affection seems to have been the cause of death.

Nile circuit (Methodist) membership has been increased by the addition of 70 new members at Sheppard-st. 12 of the converts went to Port Albert Episcopal church, and two to the Presbyterian church.

Miss Williams has gone home to Tottenham, for Christmas and New Year's, to obtain a much needed rest. Her sermon at Nile, last Sunday, in the church, was much enjoyed. Her text was, "I am but a little child, and know not how to go in and out before thee."

On Sunday evening, Rev Austin Potter preached an appropriate sermon to teachers and officers of the S. S., from "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones." Many favorable comments on the sermon are heard.

ASHFIELD.

The tea-meeting in connection with Zion Methodist church was held on the 19th inst. Rev. Messrs Colling, Carson and the pastor gave interesting addresses for the occasion. The proceeds amounted to \$24, which will be applied to purchasing literature for the Sabbath school.

The examination of S. S. No 5, took place on the 20th inst. There was a fair attendance of visitors, when the inclemency of the weather is taken into consideration. Mr Cameron and Geo Andrew, with the teacher, conducted the examination, and put the pupils through a rigid examination. The visitors expressed themselves well pleased with the discipline and proficiency of the pupils.

The entertainment and Xmas tree in connection with Zion public school was held on the 20th inst. The church was well filled considering the inclemency of the weather. The program was interesting and the pupils did their parts well. Mr Cameron gave splendid recita-

KINTAIL.

To the pupils of Kintail School. DEAR SCHOLARS.—On the occasion of my parting with you, I would like, through The Signal, to say a farewell word to you, as, under the circumstances, I could not give expression to anything of that kind when school closed. Last Friday my three years' work, or rather pleasure among you came to a final close. I do not expect ever to spend so long a term with less trouble and so much pleasure in connection with my work. As the time spent among you has been, to me, pleasant, I do not forget that it has been largely made so by the never-failing kindness shown to me by both you and yours. The little incident that occurred last Friday afternoon at the school does not prompt me to make such remarks. Before I spent one month among you I learned to know that I was surrounded and supported by a crowd of warm-hearted little friends. As such I hope I have treated you, as has been my earnest endeavor, and as such I have interest in the handsome gift I received from you as our relation as teacher and pupils was severed. I will ever cherish as a memorial of our pleasant years together, and I can only wish that each of you, when you grow to be men and women, occupying positions of trust, may be as warmly supported by those in your charge as I have been by yourselves. As Goldsmith expressed his kindly feeling toward his brother so I can express mine towards you.

My heart untroubled fondly turns to thee; Still to my scholars turns, with ceaseless And drags at each remove a lengthening chain.

Wishing you all a bright and prosperous New Year, I remain, as ever, your friend.

JEN. A. COWAN.

KINGSBRIDGE.

Our school closed on Friday. A very fine program had been prepared by teachers and pupils, but, owing to the disagreeable weather, very few visitors were present. At the close of the program, Miss Laudy was presented by the pupils with a handsome work box, accompanied by the following address:

Dear Miss Laudy, This season, usually so full of joy and happiness, has been brought sorrow, for now we must say farewell to you, our kind and loving friend. It was with deep regret that we learned of your intended departure from our midst, and we have taken this opportunity of testifying our deep regard for you and our appreciation of your untiring diligence and earnest labor in our behalf. Though the time is not long since you came amongst us, yet by your patience and your many acts of kindness you have greatly endeared yourself to us, and we feel that in parting with you we are losing a kind and interested friend, one who had our best interests always at heart. We take great pleasure in presenting you with this work-box, hoping that you will accept it as a souvenir of your pupils of S. S. No. 2. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we are your loving pupils.

MARY FAY, MAGGIE KERFF, MAY A. GRIFFIN.

Miss Julian was also presented with a handsome dressing case, accompanied by the following address:

To Miss JULIAN,—Today we are called upon to utter one of the saddest words in the English language, the word "Farewell," and to us it seems doubly sad, as it is to be said to a kind and loving friend. Dear teacher, we, your loving pupils, have learned of your decision to separate yourself from us to take a position elsewhere, and we cannot find words where to express the grief we feel in parting from you. For the past two years you have labored zealously in our behalf, and by your kind and gentle manner have won our affection as well as our deepest respect. We always found in you a kind and loving friend, as well as a patient, persevering teacher. We fear, however, that we did not always respond to your kind efforts in our behalf, but sorely taxed your patience; yet we feel and hope that you will forget our many faults and remember us only as obedient pupils and sincere friends. And, now, as a slight token of our warm affection, we ask you to accept this little gift, hoping that it will serve as a remembrance of your pupils of S. S. No. 2. In conclusion, we wish you a merry Christmas and many happy New Years. Signed on behalf of the pupils.

MARY WATERS, KATIE MARTIN.