

LOCALS.

—A hot air furnace is being put in the New Hall.

—A green Christmas is forestalled, no snow on the ground now.

—All anonymous correspondence will be thrown in the waste basket.

—As this is our last issue before Christmas we wish all our readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—On Sunday last at Dawson Settlement, Mrs. Asa Fillmore, an aged lady, on her way from church fell and broke her wrist.

—Sir John Thompson's body will be brought to Halifax in the British man-of-war Albatross. Sir Charles Tupper will accompany the remains.

—ORGANS REPAIRED.—Persons having organs that need cleaning or repairing will profit by applying to B. Beaumont, Albert, who attends to this kind of work at low rates.

—There will be a Missionary Christmas Concert by the Sabbath School and Mission Band in the church here on Friday evening, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 p.m. At the close of the meeting a silver collection will be taken for Missions.

—Messrs. Miller Bros., of Moncton, are now carrying a very large and well selected stock of pianos, organs and sewing machines. Persons wishing to purchase anything in these lines are requested to call at their store, Main street, and examine the stock.

—On Saturday afternoon and evening the New Hall will be opened for the sale of fancy articles and dolls. The sale is to be conducted by the ladies. Hot tea and coffee will be served with other refreshments throughout the afternoon and evening. The proceeds go for the curtain in the hall.

—If you want a reliable and accurate timepiece read K. Beanson's "ad" in this issue. Mr. Beanson is well known as dealer in only first-class and best quality goods, and you can depend on everything purchased from him as being exactly as represented. If you need a watch call on him or write him for prices.

—Sometime ago the ladies of Salem organized a Mission Band at that place. The meetings have been well attended and the interest steadily increasing. On Wednesday, the 19th, this Band intends giving a concert at Salem. An excellent program has been prepared. A collection is to be taken for Missions during the evening.

—A sad accident happened at Weldon on Monday morning last, by which an insane but harmless woman, Jane McLatchey, lost her life. This woman and her sister lived together in a farm house at that place. While alone in the house through some unknown means her clothing caught fire. She then rushed out of the house and sat down on the frozen ground till her clothes were burnt off and her flesh was burned to a crisp before her sister, who was in the barn at the time, had learned of what had happened and could go to her assistance. She lingered till next morning when death ended her sufferings.

ALMA.

The members of Alma Lodge, I. O. G. T., intend giving a concert about the last of this month.

The schooner Amy J. Alexander, arrived Saturday with a full load of freight for our merchants and others.

Suth. Stewart, B. Connor, G. Parsons, D. Connor were in St. John this week, buying supplies for the winter season.

Andrew McFarland aged 80 years passed away on the 13th inst., after a very short illness. About sixty years ago, the deceased came to this country from the north of Ireland. He was among the pioneer settlers of this parish and was always ready and willing to discuss and compare the present with the good old days of the past. Mr. McFarland was married twice and leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, to mourn their loss.

John Matthews, Esq., of Point Wolfe, passed away on the 9th inst., after a short illness of typhoid fever. Mr. Matthews was in his 69th year and was a prominent member of Union Brothers Lodge, L. O. A., No. 137. The funeral services at the house was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Chapman and at the grave, after the burial service was read the members of the Union Brothers and Albert Lodges of L. O. A., who had walked in procession from the residence of their late brother formed a circle around the grave and each placed on the coffin a small bouquet, after which the burial service of the Orange Order was conducted by the W. M. & C. The deceased was universally respected and leaves a large circle of friends and relations.

NEW IRELAND.

Francis O'Connor went to St. John for his winter supplies.

Miss Lizzie Duffy has gone to Harvey to stay for a while.

Martin Barrett was laid up with a sore hand for three weeks.

Mr. Munroe, of Albert, has come here to lumber for J. S. Atkinson.

Samuel Hopper, of Little River, is logging for F. O. Talbot, of Alma.

Mr. Timothy O'Connor seriously hurt his eye while working in the woods.

Miss Maggie Duffy has gone to St. John to spend the winter with her friends.

W. L. Hopper, who has resided here for two years past, has gone to work for Mr. Tingley, at Brookville.

J. S. Atkinson's mill is doing good work and the roads were so good for the past week that he got his lumber out to Albert.

Mr. A. Porter, of Brookville, visited Barretts home last Saturday, and the roads being good he had a very enjoyable time sleighing.

HOPWELL HILL.

Dr. P. R. Moore went to Sackville on Saturday.

Mrs. A. H. Kinney left for New York on Monday to reside.

Joseph D., son of Robert Newcomb, has returned from Malden, Mass.

Capt. Chas. Robinson has sold his fine residence, at Hopewell, to James R. Russell.

Mr. Porter, of the Amherst, Porter Milling Co., passed through the village on Thursday.

Miss Mary E. Peck recently passed a very successful examination in music, taking the degree of A. L. C. M., at the Morley College, St. John.

While driving from Memel to the Hill, Mr. James Stevens' horse ran away throwing him out of the sleigh. Fortunately he was not seriously injured.

The funeral of Mrs. Rogers, wife of Alex. Rogers, Registrar of Deeds, took place last Thursday at 2 p.m. Rev. W. S. Johnson conducted the services at the church and grave. The flowers placed upon the casket by the friends were very beautiful. The pall-bearers were: James Stewart, W. J. McAlmon, Ralph Colpitts, R. C. Bacon, Temple Wright, Geo. W. Newcomb.

The examination in the advanced department of the Superior School was held last Friday. There was a large number of visitors present. The scholars acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. Mr. Lawson, the principal, deserves much praise for his untiring efforts to make his school the first in the county. Speeches were made by Rev. W. S. Johnson, Mr. L. R. Moore, secretary, and G. M. Peck.

We hope Saturday evening, Dec. 22, will witness the execution of our Public School Concert. If that evening is stormy it will be carried out Xmas Eve. The refreshment table at the close will be an interesting feature in the doings of the evening. Doors open at 7 p.m., concert to commence not at 8, but at 7.30. Dialogues, Readings, Tableaux, Chemical Fire-works, etc., the program for the evening. Admission 15c., children 10c. Don't all come but as many as can.

HOPWELL CAPE.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Olive is much better. She is attended by Drs. Peck and Marven.

It is understood that Mr. N. W. Brown, A. B., has been engaged by the trustees as principal of our school for another year.

Captain Charles S. Robinson was baptised on Sunday by the Rev. B. N. Hughes and received into full membership of the Hopewell Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hughes has been prostrated for some days with pain in the limbs resembling rheumatism. Drs. Peck and R. P. Moore were in consultation over the case and she is now improving.

J. Alton Tingley, marbleworker, is enlarging his workshop by the addition of a hovel in which he purposes putting a steam engine to run machinery for polishing granite and other stone. This will enable him to increase his already thriving business.

The entertainment and oyster supper on the 10th inst., under the auspices of Court Demoiselle I. O. F., was a very enjoyable and successful affair. The program consisted of songs, readings, songs and the good song in character "The Old Oaken Bucket." The old well, with the old oaken bucket surrounded by the thirty harkymakers was true to life.

"Auld Lang Syne" concluded the literary part of the program. In the basement of the hall tables had been set, and excellent stews of oysters, hot from the stove, were served to which ample justice was done. The proceeds amounted to about \$35, and is for the benefit of the Foresters.

RIVERSIDE.

Miss Elsie M. Downing is quite ill, confined to the house.

Messrs Turner & McLean are building a carrier to their mill.

Miss Laura Hughes is confined to the house with a bad sore throat.

Our present teacher Miss L. Irving has been re-engaged for the ensuing term.

Mrs. Rachel Morse, of Oxford N. S., paid Captain H. A. Turner a visit last week.

Sch. Jessie Kenne arrived here from St. John on Friday, laden with merchandise.

J. J. Downing is having the front part of his shop renovated and intends running a confectionery counter.

Mrs. John Daley, who has been staying in St. John for a short time, returned home Friday accompanied by her son W. F. Daley, who intends remaining for a time.

The lecture advertised for the 12th was postponed, on account of weather, until Saturday 15th. The subject, Wm. Pitt, was well rendered and showed that Mr. Brown, the lecturer, understood his subject. After the lecture the ladies had a fancy sale and refreshments. The sum realized was \$24.

On Thursday last John Bennett, an aged resident of Caledonia, died very suddenly from heart disease. About 7 p.m. he returned to the house after doing his chores and said he did not feel very well; he got worse and died that evening about 11 p.m.

DRESS GOODS.

Our trade in this line is growing fast. We are getting many of the best cash customers in the city. We are gaining the trade of those most competent to judge of the real values. We have received some of our Fall Stock and find them of great value. We have a line of Blacks and Plain Colors in All Wool Foulies, double, for 25c a yard, the like of which has never been shown and are not to be seen elsewhere. They sell on sight every time.

J. FLANAGAN, Central Dry Goods, opposite Market.

AN OPEN LETTER

From the Rev. W. Camp.

During a visit to Boston, in the month of October last, I met a number of friends from Albert County, some of whom are still members of our church. I shall never forget the kindly reception I received from all of them whom it was my privilege to meet.

In almost every large city in the United States are to be found some of our Albert County people. Many of them are holding prominent places in the Church of Christ. Most of them are giving of their means and talents to the support of the Gospel. I am persuaded that no better members can be found in these churches than those who are from the Provinces. I would like to speak to all these through the ALBERT STAR, and most especially to those from Albert County.

I wish to thank those who made our visit last fall, in Boston, so pleasant. May the Master reward them for their kindness.

CHRISTMAS OF 1894.

We have now come to Christmas time, the brightest days of the whole year. Many of you will recall on Christmas day the scenes of early childhood. The dear old forms, some of them sleeping now in the dust, others on the homestead, are before you. There was mother who helped you hang up your stockings Christmas eve and was so pleased next morning when you told her what Santa Claus brought you. There was father at the head of the table helping so bountifully the Christmas dinner. You have had better dinners since, perhaps, but never one you enjoyed more than that in the olden time. Since then what changes have come! The family has been broken up and scattered. Some are out upon the sea; others in some distant city; and others still sleeping in some quiet country churchyard. Many of those loved ones who made Christmas so happy you will see no more. Many a day has passed since then but you love to recall these sacred memories.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS.

There is something very precious about Christmas, and it is this: The same spiritual lessons it proclaims every year. The Saviour whose advent into the world it sets forth, is the same loving friend of sinners as He was when you were young. He came into the world to save the lost. He took upon Himself our humanity. God became flesh. Wrapped up with Christmas day are all those sweet thoughts about Jesus and His love for sinners. These thoughts comfort our hearts and give us as much joy as they did our fathers and mothers in the long ago. To many of you He is more sacred as the years go by.

Give Him the largest place in your hearts this Christmas He ever had. Love Him as you never did before. Let Christmas day this year be one in which Christ shall take a full possession of your love. Think upon His compassion. Dwell upon His self-sacrificing mission. Withhold nothing He desires of you. Say from the depths of your heart, "All of Christ and none of self."

HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS A PLEASANT ONE.

You can make this Christmas the best one you ever had. If you are not a Christian give Jesus your heart and become His disciple. Long has he waited at the door of your heart. "Let the Saviour in." Then make someone happy. Some young man or woman whom this letter will reach has a father, a mother, away in the Provinces. Now dear boy send that mother a letter. Say some kind word to her. Send her some little present. Cheer her heart. If you never did before, thank her for her kindness to you. Tell her, if you can, you love Jesus. You will not have her long. Send her some kind message this year.

And you, dear girl, send father and mother a letter. If you cannot get it off by Christmas, send it in time for New Year's. O, how they think of you at home, how glad to get word from you. Cheer their dear hearts this Christmas. Some of them in the far off land will be gone by another year. It will be sweet to remember that you made their hearts glad this time. Be determined to help someone. Is there some friend of yours in the hospital? See if you cannot cheer that poor heart. Is some friend sick? Send a ray of light into that sick-room. Perhaps you can help someone struggling with poverty. Let your own heart be filled with happiness by making someone else happy.

MAKE JESUS A PRESENT.

His dear cause needs assistance. The gospel must be preached into all the world, and it must be sustained at home. What can you do? Do you want a prosperous year in 1895? Then take of your means and give to God's cause. You cannot prosper long if you do not give a portion of what God gives you to His cause. Help some mission-ary society, or church, or Young People's Society. Ask God to show you some way by which you can give to Jesus an expression of your love.

This letter is written with the object of cheering you and encouraging you to do some kindly deed. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His love. Prayers are offered for you by your dear ones in the home land. May their prayers all be answered. Be true to Christ. Be an earnest worker in the Church of our Lord. Consecrate the new year, upon which you soon will enter, to Jesus.

I sincerely wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

W. CAMP.

Pastor 1st Hillsboro' Baptist Church, Dec. 15th, 1894.

The largest and oldest chain bridge in the world is said to be that at Kingting, in China, where it forms a perfect road from the top of one mountain to the top of another.

Just Received.

West India Sugar, Granulated Sugar, Bar-bados Molasses, Pan Lard, Plate Beef, Mess Pork, Home Light Oil, Oyl-vie's Hungarian Flour, Golden Star and Royal Family, Rolled Oatmeal, Feeding Flour and Heavy Feed. A Choice Tea, California Raisins, New Currants, Table Salt, Cigars; a lot of Candy and Nuts. Clothing for Men and Boys. Ladies' Wool Shawls. Grey Flannels at 18 Cents per yard, all Wool. Ladies' Felt Boots and Shoes.

Men's Over Boots, Boys' Heavy Winter Boots.

The Subscriber will sell the above lines On a Close Profit, which inspection will prove.

H. E. GRAVES,

Harvey Bank.

Dec. 12, '94.

Lower Coverdale.

Dec. 8.—As you have never heard from our little village, I thought I would write a few items.

"Out of the boom of the air. Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken. Over the woodlands brown and bare, Over the harvest-felds forsaken, Silent and soft, and slow, Descends the snow."

We are having regular winter weather.

A number of lumbermen have gone to the woods.

Mrs. J. Smith has been visiting friends in Moncton.

Miss Gunning spent Sunday with friends in Bridgetown.

Mr. J. Gunning, of Moncton, spent Sunday with his parents.

Miss Almira Smith, of Moncton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Smith.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. James Van Bunkirk is seriously ill with consumption.

Mr. Henry Smith has moved into his new house. It reflects much credit on the builder, Mr. Ledstone.

Rev. Mr. Cornwall has been holding a series of meetings at Stoney Creek. He has baptised eighteen converts.

The Methodist church has undergone extensive repairs. The present pastor, Rev. D. Lodge, seems to be very popular.

Miss Bennett, who has taught school here for the last two terms, has resigned her position to attend the Mount Allison Ladies' College. She will be succeeded by Miss Crossman, of Moncton.

Point Wolfe.

Mr. Joseph Kerr, Sr. is occupying his new house.

It is rumored that Geo. J. Vaughan is going to sell out his business to C. T. White, of Apple River, N. S.

The mumps which have been raging for the past six weeks are abating somewhat, and the school is getting back to its normal size.

L. O. L. No. 137, held open lodge on the night of the 8th inst. The ceremony of the installation of officers was very impressive and solemn to right thinking people, and should produce good results upon those who take vows upon themselves. The remarks of Rev. A. E. Chapman were interesting and to the point.

John Matthews, Esq., one of the best known residents of the parish of Alma, died of fever on the 10th inst. His funeral, on the 13th inst., was conducted by the Orangemen, of whom deceased was an influential member. Deceased was 65 years old and leaves a widow, nine children and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss. He at one time was largely interested in lumbering. He was a trustee here for over twenty years. The school was closed till after his funeral.

Pleasant Vale.

The sleighing we had a short time ago has all disappeared and the roads are soft and muddy.

Mr. John Fowles sold his farm on the river to John Bannister for \$1200, and moved his family to Moncton.

Miss Carrie Peters, of Richibucto, arrived on the 15th to spend a short time with her sister Mrs. R. Byron Colpitts.

There have been some quite large sales of lean cattle among our farmers of late; outsiders coming in and buying, paying about the same prices for them that butchers pay for fat cattle.

Our day school which has been so successfully run the past year closes on Friday of this week, when our teacher, Miss Eva Welling, goes to her home to spend the vacation, after which she will return and take charge as before.

Mr. F. C. Colpitts expects his daughter home from Normal School to spend her vacation, also his son Edgar from the Agricultural College at Truro N. S., where he is taking a course of study in agriculture as well as in the veterinary department. We shall be pleased to see them home again.

Our worthy neighbor, Mr. R. P. Colpitts, has been appointed by the local government as government sealer for this county this year. He intends to make it hot for those who cut below the size, and try to blind his eyes with misleading lines. Look out for him sharp, as he has been in the business before and you can't fool him.

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Boys' Solid School Boots, sizes 1 to 5, for 60c.
Youths' Solid School Boots, sizes 11 to 13, for 60c.
Men's Strong Working Boots, (not brogans) for 79c.
Men's Sydney Grain Waterproof Boots, prices elsewhere \$1.75 and \$2.00, for \$1.24.
Men's Cork Sole Boots, same as sold elsewhere, at \$2.00, for \$1.50.
Men's Hand Made Boots, prices elsewhere, \$2.50, for \$1.50.
Women's Fine Dongola Button Boots, prices elsewhere \$1.75, for 99c.
Women's Strong Laced Boots for 59c. Women's Dongola Slippers for 57c.

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Dec. 19, '94.

Hotel Arrivals.

BEAUTY HOUSE.—J. N. Smith, Coverdale; Miss B. A. Stevens, Notre Dame; Miss Annie Stevens, Albert; Mr. J. C. Connor, Moncton; Spurgeon Powell, Petrolia; D. N. Murray, Albert; Rodmond, Moncton; Scotland; J. F. Smith, E. B. Moore, Boston; S. K. Foster, Montreal; J. W. Emerson, Petrolia; W. H. Culbert, John Richmond, Sussex; J. C. Shields, Albert; W. Cheam, New River; J. P. Porter, Amherst; N. S. Thomas, Ryan, Toronto; Dr. Samson, Moncton; Dr. Moore, Calverton; E. P. Scott, Albert; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, Truro; N. S. H. Pratt, Rutland, Vermont; W. A. Freeman, Albert; Frank Hopper, Edward Stovess, Geo. E. Pond, Moncton; G. B. Price, Stouffville.

SHIPPING.

Port of Hillsborough. ARRIVALS.

Dec. 1.—Schr. R. C. Borden, Patterson, New York, ballast.
Dec. 4.—Schr. Phoenix, Newcomb, New York, ballast.
Dec. 11.—Schr. Harry, Milton, New York, ballast.

CLEARED.

Dec. 10.—Schr. R. C. Borden, Patterson, New York, plaid.
Dec. 10.—Schr. Phoenix, Newcomb, New York, plaid.
Dec. 17.—Schr. Harry, Milton, New York, plaid.

SOCIETIES.

MASONIC.
Howard Lodge, F. & A. M., 1st. Tuesday of each month.

L. O. ASSOCIATION.
Eastern Star Lodge, No. 129 meets every second Saturday in each month in hall Demoselle Creek.

INSURANCE.
Hillsboro', Court, I. O. F., meets 3rd, Tuesday each month.
Hillsboro' Circle, O. C. H. C., the last Tuesday in each month.

TEMPERANCE.
White Star, Edgemoor Landing, Monday.
Surrey, Albert, Tuesday.
Pleasant Valley, Demoselle Creek, Thursday.
Weldon, Weldon, Friday.
Francis Willard, Hillsboro', Wednesday.
White Star, Hillsboro', Wednesday.
Hold the Fort, Dawson Settlement, Saturday.

CHURCH.
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Hillsboro' every Friday evening at 7.30.
Salem, once in two weeks on Tuesday evening at 7.30.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY: Hillsboro' on first Thursday in each month at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. W. Camp, President.
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION: Hillsboro' once in two weeks on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Mrs. W. Camp, President.
EWEARTH LEAGUES: Hillsboro' on Monday of each week at 7 p.m.

CHURCHES.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES.
SUNDAY SERVICES: Hillsboro' 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Salem 3 p.m.
SUNDAY SERVICES: Baptist Valley Church, Surrey, 3 o'clock, will time every Sunday.
PRAYER MEETINGS: Hillsboro', every Thursday evening at 7.30.
Salem, once in two weeks on Tuesday evening at 7.30.
Weldon, once in two weeks on Monday evening at 7.30.

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

1894.

NEW YEAR '95.

The Central Bookstore.

Poetical: The Poets—in Levant, Morocco, Works in Call and Cloth Bindings.
Standard: The Standard Authors—Historians, Authors, Scientists, Novelists, in sets and Separate Volumes.
Bibles: Comprising a most excellent variety in type, and bindings, Teachers' Bibles at all prices.

Boys' Annuals, Girls' Annuals, Sunday at Home, Leisure Hour, Christmas for 1895.
Albums: Photo, Auto, Scrap, Stamp and Card Albums, and numerous others.
Games: The latest issue in Card Games; Large Games, Crokinole, Oulja, Hamia, Parcheesi, and numerous others.
Fancy: A pretty show of Fancy Goods, Brush Goods, and Combs, Sells, Manicure Jewel Furniture Cases.

Boys' and Books in every department of Girls' Books. Literature suitable for all ages. China, Japan, Bohemian and other Fancy Ware.
Christmas Cards: Tuck's Goodwill and Marcus Ward's prettiest issue and Booklets of