

Correspondents' Department

Continued.

HOWARD.
 "On New Year's Day the hands of time seem to stand still for a moment and give us an opportunity to look backward almost to the starting point, and forward for a very little space into the future."

In Our Churches Next Sabbath.
 Church of Christ—Services at the White meeting house at half past ten.
 Christian Scientists—Services at half past ten at the home of Mrs. Thomas Mann.
 Methodist Episcopal—Pastor R. S. Taylor will preach at Beech Creek at half past ten, and at Hunter's Run at half past two.
 Reformed—Pastor E. F. Faust will preach at Jacksonville at ten o'clock and at Marsh Creek at half past two.
 United Evangelical—Pastor W. W. Rhoades will preach.
 In the evening at a quarter past seven the final service incident to the Week of Prayer will be held in this church, and the service will be preached by Rev. E. F. Faust, on "The Brotherhood of Man."

Our Holiday Home-Corners.
 One of the large and general pleasures of the holiday week just passed was to witness the happy faces and hear the cheerful greetings of the many, young and old, citizens who have found nice homes and occupations at distant points, but who feel that this great home holiday of the year could not fittingly be observed anywhere but in Howard, with their families and friends and among the scenes of their happy childhood and youth. The Christmas skies were clearer, the Christmas sun shone more brightly, the family gatherings were more enjoyable, the Christmas dinners were better, the streets were more pleasant to walk upon, and the whole Christmas atmosphere, physical, moral and spiritual, was sweeter because of their presence, and they were welcome, thrice welcome, one and all. And when they returned to their distant homes and work-a-day lives, earnest and sometimes tearful wishes for the happiest and most prosperous New Year of their lives, went with them and will follow them through every one of its three hundred and sixty-five days. Some of the names of those who were notified from time to time during the happy week and who are not mentioned in other parts of this letter, are appended: Mrs. E. C. Dietz, with her daughter May, from State College, and son Harold, from Grand College; Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Robb, Millsburg; Mrs. James Bechtel and the Misses Alice and Jennie Keagle, State College; David Holter, Pittsburg; Mrs. Lewis Carr, Altoona; Edwards Taylor, W. Virginia; Charles V. DeLong, Braddock; Eugene W. Kline, Coalport; Miss Nellie Kline, Northumberland; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Yearick, Philadelphia; the Misses Maud Thomas and Jennie Kane, Meyers-ertown; Miss Ada Fowes, State College; Howard and Charles Robb, Benner township; Archie Condo, State College; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Weirick, Altoona; Oscar Lucas, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. John White, and Mrs. Wm. T. Young, Lock Haven; Miss Annie Robb, Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. C. Lucas, Bellwood; D. A. Irwin, Ebensburg; Mrs. Owen Hick, Costello; Misses Nellie, Laurette and Edith Weber, and Lulu Schenc, Lock Haven; Miss Lulu Holter, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yearick, Philadelphia; Robert Gungallus and daughter, Mitchell county, Ia.; Frederic Leathers, Battle Creek, Mich.; Prof. and Mrs. George M. Robb, and son, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harvey and Mr. Ives Harvey, Criverton; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Fletcher, Bellwood; M. M. Hunter, Altoona; Stuart Taylor, Williamsport; Miss Florence Leathers, Perth Amboy, N. J.; William and Mildred Strunk, Philadelphia; E. P. Thomas, State College; Miss Grace Schenck, Millsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bowes, Northumberland; Miss Mary Allison, Pittsburg; Miss Frances Hunter and Miss Margaret M. DeHaas, Williamsport; David Holter, Pittsburg; Miss Mary, and Miss Linn Fletcher, where a royal feast had been prepared for the occasion, and the day was spent in the interchange of family felicitations, reminiscences and good wishes. Those present were Mr. Elmer Holter, and the Misses Mary C., Jennie, Josephine, and Fannie L. Holter, of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Holter, with their son Harold A. of Clintondale; Mr. and Mrs. James F. Kane, with their daughters, the Misses Jennie, Margaret and Ruth Kane, of Howard borough; Mr. and Mrs. J. Linn Fletcher, with their sons Oscar M. and Michael H. and their daughters, the Misses Irena M., Josephine M. and Rosetta F. Fletcher; and Mr. and Mrs. McClellan Miller, with their daughter Helen, of Blanchard.

A Progressive Luncheon.
 Was the unique way of celebrating New Year's eve by our young ladies sewing circle, and a delightful way it proved to be. Having prepared for their progress a regular railway train schedule, of which every member had a copy, they gathered themselves and their gentlemen friends, to the number of thirty-seven, together at the starting terminal, Miss Jennie Kane at 7.50, and moved away "on time." The first station was at the home of Miss Emma Weber, where they had soup; at Miss Lorán Henderson's they found potato salad and bread and butter; Miss Anna Holter furnished variety sandwiches and pickles; at Miss Molly Yearick's they stopped long enough to eat apple pie and cheese; Miss Anna Muffy was ready with ice cream and nabiscoes; at the Miss Maud Thomas station they partook of dates and after-dinner mints; stopped at station Miss Susan Fletcher for coffee, and arrived at the terminal station where Miss Nellie Weber is agent, "on time," and ready for the nuts and cheese straws which completed the feast, fully prepared to welcome the

new year for those coming they had but a short wait. Delightful is none too strong a word with which to describe the pretty function.

Watchman at R. R. Crossing.
 It will be remembered that at the November meeting of council, Mr. McDowell reported a number of near accidents which had happened under his personal observations at the Walnut street crossing of the railroad, and that council instructed the street committee to request the R. R. Co. to place a watchman at that point. At the December meeting the committee reported that they had made the request of council known to the Company through the borough counsel, N. B. Spangler, Esq. Without hesitation the company notified the attorney that on or about January 1, a watchman would be duly installed at the point suggested, and it is a pleasure to report that the watchman, Mr. W. E. Schnare, who is sheltered, both appeared and that at 6:30 Sunday morning D. W. Schnare assumed his duties, and is faithfully performing them. The R. R. company deserves, and receives, the thanks of the community for promptness in meeting this need when apprised of it.

M. L. Gates Dead.
 On Saturday morning last, Martin Luther Gates, long a citizen of the western end of the township, passed over to the great majority. He had been an invalid for a number of years, and his going was a release from earthly ills. Mr. Gates was born sixty-eight years ago and raised near Nittany Hall, coming to this valley about twenty-five years ago, making his home on a farm near Mt. Eagle, where he has since lived. About thirty years ago he married Miss Catharine Wolf, a niece of the late well known educator, Dr. D. M. Wolf. In this union six children have been born: Miss Pearl, now a successful teacher in the public schools of Juniata; Bruce, Claire, William, Daniel and Raymond, all now at home. The funeral service was held in the Kennedy M. E. church last Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Pastor R. S. Taylor, and interment was made in Curtin cemetery.

Wetzel Iron Works Under Motion.
 The Wetzel estate, having finished the important lumber job left on their hands at the death of John Wetzel, have again turned their attention to the foundry and machine works long carried on under the name of the Empire Iron Co., and are making ready to take up all lines of work which can come under that head, and expect to employ from seven to nine men constantly. One of their leaders will be the old-fashioned smoothing iron or "sad iron," for the manufacture of which they have purchased all the needed equipment from Daniel Sellers, Oak Hall, and of these they expect to make large numbers, having already very flattering orders on hand. Harry and Will, are deserving boys, and we wish them all possible success.

Christmas Prettily Observed.
 Perhaps the most important and most pleasing public recognition of Christ's birthday which occurred in our community was found in the Sunday school exercises which were held on Sabbath evening in the Reformed church. The music, under Squire Fletcher's leadership, was fine, and all the exercises of the children, covering both individual and class work, were pleasing and meritoriously rendered, giving evidence of much hard work on the part of some one or more persons in training the participants. The house was packed, and everyone of the large audience was pleased.

A Good Investment.
 In 1884 Edward A. Shope, station foreman here, took out a life insurance policy in the Union Central Co. of Cincinnati, on which he paid in annual assessments \$49 for ten years, a total of \$490, when under the terms of the policy payments ceased, leaving that sum in the company's hands. At noon, last Saturday, the policy expired, and at that hour the Altoona agent of the company, Mr. Decker, handed Mr. Shope the company's check for \$1013—the accumulations, under their plan, of sixteen years.

Council Meeting.
 The regular meeting was called half an hour earlier, and the business was promptly moved along to an adjournment, on account of the church services which are held every evening this week. Minutes were read and approved; the special committees made brief reports; bills amounting to \$11.39 were approved and ordered paid; he report that the railroad watchman asked for at the November meeting, had been appointed and was already at his post, was received with much satisfaction.

Ronald and Mrs. D. L. Welsh spent a day last week in Bellefonte.

A fairly good ice crop, all around, was harvested before the break up of last week.

Miss Martha Candor, of Lock Haven, was a short time visitor in our burg last week.

Mrs. J. B. Mayes, of Lemont, was a Christmas guest in the home of her son, J. Will Mayes.

Mrs. Benjamin S. Wyland and daughter, Miss Beattie, were Bellefonte visitors on Tuesday.

D. M. Hetrick, cashier of the Mifflin Bank, spent the Christmas holiday season with Matthew Rogers, Jr., cashier of our bank.

A Cookman Leathers has moved into his new house in Grove street, and began his married life under very auspicious circumstances.

Mrs. S. H. Bennison and daughter, Miss Helen, spent the holiday week with their son and brother, McDowell Bennison, in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Blanchard Mattern, of Scotia, formerly Miss Rebecca Kling, visited her father and family, and friends in Howard, during the holiday week.

Frederic Leathers returned Thursday, Dec. 23, from his month's sojourn at Battle Creek, Mich., reporting himself much improved in health.

John and Miss Matilda Turner enjoyed the holiday week all the more because they had for a guest their sister, Mrs. W. E. Snyder, of Sheffield, Pa.

The Howard Iron & Tool Co., ran their plant during the holiday week of the old year long enough to turn out three thousand dozens of the best garden rakes there is on the market.

Prof. D. M. Rigg and Joseph Kinsel, of Altoona, accompanied Milton Gardner, who is also now a citizen of the Mountain City, on his Christmas visit with his parents in the township.

The Misses Lucille, Ruth and Sara, daughters of the Hon. John H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte, with their cousin, Mildred Wetzel, of W. Va., were last Saturday guests of their aunt and cousins, Mrs. John Weber and daughters.

On Wednesday of last week the Directors of our snug little First National Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent. Some of these days this infant is going to be

reckoned with as one of the financial institutions of the country.

Harm Smith, son of a former pastor of the M. E. church, well known and well liked here as a young boy, and now a successful teacher of advanced mathematics, stepped off a westward bound train last week, to shake hands with some of his old friends.

Clayton Gardner, who sold his farm in the township last fall, is now sales agent in the eastern end of the State for the Williamsport Cake & Cracker Co., and has moved his family into the house corner of Black and Grove streets, belonging to Mrs. Martha Yearick.

On Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Confer visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. Kline G. Confer, in Liberty township, who was being prepared to go to the Lock Haven hospital for an exceedingly important operation for a large tumor. It is hoped that it may prove entirely successful.

Sleighting continues fine and puts a stir and vim into all social and business life. Builders are hauling stones to be used in the foundations of prospective buildings next year; farmers are drawing limestone to burn for improving their soils; sleighting parties are in the daily vogue; lumbermen are bringing in small ties, mine props, paper wood, and so on, and so on; everybody busy and cheerful.

Amid the good cheer of the season, the pastor of the M. E. church, Rev. R. S. Taylor and his family were not forgotten; about fifty of his parishioners and friends assembled at his home on Tuesday evening, fully armed and equipped with baskets and packages, had a delightful social reunion, filled the inner man full to repletion and left Mrs. Taylor's larger somewhat the better for their kindly visit.

For a week or two the better sense of our good citizenship was offended by the running of petty gambling "slot machines" in one of our popular restaurants and largely patronized by our boys and young men. Complaint was made to Burgess H. Leathers, who promptly caused its removal and severance, and it is a good one, and has always been right in other respects is again a proper place for old and young who require its excellent service. Burgess Leathers has the hearty commendation of our citizens for his prompt action when apprised of its necessity.

Quite incidentally the report of one of our best girls who are seeking advancement in knowledge at schools in various parts of the State has come under our notice, and it is so complimentary to her and therefore to our community that we are glad to tell it. Miss Nellie Weber is a pupil at Combs Broad St. Conservatory of Music in Philadelphia, and in four of the twelve studies and branches which she covers under that term she received a plump 100, and the average of the twelve was 98.1. It is a pleasure to report so good a record; and it is not at all improbable that if the same cards of all our nice girls could be high might be found. We are very proud of the good work done by many of our young people who are away at school.

WADDLE.
 The shooting match at Paradise was well attended; all who were there were very good shots. The first chicken put up Lynn Bortoff, of Scotia was winner. The second Ellis T. Huey won. The third, John Curry of Scotia. The fourth, Ellis T. Huey. But when the turkey came they were all sure of it. But when Lynn Bortoff, of Scotia, shot they all said Huey. But when Ellis Huey pulled the trigger on the 20-20 it was "turkey," so Ellis was best shot of the day. He carried the biggest lot home consisting of two fine chickens and a big turkey.

A great many of McNitt's men went home to spend Christmas with their families.

A great many of our young folks attended the Christmas entertainment at Scotia, on Saturday evening 24th.

Curly Jones spent Christmas with his wife at her home, Mrs. Ways.

Ellis Gramely, of Illinois, wife and two children, spent a few days last week with his brother-in-law, Fred Yocum.

Andy McNitt says the only time he has ever seen a man in whom you talk to him on a telephone, then you can say what you please to him. Andy knows.

George Stevenson butchered six fine porkers on Tuesday.

Wm. H. Ghner, of Scotia, has moved to the old homestead farm which John Belters has been farming for the past few years.

From what we can hear there is going to be a great many changes around here in the spring.

Earl Way, of Pittsain, visited his father-in-law, Mr. Meek, over Christmas.

Francis Musser spent a few days among friends and relatives of this place.

Some of our farmers had better hurry and get their corn and fodder in or they will be in the rear line.

We hear there is going to be another sleighing in our little town. How about it Jim?

A. C. Thomas and wife have returned from their Christmas trip to Philadelphia.

John Hoy says if a man wants to know what he is all he needs to do is read the post cards above the ticket window in his office.

ROMOLA.
 Loyd Guiser and Miss Bella Guiser, of Mingoville, were week end visitors at the home of Mrs. Homer Bowes.

Miss Ruth Wessel, of State College, spent Christmas at her parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bechtel returned to their home on Tuesday.

Miss Edyth Robb, of Orvis and Miss Anna Robb were callers in our town on Monday last week. Mr. Chas. DeLong spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Thos McCloskey.

Miss Susan Gungallus, of Beech Creek, and her cousin, Miss Ruth Gungallus, of Iowa, spent Friday at Margaret Bowes.

John Daley is very ill at this writing.

Maines Bowes has returned to his studies at Howard.

Rev. Patterson has closed his meeting.

Miss Alice Patterson was the guest of her friend Miss Pearl Brickly of this place.

Miss Hannah Boone was a Lock Haven visitor one day last week.

LIVONIA.
 Edwin Conser and family spent Christmas at the old homestead.

Miss Jessie Adams enjoyed a visit to Union county last week.

Ars. Delton, who was on the sick list, is improving.

Ruth Stover is spending some weeks at Forest Hill.

Thoms N. Stover will move his family to Lock Haven in the near future on account of the city's splendid educational advantages and in order to be near his basket making plant, which he will establish at Mill Hill, in the near future.

UNIONVILLE.
 The students of the grammar school, under the tutorage of Prof. Jacob Fox, gave a very pretty entertainment on Friday afternoon, preceding Christmas.

John Wilcox and wife, of Millhelm, spent several days in town during Christmas week.

We were presented with a fine lot of pine apples as a Christmas present by Mr. and Mrs. Lew James, of Lake Helen, Florida—a card.

Daniel Hall, who strikes while the iron is red hot in the Husband lumber camp at Hasden, Lycoming county, came home in time to eat his Christmas dinner at home. It always seems as if there was a spoke missing out of the wheels when Dan is not around.

Mrs. Precilla Bell, of Bellefonte, was a recent pleasant visitor with friends in town.

Ed. Way, formerly of this place, but now of Tyrone, was the lucky holder of the ticket that drew a \$250 piano that was chanced off by one of the merchants in that city.

Miss Roberta Davidson, of Tyrone, was a recent visitor at the home of G. E. Haugh.

The Young Man's Educational Society held their first annual banquet in their "den" on Monday evening last which was pronounced by those who were there, a grand success. The program consisted of various innocent games, social chat and wound up with a superb oyster supper accompanied with fancy trimmings. About 45 guests were present. Much good has already been accomplished since their organization has been effected, and the boys ought to be encouraged in this laudable undertakings in every way possible.

A letter came to this office addressed to Jos. E. Brugger that came through the Chicago fire. That is, it was saved with other mail matter from the mail cars that were burned in that city. The letter arrived here a few days ago, and it was found that the envelope were badly scorched. It contained two checks, both of which were slightly singed on their edges. A printed slip was attached to the letter explaining why it was sent in that condition.

Chapple Underwood has gone to Chicago on a business trip. Before leaving, however, he left orders for Prof. Fox to keep the woodbox well filled during his absence.

"Our pretty snow-covered town is again draped in gloom. Because why? Well, Miss Marie Griest has gone to Pittsburg for an indefinite visit with friends; Miss Eloise Buck has gone to Buffalo to visit her sister, Mrs. Alice Bosworth and did not say when she would be back; Miss Mary E. Griest left for Mt. Union with a "You'll see me when I come back" expression on her countenance, and Miss Bees Pratt has gone to Tyrone for an unlimited visit. Is it any wonder that our town is cast in a deep gloom? Here are four of our most excellent young ladies all with a "400 candle power" smile on their pretty faces rubbed out, as it were, with one cord of the engine that snaked them away. Come back, girls; come back.

Rev. James Pratt, student of Princeton College, is spending his holiday vacation at his home here. He will graduate next May, and we feel confident it will be with highest honors.

Billie McEwen butchered his one lone representative of the swine family on Monday. Nobody said it weighed 500 pounds; nor did anybody say that he scalded it in the dish pan, therefore you may guess at the weight of his porker, yourself.

Mrs. Matte Musser left on Saturday for a short visit to friends in Tyrone and Altoona.

Thus far 31 of the recent converts have joined the M. E. church on probation.

A sledload of jolly, happy young boys and girls, chaperoned by Mrs. L. C. Thompson, all of Howard, came up from that bustling city on last Friday evening and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hall. It seems that it had been a premeditated affair for at 6 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Hall that made the eyeballs of the guests jiggle with delight. Don't you forget it, what Mrs. Francis Hall don't know about getting up a high grade lunch, would not be worth as much as a one-dollar confederate note. After the guests had fastened their waist-bands, the whole "kettle of fish" came down to the "Green Hill" where coasting was "easy, 100 per cent. above par and, for about one hour they indulged in the hilarious sport of coasting to their hearts' content. Our own boys and girls mixing in with the crowd and generously pushed the sled for the visitors.

We did not meet all of them, but if the six boys and girls who coasted on the "Domino" were a sample of all we are constrained to say, they were certainly ladies and gentlemen in the highest sense of the term, which speaks well for their home training. Nice boys! nice girls; indeed, what most fell in love with them—the girls we mean. Here is the list: Walter Holter, Fred Taylor, Willie Wetzel, Walter Confer, Fred Wagner, Gilbert Neff, Ed. Leach, Geo. Thompson, Willis Thompson, Mrs. L. C. Thompson, Misses Dorothy Weber, Hilda Wagner, Myrtle Fletcher, Eva Neff, Ruth Gardner and Clara Thompson. Col. Woodward, have you any more such nice boys and girls down there?

PINE GROVE MILLS.
 The usual Week of Prayer is being observed in the Reformed church, this week.

Earl C. Musser, wife and mother-in-law, of Green Mills, Pa., are spending this week at the home of Elmer Musser.

Mrs. Alfretha Goss visited friends in Altoona over Sunday.

Maudie Walker is off for several weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. R. O. Miller, in Johnstown.

L. P. White, our high school teacher, spent Christmas with his parents at Warren; returned on Monday morning.

J. N. Everts is off to Hickory Corners this week, transacting business.

David Barr has purchased the Post Office building of D. W. Miller, considerations \$75.

Blanche Hettinger visited at the home of M. E. Heberling several days last week.

Anna Schultz, of Altoona, spent Christmas at the home of F. S. Schultz.

Howard Wright, of Tyrone, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mary Wright.

Rev. Aikens, of Susquehanna University, spent several days with friends about town.

H. M. Krebs and wife spent Sunday visiting friends at Petersburg, Pa.

Ira Gates, of Minnesota, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Gates here.

Margaret Peters, who is attending business school in Poughkeepsie, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Sue Peters.

Among those that spent Christmas at home are Dr. Frank Bailey, Dr. Hugh Fry, of Milton, Pa., Margaret Schultz, of Sellersburg, Pa., and Randall Dunlap, of St. Benedict, Pa. John Keller, of Pittsburg; John Reish and Wilson Ard, of Susquehanna University.

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