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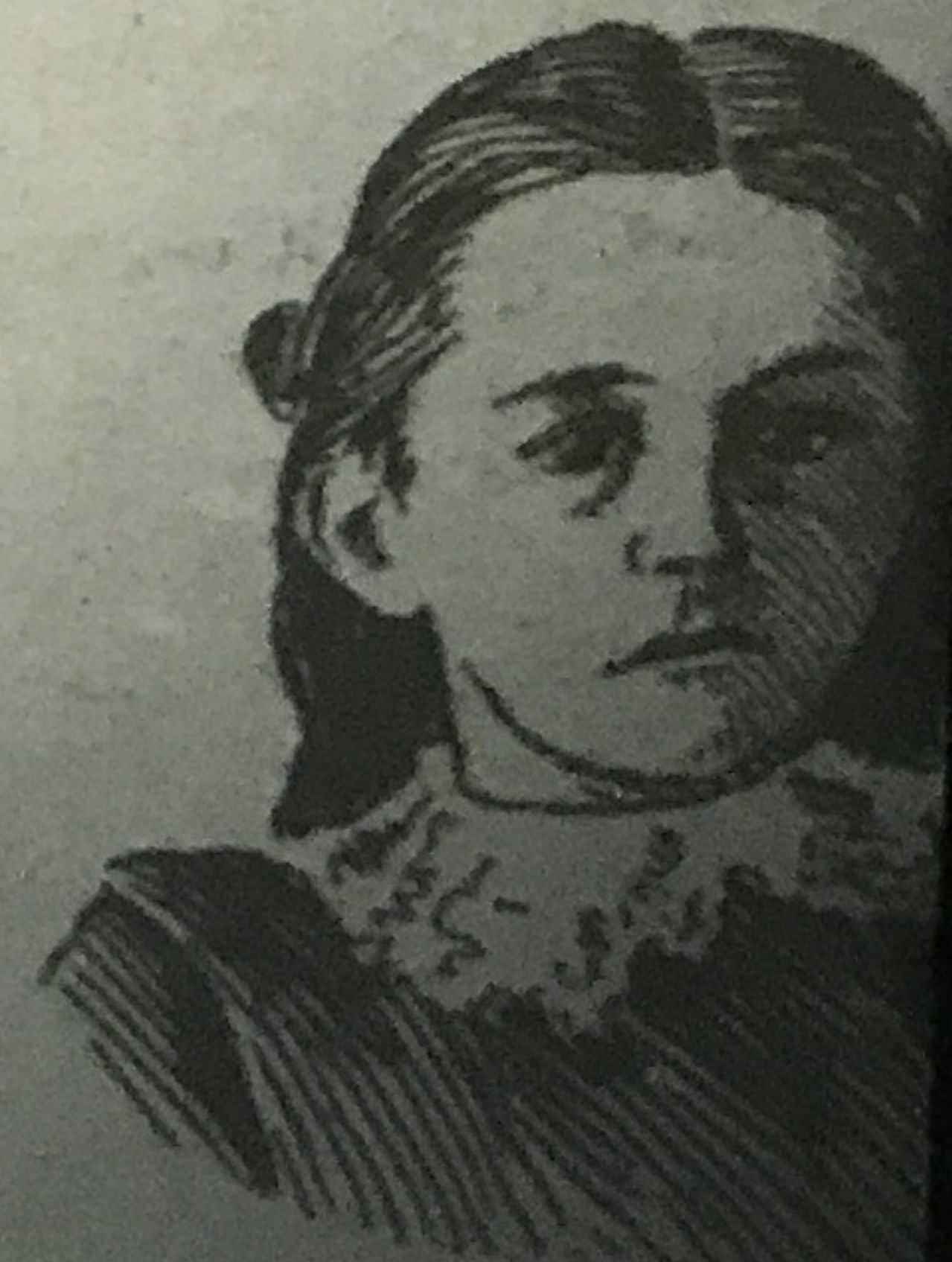
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That the various churches in the county of Dundas be asked to appropriate one sabbath's collection on a date to be fixed to form part of a relief fund.

That all contributions be handed to Mr. R. D. Fulton, Township Treasurer and that Mr. Fulton be asked to acknowledge receipt of same in the Chesterville RECORD and Winchester Press and distribute under the directions of the distributing committee to be composed of Wesley Hamilton, S. O. Kendrick, J. E. Gibbons, J. H. Loughridge.

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A meeting of the residents of ship and villages was held here evening to devise measures for the sufferers from the recent disaster. A committee was appointed through the devastated area and a mass meeting which was held in hall here Tuesday evening.

The meeting was called to order 8.30 o'clock by Reeve W. B. I.

Mr. J. C. Casselman was chairman and W. B. Lawson,

After inviting the clergymen to take a seat in the front, the called on the secretary to read of the committee.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The following is the report of the committee which consisted of Messrs. Hamilton, S. O. Kendrick, J. I. and J. H. Loughridge:—

To the residents of the Town of Winchester and adjoining villages:

The Committee appointed upon the damage caused in the town of Winchester, by the Cyclone occurred on the 17th inst., and all the best measures of relief, beg leave to report as follows:—

They find from actual investigation that the following persons have been injured:—

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Hundreds of people have visited the ruins during the few days after the storm and on Sunday the places were deluged with people and rigs.

The storm began its destructive work in the vicinity of Ormond, and followed the district lying midway between Morewood and here, taking in Goldfield, Grantley and through Osnabruk township.

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Hundreds of people have visited the ruins during the few days after the storm and on Sunday the places were deluged with people and rigs.

The storm began its destructive work in the vicinity of Ormond, and followed the district lying midway between Morewood and here, taking in Goldfield, Grantley and through Osnabruk township.

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Edgar Merkley, pt. 22, Con. 4, barn damaged.

Catherine Gibbons, w $\frac{1}{2}$ 24, Con. 3, house damaged, barn and stable totally destroyed.

John M. Merkley, e $\frac{1}{2}$ 24, Con. 3, barn badly damaged.

John C. Barry, w pt. 24, Con. 2, stables damaged.

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In addition to the damages above set out a large acreage of crops has been destroyed, and in many cases the farmers will lose almost the entire season's work. Inasmuch as considerable publicity has already been given concerning the loss of life and personal injuries your committee have not seen fit to report thereon.

Your committee are firmly convinced

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FINCH TOWNSHIP.

Keeping in a direct south-easterly line, the tornado swept everything before it, levelling fences and grubbing trees out by the roots. After it left the Connaught settlement it had no buildings to tackle until it reached the third concession of Finch. At this place, on the boundary line, between the townships of Winchester and Finch, it caught the two large barns belonging to Mr. E. Hamilton, and to-day they are a mass of ruins. Mr. Hamilton's hired man, William Mack, speaking about the damage, said: "I was mowing hay west of the house about six o'clock in the evening and Mr. Hamilton and his son were back in the field. They started for the barn and called for me to come too. When we arrived at the barn the storm was not very far away, and Mr. Hamilton said he thought it would be advisable for us to go over to the horse stable, a building nearby. I started immediately to see the horses, and I think Mr. Hamilton must have started for the stable, for he was standing near there when the storm had passed by. I was just going to the door of the horse stable when the building collapsed and was tossed topsy-turvy. I stood still for I made up my mind that it would be useless to move, and in less than a minute the rolling mass of debris had passed by, carrying a great deal of the

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They find from actual investigation that the following persons have suffered viz:—

John D. McGregor, n $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 10, Con. 12, house, kitchen, woodshed, and barn and carriage house totally destroyed one barn left standing, farming machinery and crops badly injured.

Wesley Argue, s $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 10, Con., 11, barn and silo badly damaged.

George Weaver, s $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 15, Con. 10, barns, stables, and carriage house totally destroyed. Injuries to cattle.

James Fetterly, W $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 15, Con. 9, barns, stable and woodshed damaged.

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The sacred edifice was crowded with worshippers, and outside many spectators, who could not find room within, stood in groups. It was a solemn and impressive ceremony and tears came to many eyes. The two coffins rested on trestles in the aisle. Nearest the sanctuary was the white coffin of the child, and upon the lid lay a handful of flowers, the offering of some playmate. Upon the mother's coffin were sprinkled some snowy white blossoms, symbolizing purity. Relatives of the dead occupied the front seats, the women folk repressing with obvious difficulty the grief they felt. In solemn tones the officiating priest addressed the congregation towards the close of the Mass, basing his remarks upon the admonition; "Be watchful, for ye know not the day nor the hour." There is one thing certain on this earth, he said, and that is death. It is appointed unto all men to die, and human prudence and wisdom cannot alter the decree of God. The throne is not hedged around so securely that death does not enter and leave it vacant; nor are the poor so lowly as not to claim its notice. If men were certain of the hour they were to die, do doubt they would endeavor to be prepared for it. But it is kept a secret from us; and we know not the day nor the hour when God's decree will be executed in our regard. Therefore we must see the reasonableness of preparing for death at all times. The Rev. gentleman alluded to the Christian life led by the dead woman and the solicitude which she displayed for the religious instruction of her children, and said they had reason to believe she was prepared for death. They sympathized deeply with the afflicted husband and child and the other relatives, and hoped that God would give them patience to bear their sorrow. After the service the funeral cortege slowly wended its way to the burial ground.

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NARROW ESCAPE.

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head of the family, was in the open, and and Mrs. Kearns, with three children, were in the house. Mrs. Kearns, with the three little ones, were carried away with the house. The mother was thrown into a potato patch on the adjoining farm and her battered remains with a cruel wound on the temple were found when the storm was over. Some distance away Edward Kearns, her seven-year-old son, fell with a broken neck. In another direction, Norah aged 12, and Marguerite, aged four, were flung with brutal force and their limbs fractured. The father, who had rushed to the rescue of his loved ones, was caught up by the storm and tossed hither and thither like a cork. Finally he, too, was flung to the earth, and lay with a fractured thigh, his hands dug into the earth to keep himself from further buffetings. When the storm had ceased willing hands carried the corpses of the mother and little boy to the house of Richard Kelly, a neighboring farmer, and the surviving members of the family were borne there also on improvised stretchers, and afterwards the two dead bodies were brought here.

MR. KEARNS' STORY.

Mr. J. H. Kearns whose wife was killed, and who is lying in bed at his father's home here with a broken hip, told the following pathetic story: 'I saw tee storm coming about a mile away and started for the barn to turn out the cattle thinking that it would be advisable in case the building might be blown down. I had just followed the last cow out of the stable and was making for some place of safety when the wind was about fifty yards away, and it was coming in all its fury like a real tornado, funnel shaped, carrying boards, trees everything before it. It overtook me between the house and the barn and was so strong that I had to lay down in order to save myself. The wind would raise me up and down but I could not get to my feet. At last I got a terrible blow on the hip and just about that time I thought I was going to be killed. I was conscious of what was going on around me and tried to protect my head with my hands, but it was useless. At last the storm passed over, the sky was clear and I found myself in my uncle's field. I had

uprights and made a sort of shelter, and into this Mrs. Grady, the children and the hired man crawled for safety. Sally Grady, the four-year old child, was struck about her head, but her condition is not serious. Ten out of fourteen cows in the barn were killed.



GENEVIEVE KEARNS,

The little girl who was away from home.

Relief Measures.

A meeting of the residents of the township and villages was held here on Friday evening to devise measures for relief to the sufferers from the recent disaster. A committee was appointed to go through the devastated area and report to a mass meeting which was held in the town hall here Tuesday evening.

The meeting was called to order about 8.30 o'clock by Reeve W. B. Lawson.

Mr. J. C. Casselman was appointed chairman and W. B. Lawson, secretary.

After inviting the clergymen present to take a seat in the front, the chairman called on the secretary to read the report of the committee.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the committee which consisted of Messrs. Wesley Hamilton, S. O. Kendrick, J. E. Gibbons and J. H. Loughridge:—

To the residents of the Township of Winchester and adjoining municipal-

That the various churches in the county of Dundas be asked to appropriate one sabbath's collection on a date to be fixed to form part of a relief fund.

That all contributions be handed to Mr. R. D. Fulton, Township Treasurer and that Mr. Fulton be asked to acknowledge receipt of same in the Chesterville RECORD and Winchester Press and distribute under the directions of the distributing committee to be composed of Wesley Hamilton, S. O. Kendrick, J. E. Gibbons, J. H. Loughridge.

WESLEY HAMILTON,
S. O. KENDRICK,
J. E. GIBBONS,
J. H. LAUGHRIDGE,

Committee.

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After going over the report clause by clause, and amending where necessary, Mr. Wm. Faith moved and Wm. Allison seconded, that the report as amended be adopted.

The following letter, which was received this morning, speaks for itself:—

W. B. LAWSON, Esq.,
Reeve, Chesterville, Ont.

Toronto, July 23rd, 1902.

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of the 21st July in re the storm which to the regret of every one did much harm in your county. At our first council meeting, which will be in a day or two, I will have the matter considered, provided we receive formal application for aid in the interim.

Yours truly,

R. HARGREY.

MRS. KEARNS' FUNERAL.

Mrs. John H. Kearns and the little boy, Edward, were buried on Saturday morning in the Roman Catholic cemetery here. Previous to interment High Mass was celebrated in the Roman Catholic church by Rev. J. S. Quinn. The sacred edifice was crowded with worshippers.

AND BEHIND

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est was of small fruits,
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EDWARD KEARNS,
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Two men might walk
n the huge orifice, from
s of plaster and lath pro-
en, 18 by 30 feet, was
ed from the north end,
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bottom and pinioned her to the stone
wall, and it is supposed that she was kil-
led instantly.

Continuing its course the storm reach-
ed the farm buildings of Mr. Weaver's,
near Morewood and threw them in all
directions.

MR. KEARNS' FAMILY SUFFER.

One of its worst outbreaks of fury oc-
curred at the farm of John H. Kearns,
which is situated about four miles from
this place; and as a result Mr. Kearns'
wife, a seven year-old son and a twelve-
year-old daughter are dead and the fa-
ther and a four year-old daughter are toss-
ing with fractured limbs on a bed of pain
and a deep hole 18 by 24 feet marks the
site of what was once a comfortable one-
storied dwelling. The house was carried
off bodily and spread in splinters hun-
dreds of yards away, and the remains of
a barn, which stood north of it, lie in a
twisted mass. The roof and sides of it
are scattered over the adjoining fields in
the form of matchwood. At the time of
the storm's event, John H. Kearns, the
head of the family, was in the open, and
and Mrs. Kearns, with three children,
were in the house. Mrs. Kearns, with
the three little ones, were carried away
with the house. The mother was thrown
into a potato patch on the adjoining farm
and her battered remains with a cruel
wound on the temple were found when
the storm was over. Some distance
away Edward Kearns, her seven-year-old
son, fell with a broken neck. In another
direction, Norah aged 12, and Marguerite,
aged four, were flung with brutal force
and their limbs fractured. The father,
who had rushed to the rescue of his lov-
ed ones, was caught up by the storm and
tossed hither and thither like a cork.
Finally he, too, was flung to the earth,
and lay with a fractured thigh, his hands
dug into the earth to keep himself from
further buffetings. When the storm had
ceased willing hands carried the corpses
of the mother and little boy to the house
of Richard Kelly, a neighboring farmer,
and the surviving members of the family
were borne there also on improvised
stretchers, and afterwards the two dead
bodies were brought here.

MR. KEARNS' STORY.

Mr. J. H. Kearns whose wife was

me, the stable, having been carried away.
Two of the cows were killed and three or
four others are badly injured. I also
lost a valuable horse. Well, when I rea-
lized I was free I immediately started to
look for my wife and daughters. I found
my wife and one daughter lying on the
ground, slightly injured. The roof was
gone off the house. One of the girls who
had gone to the house was found away
down in the orchard about 40 feet away.
The partitions in the house were all torn
down, the roof off and clothing had been
carried out through the door by the wind
and left fully 200 yards away.

GRADY'S BARN DEMOLISHED.

Two miles in a southeasterly directi-
on from the Kearns farm, stood the dwell-
ing and barn of Mr. Michael Grady.
Mr. Grady was in this place when the
cyclone rushed down, and his wife and
four children and the hired man were in
the barn milking. The building went
down like a house of cards. The occu-
pants escaped by a miracle. Some fall-
ing timbers were caught on a couple of
uprights and made a sort of shelter, and
into this Mrs. Grady, the children and
the hired man crawled for safety. Sally
Grady, the four-year old child, was struck
about her head, but her condition is not
serious. Ten out of fourteen cows in the
barn were killed.



GENEVIEVE KEARNS,

The little girl who was away from home.

that an earnest and energetic effort should
be made to afford relief to the in-
jured who could not by any reasonable
degree of prudence have prevented or
lessened their losses. They would re-
commend.—

That a committee be appointed to act
in conjunction with a committee or com-
mittees to be appointed by the residents
of the Township of Finch, Osgoode and
Osnabruk, to urge upon the Provincial
and Dominion Governments, the neces-
sity of grants from these bodies; that the
Reeves of the township of Winchester
and Chesterville, Wm. Faith and Chris.
Irving be appointed such committee with
power to add to their numbers.

That Andrew Allison Esq., Christopher
Irving Frank Elliott, W. H. Casselman,
Wm. Faith be a deputation to wait up-
on the Councils of the Townships of
Winchester and the villages of Chester-
ville and Winchester and such other
municipalities as they think desirable
with a view to securing grants in aid of
the sufferers.

That the various churches in the
county of Dundas be asked to appropri-
ate one sabbath's collection on a date
to be fixed to form part of a relief fund.

That all contributions be handed to
Mr. R. D. Fulton, Township Treasurer
and that Mr. Fulton be asked to acknow-
ledge receipt of same in the Chesterville
RECORD and Winchester Press and dis-
tribute under the directions of the dis-
tributing committee to be composed of
Wesley Hamilton, S. O. Kendrick, J. E.
Gibbons, J. H. Loughridge.

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