

The Rockwood Review.

One of the most successful entertainments given at Rockwood in years was the Cake Walk, produced by several of the juveniles on Jan. 2nd. Before the Walk took place, a grotesque Quadrille was danced by eight little girls—Grace Potter, Edith and Frankie Davidson, Myrtle Culceth, Addie Lonergan, Etta Dennison, May Smith. It was cleverly executed and loudly applauded.

The Cake Walk was given on the floor of the Amusement Hall, and the following couples appeared:—C. Clarke and L. Carr, W. Woods and Harold Clarke, J. Skelly and F. Hartrick, W. Potter and Herbert Clarke, Leader W. Shea. The girls costumes were kindly sent by young ladies who are in the habit of "going out" a good deal, and were really handsome.

The Walk lasted an hour, and the Judges, Prof. Shortt, Mr. Geo. Sears and Mr. P. Beaupre, had their hands full when the question of picking out the winning couple came up.

The patients were highly delighted with the amusing entertainment, and applauded the grotesque movements of the various couples to the echo.

The affair was the best thing of the kind ever given in Kingston, and so many requests that it be repeated have been received, that the boys will probably accede to the wishes expressed later on in the season.

A pair of Bald Eagles seem to have been put to a good deal of distress by the winter weather. They frequently fly about Rockwood Hospital apparently looking for food. This pair of eagles has been in the vicinity for many years, and never leave the locality even during the winter.

It is many years since the lake has offered such opportunities for skating and iceboating. For weeks the ice has been as smooth as the proverbial mirror, and hundreds of people have taken advantage of the unusual condition of affairs.

THE ONTARIO BIRTH RATE.—The remarks made in the last issue of the "Review" seem to have excited a good deal of controversy, and "A Clergyman" writing in the *WHIG* is bitterly opposed to what he calls our theories. We were under the impression that we offered facts as opposed to theories. As far as the general practitioner of the Province is concerned, we claim as extensive an acquaintance with him as a clergyman, and he has not the collection of "penny dreadful" stories at his command we are led to believe. There is always a certain amount of wickedness in the world, and probably always will be, and there will also be a class ready to magnify the evil, and in some cases actually gloat over it, but on the other hand people who live proper lives will remain in the majority. In the meanwhile social questions will be regulated, not by Act of Parliament but by the conscience of the public, which is quite as sensitive as it ever was in the history of the world.

The Rockwood Curling Club has taken a step which must inevitably be followed by the Kingston Club before long. For years Kingston has clung to the iron game, feeling that in most respects it is superior to that played with Granites. There is much in the argument, but the majority of clubs within easy reach play granites, and matches with irons are confined to the Bonspiel. The distances to be travelled at Bonspiel times are considerable and generally inconvenient, and Rockwood felt it impossible to take the number of officials required for two rinks to play for three or four days at a time. They adopted granites and withdrew from the Association, reluctantly, as they had made many warm friends among the northern Curlers, but the course followed was inevitable.

Wild geese and ducks have been with us all through January, as many as a hundred ducks sometimes going in one flock. These birds are of course goldeneyes.