

No PAPER TOMORROW.—No paper will be issued from this office to-morrow, it being Good Friday, and generally observed as a holiday.

Grammar School Reunion.

The fifth annual reunion of the Guelph Grammar School was held in the Town Hall last (Wednesday) night—the Rev. Mr. Ball in the chair. The object of the entertainment this year was to raise funds to pay off a debt incurred in planting trees and otherwise decorating and improving the school grounds. The hall was well filled, and the proceedings generally gave satisfaction. The instrumental duet by Masters Griffin and Hutton was very well executed; and in the recitations and dialogues which followed Masters Kelly, Davidson, Friesenger, Watt, Ball, McKenzie, McGregor, Cormack, Prest and Bruce sustained their parts with success. The songs by Mrs. Cuthbert, Miss E. Green and Mr. Kittridge were received with great applause. The second part of the entertainment was opened by Miss Green, in a song, "Bride of Athlone," which was exceedingly well rendered; and the same may be said of Mrs. Cuthbert's song, "Good-bye, Sweetheart." Mr. Watt's "Waterloo," "The Two Lecturers," by Masters McKenzie and Griffin, "Nobody's Child," by Master Hutton, and "Hamlet and the Ghost," by Masters Ball and McKenzie, were all well delivered. The songs by Messrs. Kittridge and Thos. H. Taylor were warmly enjoyed, and the Misses M. and L. Stevenson favored the company with a very pretty duet on the piano. Mr. Dunn made a few remarks concerning the present position and prospects of the Grammar School, and the proceedings were wound up by the singing of the national anthem by the company. We may add that the hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and bore testimony to the good taste of the designers.

After the close of the entertainment, two books denoted by Mr. J. B. Thornton were presented to Messrs. R. Watt and P. Ball; while three extra prizes were handed to Messrs. McGregor, Griffin and McKenzie—two of these were given by Mr. R. Cuthbert. Another extra prize was awarded by the Committee to Master John Davidson for selling the greatest number of tickets.

Book Notices.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for April has been received from the publishers, Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston. The contents are: Malbone, an Oldport Romance, The Mission of Birds, Autobiography of a Shaker, Run Wild, A Strange Arrival, How We Grow in the Great Northwest, A Carpet-bagger in Pennsylvania, The Fox in the Household, Our Inebriates, classified and clarified, Doorstep Acquaintance, The Pacific Railroad Open, A Ride with a Mad Horse in a Freight Car, To-day, Notes, Reviews and Literary Notices.

STRABISMUS: ITS PATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT. By A. M. Rosebrugh, M.D.
This is a pamphlet of fifteen pages, illustrated by three figures, in which Dr. Rosebrugh treats at length on the causes of strabismus or cross-eye. He mentions that it is a remarkable fact that although no affection of the eye has attracted more attention than that of squint or cross-eye, it was not until the year 1838 that the first successful operation was performed for its relief; and that it is only within the last six or eight years the true cause of squint has been fully known, and its treatment placed upon a scientific basis. Dr. Rosebrugh points out that it has been satisfactorily demonstrated by the examination of a very large number of cases that squint depends, as a rule, upon an optical defect, which if scientifically treated at the outset by the use of proper spectacles, the development of the squint is prevented. The treatise is concluded with a minute description of the modern operations that are performed for the relief of the different varieties of *convergent* cross-eye.

Flight and Marriage.

To the Editor of the Mercury.
Sir,—A great sensation has lately been created in this neighbourhood by the marriage of a young girl to an old bachelor. It appears that the young lady started for church last Sabbath morning. On the way, however, she was met by her aged friend, who immediately popped the question, to which she with readiness consented. The next morning, shortly after sunrise—a license having been procured—they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride's father being very indignant about the affair, paraded the streets of Douglas during the rest of the day with a bronchist over his shoulder, threatening to shoot the man who had deprived him of his daughter. The old gentleman, however, at length became more reconciled, and we sincerely hope that a friendly understanding may be established. Yours, &c.

LEFT LAMENTING.
Douglas, March 22nd, 1869.

THE CUBAN REVOLT.—A reign of terror has been established by the Spaniards in Cuba. More than three hundred Cubans have just been exiled to Fernando Po, an unhealthy Spanish possession on the western coast of Africa. An insurgent leader, who was captured near Villa Clara, has been shot. Many other prominent prisoners have been treated the same way. But this severity, far from intimidating the Cubans, inspires them with new confidence in the ultimate success of their cause.

GRUMBING.—The Tory dissatisfaction at Sir John's delay in filling up the two Cabinet vacancies from Ontario is becoming every day stronger. It is alleged with force that these offices have been vacant for over a year. That, however, is just about the time required by Sir John to settle such small matters as a County Judgeship; so Sir John's Tory friends must rest their souls in patience.

THE HAMILTON MAIL ROBBERY.—Jas. McKay was tried at Hamilton, on Tuesday, for extracting a money letter from a mail bag at the Station Post Office, Hamilton, on the 11th day of May last. The evidence adduced at former examinations has already been published, and as most of it is yet fresh in the minds of our readers, it is not necessary to give the particulars in detail. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

THE POLAR REGIONS.—According to Professor Norcenkiold, of the Swedish Arctic Expedition of last year, the Polar ice is far more open in the autumn than at any other season, but the idea of an open polar sea is chimerical. The ice must be reached by sledges, in 1878, or not at all.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Don't forget the auction sale of fancy goods and stationery, at Clark's music store, this evening at 7 o'clock.

Presentation.—The Galt Reformer says that a surprise party consisting of members of the Bible Class and well-wishers of the Rev. Mr. Porteous, Pastor of the C. P. C., Kirkwall, visited the manse on Tuesday evening last, and presented the pastor with two valuable robes and a set of harness as a mark of the appreciation and esteem in which they hold his labors for their eternal welfare.

AN EXPOSURE OF THE INCONSISTENCIES AND COLLETTIES OF THE AUTHOR OF THE WOLFE SERIES OF TRACTS: by John Guthrie, A. M.—This is a reprint of a tract published by a minister of a Morrisonian congregation in Glasgow, Scotland, in defence of the peculiar tenets of that denomination. The Rev. Mr. Howie of Guelph has republished this tract in answer to the one reprinted and circulated by "A Lover of the Old Gospel," and it will doubtless be read with interest, as it bears on the case of the Rev. J. K. Smith of Galt. It is for sale at all the bookstores.

COMPLIMENTARY ENTERTAINMENT TO DR. GRIFFITH.—We learn with much pleasure indeed, that a complimentary entertainment, consisting of a concert, literary amusement, and a velocipede exhibition, is to be given to Dr. Griffith, at Elora, on Friday evening, April 2nd, in honor of his literary attainments. We are glad to find the Elora people showing their appreciation of his talents—it is only due to him. We have no doubt it will be a grand success.

GOT HIS HANDS FROZEN.—On Sunday last Mr. Chas. Findlay, youngest son of Jas. Findlay, Esq., Salem, got his hands frozen while driving from home to church at Elora. He suddenly complained to his brother, Mr. Alex. Findlay, who was with him at the time, of the intense cold of his hands, and after he got out of the cutter fell prostrate on the ground. He was conveyed to the hotel and the young gentleman's hands were immediately put into cold water, which ultimately restored the circulation.

A ROW IN ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE.—About half-past ten o'clock last night, a man named John Welsh, accompanied by another young fellow, got on the spree, and went up to the house of Mr. Lawson, St. George's Square, wherethey kicked in the door, and in turn were hoisted out by the proprietor, who was aroused from his slumber by the noise. Welsh and the other went off, but the former soon returned with three or four more fellows, who made a most noisy disturbance with their tongues outside the house and abused Mr. Lawson in a shameful manner. A warrant has been issued for Welsh's arrest, and the case will probably come before the Police Magistrate on Saturday.

SHADE TREES.—The appearance of Guelph might be very much improved if the citizens would plant trees opposite their residences or stores. In other towns, more particularly in the United States, this plan is carried out with great success. The Commissioners on Shade Trees and Public Grounds in Worcester, Mass., have voted that any person owning land bordering on any street or highway of the city who shall properly set out a suitable tree in the street or highway opposite his land—with the approval and under the direction of the Commissioners—shall be paid the sum of one dollar for each tree thus set, provided the tree be living, and the compensation be claimed in the month of September following. We believe that a somewhat similar plan was carried out in the Village of Orillia, County of Simcoe, with the most pleasing results. Next month will be a good season to transplant trees; and if the Town Council will take the matter in hand and appoint a committee on shade trees, the question would at once assume a definite shape.

MARRIAGES.

McDONNELL—McKAY. At Owen Sound, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. J. Grant, Mr. Alex. McDonnell, of Balloch farm, Minto, to Miss Margaret McKay, of Owen Sound.

DIED.

HUGHES.—At Colborne, on the 25th inst., of typhoid fever, Elizabeth, wife of Henry Hugh, Esq., of the Colborne Works, aged 25 years.
McMILLAN.—In Erin, on the 17th inst., Annie, daughter of Mr. Duncan McMillan, aged 11 months.
CRITCHTON.—In Guelph Township, on the 19th inst., after a lingering illness, Barbara, wife of Mr. Wm. Critchton, aged 29 years.
SCOTT.—In Puslinch, on the 22nd inst., Mrs. Christina Scott, aged 54 years. Deceased had been a resident of this township for thirty-five years.

New Advertisements.

SUGARS and SYRUPS
REDUCED IN PRICE

At the popular Stores of
JOHN A. WOOD
Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 24th March. dw

TOWNS OF GUELPH.
Application, for the offices of
TOWN CLERK and TREASURER
will be received until half-past seven o'clock, p.m., on MONDAY the 30th day of April next.
Applicants to name three good and sufficient sureties for \$1,000 each.
JAMES HUGH, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office,
Guelph, 24th March, 1869. dw10

GLENNY DISTILLERY for SALE
NEAR FERRIS.
This distillery, driven by steam power, now six years in operation, was last summer at great cost altered and refitted on the most approved system with new Worm, Mash Tubs, Fermenting Tubs, Rectifiers, one run of stone for chipping grain, cattle sheds, pig pens, ice house, stable, &c., with about 4 acres of land, now in first-class order. Working capacity 80 to 100 bushels, and with little expense could be increased to 150 bushels per day. The above distillery is situated within half a mile from Ferris, and convenient to the proposed station at Ferris of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. This line of railway is now in course of construction, and will be in running order during the fall of this year, thereby giving the distillery ready access to all markets.
Any person having a little practical skill and a moderate amount of capital would find this a highly remunerative investment. Apply to
DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,
General Agents, Guelph.
Guelph, 25th March. dw5

APPLES and POTATOES

A LARGE SUPPLY

AT J. & D. MARTIN'S

SALE BY AUCTION.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 24th March. dw

Fancy Goods!

AND STATIONERY

AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.

On Thursday Evening, 25th instant.

Same to commence at seven o'clock. NO RESERVE.

W. WARNER CLARKE,
Guelph, March 24. dw 11
Market Square, Guelph

CLOVER and TIMOTHY.

FARMERS,

Buy your Clover and Timothy at

HUGH WALKER'S

Good Seed at a Small Price.

HUGH WALKER,

Guelph, March 24. dw
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.

POSTPONED AUCTION.

A rare chance to procure
AN EXCELLENT FARM

Auction sale of valuable farm property in the Township of Guelph, containing about 263 acres, with special Stone Dwelling House, and Frame and Stone Barns and outbuildings. This is one of the best farms in the Township, and is composed of: Firstly, Lots 19 and 11 in the 4th Concession of Division 4, containing 37.57th acres more or less. Secondly, parts of Lots Nos. 19 and 11, in the 5th Concession of Division C, containing 52.44th acres, more or less. The property is in one block, bounded in the rear by the River Speed, is about five miles from the town of Guelph, and half a mile from the Finness and Erin gravelled road, well watered and in a good state of cultivation.

There are 35 acres of woodland, about seven of which are clear timbered. There is also

A SPLENDID ORCHARD

on the premises, containing more than 100 choice fruit bearing trees, and a kitchen garden well stocked.

The Dwelling House is of Guelph stone, two storeys high, 36 by 40, with a large Stone Kitchen 18 by 25, with a good pump and soft water cistern. The following buildings are also on the premises: 2 Barns, one with a part stone foundation, 39 by 60, the other a new bank Barn 40 by 60, Wood Shed 32 by 25, Root House, Straw House, Sheep and Granary Buildings, 70 by 25, Horse Stable and open shed buildings, 70 by 25, Hog Pen 50 by 20, a desirable farm, and one so eligibly situated is rarely to be met with. Intending purchasers are requested to view the premises.

The above property will be offered in two parcels of about 125 or 140 acres each, to make two farms, under a mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, on WEDNESDAY, 17th March next, at noon, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph. Title good, and immediate possession can be given. For further particulars and terms apply to Messrs. Lemon & Peterson, Solicitors, Guelph.

The above sale has been POSTPONED till
Fair Day,
ON WEDNESDAY, 7th APRIL NEXT
at noon, when the same will be offered for sale at the place and in manner above mentioned. Offers will be received up to the 3rd April by the above named Solicitors.
Guelph, 25th March, 1869. dw2

Sunshine and Shadow

For Two Dollars.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE

Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Guelph, March 25, 1869. dw

THORNTON'S

New Cheap Bookstore.
Guelph, March 24. dw 11

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW PROVISION STORE!
West Market Square,
(Adjoining John Harris')

FLOUR, FEED

and **POTATOES**—any quantity. Also Smoked Hams to be had.
HIRSCH KENEDY, dtf
Guelph, March 24.

DRIED APPLES

White Beans,
Factory Cheese,
Fresh Butter and Eggs,
AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S
Guelph, 20th March. do

CAUTION.

Thereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it.
F. PREST, dtw
Guelph, 11th March.

BOARD WANTED.

Board wanted, in a private family in town, by a young lady. Apply at this office.
March 24, 1869. dot

LOST OR STOLEN.

A brindle BULL PUP, with ears cropped. Answers to the name of "Boney," had on a leather collar with a brass ring. Whoever returns him to George Hood, butcher, will be rewarded. If found in any person's possession after this notice, they will be prosecuted.
Guelph, March 24, 1869. dot

SPRING IMPORTATIONS.

NEW GOODS.

301 Cases and Bales at the Golden Lion.

Now arrived at the BONDED WAREHOUSE, 301 Cases, comprising all of the

Newest Styles and Designs in Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,

And brought by our MR. CHANCE, with great care, in the FIRST BRITISH MARKETS and direct from the Manufacturers, all of which will be opened out, and on inspection of our store here in this course of a week or so.

Our Business will be Conducted Strictly on the One-Price Principle

HOGG AND CHANCE.

Guelph, March 2, 1869. daw 11

CARD.

JAMES J. ASSIE'S CO. having disposed of all their Retail Grocery business in the Alma Block and Day's Block, I beg to inform you that I have purchased their long established Family Grocery Business, No. 1, Day's Block, so successfully carried on under my management.

By keeping the very best class of Goods at the lowest possible prices, and by close personal attention to the business, I hope to receive the continued favors of all old customers, with an increased patronage from the general public.

JOHN RISK.
Guelph, 10th March. dw

No. 2, 2000 Sap Buckets No. 2,

At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bbls SALT, No. 2,

At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bags SALT, No. 2,

At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, Tons Paris and Caledonia PLASTER, No. 2,

At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED No. 2,

At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. Day's Block, Guelph.
Guelph, March 4 1869. daw 11

JUST RECEIVED,

HATS & CAPS

THE NEWEST STYLES OF

GUELPH CLOTH HALL,

SHAW & MURTON.

AT THE
WYNDHAM STREET.
Guelph, March 4, 1869. daw 11

CANNED PEACHES!

YELLOW REFINED SUGAR!
Dry Crushed Sugar,
Pulverized Sugar,
Maple Sugar,
AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S
Guelph, 20th March. do

CANNED CORN,

CANNED TOMATOES,
Guelph, 20th March. do

AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Guelph, 20th March. do