New Advertisements.

Wanted—R. Runciman.
Toys, &c.—Mrs. Warnock.
Lumber—Morrish & Fisher.
Notice—McCulloch & Grant.
To the Electors—C. A. Humber.
List of Convictions—Daniel Lizars.
Dry Goods, &c.—J. Acheson & Co.
The Smoking Turk—W. Greenwood.

Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—

Mail	7.00	a. m.
Express	9.45	" "
Mixed	12.30	p. m.
"	3.30	" "

Trains are due as follows,—

Mixed	10.00	" "
Express	2.00	p. m.
Mixed	5.20	" "
Mail	10.00	" "

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Dec. 24, 1873.

A Merry Christmas.

We wish all the readers of the SIGNAL a MERRY CHRISTMAS and many happy returns.

Boards of Trade.

We have on several occasions directed attention to the desirability of forming a Board of Trade in this town. We now desire to point out some of the advantages likely to arise from such a step.

No doubt there are many who think Boards of Trade of no benefit. To those sordid individuals who worship only the Almighty Dollar they may appear of little advantage, but to every inquiring mind it must be evident that questions affecting the mercantile, manufacturing and shipping interests of our country can be much better dealt with by those who are engaged in these pursuits than by any other class of individuals. The government is always ready to listen to the suggestions of the Dominion Board of Trade, which is composed of delegates from the local boards, and which meets in Ottawa annually, just before the assembling of Parliament. A number of important measures which have been placed on the statute book within the past few years have originated with the Dominion Board of Trade. Our salt interest is a very important one to us, and if we had a Board of Trade which would take into consideration the best means for its development, we might do much to assist in placing it on a better footing than it has had heretofore.

There are other purely local matters which would come under the cognizance of our Board of Trade. We all know the present state of our markets, that farmers can get a much higher price for their produce in the neighbouring towns and villages than they can here, and the consequence is that the business men of the town lose thousands of dollars every year through their own apathy and indifference. There is no good reason why this state of things should exist. This is the natural market for a large section of country, yet farmers in the neighbourhood of the town will travel miles further to Clinton and other places, because they can get more for what they have to sell there than they can here. Now a Board of Trade would be competent to deal with this question and would be more likely to bring about a remedy than if it is left in the hands of private individuals. This unfortunate state of affairs with reference to our markets has existed for years, and instead of getting better it is growing worse. Indeed we have reason to think that certain private individuals try to perpetuate the present state of affairs in order that they may line their own pockets, but they are pursuing a very near sighted policy, for they must lose more in the long run than they gain, and besides our merchants, mechanics and others lose largely by their close-fisted policy. Questions affecting our harbour, our roads, insurance, and many other matters of local and general importance would come up for discussion before a Board of Trade, and its decisions and suggestions would carry much weight with them. The expense of carrying on a Board of Trade is trifling, and is nothing compared with the advantages derived. Sarnia and other such towns have flourishing Boards, and have experienced much benefit from their organization. Let us not be behind other places in this respect.

The Proposed New Railway.

We are pleased to observe that the proposed Goderich extension of the Ontario and Quebec Railway is still meeting with hearty approval from various places along the line. Mr. Fowler held a meeting at Orangeville, on the 16th inst., where he and a number of other gentlemen spoke in favor of the scheme. A resolution similar in character to that adopted here was carried unanimously, also the following,—"That the thanks of this meeting are due to Mr. Fowler for bringing this scheme before them, and for the energy, perseverance, and ability with which he advocates it, and also for having first projected the present railway, which we should probably never have had but for his early and energetic efforts to secure its construction." A meeting with like satisfactory result is was held at Arthur on the 18th inst., and one at Guelph, to which it is proposed to run a branch from Orangeville, on the 19th The Seaforth people, if the *Expositor* may be regarded as expressing their feeling, are inclined to throw cold water on the scheme. The Southern extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Road will cut off a large share of their business and probably they are afraid this new line would take away another slice. A Turnberry farmer also writes to the *Expositor* condemning the project and tendering his advice to the Goderich people as to how they should act in the matter. The people of Goderich are perfectly competent to manage their own affairs without outside advice, and though it is to be expected that the scheme will meet with opposition, we are satisfied the road, which cannot but prove a great advantage to the province at large and to this section in particular, will be built, and that at no distant date.

Probable loss of the Ismalia.

The present season has been prolific of marine disasters. In addition to those which have already been recorded we observe that the agents of the Anchor line have given up all hope of the *Ismalia*, one of their vessels which has been 79 days out. She had a crew of 45 men and it is probable they have all perished with the vessel, adding another to the already long list of those disasters at sea the circumstances of which will never be known.

Wingham Incorporation.

At the June session of the County Council a petition from a number of the ratepayers of Wingham was presented asking to have that village incorporated. The Council complied with the prayer of the petition so far as to take the preliminary steps, and appointed Mr. John Ainley to take the census and report at the December meeting, when some difficulty about the boundaries being arranged the necessary by-law might be passed and the first election take place at the usual time in January. At the late meeting of the County Council Mr. Ainley reported the number of inhabitants to be over one thousand, and accordingly a by-law was passed erecting Wingham into a separate municipality. So far all was well, but when they came to make arrangements for holding their elections, it was discovered that a clause had been inserted in the municipal act, providing that in the case of the erection of a village municipality, the first election shall not be held till the first Monday in January next after the end of three months from the passing of the by-law. The provision formerly applied to townships but was only extended to villages last session. The consequence is that Wingham finds itself incorporated but powerless to hold an election for municipal officers till January, 1875. In the mean time it will remain under the government of the township in which it is situated, unless it obtains a special act of parliament, for which we understand application will be made. Any of our villages which desire to be incorporated should see that the by-law is passed in June if they desire it to come into effect the following year. We observe that the village of Merriton is in the same fix.

Polling Subdivisions.

The following are the polling subdivisions for the Town of Goderich at the coming municipal elections,—

No. 1.—That portion of St. David's ward between South Street and the Huron Road and Kingston Street. Polling place, J. Thomson's house, Kingston Street. H. Gardiner, Returning Officer.

No. 2.—That portion of St. David's ward between East Street and the Huron Road and Kingston Street. Polling place, Council Chamber. John Stewart, Returning Officer.

No. 3.—That portion of St. Patrick's ward between East and Nelson Streets. Polling place, Fireman's Hall. S. Yates, Returning Officer.

No. 4.—That portion of St. Patrick's ward between Nelson Street and the River Maitland. Polling place, Passmore's shop. T. B. Vanevery, Returning Officer.

No. 5.—St. George's ward. Polling place, D. Gordon's shop. D. Gordon, Returning Officer.

No. 6.—That portion of St. Andrew's ward between West Street and Brittannia Road. Polling place, McKay's Furniture shop. Eric McKay, Returning Officer.

No. 7.—That portion of St. Andrew's ward between Brittania Road and the South boundary. Polling place, E. Robinson's house. E. Robinson, Returning Officer.

Reform Victories.

We have quite a batch of Reform victories to chronicle this week. The opposition to Hon. Mr. Ross, the new Minister of Militia, turned out as great a fizzle as that to Mr. Cartwright, he having been returned by a majority of 283 over his opponent Mr. Campbell. Mr. McIsaac has been elected for Antigonish, the seat located by Hon. Hugh McDonald, beating Mr. Henry a follower of Dr. Tupper. Mr. McIsaac has been elected as an independent but will support Mr. Mackenzie's government. On Friday Mr. Chisholm the Reform candidate for Peel was elected by a majority of 248, in place of the late Mr Coyne. In Montmagny, Quebec, Mr. Langlier the Liberal candidate has been elected by a large majority. If we remember right, seventeen elections have been held since Mr. Mackenzie's advent to power, of which the Reformers have carried sixteen, and the other (South Leeds) they did not contest on account of a compromise entered into in 1871, by which they felt bound. South Simcoe is still vacant. D'Arcy Boulton th defeated of North Simcoe, Grey and Muskoka is the Prog. candidate and Mr. Saunders the Reform. The latter will probably be elected. Corruption is about dead in Canada. Even the Tory strongholds are repudiating John A.

Municipal Elections.

We print to-day a letter from a temperance man denying that his party have been made use of to further the conservative cause at the coming municipal elections. Notwithstanding the denial of our correspondent we have reason to fear that the temperance men have been made use of however unwittingly. If we can be convinced to the contrary we shall be glad to acknowledge our mistake.

The Prog. organ of course denies that the party it represents have introduced politics into the contest. As we judge people by their actions rather than by their words it will take more than a denial from it to convince people who can observe for themselves that they have eschewed politics. We know of cases where electors have been asked to support certain candidates because they were Conservatives. Very like ignoring politics, that.

Mr. Detlor has retired from the contest for the Mayoralty. An effort was made to bring Mr. Crabb out but it failed, so that Mr. Horton has the field to himself. No additional candidates for municipal honors have entered the field since last week.

Municipal Nominations.

The Municipal Nominations will be held on Monday next as follows,—

For Mayor, Reeve and Deputy Reeve, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Council Chamber.

For Councillors, at 12 o'clock noon, in St. David's ward at the Council Chamber; in St. Patrick's ward at the Fireman's Hall; in St. George's ward at Daniel Gordon's shop; in St. Andrew's ward at Eric McKay's shop.

A New Senator.

Hon. George Brown has been appointed a Senator of the Dominion in place of the late Senator Blake. Mr. Brown well deserves the appointment, although we fancy he would feel himself more at home in the popular branch of the Legislature.

Terrible Tornado.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—A tornado passed over the town of Milton, in this State, to-day, destroying the entire place. Several buildings were blown away from their foundations and other buildings prostrated. A number of persons were badly injured. No lives lost.

LOCAL NEWS.

CONCERT.—We understand the Brass Band will give a Concert during Christmas week. They deserve to be encouraged.

NO SLEIGHING.—By present appearances we will have no sleighing for Christmas. Business is dull on account of the want of snow.

LUMBER.—We would direct attention to Morrish and Fisher's advertisement. They have purchased Savage's mill at Anthony Allen's and are prepared to furnish lumber of all kinds.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.—C. A. Humber is in the field for School Trustee in St. David's Ward. He will make a creditable member of the Board and we trust to see him elected.

HELD OVER.—The columns of a newspaper not being elastic only a certain amount of matter will go into them. We had reports of a number of township councils and other local matter in type for last week but could not get them in. They appear this week.

POSTPONED.—The Kentucky lottery drawing having been postponed for some time, those from Goderich who invested $500 in it will have to postpone the projects they intended to carry out with the "untold wealth" they expected to realize from their investment.

VETERINARY GRADUATES. — Among the names of those who passed a successful examination at the late session of the Ontario Veterinary College, which closed on the 11th inst., we find the following from this County,—Robert Baird, Brucefield; John Nott, Brussels and James Charlesworth, Clinton.

A WEATHER PROPHECY.—Christmas falls this year on Thursday, and if there be any truth in the following lines which are taken from an old English forecast, we may expect a windy and disagreeable winter followed by a prosperous summer.

If Christmas day on Thursday be,
A windy winter you shall see;
Windy weather in each week,
And hard tempests, strong and thick.
The summer shall be good and dry,
Corn and beasts shall multiply

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The annual missionary services in connection with the W. M. Society will be held in Goderich next Sunday and Monday. Rev. Lachlan Taylor, D. D. will preach on Sunday morning and Rev. Jas. Broley in the evening. On Monday the annual meeting will be held when addresses will be delivered by the above Rev. gentlemen and others.

RUNAWAY.—On Saturday afternoon a pair of black horses belonging to A. M. Polley, with a sleigh attached, took fright and ran away on the Square. The driver was thrown out and the horses made for the stable, on arriving at which they came in contact with a cutter and buggy, both of which they smashed, as well as the sleigh to which they were attached. One of the horses was thrown down but escaped with a few scratches.

FIRE COMPANY.—A meeting of property holders of the town was held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening last for the purpose of organizing a Hose and a Hook and Ladder Company. A number of names were enrolled and the meeting then adjourned till Tuesday evening, when officers were to be elected and the organization completed. There is every probability of an efficient brigade being organized.

CRABB'S HALL.—A report having gained currency that Crabb's Hall was unsafe, that gentleman took occasion, when it was crowded with people last Friday evening, to deny the statement, and to direct attention to the fact that it had been put to a severe test that evening. He also stated that it had been examined by a competant person who pronounced it absolutely safe. We do not think anyone need be afraid therefore to trust themselves in it.

AT THE DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE.—The following is a list of the pupils attending the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Belleville from the County of Huron, as shown by a letter from the Principal to the County Council,—Whilhelmina C. Ketterer, Tuckersmith; Mary A. McQuarrie, Blyth; Thomas Johnston, Morris; Stephen Baines, Morris; Mary A. McMurdie, Morris; Robert T. McCaig, Ashfield; Margaret M. Black, Ashfield; Mary Boyd, Ashfield; John Jackson, Howick; Simon Moore, McKillop; James Moore, McKillop.

SUMMARY JUSTICE.—This is the way we do things in Huron. On Tuesday, 16th inst., John Pouleot, a Frenchman, stole a pocket book containing $10 from Wm. Morrison, a hotel keeper at Belgrave and made off to Clinton. Morrison followed him, had him arrested and after examination he was committed to Goderich jail the same day. On Wednesday, 17th inst., he was brought before Judge Toms, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in jail at hard labour.

A DENIAL.—Our local contemporary in its report of the debate on the question "Resolved Sir John A Macdonald deserve the confidence and respect of the Canadian people" by the debating society here, states that Mr. Bell of the STORAL took part in the debate on the negative side of the question. We do not know where it obtained its information, but the statement is utterly untrue. We do not suppose our readers care whither we take part in a debate or not, but as the false statement is made for a purpose, we deem it but right to give it a denial.

THE MAIN SEWER.—While testing the steam fire engine last week it was discovered that the main sewer which runs through the town, will be a valuable auxiliary in furnishing water for fire purposes. Its stream was diverted into the tank at the corner of West and Waterloo Streets, when it was found that the water ran in as fast as the steamer could pump it out. As the tanks which are supplied in the ordinary manner can be pumped dry in a very short time, the discovery that the sewer can furnish such a good supply is very important, as by sinking reservoirs at various points an unlimited supply can always be obtained.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A somewhat singular accident occurred in the Township of Colborne, near Smith's Hill, on Tuesday, 16th inst., by which a young man named Wm. Stitt lost his life. He, with some others of the family, were engaged in killing pigs, and had placed one on a hand sleigh to draw it from where it had been killed to where it was to be scalded. It was about to roll off the sleigh when the deceased ran forward, having the knife in his hand, to hold it on, but slipping he fell forward on the point of the knife which penetrated his left breast entering the lung. Death followed in a little over an hour after the accident. His sad death has cast a melancholy gloom over the neighborhood.

FIRE IN GODERICH TOWNSHIP.—About 1 o'clock on Thursday morning the barn on Mr. John Taylor's farm on the Huron Road, about five miles from Goderich, was discovered to be on fire. The flames had gained such headway that nothing could be done to arrest their progress nor could anything be saved. The premises are at present occupied by Mr. August Krus. There were in the buildings 4 horses, 17 head of cattle, a number of pigs, 100 head of poultry, 200 bushels of wheat, over 300 bushels of oats, a quantity of hay, straw, &c., and all the farm implements including a mower and reaper, all of which were completely destroyed. The agonized groans of the cattle and horses could be heard for a long distance but nothing could be done to save them. The fire is said to have been caused by incendiarism. Mr. Krus's loss is estimated at $2000 on which there is an insurance of $500. We understand Mr. Taylor had an insurance of $600 on the buildings.

Marine Disasters.

LONDON Dec. 16.—The steamer *Boston* has been lost in the Mediterranean; twenty-two lives lost.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The steamer Celerity from Riga, bound for Stettin, has been lost, and twenty-one persons were drowned.

The Ottawa *Times* learns there is a deputation coming to Ottawa from the Manitoba Local Government, to negotiate for the enlargement of the Province to the Ontario boundary on the lake side and northwards and westwards on the others.

Dr. J. S. Giles has been elected by acclamation to the South Leeds seat in the Local Legislature.

Goderich High School.

The Christmas examination of the Goderich High School took place last Friday. The pupils acquitted themselves well and gave evidence of careful training on the part of the teachers. We are glad to learn that there is a probability of a much larger attendance after the New Year. The following is the result of the written examination which took place at the close of the term just closed,—

SENIOR DIVISION.

Mary Moorhouse	81	per cent.
Cayley Hamilton	99	"
Emma Hardy	68	"
Eugine Carey	66	"
Ellen Kernighan	65	"
Kate Hardy	64	"
Wm. Macara	63	"
Sephy Gordon	60	"
Minnie Robertson	55	"
John Kay	52	"

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Francis Sieveright	77	"
Maggie Brackenridge	73	"
Walter McDonald	71	"
Sara Gooding	68	"
Mary Smaill	67	"
Robert Govenlock	64	"
Simon Fraser	60	"
Barbara Rutherford	58	"
Wm. Horton	58	"
Maud Evans	57	"
Annie Rumball	56	"
Annie Wynn	54	"
Jennie Macara	46	"

The written examination comprised the following subjects,—Spelling, Grammar, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, English Literature, Botany, French, Latin, and Greek. Owing to the change of assistant teacher, the reorganization of classes in the middle of the half year consequent on the examination in October, and the more advanced style of questions in some of the subjects, the examination was somewhat more difficult than usual and hence the per centage of marks obtained is lower. Twenty-three pupils attended the examination throughout. Three were absent at the examination for teachers, and several were absent owing to illness.

School Examination.

The semi-annual examination of the Goderich Public Schools took place on Thursday and Friday last. We regret that a press of other engagements prevented our being present, but from those who were, we learn that the appearance presented by the pupils was very creditable, and such as to sustain the high character which the schools enjoy. We regret that the Central School is about to lose the services of Mr. Cumming, the efficient principal, who retires from the profession, and of Mr. McDonald, the second master, who leaves to fill a similiar position elsewhere at a larger salary, the trustees having refused to grant him $50 additional for which he would have remained. Under Mr. Cummings care the schools have reached a high degree of efficiency, and Mr. McDonald, though he has been here only one year, has proved himself a good teacher and has given satisfaction to all concerned. We trust their successors will prove equally efficient.

The pupils of the Central School, together with their friends, assembled in Crabb's Hall on Friday evening, for the purpose of hearing the result of the examinations for promotion, which have been in progress for some time past, for the distribution of the prizes, and for the purpose of listening to songs, recitations, &c, by some of the pupils. Mr. Crabb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, occupied the chair, and the following programme was gone through with, most of those who took part in it doing themselves credit :—

PROGRAMME.

1.—Address from Chairman.
2.—Song—Maggie May—Class.
3.—Reading—Abram Cowherd.
4.—Song—Alice Trainer & Clara Mellish.
5.—Song—Hattie Andrews.
6.—Reading—Percy Mackid.
7. - Song—When Johnny &c.—Class.
8.—Dialogue—
9.—Song—Jennie Ferguson.
10.—Duett—Annie Smith and James Smith.
11.—Song—Addie Kinahan.
12.—Reading—Charles Ross.
13.—Song—Emily Mellish.
14.—Song — Mollie Darling — Mary Whitely.
15.—Duett—Annie Smith and Angie Dancy.

The principal then read the result of the examinations, which will be found below, but announced that the prizes, with the exception of one given by Mr. Strang, would not be handed to the pupils entitled to them till next morning, owing to the crowded state of the hall.

Mr. Strang then presented the prize which he as Principal of the High School had promised to the pupil of the Central School who should stand highest at the examinations, and in doing so made a few remarks in which he highly complimented the young lady who had received it on her high standing in what was by no means an easy examination, and which was rendered more difficult by the fact that it was written and the papers prepared by a person who was not a teacher in the school. The recipient of the prize was Miss Katie Watson, a girl only 12 years of age, daughter of Jas. Watson, baker. Out of a maximum of 900 marks she made 826, or over 90 per cent in all subjects. We question if any other school in the province can show so creditable a result by so young a pupil. Mr. Strang announced his intention of continuing the prize.

Two of Mr. Cumming's pupils then stepped forward and on behalf of the school presented him with a handsome papier mache inkstand and an address expressing the high esteem in which he was held and their regret that he was about to leave them. Two of Mr. McDonald's pupils then presented him with an inkstand and card basket, together with an address, and Rev. Mr. Ure, on behalf of one of Mr. McDonald's young lady pupils, presented him with a locket. Miss Dickson and Miss Norval were also made the recipients of handsome gifts, but the formal presentations were postponed till the next morning, then to take place before the pupils. A few remarks were made by one or two of the gentlemen present on the platform, after which the proceedings were brought to a close by singing the vacation song and a verse of God Save the Queen.

The following is the result of the examinations,—

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

DIVISION NO. I.

TEACHER—W. CUMMING.

Total number of names on Register 37
Number examined for promotion....35
Number promoted with credit.....25
Total number promoted.....30

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Katie Watson, Emma Cox, Emily Sharman, Katie Moore, Sarah Dickson, Addie Jenkins, Donald McGillivray, Wm Williams, Marion Gooding, Samuel J. Reid, Wellington Small, Geo. Gordon, Minnie Gardiner, Maria McFarlane, Susan Bates, Loftus Dancy, Walter Hick, Mary Fox, Christie Swanson, John McDougall, Christie McKay, John Acheson, Annie Passmore, Mary Allen, Alex. Ross, Percy Mackid, Robt. Rutledge, Annie Stotts, Angie Dancy and Wm Ralph.

DIVISION NO. II.

TEACHER—A. MCDONALD.

Total number of names on Register..43
Number examined for promotion.....37
Number promoted with credit.....15
Total number promoted.....26

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Frederick Ball, Charles Miller, Wm. A. Walker, Isabella Sharman, Lucy Campbell, Lizzie Wright, Alice Potts, Lizzie Smith, Jas Reid, Louisa Wilson, Annie Smith, Clara Howel, Fanny Harrison, Lizzie Dodd, Lavina Johnson, James Heale, Lizzie Logan, John Yates, Chas Davies, Wm Ross, John Jenkins, Devina Rutherford, Agnes Long, Lucy Trueman, Simon Pentland.

DIVISION NO. III.

TEACHER—MISS TRAINER.

Total number of names on Register..58
Number examined for promotion....53
Number promoted with credit.....36
Total number promoted.....47

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Jennie Mair, Emily Edard, Fanny Biddulph, Lena Shroder, Frank Nolan, Lizzie Campbell, Emma Holmes, Mary Mitchell, Abram Cowherd, Ben. Shaw, Maud Rotebourne, Agnes Allan, Amelia Ralph, Annie McIntosh, Willie Yates, Amelia Eagle, Jas Gordon, Lizzie Wilson, Emma Addison, Edward Maclion, Charlotte Hedger, Annie Elliott, Katie Bates, Lillie Pupst, George Passmore, Robert Runciman, Henry Marlton, James Smith, Charles Stewart, Louisa Adams, Annie Morris, John Cox, Daniel McKay, Willie Potts, Sarah Sharman, Lizzie Thomson, George Bell, George Robinson, Walter Sharman, Harry Montgomery, Alex. McKay, Isabella Mathoson, Hannah McKenzie, Mary Whitely, Woodie Mann, Willie Robinson, John Conley.

DIVISION NO. IV.

TEACHER—MISS DIXON.

Total number of names on Register..67
Number examined for promotion....67
Number promoted with credit.....16
Total number promoted.....48

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—John Robertson, John Platt, James Moir, Rumley Horton, Albert Geoding, Mary Reid, Bridget Vaughan, Lizzie Somerville, Alice Trainer, Ellen Morris, Geo. McKenzie, James Lickfold, Agnes Kirkbride, Wm Campbell, Mary Ball, James A. McLaren, Thos Dickson, Isabella McLeod, Lizzie Hyslop, Christopher Martin, Lyman Morris, Addie Kinahan, Annie Weatherald, Maggie Lonth, Sophia Robinson, Maggie Vaughan, Nancy Young, Thos Graham, Maggie Wilkinson, Clara Mellish, Lizzie Rutson, Mary Ann Young, Wm Rutson, Matthew Miller, Robert Campbell, John Wyatt, Roddy Fraser, Maggie O'Brien, Jane Stotts, Eddie Martin, Hattie Andrews, Bridget Sullivan, Willie Dodd, Arthur Bennett, Norman McFarlane, Alice Platt, Geo. Bates, Andrew Reid.

DIVISION NO. V.

TEACHER—MISS NORVAL.

Total number of names on Register...67
Number examined for promotion....46
Number promoted with credit.....15
Total number promoted.....26

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Maggie Mair, Bella Sieveright, Richard Loutit, Mary McLaren, Agnes Runciman, Emma Henning, Geo Myer, Ettie Moore, Thos Fitzhenry, Albert Noble, Lizzie Bell, Flora Cameron, Roland Martin, Wm Ross, Henry Morron, Wm Miller, Ellen Smith, Willie Worden, Alick McKenzie, Herbert Thompson, Susie Black, John Scallion, Vancouver Martin, Wm Williams, Jas Wright, Thomas Ball.

DIVISION NO. VI.

TEACHER—MISS DONOGH.

Number examined for promotion.....58
Number promoted with credit.....8
Total number promoted.....16

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Jane McKeith, Ella Platt, Wm Robertson, Rory Merrison, Herbert Sinclair, Thos Kirkpatrick, Alice Emerton, James Buchanan, John Jessup, Wm Trainer, Beatrice Fulford, Robt Wilkinson, Maggie Cameron, James Ward, Ellen Murphy, Mary Bonnamy.

DIVISION NO. VII.

TEACHER—MISS KIRKBRIDE.

Number examined for promotion....49
Number promoted with credit.....9
Total number promoted.....19

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Charles Edwards, Frank McGregor, Albert Pridham, Moses Fitzhenry, Joseph O'Rourke, Teddy Andrews, John Halliday, Eliza Wilkinson, Mary Dart, Lizzie Clapp, Jane Bell, Flora Mellish, John McCormick, Æneas McDougall, John Stotts, Joseph Murphy, Annie Hunt, Maud Weatherald, and Thomas Wells.

ST. PATRICK'S WARD.

TEACHERS—MISS LONGWORTH AND MRS. SPENCE.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Total number of names on Register..54
Number present at examination.....45
Number examined for promotion.....18
Number promoted with credit.....4
Total number promoted.....7

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Annie Cook, Maggie Robertson, Marion Runciman, Annie Campbell, Wm Fisher, Agnes Reid, and David McPherson.

ST. DAVID'S WARD.

TEACHERS—MISSES MCMAHON AND MCKAY.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Total number of names on Register...53
Number present at examination.....45
Number examined for promotion.....22
Number promoted with credit.....5
Total number promoted.....15

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Mary Headley, Nettie Allen, Hettie Kerr, Albert Humber, Freddie Crabb, Jennie Archibald, Josephine Tisdale, Martha Young, John Hurley, George Bates, Annie Waddington, Maggie Madden, Amelia McLean, Harry Donogh and Peter McKendry.

ST. ANDREW'S WARD.

TEACHERS—MISSES TAYLOR AND ADAMS.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Number examined.....27
Number promoted with credit.....3
Total number promoted.....6

Names of those promoted in order of merit:—Georgina McGuire, Jennie Lickfold, Mary Watson, Rosa Currie, Alex. McKinnon, James Watson.

Temperance Meeting.

The second of the Temperance meetings, which are to be held monthly during the present winter, took place on Friday evening last. Temperance Hall was well filled, notwithstanding the great attraction at Crabb's Hall on that evening. Rev. C. Fletcher being called to the Chair, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Nugent, the opening order was sung and Mr. Campbell gave a reading entitled "The gambler's life." It was now announced that the singers of the evening being all absent, Bro. Thomson would be expected to fill the gap, which he did by singing "The Indian Lament."

The lecturer was then introduced, Rev. Mr. Graham, who kept the close attention of the audience for nearly an hour and a half. Few abler lectures on this subject have ever been delivered in Goderich; the hearty applause which frequently greeted the speaker testifying the appreciation of the listners.

The Rev. gentleman, after a humorous allusion to the supposed slowness of the Temperance movement, illustrated by a story of a poetical horse in Dublin, said that he spoke for no class or set of men, so that he alone was responsible for the opinions he might put forward on the occasion. He glanced at the history of the movement, and showed that such men as John Wesley and Dr. Fothringham were thought temperance men—Wesley laid it down as a law that members of his societies were not to partake of liquor except in cases of *extreme* necessity. It is true that the societies have now suppressed the word *extreme*, but it certainly stood in the original rule. The present aspect of the case is favorable. At one time a clergyman boldly avowed that to sign a pledge of total abstinence was a direct attack upon the Godhead. But now the evil is admitted by all. And Temperance advocates are at one in regard to the end to be aimed at, the difference of opinion is in regard to the means to be used. These, in the past, have been moral suasion, religious principle, and legal enactment. As to the two first of these means, the speaker did not profess unlimited faith. Both of them will do good, and great good, but if we depend entirely on them we will have a large failure. The presence of Inebriate Asylums in the States, England and here, proves that no one depends entirely upon these means. The Bishop of Ontario, who has lately delivered a speech advocating Prohibition says we must make this a political question; but this has been done for the last 600 years,—the real issue is, how far shall this be carried as a political question? Our license system, the speaker believed to have done good, but the anomalies in connection therewith and the objections to it are serious. One objection to it is that it makes the man who deals in it respectable, although he is always ashamed of the results. Fancy our respectable tavern keeper exhibiting 10 or 15 dried drunkards as the specimens of his success in trade at our National Exhibitions! Another objection is the responsibility which it brings upon the public. Every man who favors a license system shares in the responsibility of it. Besides, and more than all, it is an admitted evil, and shall we license evil? No! So, although the license system has done good, it must be abolished. The Reformers in its favor are "powerfully weak."

Some object to Prohibition as an infringement of the rights of property. After explaining the common method of meeting this objection, the Rev. gentleman disapproved of it, and gave his method. Public right and private right cannot clash, for we have no rights but what the State gives us. If then the State has seen fit to license the system, it certainly has the power to correct its own mistake, if it sees fit to do so.

Another objection is that Prohibition infringes on our liberty. But we can have no liberty to do do wrong, and the state has the power to prevent wrong doing. After quoting some statistics which proved most conclusively the evil of the traffic, the speaker, quoting O'Connell said that the bare arm of God was revealed against the traffic, for it is worse than slavery; it takes hold of every interest for time and for eternity, and blights every thing we would wish to see flourish.

Another objection is that we want to make men virtuous by act of Parliament. We don't. But we want to remove the temptation out of a man's way which has been put there by act of Parliament.

Why should government prohibit this traffic? Because it is the function of good governments to preserve life and property. Statistics from various *Reviews* were quoted, completely sustaining the position that this traffic destroys both to a fearful extent. But, say some, you could not enforce this law if you had it.

The Rev. speaker expressed his pleasure that we have driven our opponents to this, their last ditch. Why could we not enforce it? There would be smuggling, say some. Undoubtedly there would to some extent. But a few examples made of offenders would soon check this. If any people make up their minds for a law, depend on it, they will enforce it. Look at the results where it has been in operation. Crime has been decreased two-thirds. No law is perfectly respected. But this will get as much respect as any other. So let us labor to keep it before the political world, and success will crown our efforts.

"The Brandy Bottle" was then sung by Capt. Thomson, an excellent reading followed by Mr. Moore, and the meeting closed by a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and the benediction.

Brussels.

LOTS OF WHEAT.—Mr. John Leckie has bought over 10,000 bushels of wheat in Brussels this season, all of which he still holds in his store-house, awaiting shipping facilities.—*Expositor.*

Varna.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday of last week, a few friends of Rev. Mr. Danby, Presbyterian minister, residing in Varna and vicinity, waited on that gentleman and presented him with a purse, containing a considerable sum of money, accompanied with an address, expressive of the esteem with which he is regarded, on account of the kind Christian spirit he has at all times shown since he came to reside among us. Refreshments were partaken of by the company, and all enjoyed themselves in a happy manner. —*Expositor.*

Wroxeter.

THAT REPORTED OUTRAGE.—A few weeks ago a paragraph went the rounds of the papers to the effect that a man named Thomson had been guilty of a serious outrage. We did not believe the report at the time, and thought it best to refrain from giving it publicity. Thomson was arrested a few days ago near Seaforth, and brought to Gorrie and taken before the magistrates, when it was found that no evidence could be adduced to show that he had been guilty of any assault whatever. The unfortunate fellow was sent to Goderich for a month for using abusive language to the magistrate.—*Expositor.*

Exeter.

FAREWELL.—But not a long farewell to our friends who have gone to North Carolina. Messrs. Manning, W. and J. Lang, Captain Gibson and Rev. Mr. Logie took their departure on Tuesday morning last, for the sunny South. We understand this is a prospecting tour.—*Times.*

BAD CUT.—As a young man named Wright, whose parents reside in this village, was chopping wood near London, he met with a severe accident. A young companion was chopping at the same time, and we learn, his axe slipping, nearly severed young Wright's foot from the ankle. He was at once brought home, and is doing well.—*Times.*

Blyth.

MASONIC.—A Masonic lodge was opened at Blyth on the 10th inst. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Bro. Wm. Wilson, W. M.
" C. Hamilton, S. W.
" D. B. McKinnon, J. W.
" Dr. Hutchison, S. D.
" W. Curtiss, Secy.
" J. Clarke, Tyler.

MORRIS REEVESHIP.—Mr. A. Brown the present Reeve of Morris, being about to remove to the United States, will not be a candidate for re-election. The contest, which promises to be an exciting one, will be between Thomas Kelly and Patrick Kelly.

McKillop.

A THUMB CUT OFF.—A pretty severe accident happened to Wm. Dukes, on the 9th inst. It seems that this young man who works for John Bunn of the 9th Con., was making a wedge, but by some accident the axe came down on his hand, cutting the thumb off all but a mere shred of skin on the lower part. Dr. Campbell of Seaforth, was called to attend to the case and stuck the thumb on sewing it duly together, and we since learn that it is doing well, and that Mr. Dukes will have a useful number.

ODDFELLOWS.—There is a very fine Lodge of this order in town and numbers are joining every meeting night. The Order is becoming very popular in town. The meeting night is Wednesday. The brethren intend building a fine Hall next summer, on the corner near Dr. McNaught's Veterinary Office.

Seaforth.

A CUT FOOT.—On the 9th inst., while Mr. Wm. Spain, a young man wo works in Mr. Shantz's flax mill, was cutting wood at his father's house near the Station, the axe glanced and came down on the upper part of the foot, making quite a large wound which bled freely. He was taken to Dr. Campbell's Surgery and had the wound sewed up and is now doing well.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—Calder, Bros. of the Seaforth Marble Works have dissolved partnership, Mr. T. Calder, one of the firm having entered into a partnership with Mr. Cooper of Clinton, where they will carry on business. The present Seaforth Marble Works will be conducted by Mr. Louis Calder the senior member of the late firm and the proprietor of the house and lot upon which the works stand.

OUR NEXT REEVE.—Seaforth has been pretty well canvassed by opposing parties for the Reeveship and it is now pretty well understood that our present Reeve will be re-elected by a majority of at least 50 votes.

OUR COUNCILMEN.—Mr. Broadfoot has expressed a desire to retire so that a new councilman will have to be elected in his room and stead. The old council with this exception will likely be returned.

Clinton.

THE PUBLIC EXAMINATION in the Clinton High School came off on Friday last, and was very well attended by the ladies of the village. The examination in the various departments of the public school took place also on the same day. Some of the pupils in the High School are exceedingly clever. The rapidity with which some of them analyzed the very complicated questions in arithmetic was not a little remarkable. The answers in physiology were especially good showing that some had acquired a good general knowledge of the functions of all the vital organs. At the close sixty dollars in prize books were given with appropriate remarks by the Chairman of the Board, Rev. Mr. McCuaig. Some of the books were very beautifully bound and of considerable value, few under seventy-five cents, comprising history, biography, poetry and some works of fiction. Some excellent remarks were made by Mr. Hale, also by Rev. Mr. Blackstock, and the proceedings were closed by prayer and benediction by Rev. McCuaig.

THE QUESTION OF RESEVESHIP is causing considerable excitement here just now. A requisition has been put in circulation asking R. A. Barton, Esq., of the firm of Fisher & Barton, to run for Reeve against the present one, R. Callender, Esq. A meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening called by the Reeve to explain to the ratepayers his official acts during his term of office. The requisition is stated to have originated at a meeting in which both Reformers and Conservatives took part and was industriously circulated by both as well as the whiskey interest, on the alleged ground of extravagance and incapacity on the part of the Reeve, while it is alleged on the other hand as the true reasons for getting up the requisition that the Reeve gave his casting vote to raise the Hotel licenses, and that the liquor and Conservative interests are combined to put out the present Reeve and secure a Conservative Reeve with the view of electing a Conservative Warden, anticipating a dissolution of the present House of Commons and a general election immediately following. There is likely to be a lively time should both stand.

Morris

EXTRAORDINARY.—Mr. Joseph Underwood, 5th con. of Morris, did some excellent work in the chopping line