of Mr. Robert Mills, of Hamilton, died on Sunday morning from the effects of the kick he received on Wednesday at the house of Michael McGrath.

The Ontario Poultry Society [illegible] will commence at Ottawa on the 19th inst. [illegible] will last [illegible] days.

The Chatham Gas Company [illegible] by have had a revenue of [illegible] $10 and costs (in all $17) by charging a dozen as [illegible]

[illegible] Brown, of Toronto, [illegible] Mr. Fraser, of Brantford, [illegible] the contract for [illegible] the greatest number of [illegible] Mr. Fraser [illegible] McCullough, [illegible] Fraser once [illegible] a knife and [illegible] a temple, inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—People are coming to Canada now instead of going to Florida for the winter season.

—Farmers in Grey have done a good deal of ploughing, hauling manure, &c., this month. A man passing along the railway line a few days ago planted a sprig of cedar, on which were flourishing some early, full-shaped leaves.

—On New Year's Day a little four year old son of Edward Kirkpatrick, of Brussels, climbed upon a table, and fell off. A broken shoulder was the result.

—A new Grange has been established in Tuckersmith, with the following as officers: Robt. McMordie, master; Geo. Smillie, secretary. There are 19 members.

—The population of Brussels, as taken for school purposes, the last week in December, 1875, is 1,157, being an increase of 147 as shown by the census taken in the same month in 1874.

—The new members who will appear in the County Council this year are: J. Oakley, Clinton; H. Davis, Wingham; G. Hesseth and T. Varley, Goderich; Castle, Stanley; John Beattie, Colborne; J. Warwick, Hullett; R. Webster and Walter Lane, Ashfield.

—Mrs. Stubbs, of Morris, met with a severe accident on Sunday, 2d inst. While on her way to church, she slipped on a rail and slipped, breaking the splinter bone and spraining her ankle.

—The south half of Graham's bridge, was washed away on the night of the 2d inst., after withstanding the floods and storms of the past seventeen years.

—A tea meeting in connection with the Sabbath School of Cole's Church, Goderich township, will be held on Thursday, the 13th inst.

—The new Council for Lucknow is composed as follows: Reeve, M. Campbell; Councillors, Messrs. Trelleaven, Lawrence, Mooney and Douglass.

—Gibson Brothers, of Wroxeter, intend to erect an oatmeal mill next summer, the machinery and dry kiln for which they have already purchased.

—Mr. Thos. Govenlock, of McKillop, was busily engaged in making maple sugar, week before last. The sap ran as well as in spring, and was considered equally as good.

—Rev. Father O'Shea, of Goderich, will deliver a lecture in the Irishtown Church, on Sunday evening, Jan. 16. The subject of the lecture is "The Literary and Christian aspect of Ireland."

—A correspondent in a London paper says that bad feeling still continues to manifest itself in regard to church matters in Bayfield. On Sabbath before last the non-Union party, thinking that Unionists intended holding service, assembled early to guard the church and prevent the entrance of the Unionists. One young lady, who went to teach in the Sabbath school, they turned away from the door. Some of them carried revolvers, and as the hour for service approached, the ring-leader said to his followers excitedly, "If they try to force an entrance we must shoot." No Unionists, however, attempted this feat, and the Laing-Burnet party stood guard over the church till the hour for meeting passed, when they retired to their homes.

—The following gentlemen have been appointed station agents along the line of the L. H. & B. Railway:—Brussels station, W. Waugh, formerly relieving agent on main line; Centralia, J. Knox, formerly of Allanburgh junction; Exeter, W. Hayden, agent, formerly of Glencoe, and J. McDonald, operator, Toronto junction; Hensall, W. Dench, formerly of Wingham; Brucefield, Chas. Deane; Clinton, G. W. Bishop, formerly G. W. agent at Buffalo (W. R. Thompson, acting agent, formerly relieving agent on main line, London,) J. E. Johnston, operator, formerly at Windsor, and W. Kew, Thamesville, warehouseman; Londesboro, W. Mylne, formerly at Aylmer; Blyth, M. Steinhoff, formerly of Cayuga; Belgrave, J. Gillies, of Komoka.

CLINTON AND VICINITY.

Cocoanut playing was indulged in by the people of Clinton on New Year's day.

Barn Owls.—Mr. Thos. Welsh, jun., of lot 38, con. 6, Goderich township, shot an owl measuring 5 feet 4 inches across the wings, on Saturday the 1st inst. The day previous, Mr. R. Young, of the 9th con., shot another, measuring 5 feet 6 inches, which was attempting to kill a goose in his barn yard. Both birds were uncommonly fine ones, being spotted white and black.

Grand Trunk Railway Cars.—For some time past, freight cars on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway have been systematically robbed, and so cleverly were the robberies committed that for a time the Company were unable to discover the perpetrators. A few weeks ago a package of ordered clothing, for Mr. T. Jackson, of this town, which had been shipped at Montreal, was robbed of about $30 worth of its contents, and about the same time an Exeter firm suffered a similar loss. Clever detectives were engaged to work up the case, and last week several employees were arrested at Toronto, on suspicion of being the guilty parties. They were tried, found guilty, and sentenced.—*New Era.*

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto, London and Buffalo.
No. 7 Mixed, 9.15 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express 12.30 p. m., for Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.00 p. m.,

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 11.30 a. m., from Stratford.
No. 2 Mail Express 2.50 p. m., from Toronto, Detroit and Buffalo.
No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.
No. 4 Express, 10.15 p. m., from Buffalo.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, JAN'Y. 12, 1876.

The School Board.

A good deal of activity is being displayed in the election which takes place to-day (Wednesday), and if we are to judge by the manifestations of popular feeling a clean sweep of the old members is desired. Still the retiring members who are again in the field have canvassed vigorously, and in St. Andrews ward by means of misrepresentation the old member has been promised a strong support. On Thursday Mr. W. D. Allen was induced to permit himself to be a candidate, and many who had been induced to promise their vote to the present member on his representing that he was to be unopposed have reconsidered their action.

In St. David's Ward Mr. Wm. Kay is the intelligent candidate, whilst Mr. Elliott is his opponent. Extremes will meet sometimes, but we hope for the sake of the Board that Mr. Kay will be triumphantly returned.

Mr. Nicholson, the present member for St. George's Ward, is free from the taint which attaches to some of the members. He has been honest and has filled his position at the Board with credit to himself, the only objection to him being that he has not recorded his vote against transactions of the Board which were illegal and wrong in every sense of the word. Mr. John Macara, an old and efficient school trustee and one who takes a great interest in school affairs, is a candidate for this ward. Both gentlemen are well and favorably known but Mr. Macara has more time and experience to devote to the office.

In St. Patrick's Ward Mr. John Passmore and Mr. E. F. Moore we believe are to be the candidates.

It is to be regretted that the ballot system has not been put to practice in the election of school trustees, and that this election is not held on the same day with that of the municipal officers. A considerable expense would be saved, and the very disagreeable custom of canvassing be done away with. As it is we hope our readers will do their duty, consider what we said last week and choose from the candidates men who will fill the responsible office intelligently, honestly and to the public credit. It is desirable to have well-educated men, and we hope that, if the clean sweep is not carried out, at least the old members for St. Andrew's and St. David's Wards will be elected to stay at home.

The question of prohibition is taking a strong hold upon the people, and the action of the licensed victuallers association in requesting the Premier to take action toward amending the present license act so as to better protect their interests and have the law more strictly enforced, has given it a new phase. A petition is being circulated in town for presentation to Mr. Ross, M. P. P. for West Huron, embodying the principles of Mr. Clark's bill for the restriction of hotels, and is receiving a large number of signatures. The feeling is very decided upon the necessity of having legislation upon the subject this session, and with the petitions of the interested parties before them containing views inimical to both, there is little reason to doubt that a new act will be passed, or that provision will be made to enforce the present one with greater rigor.

Inquest.—On 5th instant Mr. John Hodger laid information before Dr. McLean under the following circumstances. His daughter Jane has been living as a servant with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McEwen, and about three weeks ago she was delivered of a child of which McEwen is the father; the child died suddenly and was buried under suspicious circumstances, as Mr. John Hodger charged; an inquest was therefore held in the Council Chamber. After the jury viewed the body evidence was taken of the several parties concerned. Dr. McMicking gave evidence of having attended the child and found it suffering from indigestion (which would be sufficient to cause death. The case occupied over three hours altogether, and the jury returned a verdict that there was no evidence to support the charge, child having died of indigestion.

SEAFORTH AND VICINITY.

Hugh Ewing, late of Tuckersmith, has been elected Reeve of Palmerston.

Mr. J. H. Broadfoot lately presented a handsome circular table to be placed in front of the pulpit, to the Presbyterian church.

Owing to the breaking of one of the pieces of tubing in Kidd's salt well the works at Carronbrook have been lying idle for some days. The injury is being repaired with all speed.

The Literary Society has decided that a prohibitory liquor law would not be beneficial at the present time.

The shipments from the Seaforth station for the week ending Jan. 1, foot up to $4,259.57, being $2,736.65 in excess of the shipments of the corresponding week of last year. The shipments for one day last week Jan. 4, amounted to $2,045.

EXETER.

Teachers' Institute.—A meeting of the Exeter Teachers' Institute will be held in the school house Exeter, on Sat., 15th inst.

Large Hogs.—On Friday 17th of Dec., Mr. R. Leddy, killed for Mr. T. Down, Lot 27, Con. 2, two eight months' pigs, which weighed when cleaned 300 and 325 pounds, respectively.

Early Planting.—On the 31st ult., Mr. John Gould of this village purchased and sowed some onion seed, the ground being in a fit condition for gardening.—*Times.*

THE CHURCH NURSERY.

Sunday School Convention, County of Huron.

A SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.

HINTS AND INTERESTING INFORMATION TO TEACHERS AND PARENTS.

BY OUR REPORTER.

The regular annual convention of the County of Huron Sabbath School Association opened in Knox Church, on Thursday last, at 2:30 p. m. The attendance was good, and compared with that which greeted the first session of the Convention four years ago was exceedingly encouraging and showed that the interest in this gathering was increasing and that its object satisfactorily secured. The President, J. R. Miller, Esq., occupied the chair, Rev. R. Ure conducted the opening devotional exercises, and Messrs. E. F. Moore and Thos. Mair followed with prayer.

The President then delivered his annual address. He referred to the pleasure it gave him to meet so large a gathering of delegates, and to see so great an interest manifested in the meeting, and requested that all should speak freely so that the experiences of each might be obtained for the general benefit. These gatherings had proved very successful. Unity was an essential feature, and this had the effect of gradually breaking down the barriers which existed between different churches. A revival spirit seemed always to follow the conventions, as the delegates always carried away with them new energy and increased knowledge. One of the results of the conventions was the almost universal introduction into Sunday Schools of the International Series of lessons. The best talent was exercised in the production of these lessons and they were working a very great and much needed reform. Schools had increased through this same instrumentality, and in Huron in the past five years an increase of between 100 and 200 per cent had occurred. The officers of schools were now more careful in selecting libraries; better and more attractive accommodation was furnished for the schools. The fact was being better appreciated that the Sunday School was the nursery of the church, and the best apartments were being furnished for the former. Larger contributions were being obtained for school purposes; teacher's weekly meetings for discussing lessons were more common; normal classes were being generally established, where the older scholars were being educated as teachers, passing through a sort of theological course, and all through the instrumentality of these conventions. The President concluded by hoping that great zeal and success might characterize the present convention, and the resulting benefit be abundant.

After singing a hymn, the verbal reports of superintendents and delegates were heard. Mr. E. F. Moore, of North St. Church, Goderich, reported that on the roll of his school there were 8 officers, 37 teachers and 475 scholars, and the average attendance was 296. Teachers held weekly meetings for study of lessons, a normal class was regularly conducted, and 15 minute prayer meetings were held after close of school on each Sabbath. Between 20 and 30 conversions were made in the school during the year. There were 900 books in the library, which were distributed upon a very successful plan. During the year $109.18 was raised by the school for various purposes.

Mr. Thos. Mair, Knox Church, Goderich, reported that the roll contained about 280 names, the average attendance 230; staff of officers and teachers, 30, meetings for study of lessons were held each week; monthly meetings were also held, at which the teachers discussed the general business of the school. Parents did not take the proper amount of interest in the school, by seeing that their children came prepared with their lessons.

Rev. Mr. Beer, of the Usborne Bible Christian Circuit, reported that one or two of his schools were prospering, but could give no exact report of their condition as he had little time to inspect those on the circuit. He regretted that parents did not take more interest in the schools. The international series of lessons was used in the above schools.

Rev. Mr. McCuaig, of Clinton, reported that in his school there were about 400 scholars, with 29 teachers and officers. Teachers' meeting held weekly; school contributed to its own support and to missionary work largely. Did not approve of the international series altogether, as occasionally the subjects were merely historical and not appropriate for lessons; but the series was better at the present time than it was some time ago. If a teacher was a good one, he liked to see him teach in his own way, and not to be solely guided by the lesson prepared for him.

Mr. Snell, of Londesboro, reported the average attendance as 120, with a roll of 183 names. The international series of lessons was used, and the *Banner* was circulated in the school, and there were about 500 books in the library. As a country school, it was very successful. School is opened at 2 p. m. with singing and prayer; then follows half an hour for reading and study of lesson; then singing, after which some person in the school reviews the lesson for 15 minutes. About 15 minutes are also occupied with practicing hymns, and the school is closed in the usual form.

Rev. Mr. Gracey, of Presbyterian Church, Usborne, reported that the attendance at his school was very good in summer, but owing to the early hour of meeting, 9:30 a. m. the attendance in winter was not so good. International series of lessons was used, but noticed the teachers were apt to forget to prepare their lessons.

Rev. Mr. Scott, Egmondville, had 12 classes in his school; average attendance in summer 80, in winter 50 or 60; hour of meeting 9:45; international series of lessons used. Reviewed the lesson at close of school, and asked questions. It was found impossible to carry on regular weekly meetings of teachers. There were about 210 volumes in the library, which was increasing. The school was progressing.

Mr. Badge, Seaforth, reported the attendance between 50 and 60; international series used; had good staff of teachers, but they were inclined to use the printed information upon the lesson verbatim. A class meeting of children was held on Sabbath afternoons, with great success, and regular singing exercises were held. A committee was appointed to bring in all the scholars that could be found.

Rev. Mr. Brock, of Clinton, reported names on roll of his school to be about 390, with about 30 officers and teachers. No regular teacher's meetings were held. School contributed largely towards missionary work, and the church supported the school liberally.

Mr. Martin, of Elimville, stated that his school was about 18 months in existence, and now had an attendance of about 100. The progress being made was very encouraging.

Mr. Macdonald, of Leeburn Union School, reported the number on roll 60; average attendance about 45, with 9 officers, and a library of 500 volumes and a good supply of papers. The work of building up the school was difficult, as no permanent meeting place could be procured until now they had a comfortable church.

Mr. Nich. Morrish, of Zion Sabbath School, Colborne, reported 95 names on the roll, with average attendance of about 55; 4 officers, and 13 teachers. International series of lessons used. The children were given prizes, and the parents supported the school liberally. No regular teacher's meetings were held.

Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, of Seaforth, reported number on roll as between 300 and 400, with a good staff of teachers. International series of lessons used. Weekly meeting of teachers was held, and the Wednesday evening prayer meeting service was preached upon the lesson of the succeeding Sabbath.

Rev. Mr. Millard, of Brussels, spoke of the international series of lessons, and supporting the system strongly. It was not intended that teachers should repeat the printed information regarding the lesson like a poll parrot; superintendents should see that [illegible] teaching. The chairman appointed the following committees:

Business Committee—Messrs. R. R. Robertson, Mair, [illegible] and Rev. Mr. Griffin.

The church was filled to the [illegible] class, and the presence of [illegible] of Knox and North street churches under the leadership of Capt. Thomson, gave a great charm to the meeting, the singing being really splendid. Miss Andrews presided at the organ with great effect.

The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Beer, and after a beautiful anthem had been sung by the choir, Capt. Gibson read the report of the Business Committee, which was adopted.

After the reading of the minutes, Rev. Thos. Brock, of Clinton, gave a sketch of the proceedings of the Provincial S.S. convention at Hamilton, in which he brought forth the salient points of the addresses delivered upon that occasion and touched upon the important business transacted.

Rev. F. McCuaig, of Clinton, was called upon and treated the convention to one of his bible class lessons.

"The Pastor's work in connection with the Sabbath School," in the absence of Mr. Jas. Miller, of Bayfield, who was to give his views upon the question from a layman's standpoint, was introduced by Rev. W. C. Henderson, of Goderich. He had found one instance where the Sabbath School deemed the pastor had no connection with it, but he was pleased to know this as an exceptional case; the relationship between the two was similar to that of the Siamese twins. Outside of the Sabbath School it was the pastor's place to create a sound and healthy sentiment in the church towards the school; to so educate his hearers that there would be willing candidates to fill vacancies in the staff of teachers; to induce the church to liberally support the school; to encourage the members to back up the efforts of the teachers by their prayers, and to assist them by instructing their children at home; and he believed the pastor should address the children more frequently in the church. Inside the school it was his opinion that the office of superintendent should be held by the best man, and not always by the pastor, but the latter should always endeavor to be present to encourage the teachers and make them feel that they had a friend and counsellor in him; he should teach a bible class, but his most important duty was to stand at the back of the teachers and encourage them on.

The discussion of this subject was deferred until the next session. After the collection had been taken, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. O. Rice, of Nile.

THIRD SESSION.

At 9 a. m. on Friday morning the convention resumed; the opening exercises consisting of a Praise, Prayer and Promise meeting conducted by Rev. Mr. Millard. This service was very interesting, the beauty of the morning seeming to inspire the delegates with gladness and fervor.

After reading of minutes, Rev. Mr. Beer introduced the subject, "The advisability of giving prizes in Sabbath Schools." He took the negative view, on the ground that the giving of prizes taught a wrong motive, induced rivalry, selfishness and trickery in the efforts at success. In awarding prizes to scholars who repeated most verses, those who were possessed of greatest natural ability and who had to put forth the least effort to accomplish their task were always the successful ones, whilst those who were less ready and who studied with greater effort were the really meritorious ones. The school room should be made attractive, and the scholar should be educated to feel that a spiritual blessing was the greatest prize.

Rev. Mr. Millard, of Toronto, took a similar view. He had great faith in the system of giving presents, having a christmas tree, and making the school attractive.

Mr. Martin, Elimville, advocated the giving of prizes. Children who attended no school could be induced to attend by this means.

Mr. E. F. Moore, Goderich, upheld the present system, but would not bind teachers to refrain from giving prizes to their class at discretion. Insisted on scholars learning prescribed lessons, and give presents to all. To induce regular attendance, would give a paper each Sabbath to those who attended.

After a few remarks from Rev. Mr. Gracey in the negative, Rev. J. Goldsmith said scholars should be rewarded in accordance with the association they bear to the school. If we have good scholars we should make them aware of the value of their presence in the school. God rewarded the husbandman according to his efforts.

Rev. Thos. Brock, of Clinton, spoke in the negative, and in response to a question from him, the President stated that the prize system in the public schools caused much dissatisfaction. Presents were given generally as rewards of merit, accompanied by a card stating for what the present had been deserved.

"THE CONGREGATION IN THE S. S."

This was the next subject, and was introduced by Rev. T. Goldsmith. His conception of the subject was the converting of the congregation into a Sabbath School, and he proposed to dispense with the usual second service on Sunday and discuss the lessons of the International series with the congregation, dividing it into classes. This plan had been tried in Massachusetts with great success. The elements of Christian knowledge were sadly lacking, and it was a duty to furnish the people with an analysis of christian topics.

Rev. Mr. Millard hoped Huron would set an example.

Capt. Thompson, Goderich, coincided with the view, and thought the blackboard system of teaching might be introduced with good effect.

Mr. S. Yates, Goderich, thought it would have the effect of awakening the interest of parents in Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Mr. Henderson thought a reaction was settling in favor of expository preaching. Congregations heretofore had sought after brilliant orators and cacuists.

Rev. Messrs. Gracey, Ure and Fletcher sustained the idea.

THE PASTOR'S WORK.

The discussion of the pastor's work in the Sabbath School was continued by Rev. Mr. McCuaig. He held that the pastor had general supervision of the church, of which the Sabbath School was a part and over which an officer appointed had charge. The pastor should visit it frequently, but not interfere in its workings. If the superintendent was not able to conduct the school without the pastor being present, he was not competent. It was entailing too much work.

Rev. Mr. Gracey supported Mr. McCuaig, and Mr. E. F. Moore replied in support of Mr. Henderson.

The latter gentleman, in summing up stated that by the constitution of the Methodist Church, the pastor had the power of appointing the superintendent, which fact brought that institution directly under his watchful care.

The session adjourned at 12:30

FOURTH SESSION.

Opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Courtice, of Clinton, after which the President, in the absence of Rev. Geo. Mitchell, gave an example of infant class teaching.

Mr. E. F. Moore gave a review lesson with blackboard exercise, in which he brought forth the leading points of the lesson under consideration and by grouping them upon the blackboard the meaning was produced with great clearness and impressiveness.

Mr. Thos. Mair, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Griffin, who was detained by the death of a member of his congregation, discussed the subject of "Teacher's [illegible]

[illegible] Committee as follows: President, J. R. Miller; Vice-Presidents, Revs. T. Brock and T. Goldsmith; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, E. F. Moore; Minute Secretary, Jas. F. Dickson; Executive Committee, Rev. W. C. Beer, Elmville; Wm. Grey, Seaforth; Rev. F. McCuaig, Clinton; Rev. Mr. Griffin, Auburn; A. C. Macdonald, Leeburn. Messrs. Warner and T. McGillicuddy, Brussels, were subsequently added to this committee.

Mr. J. R. Miller objected to being reappointed, and Mr. E. F. Moore was appointed, but on motion the report was adopted.

The President appointed Rev. Messrs. Gracey, Henderson and Rice a committee on resolutions.

FIFTH SESSION.

The last session was a brilliant success. Every available portion of sitting room was filled, and seats had to be placed in the aisles for the accommodation of the audience. The galleries were filled with children, the boys occupying one side and the girls the other, and the order kept was very pleasing. Under the leadership of Capt. Thomson they sang several hymns with great vigor and in remarkably good time, and the leader's control over his vast choir was perfect. The singing of "Hold the Fort" was soul stirring and beautiful.

Miss Barnes presided at the organ with great taste. We might here state that Mr. Thomson conducted the singing during Friday, accompanied on the organ by Miss Thomson and Miss Barnes.

The President having announced his willingness to fill the position of President for another year, a motion to make his appointment unanimous was carried amid applause.

Capt. Gibson then gave a short address to parents touching the services they owed the Sabbath School, and calling upon them to assist the teachers by seeing that their children went to school with their lessons prepared.

Rev. Mr. Henderson then gave a five minutes address to teachers, in which he stated that they should be punctual in their attendance at the school; always be present and come prepared; be earnest and put your soul into your work; pray. The future of the many children in the County laid in their hands in a great measure, and the moulding of their characters was partially entrusted to them. The address was an eloquent and interesting one and elicited loud applause.

Master Passmore was next introduced and recited in a very pretty manner and with great distinctness, "What is a Hero."

Rev. Mr. Millard followed in a short and interesting address to the children, which entertained them very pleasantly.

A collection was then taken up, amounting to $17.72, which together with that of the previous evening made sufficient to meet the expenses of the convention.

The question drawer was opened and the papers were answered by Rev. Mr. Millard, after which Rev. Mr. Gracey read the report of the Resolution Committee as follows:

1. Resolved, That this Convention has heard with pleasure and gratitude to God, from a large number of Schools within the County of Huron, of the encouraging attendance of teachers and pupils, and of the amount of work done in those schools for the spiritual training of the young. This Committee also wishes to record its satisfaction with the very general adoption of the International Series of uniform lessons.

2. This Convention is of the opinion that the Pastor of the Congregation should take a direct interest as far as possible in the work of the Sabbath School, and that his position there should be one of general supervision, seeking the interests of Sabbath School as an important part of church work.

3. That owing to the many evils in connection with the prize system, even when most judiciously carried out, this Convention would not recommend its use in our Sabbath Schools.

4. That teachers meetings for the study of the lesson are a valuable aid in carrying forward Sabbath School work, and this Convention would urge upon all teachers a regular attendance thereupon.

5. That the Convention has been much edified by the use of the blackboard in specimen Bible and infant class teaching and in lesson review, and would most cordially recommend the introduction of its use wherever it is possible.

6. That the presence of the Rev. Mr. Millard has afforded this Convention a great amount of pleasure and profit, and that this meeting would show its appreciation of his services by its most hearty thanks, and at the same time would indulge the hope that the Rev. Mr. Millard will favor us with his valuable presence at the next Annual Convention to be held in Brussels.

7. That the thanks of the Convention be presented to Captain Thomson and those associated with him for leading the service of song in the Convention, and for the pains taken to drill the children in singing as a preparation for the Children's Mass Meeting.

8. That the thanks of the Convention are due, and are hereby presented to the Pastors and Trustees of Knox Congregation for the use of their church edifice during the sessions of the present Convention.

9. That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the friends in Goderich, who have so hospitably entertained the members of Convention during their stay in town.

10. That this Convention has heard with regret of the affliction, which in the providence of God, has come upon Mr. J. R. Miller and his family, and would, in a spirit of christian sympathy and condolence. It would also tender its thanks for the courteous and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of President during its meetings.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. Sieveright then delivered a farewell address to the delegates which was eloquently responded to by Rev. Mr. Rice, and after the singing of the Doxology and the pronounciation of the benediction by the Rev. R. Ure, the most successful convention that has ever been held in the County was brought to a close.

Are You a Bankrupt?—Reader, this is not an impertinence, we are not trying to pry into your private affairs, or the details of your business, but if you are Bankrupt in heath and a sufferer—use Wingate's Blood Purifier and Liver Corrector. [1507ly

[illegible] Gibson [illegible] Savage.

Board [illegible] will take [illegible] this evening.

Horticultural Society.—The annual meeting of the Goderich Horticultural Society will take place in the Grand Jury room, on Thursday evening next.

Passed.—We are pleased to learn that the Board of public inspection has confirmed the passing examination of all the candidates for admission to the Goderich High School.

Week of Prayer.—The meetings held in Knox Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of last week were well attended. The services were conducted by the pastors with earnestness and ability.

Real Estate Sale.—Mr. Geo. McKenzie has purchased Mr. J. Thornington's tannery in Wingham. The value of the property is $6,800. Mr. McKenzie intends to remove to Wingham in the spring.

A Change.—On Sunday people were going about without overcoats, and on Monday the air was quite keen. We heard of two cases of frostbite, two workmen on the summer hotel having their ears frozen.

John B. Gough.—This famous temperance orator will visit Goderich on Tuesday, Feb. 8th, and deliver an address on "Mistakes and blunders of life," in either Knox or North Street church. The simple announcement is sufficient to warrant a full house.

Sons of Temperance.—At a regular meeting of Huron Division No. 120, held on Thursday evening, January 6th, 1876, the following officers were installed:—C. A. Humber, W. P.; M. A. Campbell, W. A.; Rev. C. Fletcher, Chaplain; D. Reid, T.; J. Wilkinson, F. S.; S. J. Fraser, R. S.; J. Malloy, A. R. S.; W. Kirkbride, C.; M. A. McCaig, A. C.; J. Campbell, I. S.; W. G. Agnew, O. S.

New Paper.—We have received the first number of the Stratford *Times*, which is published by Mr. H. T. Butler, late proprietor of the *Hearld* of that place. This gentleman has earned the reputation of a spicy editor, and in the present undertaking no doubt will meet with plenty patronage. At the low price of subscription, $1 per year, and furnishing as much news as the paper does, we hardly think, however, that it can be made to pay.

Town Hall Wanted.—A correspondent in Goderich Township sends us a letter, in which he points to the desirability of having a town hall built at some central point in that township and suggests Porter Hill as a good place. The room used at Holmesville for Council meetings, nominations, &c., is too small, and it would certainly be to the credit of so wealthy a township to have a good and roomy building wherein to meet and transact the municipal business. Our correspondent hopes, and we feel with him, that the Council will attend to the matter.

Tea Meeting.—Knox Church Sabbath School tea meeting will take place in the church on Thursday evening next, when addresses will be delivered by Rev. Messrs. Thos. Wardrope, Guelph; T. Thompson, McKillop; H. Cameron, Kippen, and others. Mr. Wardrope will deliver his popular address on "This Canada of Ours," and it is well worth hearing. Vocal and instrumental music will be furnished. Tea served at 6:30, tickets, 25 cts; proceeds in aid of the school. The day first announced for the soiree was Wednesday, but it was found necessary, in order to secure the presence of Mr. Wardrope, to hold it on Thursday.

Navigation.—An arrival at the port of Goderich in the month of January is an event unprecedented in the history of the place. Since 1843 Canada has not witnessed such a mild winter as the present one. In that year the winter remained mild during January, and in February turned pretty cold but very little snow fell. The fine weather lately has encouraged many persons to do garden and farm work, and the tales from all parts are numerous. On Friday the schooner J. G. McGrath, captain Donald McLeod, arrived at this port from Windsor to lay up for the rest of the season. On her way up the Detroit River she was saluted by the inhabitants on both sides who cheered and fired guns in honor of the event. This is emphatically the first arrival of the season.

Lecture.—On Wednesday evening last Mr. Ed. Adlum, who is attending Victoria College, addressed a large and respectable audience in the handsome new Temperance Hall on North Street. Mr. J. R. Miller, occupied the chair and introduced the speaker, who manifests a promising ability and brought forward several new and striking ideas upon the subject of Temperance. The simplicity of language was the best feature of the discourse, which was argumentative and free from the not always pleasing appeals to the tender feelings. The lecture was listened to with close attention throughout, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Adlum at the close. Rev. W. C. Henderson made a few remarks at the close, and Capt. Thomson announced that the new hall was too small, and it was intended next spring to extend the building to North Street and add a wing on the South side.

To Capitalists, Farmers, Mechanics and others. We have much pleasure in calling your attention to the Superior Saving & Loan Society, a new company recently formed in London Ont. It has commenced under the most favourable auspices and augers erelong to become one of the most prosperous financial enterprises in Western Ontario. The first issue of Stock amounting to $200,000 has been taken up by Capitalists and others in Great Britain, Canada and the United States a second issue of $100,000 was made recently at 5 per cent premium of which $20,000 has been taken up. The Directors are composed of some of the leading Capitalists and shrewdest business men. The management is all that could be desired and we can confidently recommend those that want an investment for money that will yield a good rate of interest to apply at once and secure stock before it is all taken up, for further information see advt. in this issue.

Summer Hotel.—Wednesday last at a meeting of the Directors, tenders for the building of the hotel were opened. There were nine competitors of which only three were Goderich firms. Not having stock subscribed enough to complete the entire building with verandahs and dining hall, the contract of the west wing was awarded to Elijah Moore, his tender of $8,500 being the lowest for that portion. About $4000 more stock would be enough to complete what is desired at present and it is hoped that all who signed the book at first undertaking to take stock will now come forward and do so. An effort is also being made to obtain stock in Toronto, London, Detroit and other places. On Thursday morning the Contractor began work and he is pushing hard with a crew of about twenty men. The work must be completed in every respect to occupy on June 1st. Every man having the prosperity of our town at heart will come forward and lend a helping hand now. As will be seen in another column a call of 10 per cent is made payable on 25th inst. The fact of the calls generally being very small should induce parties to subscribe.

from smothering and crowning the snake, giving equal heat to all parts thereof. It is supported by iron pedestals and studding, making one of the strongest things we have seen in Ontario.

Mr. Wells' ale is becoming very popular, and its fame is spreading. He has a large supply of barley on hand, and his brewer informed me that he could turn out 150 to 200 barrels per week and with an additional mash could double that quantity.

Mr. Wells is preparing to plant an extensive hop garden. He has ten acres of fertile soil for that purpose, as well as to make vegetable and flower gardens, which will be prepared during the coming summer.

A Travelling Observer.

Jan. 1st, 1876.

For the Signal.

The following lines among many others were dictated to me by Mr. Jas. Paterson, of Willhaven, Bay of Quinte, who was blind for a number of years, up to his death in 1874. His poems, acrostics and other compositions bespeak a mind poetical, genial and instructive.

C. A. H.

BLINDMAN'S SOLILOQUY.

When night's dark curtain veils the sky
And hides creation from our view,
Awhile we rest our eager eyes
And mental reveries pursue.

But cheerful morn succeeds the night,
The shades of evening pass away;
Man, joyful in the opening light
Anticipates the coming day.

But not to me shall rising morn
Break forth in beauty bright and clear;
Enwrapt in darkness and failure,
One constant night awaits me here.

No me a the verdant fields I see,
Nor spring her varied charms display;
No summer prospects smile for me,
All like a dream have passed away.

Pa'sd are those gladsome sunny hours,
When wandering lightly o'er the lea!
To view fair landscapes, birds and flowers,
What pleasure was derived by me!

I gazed on mountains towering high,
I loved to see the ocean swell;
New prospects met my wondering eye
That loved in nature's works to dwell.

At evening tides I could survey
The clear blue firmament on high,
The moon, the stars, the milky way
And meteors gleam across the sky.

Sun, moon and stars, no more for me
Shall ever shed their cheering light,
Veil'd in my earthly destiny
More darker than the shades of night.

All hid from me are nature's scenes,
Continual darkness is my doom;
I stretch my eyes but all in vain,
They cannot pierce the fearful gloom.

I love with kindred souls to meet
And pleasant pass our social hours,
Their voices still to me sound sweet
And sweeter still is friendships power.

Although no more my glance can trace
The market expression of their eyes;
My soul her feelings can express
And share their sorrows and their joys.

Delightful hours I once enjoyed
With books congenial to my mind,
In solitude when thus employed
No sweeter pleasure could I find.

But books no more attract mine eyes,
They are sealed forever from my sight;
Remembrance now the want supplies
To cheer my long and lonesome night.

But shall I at God's will repine,
Would I his dispensation shun;
Be rather meek submissive mine
And say O God thy will be done.

Thy goodness bless'd me once with sight,
The mercy took that sight away;
I trust true faith, my long, long night
Sha l end in heavens eternal day.

Bantimus.

BIRTHS.

In Goderich, on the 1st Jan., the wife of Mr. A. E. Annis, of a son.

MARRIAGES

In Seaforth, on Jan. 4th, by Rev. Wm. Craig, Mr. Richard Murphy, to Miss Elizabeth McBrien, both of Goderich Township.

DIED.

On Friday the 7th inst., Jessie Buchanan, wife of D. C. McKay Esq., aged 42 years. She was a native of Perthshire, Scotland.

THE MARKETS

Goderich, Jan. 12, 1876

Gold	1.13½	Salt, per bbl	90 to $1.06
retail; wholesale 70 to 80.			
Wheat, (Fall) ⅌ bush.(new)	0 80	@	0 90
Wheat,(Spring) ⅌ bush....	0 90	@	0.90
Flour.(per bbl.).....	5 00	@	5 50
Oats, ⅌ bush.....	0 25	@	0 30
Peas, ⅌ bush.....	0 65	@	0 68
Barley, ⅌ bush.....	0 45	@	0 60
Potatoes, ⅌ bush(new)....	25	@	0 30
Hay per ton.....	7 00	@	10 00
Chickens.....	0 60	@	0 12½
Butter, ⅌ lb.....	0 18	@	0 23
" " Roll,.....	16	@	20
Eggs, ⅌ doz (unpacked)..	0 16	@	0 20
Beef.....	4 50	@	5 00
Pork.....	6 00	@	7 00
Hides.....	0 00	@	5 50
Wood	2 50	@	3 00
Sheep.....	4 00	@	5 00
Apples.....	0 40	@	0 50
Turkeys.....	0 50	@	1 25
Geese.....	0 40	@	0 50
Ducks.....	0 20	@	0 25
Dried per lbs.....	0 12	@	0 00
Cakes per dozen mixed....	0 10	"	0 00

At Kingston St. Bakery.

LAND FOR SALE.

In Colborne—Seventy acres of heavy timbered land. Particulars at this office. 1506tf

Goderich Summer Hotel Co.

NOTICE.

A call of ten per cent has been made on the capital stock of the Company, payable at the office of G. B. Johnston, Esq., Treasurer, on Tuesday the 25th day of January, 1876, by order of the Board.

W. M. SAVAGE,
Sec'y G.S.H. Co.

Goderich Jan 12th 1876.
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Great Excitement

—AT—

CHEAP JOHN'S

ESTBALISHMENT.

The balance of stock expected by me last week is now to hand and I invite close buyers to call in to day and inspect the goods and attend the great

Auction Sale,

to take place this evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. The goods didn't cost me anything and you can have them at your own price.

J. C. CURRIE,
Auctioneer