CHANGE OF TIME.

On and after Monday 25th Jan. 1877

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH

AS FOLLOWS:

GOING SOUTH.—Mail train at 7 a.m., Express at 2 p.m. Accommodation at 5.30 p.m.

GOING NORTH.—Mail train at 12 noon, Express at 7.45 p.m., Accommodation at 10.45 a.m.

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CLOSE CONNECTIONS AT STRATFORD with Express trains for London, Toronto, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, and all points West.

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1884-4 J. HODGSON, General Manager.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, FEB. 7, 1877.

We intend to commence the publication of Mr. Crooks's speech on the general question of the Licensing Act of 1876, and the Licensing Act of 1877, in substance as follows:

1. The Act 39 Vict., Cap. 26, may declare any municipality organized in a License District, and under a Council of Nine Members, to have more jurisdiction for the same.

2. In municipalities where the Council and city police commissioners shall adopt the Act, the Council shall select the number of taverns and shops and grant the privilege of selling by pool-selling, or pool-selling and pool-sale, or pool-selling tables or other devices for gambling, or any game of chance in any licensed tavern or shop.

3. Petitions for licenses, which take effect in May, must be filed with the inspector by April 1st.

4. The license shall be forfeited on the holder dying, selling out, bankrupt, insolvent or removing, but license may be removed for the same premises if the written consent of the council, where is obtained within one month.

5. A licensed person may remove to other premises, on securing especial consent.

6. Distillers and brewers are prohibited from selling liquor other than their own manufacture.

7. Druggists and chemists must keep a record of the sales of spirituous liquors to whom sold, &c.

8. No liquor is to be drunk, whether sold or not, in any licensed house, except by the proprietor, members of his family or a lodger, after prescribed hours.

9. No liquor will be sold on credit after a certain hour on any vessel lying at a dock.

10. Violators of the Act may be convicted for such offence on one day, but penalties are only recoverable for offences committed on successive days.

11. Keepers of disorderly houses may be summoned upon information.

12. No penalty can be remitted or suspended.

13. In the county two Justices of the Peace and in cities the Police Magistrate shall adjudicate on all prosecutions, and their decision shall be final, there being no appeal whatever, except within four days to the County Judge in chambers, sitting without a jury.

14. No conviction shall be quashed on the ground of technicalities, defects, or irregularities in papers or proceedings—the Judge must decide on the merits of the evidence laid before him.

15. All informations are to be in writing.

16. The presence of apparatus for the sale and drinking of liquor shall be deemed as conclusive proof of such sale and drinking unless the defendant proves the contrary.

17. Proof of illegal sale by any person shall be proof of the liability of the occupant of the premises.

Clauses 18, 19, 20 and 21 have reference to the Inspector's powers to search suspected premises, by-laws with regard to license fees and the payment thereof.

Clause 22 provides and designates the character of a wholesale license.

23. Contraventions of this Act where the Dunkin Act is in force are to be prosecuted.

24. Any witness at a trial may be compelled to produce books, papers or other matters connected with the case.

25. In cases where the Commissioners may think fit or are unable to grant new licenses to persons licensed during the preceding year or any part of it, they may without the old licensee at discretion on the payment of the proper proportionate fee.

26. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, if he shall see fit to do so, by order in the authority of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Out of the trifle of journalists, says that extravagant pulpit-thumper, Talmage, "is the fact that none seem to care for their souls. They feel bitterly about it, although they laugh about it. People sometimes laugh loudest when they feel worst. They are expected to gather up religious proceedings, and to make comment upon them in the editorial column. Will those expect them to be saved?" Now, Mr. Talmage being an editor, and having recently engaged in a most contemptible "double shuffle" in his connection with the publishing business, this language has a strong resemblance to that of the fabled pot when it called the kettle black. Editors may be sinners, and some of them may possibly be "full of deadly self depravity" indeed, but a presuming christian, in thus alluding to any class of men, may reasonably be considered as subject to fits of mental aberration. Who expects them to be saved?—no doubt Talmage swelled with pride as he witnessed the emotion which his words created. Did he think of the safety of their souls, as a christian minister should, or was his mind wholly absorbed with the flattering attention paid by the audience. Why, if editors criticize his sermons—and few are more deserving of severe criticism,—should Talmage thus insult the profession from the pulpit, and almost insinuate that they have "gone to the devil" instead of as usual, bringing him in to their sanctums to be a co-laborer with them in the work of admonishing and reforming the people. Mr. Talmage aims too much at sensationalism, and between liberality and freedom on the one hand and common sense and fervent christianity on the other he possesses no medium, but is ever committing "errors of omission" or the latter side and "errors of commission" on the other side.

In a recent session of the Legislature recently, the question of municipality of members was discussed, in view of the strong feeling aroused against the increase from $600 to $800 made at last session from $400 to $600. It was shown that one member spoke of a reduction, but nothing came of the discussion is unknown. Any action towards going back upon their past action would look at the present time like snubbing for popularity, and this feeling, no doubt, will persuade the members, willingly or unwillingly as it may be, to pocket their extra $200, for the emoluments, with becoming fortitude. It is rather unfortunate, however, that it was necessary to discuss the matter again.

THE DUNKIN BILL will come into force in the united counties of Lennox and Addington in the beginning of May, and no time may be lost by the two parties concerned to secure their sites. A convention of liquor dealers has been called, to consider what they will transact in Parliament. With them, in the greatest interest, are the success of the Bill. If it be seen even a fraction of those, actuated by the will of the majority they represent, are determined to run the risk of the contrary operation of the Bill. The desire for gain, even at the expense of others' misery, and the human craving for forbidden fruits will have the help of a certain patent institution, which, if it succeeds, will remove the responsibility of securing the complaisance of the majority, if not all, of the liquor dealers. Such a measure might be advanced, which would encourage wavering ones to a strict observance of the law. The best measure of every temperance man's duty is not performed when he casts his vote for an abstinence measure, but upon each one's duty of observance and conduct which will maintain that measure efficiently.

FROM full returns obtained by the Ontario Government, it appears that the License Commissioners appointed by the "Horrible Grit Government" gave licenses during the year to 4,276 tavern establishments and to only 1,027 Reformers. The howling about Grit partiality counts nothing in the face of such a showing.

THE receipts and expenditures for the Province of Ontario for the year ending 31st Dec., 1876, were as follows: Receipts, $4,441,563.92; expenditures, $4,422,771.20, leaving a balance of $18,792.64.

Death of Wm. Bannatyne.

On Wednesday morning last, too late for announcement in last issue, we received a notice of the death of Mr. Wm. Bannatyne, of Ashfield, Huron County, at the age of 57 years. The end event occurred on Tuesday morning, 30th Jan., after an illness of considerable duration which did not develop any serious appearance until shortly before death, when the patient vomited some blood and soon after expired. Mr. Bannatyne was born in Rothsay, Buteshire, Scotland, and took up his residence in Ashfield some 20 years ago, when the country spread a broad field before the vigorous, hopeful pioneer. Taking charge of one of the primitive schools of those days, he earned but a scant livelihood, for the people to a considerable extent had not the will, much not the funds it will be perceived, as a reward for services rendered. Many and sincere will be the regrets expressed at this unexpected and premature ending of a career, left by the disappointed of the 17th per cent. to the direct care in attending to the wants of those who, in the prime of life, had left home and friends, to carve out a home for themselves and those who were to be their helpmates. He continued in this profession for a number of years, in the meantime contributing many poetic effusions to various journals throughout Ontario and to some United States periodicals. A few years ago he purchased ten acres of ground, and commenced farming, his means having failed to improve with those of his fellow pioneers. The fate which seems to attend Scottish bards as a rule stuck closely to him, and his home was humble indeed. A modest and retiring disposition, many would incline to the belief that he brooded over his poverty, but on the contrary his fondness for home, his simple nature and his fondness for communing with his favorite muse preserved him in cheerful and contented under almost all circumstances, his submissive spirit expressing itself, in praise of Providence, thus:

It never scorns at indigence
As selfish powers of earth;
For well it knows the lot of pride
Would tread our humble sphere.
The humble mind, the honest aim,
The truthful heart and tongue,
It warms with inspiration's flame
And clothes in light and song.

Before leaving Scotland a small volume of his poetic works was published, and had an extensive sale. His early efforts in this country had a wide reputation, but like the unwritten Scottish poems were only preserved in the indifferent memories of his local admirers. In 1875, however, his productions having been received with widespread appreciation, some friends assisted him to publish the best of his later efforts. This little volume, through the author's inability to canvass properly, has not had a wide circulation and a considerable portion of the edition remains unsold. As we glance through the volume and meet the many evidences of poetic genius, we are visited by a feeling of regret at the thought that he did not receive some tangible expression of popular esteem. He failed not to practise his advice to his fellow poets, and put his talents to good accounts, with the faith that, if his reward was not due him during life, there was truth in the saying:

"Poet, die! and thou'lt have fame."

Plain, unassuming and lowly though he was, his writings elevated him above the more fortunate and forward of humanity and made him worthy of the reverence of all lovers of Canadian literature. He is worthy to be crowned with the laurel wreath, though such a tribute to his memory would be a tardy one, since the spirit which could appreciate the honor has followed the flight of his own poetic imagination as expressed in his words:

I've sat on the angels that wait on the
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And wafted them frae was to the regions
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To speed on their journey and bear me
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School Board.

The School Board met on Monday, members signed the usual declaration, and Mr. Crabb was elected chairman for the ensuing year. The report of W. R. Miller, the principal, showed the attendance at the public school during the month to be 775, with an average of 660 and a percentage of 84. Communications received from Dr. J. Jackson, Mr. R. Dyett offering to fill the position of caretaker of schools in St. David's and St. Patrick's Wards, at a salary of $60 and the latter for $120, were laid over. The following was then read and the matter discussed:

To the Trustees of the Goderich Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN—I propose to deliver to the citizens of Goderich at an early date a free lecture on Elocution and to form up my lecture by the formation of one or more private classes for practical instruction in the art, to be held at a suitable hour in the evening, for thorough practical training. Such class would necessarily comprise from ten to twelve studies of about one hour each, and in order to meet the circumstances of the School Trustees, and of the more advanced pupils, and of the general public as may be desirous of improving themselves in this elegant and useful art, I propose to form private classes suitable, as regards age and sex, and to limit the charge for each class to two dollars for the term. Should my design secure the approval of your Board, as a step calculated to promote the interests of Elocution in a department hitherto much neglected, I respectfully solicit the use of one of the apartments in the Central School for my initial public lecture and for the practical classes that may be thereupon formed.

I am, gentlemen,
Your ovt oh't servnt,
(Signed) C. W. DAMMANNOUNE.

[The lecture above referred to will be delivered on Friday evening next in the Central School.]

The old officers were then re-appointed at the same salaries as last year.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to get two lamps for the use of the Board. The accounts of E. F. Armstrong & Bros., $3.50, and *Star* office for printing $10.50 were ordered to be paid. Ballots were then cast for the appointment of standing committee for the current year with the following result: *Finance*, Messrs. Ferguson, Paxmore, and Simmons; *Contingent*, Messrs. Swanson, Buchanan and Elliott; *School Management*, Messrs. Paxmore, Stephenson and Simmons.

Mr. Paxmore said that a new blackboard was needed in the St. Patrick's ward school.

On motion the Principal was instructed to refer all non-residents who apply for entrance at any of the public schools to the chairman of the Board.

The fourth annual report of the Inspector on the state of the Central and Ward Schools for 1876 was then read. The report showed that the number on the roll was 1635; that the percentage of attendance has increased from 74½ in 1872 to 79½ in 1875 and that in 1876 it fell off to 79.

Of the number on roll there are 23 non-residents. 547 are between 5 and 10 years inclusive, 481 are between 11 and 16 inclusive, and 7 are between 17 and 21. 64 pupils attended less than 20 days of the year, 120 between 21 and 50 days, 223 between 51 and 100 days, 216 between 101 and 150 days, 324 between 151 and 200 days, and 88 between 201 and the whole year. In First Book Part 1, 183 pupils; in Part 11 140; in 2nd Book, 316; in Junior 3rd Reader, 134; in Senior 3rd Reader, 128; and in 4th Class, 132.

All the pupils were engaged in studying reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, local, Canadian or general geography; 304 studied grammar and composition. Linear drawing has been taught and fair progress made, in map drawing some creditable specimens have been handed in to the teachers. The number in Canadian history and physiology was 122. English and French history was studied by 132. 10 studied book-keeping during part of the year. All the schools were opened regularly by reading a portion of Scripture and prayer.

Promotions have been made from class to class as in former years by means of written examinations. At the last midsummer examination there were 715 on the roll of whom 671 were present at examination, being a percentage of 72½ there were 320 promoted. At the Christmas examination there were 718 on the roll of whom 646 were present at examination, being a percentage of 70; there were 283 promoted. At the June examination 24 entered the High School, and at December examination 11. Mr. Miller than proceeds as follows:—

The very crowded state of several of the rooms necessitates a change in our standard of examination especially in the Ward Schools so that promotion may be made more difficult. With outstanding such arrangements being made, it is a matter that must soon be considered that other and more satisfactory accommodation must not be provided in order to relieve the sixth and seventh classes. One more teacher will be quite sufficient to relieve the strain now made upon these two departments

Once more I desire to call the attention of trustees to the urgent necessity of doing something to compel attendance at our schools. A very large number of boys are allowed to loiter on our streets when they are being educated for the reformatory or prison. It is our duty to prevent such by means of the law within our reach. The census taken reports only 1 while our books show that 67 pupils whose names were entered on the General Register did not attend during the requisite 72 days. My remarks of last year are quite appropriate in this connection, and I therefore repeat them in this report.

The following are the legal provisions on this point:—"The 156th to 160th sections of the new School Laws, define the subjects of compulsory education, and the imperative duties of Trustees in enforcing the salutary provisions of the enactment. The 160th section is as follows: First. The Trustees are required to employ a suitable person as truant officer within each municipality once a year. Second. The Trustees must ascertain by the person so employed the name of all children between the ages of seven and twelve years inclusive who have not been at school or otherwise instructed for at least *four months* of the year, and notify parents or guardians of such neglect. If the matter is not properly attended to, the Trustees must either, 1st, summon before a Magistrate the parent or guardians of the children who have not been otherwise educated during those four months, or they must (2d.) impose and collect a rate bill of not more than one dollar per child for every month of neglect. Third—Should the Trustees refuse or neglect to give effect to these compulsory provisions of the newly Consolidated School Act, they will render themselves personally liable, at the suit of any ratepayer, for the amount of money lost to the municipality—either from the non attendance of the School or the absent children, or from the failure of the trustees to impose and collect the prescribed rate bill for such non-attendance.

The appointment of a truant officer in several places has had a beneficial effect in producing a greater regularity of attendance. Unless a change for the better takes place soon, Goderich should also take such steps as will secure a better attendance.

In conclusion I beg to state that our work seems to improve each year, and while I cannot report favourably of every class still as a whole the work was good and every teacher was faithful in the discharge of duty. I also desire to thank the members of the Board for kindness shown to me in granting a holiday for the benefit of my health. During the present year I hope we shall be able to make still further progress in the work of education and thus fully show ourselves worthy of the trust confided to our care.

I have the honor to be,
Yours obedt.
J. E. MILLER,
Ins. Pub. Sch'ls.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

STATISTICAL.—For 1876 there were 1050 births, 15 marriages, 34 deaths, 1 miscarriage, 83 in the 12th, 8 aths 90.

MILITARY SERVICES.—Several meetings have taken place in the Methodist Church vestry, for the 23rd Middlesex Militia.

CHANGE.—The regular meeting night for the Mechanics' Institute has been changed from Thursday to Friday.

WELL MILL.—While Mr. A. Gerrie's grist mill, was going down the hatchway, Mill on Thursday last, his hand was caught in the belting in a scene of the mill came and a generous flow of blood.

HARD ON THE—No less than four dogs passed our office on Monday, evidently their way to "their sin fire." Some one should be responsible to their owners, and have some idle hands set employed under his care.

LECTURE.—Rev. Mr. Pierce, of the M. E. Church, has been requested by the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, to lecture in the Hall of Michigan in the furtherance of that organization.

MR. GEO. W. ROLLINS, agent of the Great Western Railway, shed the light of his benign countenance on our sanctum last week.

—Horace Horton, Esq., M. P., started for Ottawa on Tuesday, to attend the sessions of the Parliament which opens on Thursday.

—Mr. Jas. Scott, "Little Pinco" The amusing at the sitting in the Judge's chambers, when a case of three cats appeared on the young shoulder, His Honor (Judge Strickland) appeared quite as *fell* with the little game, and showed it's paper pet is not gotten up, and we doubt but it will be liberally supported by the thriving little village.

THEATRICAL.—On Monday evening next the Goderich Amateur Thespian Club will give a dramatic entertainment in Oddfellows' Hall. The pieces to be put on the board are the amusing comedetta entitled "John Smith," and the laughable farce "117 A." From the character of the rehersals, it is evident that the entertainment will be thoroughly appreciable. The Silver Cornet Band will be in attendance. The proceeds will be devoted to a very worthy object.

CURLING.—Says the St. Marys *Argus* we received a curling match: "On Thursday last two rinks of Goderich curlers while on their way to Point Edward, called at St. Marys to test the skill of our players, "just for fun, you know," as the ice was in fine order a very good game was expected and a large and enthusiastic attendance greeted the players as they entered the rink. After a hotly contested game, it was found that Dr. Fox had beaten the remaining Hutchinson at whole, while Dancy had waltzed around McIntyre to the tune of two shots, leaving St. Marys the winner by four shots.

PUBLIC MEETING.—We understand that, in compliance with the frequently expressed desire for increased railway accommodation, His Worship the Mayor will call a public meeting on Thursday week, for the purpose of discussing the matter and also for the discussion of any other public affairs which may be brought forward. We presume the subject to be discussed will be entirely of railways, and in consequence our country friends will be interested in the matter, we would advise that a general invitation be extended to the ratepayers of the surrounding municipalities to be present on the occasion. A railway agitation has begun to the north of us, and as we in Goderich are equally interested in what some of our neighbors are working for, their presence and counsel at this meeting would be desirable.

GRAND BLACK CHAPTER.—The annual meeting of the Grand Black Chapter of Perth County took place in the Orange Hall, Goderich, on Wednesday last, when the following officers were elected: John Niblock, Parkhill, C. G. R.; Wm. H. Murney, Goderich, D. C. G. M.; Rev. Hugh Cooper, Brussels, C. G. C.; Jas. McBride, Point Edward, G. R.; Jas. J. McMath, Goderich, D. C. G. R.; Wm. Magill, Blyth, C. G. T.; Jno. Reid, Goderich, D. C. G. T.; Thos. Dawson, Point Edward, 1st Lec.; John S. McMath, Goderich, 2d Lec.; W. A. Robinson, St. Marys, 1st Censor; Robt Fluett, Goderich, 2d Censor; Henry Clark, Blyth, 1st Stand. Bearer; John Wilson, Goderich, 2d Stand. Bearer; Thos. Sproule, Goderich, Purveyor. Committee men—Geo. Hawkins, Goderich; Wm. Lashaw, Goderich; Henry Ellis, Blyth; Samuel Ryan, Parkhill; W. B. Wilson, Stratford; H. A. L. White, St. Marys; Lancelot Netherly, Blyth.

BENMILLER.

THE RECENT ACCIDENT.—Mr. Samuel Bissett, mentioned in our last as painfully injured by falling on an axe last week, is still very low although hopes are entertained of his recovery. Our report of the accident, last week, was not quite correct. It appears that Mr. Bissett jumped on a sleigh going down the hill, and in turning the corner of Miller's hotel, the horses started, precipitating the four occupants who were standing, out of the sleigh. One of the men had an axe on his shoulder, which he threw from him in order to save himself. The axe lit in such a way that Mr. Bissett fell on the keen edge with the result reported.

Weather Report.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY.

Goderich, Feb. 1st, 1877.

Rain fell on 2 days during the month of January, on the 20th and 31st.—Amount, 2 cubic inches. Snow fell on 12 days. Amount of snow fall 25 inches on level.

Greatest velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 3rd, 516.2 miles or 21.12 per hour, wind being east. Least velocity during 24 hours 13.7, wind being south west.

Prevailing wind during month, south-west to west.

Thawing on four days. Warmest temperature, 46° above zero, at 2 p. m. on the 30th; coldest, 19° below zero, at 3 p. m. on the 12th.

G. N. MACDONALD,
Observer.

Eastern Affairs.

A Peace negotiations have been prosecuted during the past two weeks, but the result has been that Turkey's demands on Servia were of such a character as to cause the latter to break off further negotiations. The following telegrams give a fair understanding of the state of affairs:—

London, Feb. 5.—A special to the *Standard* from Pressburg says:—The treaty between Roumania and Russia is on the point of coming into operation. The Russian army received orders on Saturday to be prepared to cross the Pruth if the Porte concentrates troops on the Dalmatian frontier.

London, Feb. 5.—A Belgrade dispatch reports that the peace negotiations between the Servian agent and the Turkish ambassador at Vienna have been broken off, in consequence of the Porte's persistence in demanding guarantees, the nature of which it refuses to specify.

If peace is not made with Servia before first of March, the Turks intend marching converging columns on Krignjavatz, the former capital, and call together the Servian Assemblage there, which shall overturn the present Government and make a satisfactory treaty with the Porte.

Midhat Pasha has been dismissed in disgrace from the position of Grand Vizier of Turkey, and ordered to quit Constantinople. Edhem Pasha has been appointed his successor, and the rest of the Cabinet is undergoing reorganization.

—A short time ago a minister in Clinton, in the course of his sermon protested against the cant phrase, "emphasis, that a youth sleeping in one of the pews bounded to his feet with a suddenness that rather disturbed the solemnity of the service.

LICENSES.—The shipments of barley last week were: Sawyer, Cousins & Co., 1,500 bushels, 2 nets of lath and a quantity of pickets.

HARBOR MILLS.—The shipments last week were: Sawyer, Cousins & Co., 2,000 bags and one car bran, 33 bags wheat and 4710 bags flour.

SHIPMENTS.—Among the shipments from the station last week were, 13 bbls. whiskey and 1,850 lbs. fish by Wm. Stitt; 2 bbls. cobash by F. Sweet; 2 bbls. Jas. Mitchell, 1300 lbs. fish; W. Lee, 1950 lbs. fish; Wm. Campbell, 70 bbls. fine salt.

M. E. CHURCH.—Revival services will be held each night this week in the Methodist Episcopal church. On Sunday next Rev. W. D. Hughson, Presiding Elder of the London District, will conduct service and administer the sacrament. In the morning he will conduct service in the church at Bensmiller.

FOR THE POOR.—Yesterday afternoon the ladies of Knox Church, engaged in the work of providing clothing for the poor, met at the manse to complete the arrangements for cutting and making up the cloth. On Saturday afternoon the clothing will be distributed at St. Andrew's church, when thirty-two children are expected to be present to receive donations.

NEW PAPERS.—The initial number of the Blyth *Review* is to hand, a neat little 24-column paper. Mr. Alex. Hay is editor and proprietor, and the get-up of the copy before us shows him to be a capable person. We do not think there is sufficient field for this paper, but at the same time we wish success and long life to the *Review*. Politically, the paper is Liberal.

—The Dundalk *Guide* is the title of a new candidate for local favor, published by our enterprising one-time fellow workman, Mr. Jos. Townsend. The paper is neatly gotten up, and we doubt but it will be liberally supported by the thriving little village.

THEATRICAL.—On Monday evening last, notwithstanding the unfavorable character of the weather for some time previous, there was a good attendance at the Skating Rink, on the occasion of the third carnival, was very large both of spectators and skaters. The costumes were not so numerous as at the last carnival, a goodly number of the old ones notwithstanding brought in use. Among the new ones we might mention, although the list must be imperfect, the following: Canada, Mrs. J. Vivian; Queen of Night Mrs. Fairbairn; Trapper's Bride, Miss Bertha Chesser; Peasant, Miss Lonie Trainer; Nuns, the Misses Marlton; Old Lady, (comic) Miss Nellie Donagh; Aesthetic, Miss Swanson, Scotch Lassie, Misses Wilson and Jennie Ferguson; Quakeress, Miss Holmes; Child of the Regiment, Miss Nolan; Courtier, Harry Holmes; habitant, L. Carey; bedouin arcobata, human fabrics, good nights, aliens, trapper, pirates, clowns, &c. One dropsical old chap created great amusement by his comical movements. The ice was soft and in some places uneven, so that the skating, after the rink got heated, became heavy, but notwithstanding the fun was kept up until 10 o'clock. Owing to the bad state of the ice, only a few of the races set down on the programme were contested the result being as follows: Lady and gentleman's race, Mrs. Fairbairn and Wm. Nolan; Hurdle race, Jas. Smith; Three-legged Race, Jas. Smith and George Salts; Boy's Race, Ed. Andrews; match Hurdle Race, Jas. Smith. In the first named race four couples started, two meeting with a fall at the start, which virtually cut them out of the contest. The winners had a clear field, and skimmed over the ice with wonderful speed. The judges of the costumes awarded prizes as follows: Gentleman's costume, Mr. Londeboro of Paris, Spanish court dress; Boy's costume, Alick Hutchison, as shoe. Mrs. M. Hutchinson, as Mrs. R. B. Smith acted as judges of the ladies' costumes, and awarded the prizes to Mrs. J. Vivian as Canada and to Miss Jennie Ferguson as Scotch Lassie. The best of order prevailed during the evening, and there was no appearance of indecorum. We noticed, however, a couple of persons smoking, which although nothing to complain of particularly should be prevented as much as possible, in order that it may not lead to anything more objectionable. During the evening, the Silver Cornet Band furnished excellent music. Although the quadrille band was present, no dancing took place because of the condition of the ice.

Literary Notes.

A MEMORIAL VOLUME of Dr. Davis was on our table last week. It is a neat and comprehensive volume, and has to be read from the beginning to the end to be appreciated.

THE CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE, Rev. S. Rose, Toronto.

The February number of this excellent family magazine contains several notable articles. Rev. E. H. Dewart, editor of the *Christian Guardian*, discusses, in a very broad and liberal spirit, "The Church for the Times." The Rev. Wm. Arthur, M. A., has a stirring paper on the "Recent Gains of Method ism." A number of other interesting papers are contributed by prominent writers. A fine portrait and sketch of Dr. D. Moody, to be followed by a portrait and sketch of D. L. Moody, to be followed by a portrait and sketch of Mr. S. Sankey, is also given, together with a choice piece of music from Bliss and Sankey's new book of Gospel Hymns.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

BIG MEAS OF RATS.—A few days ago Mr. Isaac Salkeld, lot 5, 1st con., was working in his barn, and on lifting some wheat stacked from the top of a barrel, a nest of rats was found. There must have been some sixty rats in the nest, of which Mr. Salkeld and his son succeeded in killing thirty.

A MERRY TIME.—On Monday last Mr. Jas. Dunlop, lot 3, 2nd con., Colborne, had a quilting bee, and on the day in question the young people had a merry time of it, dancing to the music of the fiddle, and the merry sound of the fiddle and the merry tune, the following morning Mr. Jas. Jackson, Jas. Jackson, Jas. Jackson,