

The Rockwood Review.

spirit, that is if Kingston does not get ahead of us. If Captain Lee will come west and join Hatters' Bay Club, we shall be delighted to give him some cup winning pointers, back up his challenge, furnish him with a first-class crew for his boat, and appropriate all of the glory—of course provided that he foots all bills.

It is evident that the study of navigation is not taken up in the school course, that is if we form opinions on what is to be seen at the Penitentiary buoy on a race day. Some of the gybes made by the iceboats are fearfully and wonderfully done, others not done at all, and many of the sailors might fairly be classed with the Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. On the other hand some of the boats are magnificently sailed and handled.

To the citizens who have been interested in the subject of hypnotism of late, we would commend an article entitled the "Eternal Gullible," which appeared in the Century two or three years ago. In this article Mr. Ernest Hart made a complete exposure of many of the dark ways of professional hypnotism, and his facts were proved beyond doubt. In Chester (England) quite recently, the performances of a subject who was supposed to be in a trance state for several days, were so out of keeping with the requirements of the hypnotic condition, that the affair had to be settled in the Police Court. Kingstonians should feel deeply grateful to the "Daily News" for the plucky way it stood by its guns in a recent discussion on this subject. It sometimes requires a good deal of courage to attack a humbug, when the public is anxious to be pulled.

Mr. John Redmond, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, is slowly convalescing.

BIRTHS.—In Kingston, December 30th, 1896, the wife of W. Debaney, Newcourt, of a daughter.

In Portsmouth, January 18th, 1897, the wife of John Graham of a daughter.

Curling has been going on in the Rockwood Rink for some time quietly and steadily, in the view of some important matches ahead, and the competition is keen. The patients are enthusiastic curlers, and practice with a regularity that makes perfection possible, and the rivalry between different wards is developing. In the local contests, Dr. Forster's Rink has downed the McLean quartette, and Mr. Davidson has done the same thing for Mr. Cochrane. For the Ontario Tankard and Rockwood Trophy, the skips are Messrs. Dennison and Clarke.

The Entertainment given by the Rockwood Staff to the Convicts was much appreciated, although very long, and a more enthusiastic audience it would be difficult to find.

Miss I. N. Walker, of Belleville Institute for Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, is the guest of Mr. McLean. Miss Elsie Lockie, of Parkdale, is visiting at Rockwood House.

The children about Rockwood are to give the patients a unique entertainment in a week or so, and some very novel features are to be introduced.

The Stereoptican is a decided success this year with its electric light attachments.

Columbine hands in the following original joke, and Columbine is fond of a joke too.

Fader: Now, Sammy, dot vas a goot poy—take de castor oil, and his pappa will let him use what is left on de spoon for hair oil.