

The Rockwood Review.

The weather clerk has been sadly muddled of late ; if the vagaries of the weather continue we may expect roses in February and possibly curling in July. The January thaw was a little too long to be appreciated.

We are reminded from time to time that the Fenians are determined to make a second invasion of Canada. It is a most convenient time of the year for us, and President McKinley should be urged to give these burning warriors every chance to invade our territory, and to congregate at some suitable centre where we could entertain them satisfactorily. If Kingston is decided on as a rallying point, possibly Alderman White might be induced to decorate the Fair Buildings with the City bunting, and they could "laager" there either in Boer fashion or in manner to which long practice has made easy to them. We would distinctly warn them to avoid Lansdowne where local option has been carried. In the meanwhile it might be well to fortify the Bajus and Fisher establishments the bar of the British American and the G.T. R. refreshment rooms which would probably be open to a flank movement.

The American papers are interesting reading at present. Great Britain evidently has the good wishes of the educated classes, but the masses may be called decidedly pro-Boer. Probably a intimate acquaintance with the Transvaal Republican would induce a change of sentiment.

Rockwood Orchestra is making steady advancement and is attempting a much more ambitious grade of music than in the past. The Overture to Martha is the latest addition to its repertoire.

Mr. W. Shea is preparing a mysterious and soul-inspiring performance and offers \$25 reward to anyone who can explain how it is done.

The first Employees Dance took place on the 11th January and was largely attended. Dancing was kept up until midnight.

Mr. Samuel Stephenson has been confined to his house for several days.

Miss Zeigler has retired from the Rockwood staff of Nurses, and has been replaced by Miss L. Stewart of Athens.

On January 23rd the Rockwood wharf was still clear of ice and no ice was to be seen to the West. Such a state of affairs is almost unprecedented. It begins to look as if hot lemonade would be the fashion next summer.

A Committee, consisting of Miss Gallagher, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. J. M. Forster, W. Shea and Dr. Clarke, has been appointed to control the expenditure of the money made at the Rockwood concert for the Contingent Fund. It has been decided to use it in behalf of the Wives and Children of the Soldiers who belong to first and second contingents. The Committee will act in conjunction with the Soldiers WIVES LEAGUE.

There was once a small boy of Quebec,

Who was buried in snow to the neck—

When asked, "Are you friz?"

He replied, "Yes, I is ;

But we dont call this cold in Quebec."

HABIT—Habit hath so vast a prevalence over the human mind that there is scarcely anything too strange or too strong to be asserted of it. The story of the miser who from being long accustomed to cheat others, came at last to cheat himself, and with great delight and triumph picked his own pocket of a guinea to convey to his hoard, is not impossible or improbable.