

**CAVAN BLACK REDS.**—This flourishing lodge of staunch and good men, held their annual sleighing party to Weston, on Friday, the 14th inst. A very large number of persons attended, among whom we noticed Capt. Bennett, District Master, Bro. Johnston, W. M. of the C. B. R., Bro. Wood, L. P. M., Bro. Jno. Boxall, Secretary, and Bro. O. R. Buchanan, 137. The Committee were indefatigable in their exertions to promote the harmony of the evening, and the happy faces beaming on all hands, was sufficient evidence of the success which crowned their efforts. All things seemed to combine happily to make the Cavan Black Red party one of the features of the season.

**ORANGE LECTURE.**—Upon Tuesday, the 3rd inst., the Rev. Mr

Gemley delivered a lecture upon "The Variations of Popery," before the Orange Young Britons, in the Music Hall, Toronto. The lecture was not so well attended as it should have been, there not being more than four hundred persons present. Upon the platform, we noticed Ogle R. Gowan (Chairman), Ald. F. H. Medcalf, Mr. Richard Reynolds, Dr. O. R. Buchanan, and Mr. Abraham Charlton. The lecturer handled the subject in a very able and instructive manner, and those who were not present missed a rich treat.

We beg to direct attention to the advertisement of Mr. Hugh Matheson, which appears in another column. Mr. M. makes a specialty of getting up Orange regalia, and from many years acquaintance with him we can confidently recommend him to our subscribers.

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHUTTING OF THE GATES.

We can hardly imagine any sentiments more honourable to a community or to individuals than those which are associated with distinguished ancestry. There is natural, and, perhaps, pardonable pride in dwelling upon the memories of actions which have acquired imperishable fame, and in reciting them to successive generations, so that all the noble and generous impulses of the offspring may be aroused to emulate the virtues of their sires. In each commemoration of the great events which have covered with unfading laurels the name of Derry, we invoke all those better principles of our nature which may remain unfelt and inactive unless brought out by the recurrence of honourable commem-

orations. Great principles, like great truths, cannot be safely entrusted to the guardianship of mere sentiment, for in course of time they become effaced or corrupted; but, when they are often presented by the lively imagery of a practical and tangible celebration, they are presented in their true vitality, and are the transmitting medium of noble impulses and distinguished example. He must, indeed, have a dead soul, that can be touched by no thrilling emotion, who can read the history of the Siege unmoved—he must have a dead soul that can peruse these records, and feel no interest in that great struggle for liberty and life—in the disappointments, the hopes, the sufferings, and the trials of that famine-stricken

