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To th Editor of THE BEE.

We are glad to learn that the young men in this vicinity are not altogether dormant regarding debating clubs. The Editor of The Bee in his last issue has, when that statesman was chosen Premier of the Commons of Great Britain. The fact is that all great speakers have become such through practice, and very exceptional are those who become so

Full many a gem of purest ray serene The dark unfathomable caves of ocean

Full many a flower is born to blush And waste its sweetness on the desert

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Elma, Feb. 17, 1890.

Burns and Tannahill. Published by Request.

The poets noo are unco scarce,
O' that ye a' can tell,
Though mony a chap can make a verse
Twa'd maybe suit himsel'; And though they praise our heathery

braes,
Some bonnie rippling rill,
They hae ha' got the pith to sing
Wae Burns and Tannahill. Thou Bonnie Woods o' Cragilea,"

Shall aye be sweetly sung, And "Scots wha' hae" shall cheer the

hearts
O' every Sectish tongue;
Gleniffers' braes shall cheer the faint,
On winter's night sae chill,
But Highland Mary gars us think
O' Burns and Tannahill,

"The Land o' Gowry" and Tan's glen Brings courtship to our view, And "Man was never made to mourn"

And gloomy winter shall be sung Till Scottish hearts graw chill, But Tam o' Shanter makes the fame O' Burns and Tannahill.

The one he nobly held the plow,
The other worked the loom,
And though their equals were but few,
Their fortunes now were but slim;
Their sangs are sung in every land
Where freedom has her will,
Their names shall aye be dear to fame,
Our Burns and Tannahill.

-Robert Ferguson

[The above poem was presented to Walter Hamilton, 8th con. Elma, an intimate friend of the author, and has never appeared in print before. Mr. Ferguson was for many years editor of the Listowel Banner.]

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Toronto University was built in 1860.
The architect was W. G. Storm. Sir Daniel Wilson, President of the University, is almost heartbroken. He was carried from the University grounds specially incapable.

Sunday School Workers.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF PERTH SUN-DAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-second annual convention of the Perth Sabbath School Association was held in Maia street Methodist church, Mitchell, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. This convention has been undoubtedly one of the most successful ever held by the association. Large audiences assembled at each session, but especially in the evenings, when the church, although the most commodious in town, was a good deal more than comfortably filled. The number of delegates was unusually large but amcomfortably filled. The number of delegates was unusually large but ample accommodation was found for them in the houses of the people of the town; no difficulty whatever being experienced by the local committee on billeting. The pastor and the several officers of the church vied with each other inattention and hospitality, and the delegates exand hospitality, and the delegates ex-pressed themselves highly delighted with the kind and courteous manner in

which they were treated. The program was a very interesting and varied one, dealing with almost every department of Sabbath school work. The speeches were all good and delivered in a manner which inspired The fact is that all great speakers have become such through practice, and very exceptional are those who become so otherwise, perhaps Lord Stanley is the solitary exception of this in our own day. If one is the possessor of great talents, by practice he will become a speaker. This is almost akin to saying that knowledge perfects understanding and is perfected by experience. For even after we have stored our minds with knowledge we cannot make known our thoughts on the platform with force and clearness unless we have had continued practice. The above remarks we hope may have some small influence in urging us to cultivate our talents. Do not let the thought enter our mind that there is no one in Elma that will ever make a speaker. If we believe this and act upon it the words of Thomas Gray will be applicable:

Full many a gem of purest ray serene, The dark unfathomable caves of ocean bear; the question as to whether inconverted teachers should be employed in Sabbath school work, the meeting adjourned until 7.30 p.m. The evening session opened with devotional services and then the secretary-treasurer, I,Hord, presented his report. Throughout the county there are 91 schools, 1,100 teachers and officers and 9,288 scholars. The amount contributed by these schools for which

The morning session was opened with a praise and prayer srvice, led by the vice-president, after which several en couraging reports from schools in reference to spiritual results were read. An address on "Sunay School Helps" by Rev. W. M. McFibbon, M. A., of Millbank, followed and formed the subject of long and inteesting discussion.

S. Nethercott of Mtchell then delivered an address on "The art of questioning." The speaker dalt with the subing." The speaker dealt with the subject in a very practical manner and his address was much appreciated. After a short discussion anadjournment was made until 2 p. m.

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The afternoon sesion was prehaps the most interesting of all. After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes an exellent address on "Sabbath School Music" was given by S. F. Robbins. This was followed by a Normal lesson, "Principles of instrucion; the seven laws of teaching" by Rev. Henderson of Listow!

Isaac Hord; executive committee—Messrs. W. Sharman, C. J. Macgregor, R. R. Goulding, Geo. Hunter, M. Yorrick, of Stratford; A. Dent, S. Nethercott, S. M. Edwards and S. R. Stuart, of Mitchell; J. W. Butcher, S. H. Mitchell, J. W. Bruce, W. Heard, A. J. Collins, G. Y. Donaldson, A. Climie and M. Mc-Kiney, of Listowel, and Wm. Dunn and J. W. McBain, of Atwood. The committee also recommended that Rev. R. Hamilton be a delegate to the Brant S. S. association. The report was unani-The report was unani-S. association.

mously adopted.

The next subject under discussion was "the Bible in its relation to human progress." The social aspect of the subject was taken up by Rev. F. G. Nugent, the moral aspect by Rev. R. Hamilton and the spiritual by Rev. W. J. Taylor. After the delivery of these addresses several votes of thanks were tendered to the different officers and others, and one of the most successful conventions ever held by the association, a convention the amount of benefit derived from which it would be impossible to estimate, was then closed.—Beacon, mously adopted.

ELMA COUNCIL.

The municipal council of the township of Ema met at Graham's hotel, Atwood, on the 15th February. Members all present. Minutes last meeting read and signed. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Bray that the resolution passed at last meeting instructing Mr. Lochhead to take steps te put in a culvert across 7th and 8th con. lines, opposite lot 22, be rescinded. Carried. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Lochhead that the local Board of Health for the year 1890 be composed of S. S. Kothwell, J. Graham, A. Erskine, the Reeve and Clerk, and Dr. Hamilton medical health officer. A. Erskine, the Reeve and Clerk, and Dr. Hamilton medical health officer. Carried. Moved by Mr. Hray, seconded by Mr. Richmond that the Collector receive three weeks extension of time from this date for the return of his roll Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Coulter that the sum of \$70 as per engineer's certificate be paid W. Wood for digging ditch lot 19, con. 2, and charged against the said lot, the owner having failed to pay the same. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Richmond the Auditors' Report as now read-be adopted. Carried. Moved by Mr. Coulter, seconded by Mr. the secretary-treasurer, I.Hord, presented his report. Throughout the county there are 91 schools, 1.00 teachers and officers and 9.298 scholars. The amount contributed by these schools for Sabbath school work during the past year was \$5,208. After the reading of this report, which we regret we cannot find room for in full, Rer. John Mills, pastor of the church, cave an address of welcome to the delegates, not only to the town and to the church, but to the hearts of the people. The vice-president on behalf of the visiting members of the association rade a fitting reply. Rev. W. H. Hincles of Stratford de-

of the association made a fitting reply.

Rev. W. H. Hinels of Stratford delivered an address of a very interesting subject, "How to interest parents in Sabbath school work. The address was very instructive and vas listened to with deep attention. The next subject for discussion was "Bibe readings in the home and school—is bearing on the church of the futue." This subject was allotted to Rev. W. J. Taylor, but being unavoidably absent Rev. E. H. Hughes of Listorel addressed the meeting in his stead. W. N. Hossie, of Brantford, brought i few words of greeting from the Brint Association of which he is presided, and expressed himself much pleasd with the proceedings. The meeting then adjourned till Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY'S HOCEEDINGS.

The morning session was opened with a praise and prayer styice, led by the line, Elma and Morrington; R. Nesbitt \$3.96 balance gravel contract, con. 1; 3.96 balance for bridge con. 3; 3.97 balancy as Auditors; W. Peel \$13 gravel; Treasurer of Grey \$5.54 drainage; W. Lineham \$1.50 balance ditching gravel road; L. Bolton \$96 balance of account as engineer. Carried. Moved by Mr. Loch head, seconded by Mr. Bray, that Mrs. R. Morris residing in Atwood and in destitute circumstances be granted the sum of \$10 and the said sum to be given sum of \$10 and the said sum to be given sum of \$10 and the said sum to be given to Mr. Dunn for her benefit. Carried. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Bray, that the next meeting of Council be held at the Elma House, Atwood, on the 14th of March, for the appointing of Pathmasters, &c., and receiving tenders for printing. Carried.

T. FULLARTON, Clerk.

The sale of stallions brought a large crowd to Mitchell on Wednesday of last week, but there were not many huyers, and the prices obtained were low. Only some four animals were disposed of. Glennis, seven years old, and which a few pears ago was bought by Mr. Thos. Colquhoun for \$2,500, was knocked down at \$625. Mr. Edward Henry, of Elma, secured a fine three year old, imported Clyde, for \$860. A Canadian-bred two year old brought \$400, and a filly, same age, \$350.

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The University Fire.

The Toronto University Totally Destroyed by Fire, including the Valuable Library.

Toronto University was totally destroyed by fire last Friday night. The loss is estimated at over half a million dollars. Freparations had been made for the annual conversazione, at which two thousand people were expected to be present, and it was just before the guests commenced to arrive, at 7p. m., that the fire broke out. The building is not supplied with enough gas jets, so that on any special evening it is necessary to light up with lamps. Two men were engaged carrying upstairs in a rack half a dozen lighted lamps to be put in chandeliers, when the man on the lower end became frightened that they might fall and instantiy let go his hold. The lighted lamps fell and broke, oil spreading all over the stairs and down into the already heavily oiled floor. All the buildings were destroyed. The library, worth \$100,000; the museum with its invaluable specimens and cusiosities; valuable documents of Dr. Wilson, President of the University; chemical apparatus, mathematical instruments, furniture and utensils were all destroyed.

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One domestic was severely burned. One domestic was severely burned. The property, including all buildings and contents, was insured in twelve companies to the extent of \$164,000. Following are the names of the companies:—Ætna, Citizens', City Mutual Fire Insurance, Exchange, Hand-in-Hand. American, Hartford. County of Perth Mutual, Quebec Fire Assurance Co., Queen City, Royal Insurance Co., Royal Canadian and Western.

The stone of which the building was constructed seemed peculiarly suscept-

constructed seemed peculiarly susceptible to the heat. It cracked and burst out and came down in masses. Nor did the iron work fare better, On the eastern tower there was a big weather cock, and as the support burned from beneath it it bent over and fell amid the ruins. Soon the roof of Convoca-tion Hall followed it into the crater be-neath, and the hall was left a ruin utter and unredeemable

neath, and the hall was left a ruin utter and unredeemable.

But while a section of the firemen had been lighting the flames in Convocation Hall the library, along with the various class rooms—English, philosophy, and so on, occupied the eastern part of the main building. The library was the pride of the university. It consisted of about thirty-live thousand rare and costly volumes, valued at close upon \$100,000. In an adjoining room were about \$2,500 worth of instruments brought specially from the School of Science, and intended to give an exhibition of the progress of the work of the school before the visitors. In this section, too, were the instruments of Prof. Loudon, which were very valuable. To save these costly parts of the equipment and the western section or the University was the next task of the liremen. A few books—possibly less clan 100-were carried off ere the smoke became too dense, but in a short time the tiremen had to retire and could onbecame too dense, but in a short time the tiremen had to retire, and could only play on the flames through the win-dows. The fire licked up the books, and burned through the massive floors as if they were built of match boxes and bound with spider webs, instead of great iron supports. The roof began to give way and the fire to show on the outside. With a ceaseless clatter the heated slate jumped from their places on the roof and fell to the ground. Anon a section of roof fell with a crash Anon a section of roof fell with a crash into the burning pile, and brands and sparks, carried by the north-westerly wind that blew a gale, so quickly did the intense heat consume it and draw it toward the scene of the catastrophy, flew afar over the Queen's Park, spreading discomfort and alarm among the thousands of spectators who steed with ing discomfort and alarm among the thousands of spectators who stood with white, awed faces gazing at the scene of destruction. The doors of the corridors from the eastern entrance had been beaten down, and through the building the wind and flames flew, revealing a long vista of vaulted corridors that glowed like furnaces.

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Up the sides of the eastern tower crept the flames. The armory of K company of the Queens Own Rifles was situated here, and the rifles were seen bent and twisted with the heat. It was a grand and terrible sight. The great hall filled with fire, the carved rafters standing out deep out. hall filled with fire, the carved rafters standing out clean-cut even yet, make a majestic sight, and as the firemen retired to battle with the enemy in the main building the sight became grander. There was very few gas jets in the University buildings, and in order to light the various halls and corridors efficiently four hundred coil oil lamps were used. These doubtless contributed in no small degree to the rapid spread of the fire.

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There was not a fire alarm in the building, and the nearest fire hydrant was 1,000 feet from the building. The armory of the University company of volunteers was destroyed, and the cartidges, as the flames reached them, exploded with a noise resembling a volley of the main part of the University.

A striking feature of the fire was the falling of the 3,000 pound bell in the main part of the University. When the ramework in which it stood had been burned away the great bell fell, crashing through the huge stone tower, the great tongue sounding as it fell the death knell of the finest University building in the country. building in the country.