The Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EV'G, JANUARY 2, 1892 ting letters from correspondents it be understood that in no case will hold ourselves responsible for the consexpressed by them.—EDITO

Wr. Charles Davidson on Civic

o the Editor of the Mercury :

Sin.—Glancing over the list of names who were nominated for aldermen and accepted, it may be well to look at the actions of those who during the yaar so grossly abused the trust committed to them in the past year, yet have the hardihood to ask the ratepayers for a continuance of their support, and notably the chairmen and Committees of the Board of Works and Parls and Shages.

The Board of Works have in the Quobec street sidewalk and drain, and the Dundas road bridge shown such a want of business tack in departing from the usual method of advertising that the question has bees asked, is there no boodle in the way? The subsequent humbug in the butting of the abutiments and plers, and the season of the year the which the work has been done, and the class of work for such a structure—seeing it was not till after the bridge was to have been in place that the work was commenced, at much extra cost to the city than if it had been completed two mouths sooner—and the Mayor and other members of the Council are not blamcless in allowing such squandering of money without checking the same, as I believe any committee are personally liable for exceeding the amount of appropriation for any street, etc., without having first come to the Cpuncil and obtained its consent to the cons

thereon.

The lighting of the streets with are lights ought in my udgment to be reconsidered. A few more are lights might be put up where most needed, litt until the indebtedness of the city is reduced, the lighting of the whole city in the way proposed ought not to be done until the finances of the city can bear it, as it is a luxury which can be done without at nresent.

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The appointment of a competent Engineer I highly approve of (although the way the present engineer is said to have done, was to say the least of it irregular), and the present gentleman may be such for anghr I know, and if so, the whole improvements to be carried on in the Board of Werks, including sewerage and Waterworks, should be under his control and supervision, and he be held responsible for the same, both as to the quentity and quality of the work, and the cost thereof, he to act with the respective committees. These are my views, and I ask the ratepayers before voting to duly consider them.

Yours, &c., Chas. Davidson. Guelph, Jan. 2, 1892.

The Bylaws and City's Position To the Editor of the Mercury.

Dear Fire,—As the elections are drawing near I am pleased to see that the number of letters with reference to the doings of the Council that have appeared is your valuable paper have at last roused the ratepayers to a sense of their responsibility and enabled them to more clearly see our present position in its true light, and I trust we shall have as a result the return at a good Council for 1892.

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With regard to the by law not before the ratepayers there are many seighty reasons why the Water By law should be defeated. In the first place our City is not in a financial position, we incurantly about the first place our City is not in a financial position. Our totar revenue will not exceed ninety thousand dollars yearly. Interest to pay on our present debt of about forty thousand dollars, which leaves only fifty thousand dollars to carry out the government of or city. Taking a fair average our yearly expenditure is not less than sixty to sixty five thousand dollars under the administration of a fair council, which does not include the present one, their figures this year with the same of the dollars in the same of the dollars in the same of the sa

more. I will ask this question, what tethen will we receive if the Water Bylaw be carried? As/ar asl can ascertain for the text ten years it will not bring four hundred dollars yearly. The interest on twenty thousand dollars at 5 to 54 per dent will be eleven hundred dollars. Not a very good investment.

1 agree with St. David's correspondent that the term the view up to St. Joseph's

that to run the pipe up to St. Joseph's Hospital at a cost of two thousand or two thousand five hundred dollars would be the last straw to break the camel's

back.

I do not wish to say anything against any charitable institution, but the St. Joseph Hospital is out of our City and we receive no taxes from it, while there are hundreds of our citizens paying heavy taxes and willing to pay for the water and cannot get it. I say the taxpayers of the city are the first to be considered.

With regard to the [Local Improvement Bylaw I'h. vo no doubt it will receive its just reward and be snowed under with when Water Bylaw.

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Yours, etc.,
St. George's Ward. From Mr. Hamilton.

To the Editor of the Mercury : Dealin,—Would you kindly correct a statement made in your paper wherein the paper wherein the paper wherein the paper wherein the paper of my statement to the people of St. John't Ward, that I had been backed up by a stiong committee and an agressive Mayor. It shall have read a progressive Mayor. Kindly serrect today and greatly oblige.

Yours

HAMILTON.

Gusiph, Dec. 21, 15

Mr. Ritchie Writes About Him self and Our Streets.

To the Editor of the Mercury :-

Self ead Our Streets.

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Dean Sin—I must give an account of my stewardship. When I was in Scotlend I worked many years on the roads und they were not half as bad to keep in repair as they are in this city. When I came of Toronto I worked on the streets, and that corporation spent more money or Front street than we do stogether. They turnyliked Front street and then put broken stone on it from gutter to gutter, eight inches deep. At that time they were spending \$22,000 a year on broken stone for the streets, and if we had spent \$1,000 on our streets in Guelph, on broken stone, every year since I came to work on the streets, there would not be so much complaints about them as there are at present. I know the half of the mettle that I put on is not fit to be put on the streets, and if I had been given a heavy roller to bed down the stones, it would have been all right. I don't know of a city the ban not a heavy roller but Guelph. As for the charge that has been lad against me for being uncivil, I don't believe I ever gave anyone an uncivil answer who asked me a civil guestion. I have been told by the chairmen that it was none of my business to let any one know what was spent on the streets. If any one wanted to know they were to go to the chairman himself, and he would give them all the information. I know that I have got foes in Guelph, and that I have friends also, but I thank God that I have a friend in Him.

As to being judged by a "Passer-By," that I was an expense to the city, I would ather be judged by those I work for. I was five years under Mr. Bruce. They are men who ought to know whether I was an expense to the city or not. Many is the time I have been working when other people have been sleeping. I have worked all hours of the night from six o'clock at night till six o'clock in the morning in the interest of the city, and as far, as having too much of my own way is concerned, I would like them who think so to inquire of Ald. Klopfer if I have had too much of my own yin St.

Yours, etc., James Ritchie. Guelph, Jan. 1, 1892.

The General Hospital.

The directors of the General Hospital acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Ciristman presents at the Hospital the Hospital the From Mr. Thos. Holliday, 4 Turkeys. Mrs. Guthrie, 1 Turkey and Fresh Eggs. 5 little Girls of Ayton, Rocking chair. G. S. Armstrong, of Fergus, 1 Barrel of Apples.

Apples.

Mrs. Ross, Oranges.

Dr. Cormack, Oranges, Grapes, Pine

Apples.

Mrs. R. Melvin, 4 doz. Oranges.

Flower Mission, Jelly, 6 jars canned Flower Mission, occay,
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D. Brydon, 2 bags of Apples and 2 bags
Potatoes, I doz. jars Jelly, Figs, etc.
James Davidson, 2 bags Potatoes and
1 year Harper's Weekly.
Isaac Cober, 1 bag Turnips and Cab-

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P. Spragge, 2 Veranda Seats, 2 bags Potatoes and 2 bags Apples.
Mrs. A. MoKenzie, 2 jars preserves.
A Friend, 3 Pictures.
Infant Class St. Andrews Church, Basket of Oranges and Tea.
Chalmers Church Bible Class, Books for Patients and large Bible.
S. P. Christian, Turkey, Chiokens and Fruit.
J. W. Lyon, Anatomical Chart.
Miss Jannie Keating, \$25, Marden U. S.
\$10, Congregational S. S. Brooklya, \$10, Mr. Thos. Johnston, \$10 and Rev. R. J.
Beattie, \$10.

E. NEWTON, Secretary

St. Andrew's S. S. Association.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday evening last at the manse. The pastor as Presinent occupied the chair.

After devotional exercises and the transaction of various items of business connected with the 'Sabbath School, the available missionary funds were apportion ed. There after, the following officers for the ensuing year were duly appointed

President, Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D. President, Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D. Superintendert, John Davidson, Deputy Superintendent, David McCra Secretary, R. W. Stewart. Treasurer, H. G. Cockburn. Organist, E. G. Smith. Leader of Song, Mary Higinbotham.

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