

## The Rockwood Review.

The appointment of Mr. William Cochrane, of the Rockwood Staff, to the position of Bursar of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville, is an excellent one, and the government is to be congratulated on having wisely decided to promote such an efficient officer. Mr. Cochrane held the position of Assistant Bursar at Rockwood for twelve years, and during that time won for himself a host of warm admirers, who learned to appreciate the fact that no more sincere friend could be found. Mr. Cochrane is an enthusiast in everything he undertakes, and gives his whole energy to the subject in hand, whether it be work or play. There is never any doubt in regard to which side of a question he inclines to, and if most men were as true to their convictions, there would be fewer misunderstandings. Time and again Mr. Cochrane's ardent Rockwood enthusiasm stood the old Institution in good stead, and certainly no more loyal official will follow him. Outside his official career, "Billy" has a warm place in the affections of all of the employees, for he always gave evidence of being possessed of a tender heart and true sympathy in time of trouble, and practised even more than he preached regarding the obligations of the golden rule. In the lines of sport and amusement he will be much missed. His ability as an entertainer, either as an actor, singer or story-teller, is well known locally, and his place will be hard to fill. Mr. C. has a "pretty wit," and knows how to use it to the best advantage. What Rockwood sport will do without his enthusiasm is a difficult question to answer,—what the Curling Club will be without his cheery whoops and inspiring comments on the game is an enigma. While all rejoice in his well merited advancement, there is universal regret that we shall lose a well tried friend. Our loss is Belleville's gain, and the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb has secured one of the most capable officials in the Ontario service.

The Oddfellows of Kingston will miss Mr. Cochrane almost as much as Rockwood, as he was a tower of strength to the local lodges, not only because of his enthusiasm but also on account of his qualities of heart and head.

Mr. Cochrane thoughtfully asked the employees not to give him a formal presentation, feeling as he said, that he understood them and they him well enough without resorting to formal evidences of affection. Even this did not prevent the Curling Club from giving a pretty little evidence of their regard for him.

Miss Fanny Geddes, Trained Nurse, has left for the West. Her Associates made her a presentation before leaving.

Thoughtful men view with regret the bitterness of many of what should be leading papers of the day, regarding things political. In the interest of party, characters are blackened, facts deliberately distorted and frauds defended by the "tu quoque" argument, which is not argument in any sense of the word. A foreigner coming to Canada must think, after reading many of our "dailies," that he has reached a country where all public men are to be regarded as scoundrels and thieves—where morality is at the same level as in an institution for criminals, and where public decency is unknown. The fact that any man of ability who dares to aspire to public life, must be resigned to having his good name threatened at every possible opportunity, keeps many of our best men out of the political world. Until we can acquire natural dignity, and aim at something higher than pot-house politics, we shall not rise to an enviable position among nations. What object there is to be gained by newspapers deliberately stating untruths is difficult to see, unless "loaves and fishes" are all there is in sight. All honor then to the newspapers, which have risen higher than the demands of political