

never encouraged those who make a trade of begging while able to support themselves. The Committee cannot hope fully to succeed in their work of reformation so long as street beggars of notorious character, are supported by the public. Another class whose necessities have received consideration, are incurable lunatics and idiots, who are precluded by the regulations of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, from participating in its benefits. The Committee expressed a belief that there are at least 1000 persons affected with mental diseases in Canada West, while the Provincial Asylum will not accommodate more than three hundred. The Commissioners of the Asylum coincide in the opinion, that steps are necessary to remedy the evil; and a hope was expressed that during the next Session of Parliament, an act will be passed having reference to this matter. To ascertain the cause of the misery which presents itself in the community, a sub-committee had been appointed, and their enquiry led to the conclusion—in which the general committee concur—that the abuse of intoxicating liquors is the principal foundation of the distress. The following propositions were submitted as the basis of an efficient remedy:—

- 1st. To reduce the number of taverns one half.
2. To do away with shop licences, except in very particular cases.
3. To raise the price of a tavern license considerably.
4. Not to issue any new license in any locality, unless at least 30 respectable householders resident in the immediate neighbourhood shall certify that such tavern is required for the accommodation of the inhabitants.
5. To bring all beer-shops under the license law, and to be subject to the foregoing conditions.
6. That in case any tavern or shop-keeper, selling spirituous or malt liquors, shall allow any person to become intoxicated on his premises, or shall supply any person who is intoxicated with liquor, he shall forfeit his license.

Lastly, The Committee urge upon the authorities, the necessity of making each constable an inspector, who shall report upon the condition and manner in which the houses are conducted, and they recommend that none but taverns of superior accommodation be licensed, and that good security be required, from each tavern keeper, for the good management of his house.

Reference was next made to the necessity which exists of providing a Ward in connection with the General Hospital, or some other place, where patients discharged as incurable may be received. The committee noticed, in succession, the groundless attacks which have been made in some newspapers, on the management of this institution; the value of the gratuitous services of the medical officers, and the efficient manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Perry, the superintendent and his wife, have performed their onerous duties. It is contemplated during the next session of Parliament, to apply for a charter for this charity; a conviction being expressed that the advantages of such an institution only require to be generally known, to place it upon a permanent basis. The number of sick men and men out of employ, relieved during 1850, was 72; women, 182; children, 459; destitute widows and deserted wives, 151. Average number supported, 40, Deaths, 7. Upwards of 270 children have been sent out from the institution, apprenticed, and adopted since its establishment; all of whom—with few exceptions are doing well. The disbursements during the year have amounted to £690 10s. 9d. The amount in the Treasurer's hands, January 1, 1851, was £226 9 1. Resolutions were then adopted formed upon the report and, appointing a Committee for the ensuing year.

A Dividend has been declared of Six per cent on the paid up Stock in the Victoria and Sidney and Rawdon Plank Road Company—being at the rate of about 20 per cent per annum.

We regret exceedingly to state, that Miss Watkins, aged between 17 and 18 years, daughter of Mr. John Watkins of Richmond-street, in this city, committed suicide on the 29th inst., by taking poison. The verdict of the Coroner's Jury in the case, was that the deceased died from taking a dose of laudanum, while labouring under temporary insanity. The officiating Coroner was Dr. King.—*Colonist*.

Early on the morning of the 29th inst., the police of this City visited several of the City Bakeries to search for light bread, and succeeded in detecting over one hundred loaves, which were under the prescribed weight and which of course were accordingly seized. In the shop of Reeves, in King Street, 54 loaves were seized; in Cole's, in Yonge Street, 50 were seized; and in Crawford's, 3 loaves were found.

The Provincial Parliament is further prorogued till the 12th of March.

TORONTO ATHENEUM, AND COMMERCIAL NEWS ROOM.—The annual meeting of this institution was held on Thursday evening, at the New Rooms, St. Lawrence Hall, where the society have leased very handsome and convenient premises from the Corporation. The chair was taken by Thomas D. Harris, Esq., V.P., and the usual routine business was transacted. The News-room is 40 feet long, by 25 feet wide, and 13 feet high. The south-east room is 40 feet by 23 feet; and the third room, suitably for a library and committee room, is 20 feet by 13.

The municipality of the township of Uxbridge, have adopted a petition to the legislature praying for a division of the county of York.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, GUELPH.—On the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday last, two lectures on Astronomy were delivered in the Court-house by the Rev. Beld C. Hill. The first was merely introductory, and was couched in language highly poetical, and at the same time beautifully illustrative of the wisdom, power, and goodness of God.—*Guelph Herald*.

FIRES.—The "Bath House" a large unoccupied building at the Falls, was burnt down one night last week.

At St. Catharines, before day-light on Monday, three extensive and comfortable homesteads, on Ontario-street in this town were reduced to ashes.

EXTREME COLD WEATHER.—Yesterday (January 30), was the coldest day of the season. At four in the morning the thermometer stood 25 degrees below zero. The weather was so cold as to deprive two individuals of life. The one was Mr. Edmund Smith, once a flourishing blacksmith of Kingston, and always the best farrier living in it. Mr. Edmund Smith was found dead in a shed opposite Mr. Peter Hanley's Tavern. The other was a soldier belonging to the Rifle Brigade, who was frozen to death in returning to barracks.—*Kingston Whig*.

TORONTO DISPENSARY AND LYING-IN-HOSPITAL.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Toronto General Dispensary and Lying-in-Hospital, held the 4th inst., at the House of the Institution, Richmond Street, it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Lett, that John Arnold, Esq., do take the chair, seconded by T. D. Harris, Esq., and carried unanimously.

Present—John Arnold, Esq., Chairman, Rev. H. J. Grasett, M.A., Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L.D., Rev. James Beaven, D.D., Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. Dr. Willis; P. Paterson, T. D. Harris, E. G. O'Brien, J. C. Bettridge, A. Dixon, James Boulton, T. J. Preston, Esqrs.; Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Hodder, Dr. Bovell, Dr. Badgley, Dr. Halliwell, Dr. Melville; Rev. Mr. Mitchele.

Doctor Badgley, as Secretary pro tempore, was requested to read the report, as prepared by the Committee of Management for last year, and having explained the circumstances under which it was printed and circulated.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by E. G. O'Brien, Esq.,

"That the report read before this meeting be adopted, and that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the Committee for the preparation, and publication of the Report under the circumstances explained by the Secretary."—Carried.—Dr. Burns and Dr. Willis dissentient.

It was moved by E. G. O'Brien, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Beaven,

"That the following gentlemen be appointed as the Committee of Management for the following year, viz., J. G. Bowes, Esquire, Mayor of Toronto, Rev. H. J. Grasett, M.A., Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L.D.; T. D. Harris, Esq., Jno. Arnold, Esq., G. P. Ridout, Esq., P. Paterson, Esq., J. C. Bettridge, Esq., with the Medical Officers as under. E. H. Hodder, Esq., M.C. M.R.C.S. Eng., J. Bovell, M.D., Francis Badgley, M.D., Henry Melville, M.D., William Halliwell, M.D., Norman Bethune, M.D."—Carried.—Dr. Burns and Dr. Willis dissentient.

It was moved by Dr. Hodder, seconded by Dr. Halliwell,

"That the thanks of the Subscribers of this Institution are eminently due, and are hereby given, to the Ladies, who have lent their valuable assistance in the management of its internal affairs during the past year."—Carried.

It was moved by T. J. Preston, Esq., seconded by A. Dixon, Esq.,

"That the thanks of the Subscribers be presented to the Committee of Management and to the Medical Officers for their past services."—Carried.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Mitchele, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Lett,

"That Dr. Melville be requested to act as Secretary and that P. Patterson, Esq. be requested to act as Treasurer for the ensuing year; and that the thanks of the meeting be given to T. D. Harris, Esq., for his very valuable services as Treasurer, and regret at his retirement from that office."—Carried.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Burns, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Willis,

"That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances which have led to the impression that a connexion had been formed between this Institution, and the proposed Church University, and to report to a meeting of the Subscribers to be held within a month from this date."—Lost.

In consequence of the discussion which took place on the foregoing resolution, the following document was handed to the Chairman by Dr. Bovell:—

"We the undersigned Medical attendants attached to the Toronto General Dispensary and Lying-in-Hospital, beg to resign our offices in consequence of the doubt thrown upon our statements with respect to the connection of this Institution with the Church University."—Edward H. Hodder, James Bovell, Francis Badgley, Henry Melville, Wm. Halliwell.

It was moved by E. G. O'Brien, Esq., seconded by J. C. Bettridge, Esq.,

"That the Medical Gentlemen of the Institution, having in consequence of a most factious and improper opposition, made by one individual resigned their offices; it is the opinion of this meeting that the grateful thanks of this Institution are due to those gentlemen, for their constant care and attention to the people and interests committed to their care. That the explanation given by them to the meeting of every thing connected with the matters brought forward are most satisfactory, and that they be respectfully requested to resume the duties to which they had been previously appointed."—Carried.—Dr. Burns and Dr. Willis dissentient.

The Rev. Dr. Lett, A. Dixon, and T. D. Harris, Esqrs., having waited upon the medical gentlemen in consequence of the foregoing resolution, returned with the following answer from them:—

"In answer to the resolution read to us by the Rev. Dr. Lett, as having passed the meeting of the subscribers to the Toronto General Dispensary, and Lying-in-Hospital. We beg to render our acknowledgments for the kind expressions contained in it towards us individually and collectively; at the same time, we beg to state, that we decline to continue our services to the institution so long as our connection with the Church University is made a ground of discussion and complaint." E. H. Hodder, Francis Badgley, James Bovell, Henry Melville, William Halliwell.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Lett, seconded by A. Dixon, Esq.,

"That the above correspondence be inserted in the minutes."—Carried.

It was moved by the Rev. H. J. Grasett, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Beaven,

"That in consequence of its having been found impracticable to conduct the business of this institution while members of different denominations are associated on the Committee of Management, the Directors of the Charity shall in future be selected from the members of the Church of England."—Carried.—Dr. Burns, dissentient.

The deputation who had previously waited on the Medical Gentlemen on behalf of the meeting, were requested to communicate to them the nature of the last resolution, and having done so, returned accompanied by the Medical Officers, who stated their readiness to resume their duties.

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. Lett, seconded by E. G. O'Brien, Esq.,

"That the Chairman do leave the Chair, and that the Rev. Mr. Grasett, be requested to take it, when it was resolved that the thanks of the meeting be cordially given to John Arnold, Esq., for his conduct in the chair.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—The Grand Jury for the County have just presented an address to the Governor-General on the subject of the seat of Government to which His Excellency replied:—As regards the allusion contained in your Address to the projected removal of the Seat of Government to Quebec, I desire

in the first place to remark that I observe with satisfaction that you refer with respect to the Prerogative of the Crown. I may remind you however, that under our system of Constitutional Government this Prerogative is not exercised arbitrarily, but on the advice of Ministers who are responsible to Parliament, and influenced in tendering it by broad considerations of public advantage. I have therefore to state in reply to the inquiries which you have addressed me on this point, that when the Government determined to act on the address of the Legislative Assembly in favour of alternating Parliaments, it was resolved as the least objectionable mode of carrying out the desired object, that the Seat of Government should be fixed for two years only at the place to which it might first be moved. Efforts were made to induce the Government to proceed on this understanding in the first instance to Quebec. When Toronto was preferred, the intention of the Government on this point was stated in a communication to the Mayor of Quebec which was published at the time. The arrangements entered into with individuals for providing the necessary accommodation for Government in Toronto, were framed on the same understanding, and proceedings took place in Parliament last session with the view of giving effect to it. Under these circumstances, I apprehend that the Government could not depart from its declared intention, without injustice to those who have been led to calculate on its fulfilment. It is obviously indispensable to the success of a scheme, which, although it be open to many plausible objections, was adopted by Parliament from motives of conciliation, and out of special regard for the claims of the two ancient capitals of Toronto and Quebec, that those who are responsible for carrying out its details should act in the most entire good faith. The regret which I feel at the prospect of soon leaving you is mitigated by the reflection that the constant and steady advance in wealth and population which Toronto has made during many past years, and the advantages which it enjoys above other towns in Upper Canada in being the place where the Courts of Law are held, and many important Provincial Institutions are located, afford every reasonable security that the temporary withdrawal of the Seat of Government will not sensibly affect its prosperity.

The election of an Alderman for St. George's Ward, closed on Tuesday, at four o'clock, when Wm. Wakefield, Esq., was declared duly elected. The numbers polled were as follows:

Wakefield.....	100
Capreol.....	56
Majority.....	44

There are in this City 152 Taverns, and 206 Beer-Shops—total, 358—which gives about one Tavern or Beer-shop in every fifteen houses.

On Tuesday night, a dwelling on the Ten Mile Creek was burnt, with all its contents.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that a fatal accident of the most painful nature, occurred on the 10th concession of Zorra, on Thursday night last. It appears that a wedding party had assembled at the house of Mr. James McDonald, whose son was to have been a happy bridegroom on the following morning, and according to the good old Highland custom, the eve of the bridal was to be spent in merriment and dancing. The festivities had been commenced, when the father of the bridegroom went out to draw a pail of water from an adjacent well, which, as we are informed, was about 25 feet deep. The keen frost of the preceding days had covered the ground around the well-curb with a heavy sheet of ice and Mr. McDonald in drawing up the bucket, evidently lost his foot-hold and was precipitated into the well, from whence he was taken out, half an hour afterwards, a mangled and lifeless corpse. The deceased bore an excellent character and is much regretted by his friends and neighbours.—*Woodstock American*.

The County Council of Wentworth and Halton have adopted a memorial to the Legislature complaining of the new School Bill. They recommend that the superintendents should be appointed by the Municipalities. That the office of Chief Superintendent should be abolished, and that the privilege given to the Roman Catholics to have separate schools should be rescinded.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—At a meeting of the County of Middlesex Council, held at London, on Tuesday last, it was resolved:—"That the County take Stock to the amount of £25,000, in the Great Western Railroad, and that a by-law be printed to that effect."

DROWNED.—On Friday evening, the 31st ult., J. Armstrong, produce dealer, from Rochester while attempting to cross the River at Prescott, with a double team, accidentally drove into an air hole, and was drowned: he had with him two young ladies, Mrs. Barnard, and a sister of Mr. Gilman, Hotel-keeper at Prescott, who narrowly escaped being drowned—they were rescued by Mr. Holmes, who was driving behind them in a cutter. Mr. Holmes was so much frozen that he was unable to get them into the cutter, and tying the reins round them, drove them to shore on the ice. Mr. Holmes and the ladies are in a very bad state.—The horse and cutter belonging to Mr. Gilman, was also lost.—*Globe*.

Hamilton was lighted with Gas on the 1st instant.

The Montreal *Pilot* states that the Post Office Department will not be handed over to the Provincial Authorities until the 5th of April next.

TORONTO AND PRESCOTT RAILWAY.—The York County Council have adopted the following resolutions, touching the proposed Atlantic Railroad:—

1st.—That the Council appoint three of its members as Commissioners to represent the Council in, and co-operate with the Provisional Railway Committee already acting in this city, with instructions to assist in collecting all information, by preliminary survey or other investigation, necessary to the guidance of this and other municipalities, and of the public generally; and that £100 be placed at the disposal of the said Commissioners for the said purpose, provided that at least £200 be subscribed from other sources, and placed in like manner at the disposal of the said Provisional Committee for the same purpose.

2d.—That the Warden be one of the said Commissioners, and that he be instructed by this Council to communicate with the heads of all Municipalities, whether Counties, Townships, Cities, Towns or Villages, lying between Prescott and Hamilton, and affected by the proposed Railway, with a view to ascertaining their concurrence in a Municipal Convention, to be held to determine upon the support which it may then appear desirable that the several municipalities should extend to the enterprise.

3d.—That so soon as all the information above referred to shall have been collected the Warden be authorized to call the said Convention in such place and at such time as may be most convenient and desirable; at which Convention the said Provisional Committee shall submit its plans, reports, and recommendations, for the information and guidance of the delegates.

4.—That the Commissioners to be now appointed by required, as soon after the adjournment of the Convention as possible to report its proceedings to this Council, with a view to an ultimate decision on the whole subject; and that the said Commissioners be empowered to take such steps with reference to the proper expenditure of the grant now made, and such other action as may to them appear most conducive to the interest of the Country.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Rev. B. C. Hill, has our thanks for the copy of the correspondence which he kindly transmitted to us. We had previously, however, marked it for insertion in our columns, where it appears this day.

We regret that the verses by "R. H. P." do not come up to our political standard. The author may be more successful in a future attempt.

An editorial article entitled "*Illustration of Liberalism or, Vanity run mad*" suggested by the Hon. P. B. de Blaquiere's recent extravaganzas, is unavoidably postponed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Letters received to Wednesday Feb. 5th, 1851—Rev. J. L. Alexander, rem. for Y. C.; J. Weatherhead, rem. for Y. C.; Henry Charles, rem. for Y. C.; Capt. Wardell, rem. for Y. C.; H. U. Davies, rem. for Y. C.; John Nelson, Belleville; Rev. C. Rutan, rem. Y. C.; Dr. Mewburn; A. F. Ples, No. 1. rem. (O. K.).

THE CHURCH.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, FEB. 6, 1851.

A HINT TO THE TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

We are strongly inclined to believe that Mr. Chancellor deBlaquiere is, at this moment, one of the hardest tasked individuals in the civilized world. As special pleader for the thoroughly liberalised university over which he presides, his labours are in truth, of a herculean magnitude. It devolves upon him to demonstrate—or at least essay to demonstrate—that whilst the said University uncompromisingly rejects all creeds and confessions of faith,—and positively prohibits her professors from teaching theology according to any defined rule or system under pain of expulsion—she still has a *Christian* character to boast of! Like the oppressed children of Israel, the poor Chancellor is required to manufacture bricks without straw—we had almost added without clay itself!

In such an embarrassing predicament, every thing in the shape of suggestion or material must be of special value to the Hon. and learned gentleman.—Where straw cannot be procured, stubble, however inconsiderable it may be in itself, becomes of consequence. We accordingly extract at the Chancellor's disposal the following extract from the *Journal des Débats*—a paper which may be characterised as the Parisian *Times*,—with full and free permission to make any use which he pleases of the same, when he again takes the field in defence of his cherished, but sorely assailed seminary.

The *Journal* after alluding to the charge of infidelity brought against the dominant party in France by bigots of a kindred stamp with the opponents of the Toronto University, proceeds to observe:

It is without cause people give us a bad name.—They say that we believe in nothing. The fact is we believe in EVERYTHING! We protect equally the Gospel and the Koran. We build at the same time Churches and Mosques, and our flag floats impartially over the Cross and the Crescent. There is no danger then, that the Musselmans should suspect us of having no religion; for we have them all, their own included. The fears manifested on this point appear to us to be without any kind of foundation!

To the text, thus opportunely supplied by us, let the hon. P. B. deBlaquiere confine himself, if he would logically and consistently defend the cause which he has taken in hand! Aspiring, as he does, to be the educational champion of the Denominational host whose name is legion, he could not possibly assume a stronger vantage ground than this,—that in its corporate capacity the Toronto University believes in every thing,—and is bound by act of Parliament equally to protect the Gospel and the Koran! Torture, turn, or twist the matter as you may,

"To this complexion it must come at last!"

The cherished object of Mr. Robert Baldwin was to construct from the ruins of the Christian King's College, a scholastic institution utterly devoid of the restrictive fetters of sectarianism, in the moral free-trading sense of the expression. In harmony with the popular definition of that newly defined word, (sectarianism to wit.) every thing, which every body cannot cordially believe and ex animo assent to, must of necessity be intolerant and exclusive. The discovery of this great and fundamental truth was made by the enlightened school of French Republican Philosophers, and a sturdy shoot of the captivating tree has been imported into Canada along with the congenial literary effusions of Paul de Kock and Eugene Sue, each of them enthusiastic advocates of the educational system which has given rise to these remarks.