

## The Rockwood Review.

The second dance given by the Employees, occurred on February 8th, and was largely attended. It was a most enjoyable event.

The crop of prospective Bursars has been unusually large, and the "area of depression" correspondingly great, as two or more men cannot occupy the same place at the same time, that is without friction.

Dr. E. Stafford of Toronto Asylum, visited Rockwood early in February.

Miss de Pencier, who for more than two years was in charge of the Beechgrove Hospital, Rockwood, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Belleville General Hospital. Belleville is extremely fortunate in securing the services of such an excellent and accomplished Nurse as Miss de Pencier, who has won golden opinions during her residence at Rockwood. She has been succeeded by Miss F. Wilson, a graduate of the Kingston Hospital Training School.

The Rink Managers Benefit Carnival, on the evening of February 9th, was largely attended and a most brilliant affair in every respect. Some of the costumes were unique.

Miss Maggie Macdonald of the Rockwood Staff, had a very unpleasant experience on February 10th. While she and a companion were returning from Howe Island, they were overtaken by a severe snowstorm, and as a result were lost on the ice for several hours.

On February 17th the first robin took advantage of the mild spell to record an early arrival. Downy woodpeckers and nuthatches were much in evidence on the same day.

The Beechgrove Hockey Club has taken a step upwards. As a "midget" club it has had a record of nearly fifty matches, with but one defeat, and that but by one goal. This year some of the former

small boys had become too large for the remaining midgets, so two teams have been organized. The Seniors have added several victories to their credit, and the Juniors are playing the "same old combination" with the dash of the original Beechgroves.

The Peterboro Examiner criticized in a good natured way, some of our remarks in regard to hockey rules and their interpretation. We have followed the game since its development with a good deal of interest, and have seen nearly all of the important matches played here, and have acted as referee at many of them. The practice of raising the stick to stop lifts has always been recognized here as legitimate, except by one Toronto referee who misinterpreted a rule made to prevent "slashing," viz, the rule applying to a stick raised above the shoulder. It is a mere quibble to distort this rule and apply it to the suppression of a most excellent play on narrow rinks, such as that at Peterboro. It cannot be called a dangerous play, and likely to lead to accidents, but tends to minimize the effect of the most dangerous part of hockey—the stopping of a heavy puck hurled through the air at a high rate of speed. No, we cannot sympathize with the distortion of a rule framed merely to prevent slashing and shinny playing.

Master Harold Clarke was rather seriously indisposed for ten days in the early part of February.

If good wishes could secure a capable and deserving officer, the position of Bursar, Mr. W. Cochran would have been promptly installed.

We sometimes wonder if politicians ever have lucid intervals during which they realize that the game is scarcely worth the candle.

Miss de Pencier received a handsome present from the officials of Rockwood just before her departure for Belleville.