

MASONIC.

The R. C. of the Toronto Lodges are held on the following evenings:  
 St. Andrew's, Second Tuesday in month.  
 King Solomon's, Second Thursday "  
 Ionic, First Tuesday "  
 Rehobam, First Thursday "  
 St. John's, First Monday "  
 Wilson, Third Tuesday "

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND MEAT TO THE POOR.

A large number of destitute families were relieved on Saturday, through the liberality of the St. George's Society. The distribution of bread, meat, &c., took place at the building known as Lamb's Hotel, on King Street. It commenced at three o'clock in the afternoon and continued until about nine in the evening.

The following list of disbursements has been furnished us by the officers of the Society:—

Beef, mutton, &c.....	4,051 lbs.
Bread and flour.....	2,484 "
Potatoes, 162 bushels, or.....	9,720 "
Turnips or carrots, 30 bushels, or.....	1,800 "
Total.....	18,055

A little over nine tons of catables. In addition to the above, twelve cords of wood, \$19 in groceries, and over 300 cabbages were distributed. The total value of the whole being estimated at \$435.

The recipients of this bounty were as follows: 187 families, English, representing 853 persons 135 " other countries " 583 "

322 " 1,436 "

The charity was intended to be for the English poor only, but to the really deserving no difference was made. Many a poor family was thus enabled to enjoy a Christmas dinner which they could not have obtained but for this charitable action of the society, and others who contributed towards it.—*Colonist, Dec. 27.*

NOTICES OF NEW WORKS.

VIEWS OF TORONTO.—This is a collection of twelve views of the principal buildings in Toronto, with descriptive letter-press, published by Mr. James Campbell, Toronto Street. The publication is got up in the same style as the "Falls of Niagara," and the "St. Lawrence," previously issued by the same publisher. Whether it be that passing most of the buildings themselves several times a day they have lost their effect, we cannot exactly say, but certainly some of these engravings took us by surprise. Toronto is certainly a grand-looking place—on paper. We would have preferred the Churches as they really are,—without the steeples; but, setting these aside, we can safely recommend such of our readers as wish to send a favourable impression of Toronto to distant friends, to purchase a few copies. The price is only 25 cents, and the postage would be trifling.

OUTLINES OF NATURAL THEOLOGY, by James Bovell, M.D., Professor of Natural Theology in Trinity College, Toronto. Rowsell & Ellis, Printers.

We have only space at present to announce the publication of this work, and will give a more extended notice next month.

VARIETIES.

The first thing a man takes to in life is milk—the last is his beer.

A sweet and tender young woman is loved by both Christians and South Sea Islanders—by the former as something to marry, and by the latter as something to eat.

MUMMIES PUT TO USE.—Egypt has three hundred miles of railroad. The first locomotive run, mummies were used for fuel, making a hot fire. The supply of mummies is said to be inexhaustible, and are used by the cord. How little could the ancient Egyptians have dreamed of being put to such a use as this!

HARDSHIPS OF A SERVANT "GAL."—"Going to leave, Mary?" "Yes, mum; I find I'm very discontented." "If there is anything I can do to make you more comfortable, let me know." "No, mum, it's impossible. You can't alter your figger to my figger, no more'n I can. Your dresses won't fit me, and I can't appear on Sunday as I used at my last place, where missus's clothes fitted 'xactly."

SYMPATHY.—Our real sympathies are terribly confined to our own classes. I have known an individual moved almost to tears at the idea of a gentleman being reduced to live on two hundred a year, but who had not an emotion (though he may have five shillings) to spare, for a labourer living on seven shillings a week. And I have known a lady with a smiling progeny of each sex, who could not conceive what female servants could possibly want with followers.—*Life and Books.*

A sparrow's nest has recently been discovered in the roof of Pultenytown church, and strange to say, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, it contained three newly-laid eggs.—*Bath Chronicle, Dec. 1st.*

The Emperor of the French asked one of his generals, the other day, whether he could land troops at Woolwich with safety. "Yes, Sire," was the reply. "I could land them safely, but whether I could embark them again is another question."

THE ROYAL DOLKIARDS.—The Admiralty have called for a return of the ages, pay, &c., of officers and clerks on civil salaries, with the view, we hear, of obtaining an Order in Council making it compulsory on all salaried men to retire at 65, instead of 70, as at present.—*Civil Service Gazette.*

BIRTHS.

"Plenty Pickaniny, Massa."

At Jarvis Street, on the 5th inst., the wife of Frederick W. Jarvis, Esq., of a daughter.

On the 27th December, the wife of the Rev. R. Shanklin, Incumbent of Oakville, of a son.

At Church Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, 27th December, the wife of Thomas Hodgins, Esq., Barrister, of a son.

On the 1st inst., at Simcoe, the wife of M. H. Foley, M.P.P., of a son.

On the 5th instant, at Guelph, the wife of H. N. Winstanley, Esq., of twins—both girls.

On the 5th instant, the wife of Hon J. Simpson, Bowmanville, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

"I will."

At Shanty Bay Church, on the 5th instant, by the bride's father, Henry O'Brien, Esq., of Toronto, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, M.A., Rector of Barrie and Shanty Bay.

At St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, on the 6th instant, by the Hon. and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toronto, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B. D., Rector, the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, M.A., Rector of Barrie, to Helena, fourth daughter of Wm. Durie, Esq., K.H., late Inspector of Hospitals, Ordnance Medical Department.

At Christ's Church, Amherstburg, on the 8th instant, by the Rev. F. Mack, William Hadley, Esquire, merchant, Amherstburg, to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Captain Rist, 37th Regiment.

On the 8th instant, at St. John's Church, Bowmanville, by the Rev. Dr. MacNab, Rector, Mr. James Wilmot, of Newcastle, to Eleanor, only daughter of the late Mr. James Hutcheson of Toronto.

On the 27th instant, at St. Philip's, Weston, C. W., by the father of the bride, Edward, son of L. E. Miles, Esq., of Heligoland, and grandson of the late Colonel Sir Edward Miles, C.B., K.T.S., to Laura Louisa, eldest daughter of the Rev. W. A. Johnson, and granddaughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel J. Johnson, C.B., Hon. E.I.C.S.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. H. Burnet, Mr. Richard White, of Peterborough, to Jean, third daughter of Mr. John Riddell of Hamilton.

DEATHS.

"Life is short, and time is fleeting,  
 And our hearts, though strong and brave,  
 Still like muffled drums are beating  
 Funeral marches to the grave."

At his residence, Gorevale, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 13th of December, after a short illness, Lieutenant-Colonel James Forlong, K.H., for many years commanding Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment of Light Infantry.

On Sunday night the 8th instant, at his residence, Newcourt, near Kingston, William Wilson, Esq., aged 64 years.

At Woodlawn, Yonge street, on the 27th inst., Betsy, wife of the Honourable Joseph Curran Morrison, aged 38 years.

At Magnolia, East Florida, on Sunday, the 11th inst., of consumption, Thomas C. Macklem, Esq., M.D., aged 42 years.

Very suddenly, on Sunday morning last, at the residence of her son, James C. Geddes, Esq., Sarah Hannah Boies Geddes, aged 71, widow of the late James Geddes, Esq., Assistant Staff Surgeon, of Kingston.

The deceased lady, who was the third daughter of the late Dr. Gamble, Surgeon of the Queen's Rangers, was born in New Brunswick, in the year 1783, and accompanied her mother to Canada, by an overland journey, in the summer of 1796, being then but eight years of age. She was married in 1804 at Amherstburg, to Dr. Geddes, by whom she had a family of sixteen children, five sons and eleven daughters.

At St. George, South Dumfries, at the residence of George Stanton, Esq., on the 12th of November, Sarah, relict of the late Nicholas Barmore, aged nearly ninety years.

On the 19th ultimo, at Birkenhead, England, Mary, the wife of Mr. S. P. Bidder, formerly General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

At Davenport, near Toronto, on Sabbath the 18th inst., at the age of 24 years, Amy Miles, daughter of the Rev. Enoch Wood, General Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions in Canada.