

WARD THREE AND ITS ALDERMEN

RATEPAYERS HAVE A FRIENDLY TALK TO THEM

Condition of Streets, Water Rates and Garbage Removal Discussed.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A heart to heart talk was had by half a hundred ratepayers of Ward Three with their representatives, Aldermen Gleason and Fullerton, last night. The meeting was called as soon as the renewing of the garbage contract with Capt. W. E. Gardiner was announced, and while originally intended to deal with that matter was understood to offer the aldermen a chance to explain their year's work. A. E. Sherk presided over the meeting, held in Spring Ridge Odd Fellow's hall.

The garbage contract, the proposed water rates and the undoubted bad condition of the streets were the principal matters on which the ratepayers wanted information, and the aldermen were subjected to much good-natured heckling. It seemed to be the opinion of the two aldermen, when asked, point blank questions about him, that the city engineer has too much to do, that the council does not properly support him, and that the foremen on street works need a shaking-up.

Ald. Gleason began by telling what had been done for the sewerage and lighting of the ward, and for the streets he felt that the only solution was an extension of the local improvement system. The council could not attend to them out of general revenue. As to the garbage contract, Capt. Gardiner's after negotiations, agreed to handle fifty per cent. more at a saving on the present contract of \$1,072 for a year or \$1,288 a year on a two-year contract. In arriving at this figure the council took into consideration that the contractor would have an income from tickets. Ald. Gleason said he agreed with the principle of calling for tenders for city work, but in this case the city was getting a good bargain, and besides he considered no one else was in a position to handle the contract as satisfactorily as the old contractor.

"Give us figures," said J. A. Price, and other ratepayers repeated his demand.

Ald. Gleason said that the estimated receipts from tickets were put at \$4,000 a year. With the \$3,822 paid under the contract the service would thus cost the ratepayers \$4,013 annually, whereas at the rate of the old contract it would cost \$5,085. He then showed, with the aid of a blue-book, entered into a comparison of vessels and declared that Capt. Gardiner and Capt. Goodwin were the only owners of suitable tugs. The latter had his tug early in the year, and was \$600 higher than Capt. Gardiner.

"Capt. Goodwin might have reduced his figures since then," suggested a ratepayer.

Ald. Gleason did not think so. "You don't know," retorted J. A. Price. "You don't know because you did not call for tenders. I think if one tenderer could do the work for less under the arrangement to collect 15c a load others could do it, too."

Work on the Streets.

William Marchant wanted to know if Street Superintendent Warwick would be interested in anything, what he was paid his salary for, or whether it was true that someone in authority was interfering with the work, that Mr. Warwick does not superintend.

Ald. Gleason professed willingness to explain were it not that the whole matter was in present under consideration by the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

"I would like to run whoever is interfering to earth," said Mr. Marchant. Another ratepayer complained that there were altogether too many foremen, that there was frequent lack of common-sense in the work, and he instanced a case on Stewart street where the earth from an excavation had been thrown up on the pipes to be laid, and these had then to be dug out to be laid.

"It all comes back to having a good, efficient head in that department," said Ald. Gleason, who went on to say that both a better head and better men were needed. He had noticed, in one case where the men stopped work and put away their tools some time before five and then stood around until the clock struck. This case would be investigated.

"That foreman should be fined," declared Mr. Marchant. "There has been so much laxity of late years that we are not getting the benefit out of day labor that we should. The council should take hold and go into this whole matter of the lack of system in street work."

Ald. Gleason, in reply to a question, said he would be in favor of calling for tenders for local improvement works if the property owners desired it where the engineer's estimate seemed too high.

The Water Rates.

On the question of water rates Ald. Gleason defended the new schedule and the frontage tax of three cents a foot. The latter, he said, would be put into a fund which would enable the city to make improvements in the service, and such works as would be necessary at Sooke lake some day, without having to borrow.

Mr. Marchant objected to the water rates being made to cover capital expenditure charges instead of these being met out of ordinary revenue.

minimum of \$1 a month will be charged. Ald. Fullerton.

Ald. Fullerton declared himself in favor of making water rates as low as possible, and as opposed to the frontage tax. The people of the future should pay for their own improvements and extensions. There would be raised \$18,000 a year by this tax, which would be used for the improvement of the city. The five members of the finance committee were as much in the dark as the public as to how the rates were arrived at, but he believed they were too high. In regard to the garbage contract the alderman thought tenders should have been called, although Capt. Gardiner had given satisfaction. "I am not satisfied with the way work is carried on on the streets," said Ald. Fullerton. "I have brought it up several times in committee, but there is no end in the matter."

Ald. Fullerton defended the workmen from any suspicion of not doing a fair day's work, which his colleagues might have cast on them, and thought the trouble was higher up.

"With the council, and ourselves, who elect them," remarked a ratepayer. A lack of system.

Several gentlemen gave instances of want of system in road work, of rock hauled long distances when it could be had close at hand, of grades altered without authority and other faults.

Ald. Fullerton, to a questioner, said he was in favor of a small streets committee instead of the present unwieldy and unsatisfactory committee of the whole council. The matters were discussed by that committee with which it had no business, and which should be disposed of in open council.

A propos of the digging of holes such as that on Gladstone avenue, near the water works, and an explanation that no change in the law to prevent this could be obtained against the opposition of the country members.

O. H. Sackler said it was about time the city got a charter.

Ald. Hall spoke briefly, upheld the water rates and the garbage contract. He expressed the opinion that boulevarding is being carried too far in outlying districts. The grant to the Tourist Association was also supported strongly by Ald. Hall, although he defended the reference to a referendum vote, and denied that the aldermen were afraid to face the music.

GROWTH OF CITY BIG SURPRISE TO VISITOR

Maintains Cost of Living is Lower Than on Mainland.

"It is as different in the last four years as day and night," said H. J. Knox, of Chilliwack, this morning at the Dominion hotel in referring to the many changes noticeable in the city of Victoria since 1904. During that period, said Mr. Knox, this city has done a new garb and grown in such a manner that it is now hardly recognizable. New and substantial buildings have been erected and stand where four years ago were vacant blocks in the city and vacant fields in the suburbs.

When four years ago he was here, Mr. Knox remembers big vacant spaces around Oak Bay and recalled the shining of games in the municipality which has had since that time had to close down on sportsmen owing to the rapid settlement and increase of the number of residences within its bounds.

Out in the direction of Mount Tolmie Mr. Knox has also noticed a rapid development and was surprised at the large number of handsome dwellings which have been erected there and are now permanently occupied by families. In the intervening time he mentions among the additions to the city the Merchants' bank building, Yates and Douglas streets, the Emmenton hotel, the additions to the Dominion hotel and the completion of the Carnegie library. The dwellings, however, he speaks of with more admiration and praise, pointing as they do to the increase in population and quick permanent settlement of the near outskirts of the city.

Mr. Knox attributed the rapid growth largely to the climate. Other reasons, however, are found for Victoria's rapid advancement in her excellent geographical position and the low cost of living here. He contradicts positively the statement that Victoria is more expensive to reside in than many other towns. Living here is cheaper, he declares than in Chilliwack and on the mainland, while the hotel accommodation is equal to any city in British Columbia and superior to most. Mr. Knox has been a resident of British Columbia for some thirty odd years and has been through Victoria often, having lived here some years ago. He says he has watched the development of Victoria for a long period and has been surprised at its growth within the last four years.

SANTA CLAUS AT Y. M. C. A.

Boys' Department Was Entertained Last Evening at Local Quarters.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The first Christmas tree entertainment ever held by the Y. M. C. A. took place in the auditorium last evening. R. C. Horn, the vice-president of the association, presided. In his opening speech he said that it was his duty to bring the boys' department before the eyes of the community. He said he had been witness in the local Y. M. C. A. the room was crowded with boys, their parents and friends.

A good programme was given, piano solos being rendered by Mrs. Braze and Miss Wills, while Reggie McKee gave a recitation. Clarence Harris secured a box of chocolates as first prize in guessing competition. Chas. Hopper made an excellent Santa Claus and presented to each member of the department a badge containing the letter "Y," which is to be worn on the front of the jerseys. Every one in the audience was presented with a big bag of candy. Coffee, tea and cake were served, after which the gathering broke up after a delightful evening had been passed.

EDMONTON FAILS TO LIFT STANLEY CUP

Western Team Wins Second Game From Montreal Wanderers by 7 to 6.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 31.—Edmonton defeated the Wanderers in the second and final game of the Stanley cup series last night in one of the closest and most exciting games witnessed at the arena in a couple of seasons. The Wanderers, however, failed to lift the cup, their victory last night being by a score of 7 to 6, while their defeat in the first game was 7 to 3, leaving the Wanderers with a margin of three goals on the total.

Edmonton, with two home players on the team that had been gathered together from all over Canada, proved a 100 per cent. better team than in the first game, Miller and Deaton, who replaced the injured Edgars and McNawara, being the stars of the forward line. Deaton scored three goals and Miller two, and both played hockey of a high order.

For all around work the Edmonton forwards were better than the Wanderers, although the Wanderers' defence was the strongest. Three Wanderer players were benched in the first five minutes of the play, and before they were back in the game, Edmonton had scored two goals. This seemed to upset the home team, and the best they could do was to score one goal before half time, leaving Edmonton in the lead, 2 to 1.

In the second half Edmonton again scored the first two goals, but the next three went to the Wanderers, evening the score, 4 to 4, and killing the western team's chances of winning out on the series.

Of the last five goals Edmonton secured three and the Wanderers two. The score was tied twice during this period, and the crowd of 4,500 were keyed up to a high pitch of excitement.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO PRINCE RUPERT

Business Men of Victoria and Vancouver Given an Opportunity to Go North.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The McKenna steamer Rupert City is to make a special excursion trip to Prince Rupert and back, taking the principal business people of Vancouver and Victoria who wish to view the work being done in the new terminal town. She leaves Vancouver at 9 p. m. on Monday next, Jan. 4th, and will make a fast direct trip each way. The fare has been set very low, the return cost only \$15. Wireless apparatus is carried, so that those going will be able to keep in touch with the outside all the time.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office, December 23rd to 29th, 1908.

Victoria—Bright sunshine recorded, 12 hours; highest temperature, 52 on 25th; lowest, 35 on 24th; rain, 2.5 inches.

Vancouver—Bright sunshine recorded, 11 hours 54 minutes; highest temperature, 50 on 25th; lowest, 29 on 24th; rain, 3.18 inches.

New Westminster—Highest temperature, 48 on 25th; lowest, 28 on 24th; rain, 3.38 inches.

Kamloops—Highest temperature, 46 on 25th; lowest, 20 on 24th; precipitation, .15 inch.

Barkerville—Highest temperature, 32 on 25th; lowest, 19 on 24th; snow, 2.4 inches.

Aldin—Highest temperature, 24 on 23rd; lowest, 22 below zero on 24th; snow, .50 inch.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 2 on 23rd; lowest, 48 below zero on 24th; snow, 2.4 inches.

PRAIRIE CLUB.

Meeting Will Be Held Wednesday For Election of Officers.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A meeting of the Prairie Club will be held at the rooms on Government street on Wednesday, January 8th, for the election of officers and for the transaction of other important business. A financial statement for the year 1908 will be submitted. Prizes for the 1000 Hundred tournament will be awarded.

The Prairie Club has the reputation for being good entertainers, and it is likely that at this gathering cigars and other refreshments will be dispensed. All members are asked to attend.

AERIAL NAVIGATION COMPANY.

New York \$50,000,000 Concern—Airships 700 Feet Long With Accommodation for 100 Persons.

New York, Dec. 31.—Announcement was made yesterday of the proposed organization of the Aerial Navigation Company, with principal offices in New York and a capital of \$50,000,000. Thurlow Weed Barnes, known in connection with the Canadian railway operations, is to be president of the new company, and Lewis Nixon, the well known shipbuilder, is to serve as chief engineer and superintendent of construction. Other men of prominence, it is stated, are interested in the company. The company proposes to build airships 700 feet in length, with a diameter of about eighty feet, and with accommodation for at least 100 people.

OBJECTS TO STERN.

New Steamer Does Not Please Everyone in the City.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

As the Princess Charlotte rounded Sooke's point yesterday on her way to her moorings in James Bay a knot of waterfront men watched her critically and were passing comment on her appearance. Among the number was an official of a rival line, whose boasts have the reputation at least of following rather than leading those of the C. P. R. The official in question surveyed her for a few minutes, and then remarked: "I don't like her stern."

"Well, keep your eye on it," commented a bystander, "that's what you'll have to watch."

EYE WITNESS TELLS OF WHANNOCK TRAGEDY

Logger Will Be Arranged on Charge of Manslaughter.

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—"That Odin Lee was struck on the head with a bottle in the hands of Joseph Kincaid in the presence of Peter Murphy on the C. P. R. track, half a mile east of Whannock, and the blow or blows either caused his death directly or left him unconscious on the track, in which state he was run over and cut to pieces by the C. P. R. passenger train No. 307, and the jury are of opinion that no blame is to be attached to the crew of the train."

This was the text of the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury empaneled at Whannock to investigate the circumstances attending the violent death which overtook Odin Lee, a young farmer of that district on Christmas eve. The sensation of the inquest was the arrest of Joseph Kincaid, a logger of the district, whom Murphy saw while he was holding the bottle which stretched Lee on the track either dead or stunned to be horribly mangled by the advancing train.

Kincaid was charged with manslaughter by Chief Constable Spain and remanded for preliminary hearing before the police magistrate of Maple Ridge, on Monday next.

According to a witness named McKinley, from Ruskin, where Kincaid was after the tragedy, the accused man told him that near Whannock he had been attacked by two tramps, but luckily he had a bottle with him which he used to defend himself, and with which he had struck the men down. This leads to the belief that he will enter a plea of justification on the grounds of self-defence. It is quite possible that the date of the preliminary trial may be changed from Monday, that date being only set temporarily.

CHINAMAN FINED FOR ALTERING PLANS

Convicted on Two Charges and Must Pay \$200.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Loo Gee Wing will have to pay two fines aggregating \$200 for altering the plans of his buildings on Pender Street East, without the consent of the building inspector.

In the first case concerning a building near Westminster avenue, Loo Gee Wing had alleged that he had leased it to a certain Tai Hing who had made the alterations and fitted it up with gas, electric and other conveniences. A diligent search failed to discover Tai Hing, and when Loo Gee Wing appeared before Magistrate Alexander yesterday in the police court, he was given a severe lecture.

"You have perjured yourself and so aggravated your offence. The limit the by-law allows me to impose is a fine of \$100 or two months imprisonment, and that will be your sentence."

In regard to the second charge, Building Inspector Jarrett said he had examined the building, and found that the basement had been partitioned off. It was full of intricate passages and spring doors, which led at last into a large dark room with solid walls four inches thick.

Mr. Woodworth, counsel for Loo Gee Wing, cross-examined the building inspector with a view to finding whether he was acting under powers conferred by the by-law or was simply taking arbitrary action on his own part.

Magistrate Alexander said that he had nothing to do with the charge before him, and on the evidence of the building inspector and two other witnesses who corroborated him as to the fixtures of the building he imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

NORTHERN TRAVEL INCREASES.

Steamer Cowichan Crowded With Passengers Returning After Holidays.

The development of the northern route has been mentioned often in these columns, and every day instances of it are being noticed. Another evidence of the steady growth of travel was furnished, when the big steamer Cowichan left Vancouver for her run to Northern British Columbia, and the city of Victoria. The Cowichan, says a Vancouver paper, carried probably the largest crowd of passengers taken north by any steamer from the port in ten years, and undoubtedly one of the very largest in the whole history of the port. It is by the Cowichan, the largest any boat of the United Steamship line has ever carried, and every day instances of it are being noticed. The Cowichan has been carrying a large crowd of passengers, and the city of Victoria is being benefited by the increase of travel.

VALUED DOG SHOT.

Steps Are Taken to Punish Those Who Are Responsible for Act.

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Another instance of unprovoked manly conduct on the part of those who carry guns in the woods around the city occurred last Sunday at Somers Lake, where two youths with a .22 rifle are reported to have taken a pot shot at R. R. Smith's prize Irish Setter bitch. The dog has since died.

Mr. Smith, who is a resident of Victoria West, was out with Mr. Tait. While his bitch was industriously working in search of game one of the lads, with the rifle in hand, is alleged to have shot the dog. While Mr. Smith went to the dog Mr. Tait secured the boys, who claimed the shot had been fired at a chicken. The boys were taken to Duncan and placed in charge of the authorities, who undertook to investigate. Nellie, the dog in question, was specially prized, having won the open and winner's classes at the last Victoria and Vancouver shows.

YEAR'S WORK OF LOCAL MARINE DEPARTMENT

Many New Lights and Fog Alarm Stations Have Been Installed.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The total amount of work done by the marine department on this coast during the past year makes a good showing. It indicates that the government is taking care to have every needful thing done to protect the lives of mariners and the property of the shipowners and shippers. Probably the most important work of the year, one at any rate that appeals most strongly to those who pass in and out of the Straits of Fuca, is the installation of a first order light and apparatus at Pachena Point. This light can be seen for something like forty miles, and is the first mark picked up by the ships entering the straits during clear weather. When the weather is thick the light on Swiftsure banks is useful, but the light at Pachena is the one that all look for.

New apparatus with stronger power has been placed at Fisgard, Discovery and Cape Mudge.

New gas lights have been placed at Helen Point in Active Pass, in the first Narrows at Vancouver; at Chatham Point, Discovery; at Casey's Point, Prince Rupert; at Stenhouse Shoal, Brown Passage and Lookout Island, Kootenai. This makes the total number of acetylene gas lights 54.

New fog alarm stations have been installed at Estevan Point, The Sisters, Yellow Island, Bellefleur, Ivory Island and Cape Beale, all of which have been equipped with modern diaphanous and are up to date in every respect. The total number of lighthouses now on the coast is 57.

COBALT'S \$10,000,000 YEAR.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30.—Cobalt ore shipments this year will exceed ten million dollars. Last week's total was 40 tons. Total for the year, 12,550 tons. Last year's total was 14,000 tons.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB HOLDS RECEPTION

Pleasant Evening Spent--Number of Visitors From Vancouver Present.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Last evening at the Alexandra Club rooms the University Women's Club, of Victoria, held their first reception. There were about a hundred guests present, besides ten members of the University Women's Club, of Vancouver, in whose honor the reception was given.

Mrs. H. E. Young, president of the Victoria Society, and the guest of honor, Mrs. J. W. LeB. Farris, president of the University Women's Club, of Vancouver, received. The rooms of the Alexandra Club were tastefully decorated with Christmas greens, ivy and holly.

The following musical programme was given during the evening:

Vocal Solos—Only a Rose Miss Cordelia Grylls. Youth Miss Cordelia Grylls. Piano Solo—Cantique d'Amour Miss Cordelia Grylls.

Vocal Solos—The Song of the Araby I Cannot Help Loving Thee A. T. Goward.

Vocal Solo—Dear Love, When in Thy Arms I Lie Mrs. De Boyce Sprague.

Vocal Solos—Das Meer Hat Seine Perlen If In the Great Bazaars Clement Goss.

Piano Solo—The Song of the Araby Miss Cordelia Grylls.

Vocal Solos—Thou Wert Blind If I Had the World Miss Cordelia Grylls.

Miss Grylls sang as an encore "The Lass With the Delicate Air."

The visitors from Vancouver included: Mrs. J. W. LeB. Farris, Miss Ross, Dr. Urquhart (chairman of the executive committee), Mrs. J. H. McGill, Miss Lavender, Miss McQuinn, Miss Matheson, Miss Beharrell, Miss Dallas and Miss Van Buren.

Others present were: Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Consul and Mrs. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Hagell, Mrs. (Dr.) Watt, Miss Cann, Miss Smith, Miss Burris, Miss Wilson, Miss Henry, Miss Anne Fraser (Seattle), Miss Macdonald (Nanaimo), Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Drury, Mrs. James Thompson, Rev. W. Leslie and Mrs. Clay, Miss Lane, Miss McKeand, Mrs. Simpson-Hayes, Mrs. Sprague, Miss Cordelia Grylls, Mrs. and Miss McCrea, Miss Amy MacSwain, Mrs. Jenkins, the Misses Hill, Miss Fraser, A. T. Goward, Gideon Hicks, Clement Goss, Miss D. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Haywood, Capt. and Mrs. Clark, Miss Ohlson, Miss Ross, Miss Beharrell, Miss Dallas and a number of others.

This afternoon a meeting will be held in the Carnegie library, at which papers will be read by Mrs. Farris, of Vancouver, and Miss Fraser, of Seattle.

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IMPORTATION OF GAME BIRDS.

Chilliwack, Dec. 30.—The response to the call for subscriptions to the fund for the importation of game birds is very gratifying to the members of the Chilliwack Game Protection Association, and the money already subscribed will go quite a way towards the object the association has in view, that of importing a fresh supply of partridges from the New England states. The pheasants from England which have lately arrived are under the care of Deputy Game Warden Cummins, and are expected to very materially help in improving the stock of Chinese pheasants now here, being much bigger and stronger. The partridges already imported and liberated here, although suffering from the onslaught of the pot hunter, have made a very satisfactory increase in number.

TWEEDDALE BUFFETED.

Encountered Gale on Way to Portland From Nanaimo.

When sixty miles to the south of Cape Flattery, a few miles from the British steamship Tweeddale, Captain Milne, bound for Portland from Nanaimo, was struck by the big storm which swept the coast last week. It soon developed into a gale and came from the south-southwest. For safety the captain headed the steamer offshore. The storm increased in fury until Christmas day, when it began to moderate. But an extraordinary heavy sea was running, retarding the progress of the steamer.

Before leaving Nanaimo the steamer coal and about sixty-five tons of the fuel was stacked on the deck. As an evidence of how little roll there is to the steamer during a big storm, the fact is cited that she never lost a pound of coal overboard. The officers declare that it was not even shifted about in the least, remaining in the precise position it was originally placed.

CAPTAIN TROOP MEETS OLD FRIENDS

Two Skippers Waiting in Port Prove to Be Companions of His.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A number of interesting reunions have followed the arrival of the steamer Princess Charlotte from the Old Country. Captain Troop at once found that at least two captains of craft now lying in port were old friends. Yesterday afternoon Captain Davis, of the steamer Asaganthus, and Captain Kinney, of the ship Senator, went around to the new steamer and were entertained by Captain Troop. Needless to say, the three captains spent an enjoyable time together.

Second in command of the steamer is the resident of this city, and it is not unlikely that he may remain here in the employ of the C. P. R.

DEATH OF U. S. CONSUL.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 31.—John Bean, United States consul here, and secretary of the board of trade, is dead from diabetes. He was well known throughout the West.

CORNELL MINE SHIPS HIGH GRADE ORE

Tyee Smelter at Ladysmith Will Handle the Output.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Texada Island is again coming into prominence from a mining standpoint. This time it is the Cornell mine that is producing high class ore. S. G. Faulkner, treasurer and president of the Northern Texas Mine, Limited, which owns the Cornell mine, paid a flying visit to Victoria yesterday.

He has decided to ship his ore to the Tyee smelter at Ladysmith, and received yesterday the assay results of the first shipment of ore from the mine. The ore is of a high grade, and the first bodies out a few weeks ago. The first class ore netted over \$20 per ton, after payment of all freight and smelter charges, and Mr. Faulkner is evidently well pleased with the result, which is convincing proof of the value of the recent discoveries.

OPENED JAPANESE HOME.

Enjoyable Evening at Methodist Mission on Pandora Avenue.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The formal opening of the new Japanese Mission property, on Pandora avenue, lately known as the Corona house, but now acquired by the Methodist church for their work among the Japanese of this city, took place last evening.

The rooms were crowded by an interested audience of English speaking and Chinese people as well as by the Japanese themselves. P. E. Kawabara, the mission's first missionary, occupied the chair, and called upon the speakers and others, who were to take part in the programme. The children from the Chinese home delighted the audience, as usual, with their singing. Some well given recitations of portions of the scriptures in English were given by the members of the missions, and a Japanese song was illustrated by appropriate motions by a very agile son of the Empire.