

Cooke's Church S. S. Convention and Social.

In connection with the annual convention and social of Cooke's Church S. S. Teachers, a convention of the members of the congregation and friends was held for the purpose of creating greater interest in the work of the school.

At a few minutes after eight the meeting was called to order by the Chairman (Rev. J. G. Robb, B.A.) and the second part of the programme was proceeded with.

The Chairman remarked that the object for which they were assembled was the furtherance of the Sabbath School cause. Various phases of the work would be presented by Principal Caven and Professor Gregg, and an opportunity afforded to any one who might wish to throw out any suggestions.

Mr. Wm. Hunter, the Superintendent of the school which meets in the lecture room of the Church, read the report for the past year, and briefly traced its progress during the 19 years which he has been connected with it.

Professor Gregg took as the basis of his remarks "THE CLAIMS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL ON THE PEOPLE FOR SYMPATHY AND CO-OPERATION." The first of which was that the teachers were communicating to the young people the very best kind of knowledge they could possess.

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During the evening the choir sang a selection of pieces of sacred music, which contributed largely to the enjoyment of those present. A vote of thanks to Principal Caven and Prof. Gregg, and to the choir, moved by Mr. R. J. Hunter, seconded by Mr. G. Banks, having been carried with much applause, Principal Caven pronounced the benediction, and the meeting dispersed.

Mr. R. J. Hunter said he had listened with pleasure to the previous speakers, and endorsed their remarks. It appeared to

him a matter of regret that so many young people upon reaching the ages of fourteen or fifteen years should cease to attend Sabbath School. At that age a boy or girl could learn more in a single year than in the previous four or five, and it was very discouraging to teachers to see a bright and intelligent pupil leaving the school, just when his character was forming, to be perhaps, carried away by the frivolity of evil companions.

The Chairman in introducing the next speaker, explained that Prof. McLaren (whose name appeared on the programme) having been called away from the city, had requested Principal Caven of Knox College, to take his place, which that gentleman had very kindly consented to do.

Principal Caven thought teachers in the Sabbath School had many discouragements to contend with, not the least of which was the difficulty sometimes experienced in securing the attention of those under their charge. Parents might assist the teachers in that respect, by asking their children about the lesson, and showing some interest in what they were learning.

Messrs. Caswell and Hanna supported the views expressed by previous speakers relative to the desirability of parents visiting and taking an interest in the school.

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BIRTHS. On Saturday morning, March 13th, the wife of W. I. Malouf, Esq., Kingston, of a daughter.

On Saturday, 13th of March, at 27 Charles street, the wife of the Rev. R. H. Warden, of a daughter.

DIED. At the nurse, Thorold, on the morning of Monday, 15th March, 1870, W. J. Fraser, aged 21 years and ten months, the Dominion Giltchrist scholar for the year 1871.

At his father's residence, Township of Crowland, on the evening of the 13th inst., Rev. William Reid, aged 25 years and ten days.

MARRIAGES. On February 24th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Jas. M. Boyd, Demorestville, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. Jas. White, Manotick, Robert Clarke, Esq., to Miss Kate Boyd, both of Gloucester.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

English quotations are unaltered. New York is steady, and there is a slight advance in wheat in Chicago. Here but little has been doing.

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Official Announcements.

ARRANGEMENT OF PRESBYTERIES IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEETINGS. CHATHAM.—In Adelaide street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday 23rd March, 1876, at 11 a.m. Elders commissions will be called for at this meeting.

PARIS.—The Presbytery of Paris will meet in River Street Church, Paris, on Tuesday, 28th of March, at 11 a.m. Elders commissions will then be called for.

KINGSTON.—The next meeting to be in John Street Church, Belleville, on the second Tuesday of April ensuing, at seven o'clock p.m.

PETTERBORO.—At Port Hope in Mill Street church, on the last Tuesday of March, at 1 p.m.

LINDSAY.—At Woodville, on the last Tuesday of May, at 11 a.m.

HURON.—The Presbytery of Huron will meet at Clinton on the 11th April. Roll will then be made up.

HAMILTON.—Next ordinary meeting will be held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of April, at 11 o'clock a.m. Session Records are to be received.

TORONTO.—This Presbytery meets on the first Tuesday of April, at 11 a.m. Draft act for the constitution of General Assembly to be considered.

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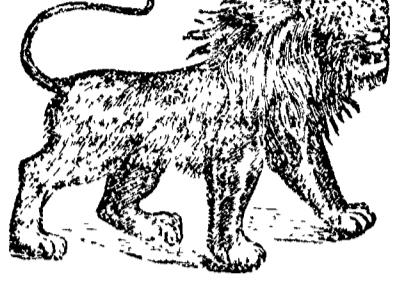
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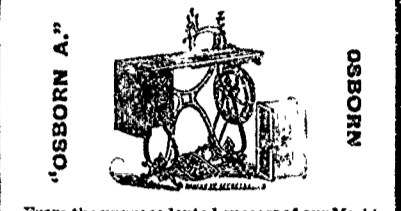
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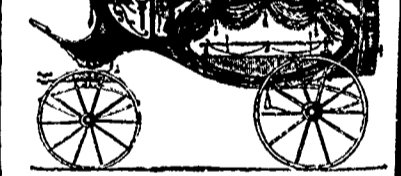
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