

paper was put on a better basis in every way. The typographical appearance was made equal to any metropolitan journal in the Dominion. The news facilities were amplified, and the reporting of local and district events was made a special feature. The editorial writing was also brought into touch with the standard now set by the best journals in Great Britain and Canada—dignified in tone, free from abusive personalities, but with a spice of the good-humored satire which enlivens discussion of public issues. Mr. R. W. Shannon had been for some years a barrister in Kingston before taking hold of *The Citizen*, but he was a trained journalist previous to that, from his connection with *The Kingston News*, and possesses in addition a cultivated literary style which has shown itself in *The Citizen*. A few months ago Mr. Lewis W. Shannon sold out a half-interest in *The Kingston News*, which his talent and industry have placed in a foremost position, and joined his brother in Ottawa. With the business and editorial departments in such strong hands *The Citizen* has undoubtedly a great future before it. The paper has a monopoly of the morning field in the Ottawa district. The counties about Ottawa contain a prosperous farming population which looks to the Capital only as the centre of retail trade. The dominant sentiment in the city and locality around is Conservative. *The Citizen* is delivered early in the day over a wide area of country before any other paper can reach the reading community. Neither the Montreal nor Toronto dailies are able to cover the field, and this cannot be said to the same extent of any other city in the two central provinces of Canada. *The Citizen's* advertising patronage is therefore large, and growing larger. This seems natural when one reflects how the paper can appeal to a wide constituency where it has no competitor. A morning journal has from time immemorial been in favor with the advertiser, and the unique conditions that surround *The Citizen* increase its hold in this respect.

#### THE GLOBE STAFF'S DINNER.

The *Globe* staff had a jolly dinner at the Board of Trade restaurant, Saturday evening, Dec. 7. Mr. J. S. Willison presided, and a feature of the evening was the presentation by Mr. Acland, city editor, of a finely-bound address from the staff to Mr. Robert Jaffray, president of the company. Among the guests were: Hon. G. W. Ross, John King, Q.C., Peter Ryan, T. C. Irving, J. C. Walsh, J. L. Murray, W. G. Jaffray, Alex. Smith, the Liberal organizer, the editor of *PRINTER AND PUBLISHER*, Mr. Woods, of *The Mail*, and three past presidents of the Young Liberal Association: Messrs. Gregory, Macintosh and Macrimmon. The toast to the guests proposed by Mr. Lewis brought out several sincere tributes to the greatness of *The Globe* as a newspaper, and to the satisfaction with which the announcement that it had had a splendid year's business was heard. Mr. Ryan, in a witty speech, said *The Globe* had perceptibly improved since taking up its quarters in Richmond street, opposite his office. Mr. King recalled the early days of the paper and spoke in warm terms of its present tone and efficiency. Mr. Irving related a dream of a visitor to Paradise, who found there the staffs of all the Toronto papers except *The Globe*, and on inquiring the reason, was told that *The Globe* staff was the only one Providence could trust out of sight. The toast of Mr. Willison's health was drunk with honors, the company giving three cheers (likewise a tiger) and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." The evening's programme also included songs, recita-

tions and instrumental music. The entertainment was one of the most enjoyable *PRINTER AND PUBLISHER* has attended for a very long time.

#### EXECUTIVE OF C. P. A.

ON Nov. 22nd, at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, was held a meeting of the Executive of the Canadian Press Association. There were present: L. W. Shannon, J. S. Brierley, C. W. Young, J. B. MacLean, W. S. Dingman and J. A. Cooper. Regrets were read from several other members showing reasons for their absence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and communications read. J. W. Eady, of St. Mary's, was accepted as a new member, as was Richard Armstrong, Toronto.

The copyright question was introduced by a deputation from the Copyright Association consisting of John Ross Robertson and R. Lancefield. It was pointed out that the association had arrived at an understanding with Mr. Hall Caine, and the draft bill was outlined. After a long discussion, it was moved by W. S. Dingman and seconded by C. W. Young, "that the Executive of the Canadian Press Association, having heard the outline of the proposed Canadian Copyright Act, after mutual concessions on the part of Canadians interested and by the English authors as represented by Mr. Hall Caine, does express its approval of the same, and its pleasure at so satisfactory and amicable a solution of an intricate question, and it hereby deposes President Shannon to represent this association at the conference with the Dominion Government at Ottawa next Monday." This carried.

Then followed several hours, hard work preparing a programme for the annual meeting to be held on February 6th and 7th. A draft programme was ordered to be prepared and sent to the members. It was decided to hold a smoking concert on the evening of the first day as being more sociable and less costly than a banquet.

Before adjourning a committee consisting of Messrs. Shannon, MacLean and Young was appointed to look into the matter of an excursion for the summer of 1896.

#### THE MIS-USES OF LITERATURE.

In a daily newspaper report of the proceedings of the Theological Conference, recently held in Toronto, the following paragraph appears:

"Continuing, he dealt first with the class of books which might be defined as 'books of knowledge.' Ben Johnson's English Dictionary was classed with these, although the reader caused some merriment by reading several quaint definitions from that work. One definition in particular, that of the word pension, which Johnson observes is 'pay given to a State hiring for treason to his country,' was applauded."

In the interests of bibliography, and even bookselling, we offer a respectful protest against Mr. Samuel Johnson's name being suppressed, and "Ben" substituted, in connection with the great Dictionary, and in the interests of literary history it is to be hoped that Mr. Johnson's definition of "pension" was not applauded by anybody with any claim to ordinary intelligence. Mr. Johnson was both pleased and proud to have a pension conferred on himself; and, not content with that, he also asked to have rooms at Hampton Court Palace given to him, and was very properly refused.