

DOTS AND DASHES.

THE Chicago city railway gives gold medal to gripmen who make the best records for freedom from accident. They can't eat the medals, and as articles of dress they are not much protection against the cold. The reward scheme is all right, but it would be better to pay them in increased wages, which would buy something to eat and something to wear. If we are not misinformed, this is the way our own tramway company treat their men. We may be mistaken, however.

THE lecture by Postmaster Shakespeare, in Pandora Avenue Methodist Church, last Thursday evening, was an intellectual feast. The subject, "The Life of Christ, the History of Daniel and the Stately Homes of England," was one which our modest postmaster could discuss intelligently. It may not be generally known that Postmaster Shakespeare is a thorough student of ancient literature, and converses in Latin and Greek with a fluency rarely found in these days. Many years spent in Palestine, with admirable opportunities for observation, enabled the lecturer to add interest to his subject, by many pretty stories of things which had happened to him and illustrations of the wonderful things he had seen during his residence in Jerusalem. It is suggested that our modest and unassuming postmaster should give the public the benefit of his travels in a small book printed in large type.

DR. KINGSFORD is at work on a new volume of his excellent History of Canada. It will deal with the period from 1759 to 1841. Let us all determine to reward its able and deserving author by buying the book, and let us read the graphic narration of the great events which established British genius, valor and virtue on the better half of this continent, and resolve anew to preserve their fruits intact.

HEBREW LITERARY SOCIETY.

The meeting held last Thursday evening at the residence of Dr. Philo for the purpose of establishing a Young Ladies' and Gentlemen's Literary Association was well attended. The following officers, pro tem, were chosen: President, I. E. Philo; and M. Eck-

stein, secretary. One of the main objects of the association at present will be to secure funds by giving balls and concerts to erect a new synagogue on the vacant lot adjoining the Temple Emanuel. The lower flats of the building will be used for the church, while the upper flat of one will be fitted up for a residence for the Rabbi. The present building is becoming too small for the fast increasing congregation, and it is decided to secure more room at once. The children, ranging from 5 to 15 years of age, have also got up an association during the past few weeks. Each boy or girl has to pay five cents a week for the purpose of accumulating a sum large enough to buy a library for the school of their church. I. E. Philo will, in a few weeks, produce Edwin Arden's masterpiece, "Eagle's Nest." He will be assisted by local talent and members of the newly founded organization. The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening November 25, at the residence of Dr. Philo.

A PROMENADE CONCERT.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, of the Jubilee Hospital, will open the new Market Hall, with a grand promenade concert, early in December. Some of the most talented local musicians have consented to take part. Mrs. C. Hayward, the energetic secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary, has been suffering from a severe cold which has somewhat delayed the arrangements.

The next reception of the Iona Club will be held in Harmony Hall, on Friday, 27th inst.

Mr. J. D. Parker and wife, of Toronto, who are in the city on their honeymoon, were prominent guests at the Comus last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Geo. J. Burnett, the organist, has arrived, and has charge of the instrument of the Calvary Baptist Church. With such an accomplished musician as Miss MacGregor as leader and Mr. Burnett as organist, the choir of Calvary Baptist Church must become one of the best in the city.

The Sons of St. George held the first masquerade ball of the season, in the Assembly Hall, last night. The decorations were unique. Prof. Pfedner's orchestra supplied the music, and the light fantastic was enjoyed till the wee sma' hours.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The second quarterly convention of the United Societies of Christian Endeavor and Epworth League, was held, last Friday evening, in the lecture room of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church. Rev. J. H. White occupied the chair, and, in a few well chosen remarks, opened the convention. A paper on associate membership, by Mr. Hall, president of the Gorge Road League, also one on how to conduct a prayer meeting, by Mr. John Boyd, of St. Andrews Church Society, brought forth considerable discussion by members present. The Glee Club, of the First Presbyterian Church, and a quartette, of the Pandora Methodist League, favored the convention with popular selections. A sociable chat over coffee and cake brought a pleasant and profitable gathering to a close.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League Juniors, of the Pandora Methodist Church, held a pleasant social, last Tuesday evening, in the church parlors. An entertaining programme and abundance of pie sufficed to make the young people enjoy themselves. The principal numbers on the programme were: Recitation, by Miss Walkins; solo, by Miss Maggie Clarke; instrumental selection—banjos and guitars—Messrs. McMillan, Catanah, Short and Booth; recitation, Miss Shelly; zither and mouth organ solo, Mr. Wescott; recitation, Miss Maggie Burkholder; instrumental duet, Misses Luker and Spreng; solo, Miss Luney and Instrumental, Miss Lufts.

Miss Hutcheson entertained a large number of friends, last evening, with music and dancing. A pleasant time was spent.

Old Philharmonic Hall is not going to be ruined as a dance hall after all. The improvements that are being made will not interfere with the original floor, the sloping one being a false one that can be removed with little difficulty when the hall is needed for a dance.

An enjoyable concert was given at Victoria West last Wednesday evening. The songs, with a couple of selections, were very well rendered. The entertainment concluded with a farce, and taking into consideration that this was a first effort, the performers did remarkably well. The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience.