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Y. M. C. A. The last of the course of Lectures for the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered on Thursday evening by the celebrated Lecturer, Mr. G. W. Ross, M.P.

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ALL PARTIES having claims against the Estate of one of the First Classes in the Public Schools, Guelph, will please hand them in before Saturday, the 21st inst., after which date each creditor will be paid pro rata.

NOTES STOLEN—The public are hereby cautioned against receiving any notes payable to J. B. Armstrong & Co. or signed by them, as the same have been stolen from them.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership between the firm of ROBERT CHANCE and James D. WILLIAMSON of the Town of Guelph, Dry Goods Merchants was dissolved on the fifteenth day of February, 1874, by mutual consent.

THEOPH'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.

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An inspection invited. A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris's, who will show the instruments. Guelph, March 18, 1874.

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EV'G, MARCH 18, 1874

Town and County News. Y. M. C. A.—The library in connection with the Association will be open on Saturday evening.

NOON PRAYER MEETINGS.—A prayer meeting will be held each day during the week in the Wesleyan Church, at half-past twelve o'clock. The members and adherents of the several Protestant Churches in town are cordially invited to co-operate.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last, a little boy about three or four years old, son of Mr. J. H. Bishop, of this town, had his leg broken about midway between the knee and the hip. He was walking along on the sidewalk, and turning suddenly around fell upon the ice, with the above result. The little fellow is doing well.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIRE.—On Monday night the large flouring mills belonging to Mr. John Pipe, of this town, had a narrow escape from being burned. A coal oil lamp, which was hanging in the mill, exploded, setting fire to the floor. Fortunately the miller was in the mill at the time, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before any material damage was done.

ACCIDENT.—A little two year old daughter of Mr. James Hewer met with an unfortunate accident last night (Tuesday). She is an active sprightly child, and in endeavoring to get down from her chair at the tea-table she fell to the ground before her mother had time to interfere, and broke her arm badly just above the elbow. Dr. Keating set the fracture, and the poor little one will be all right again after a time.

SOME burglarious talk was about town to-day in consequence of the proceedings of an insurance agent, who came to Guelph on Tuesday, and had an interview with Mr. J. B. Armstrong & Co. The operation had to be performed during the night, some hours after the engine had ceased running. A joking remark previously made by the agent about blowing open a safe was repeated, and reached the ears of the night watchman, who dogged the stranger until he began his nocturnal work. A mutual explanation ensued, and the watchman was satisfied.

THE MANUFACTURERS.—A deputation of Canadian manufacturers arrived at Ottawa on Tuesday, and had an interview with the Minister in the afternoon. Among them were Messrs. Browne, of Belleville; Fitzgerald, London; Hamilton, St. Catharines; Young, Montreal; Raymond, Guelph; Sanford and Gurney, Hamilton; Barber, Streetsville; Hay, Toronto; McLean, Ingersoll; Foster, Waterloo; and Goshorn, Guelph. They discussed their views with reference to the encouragement of home manufactures, and protection in certain cases, and were courteously received by Hon. Mr. Cartwright. Afterwards they had an interview with the Premier.

GUELPH GENERAL HOSPITAL.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Hospital on Monday, the tenders for the erection of the new building, in accordance with Mr. Stewart's plans, were opened, and the contracts awarded as follows:—F. Chubb, for the brick and stone work, cut stone, plastering, drainage and excavating; Mackenzie, for the carpenter work; E. Sturdy for the painting; and Mills & Goodfellow for the finishing. The contract for plumbing is not yet awarded. The whole to be completed on or about the 1st of October, 1874. We are pleased to learn that the contracts—being a trifle less than \$8,000—are under the estimate and cost of the work, and that there is every prospect that by the fall the institution will be completed and open to the public.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE.—This forenoon a fiend in human shape decoyed a little girl of about five years of age, daughter of our respected townsman, Mr. Robt. Crawford, Jeweller, from the front of her father's store, on Wyndham St., and led her down to Mr. Peter Gow's bush, where he accomplished his purpose. He was seen proceeding towards the bush by some parties in the vicinity who suspecting that something was wrong followed the villain, but were too far behind to intercept him. Some commotion in the street, however, drew in time to prevent the scoundrel from adding to his first crime that of murder. As soon as he saw that he was seen he bounded off, and was followed by one of the parties, but he was too far in advance to be overtaken. The child was brought home, and found to be considerably injured. Her father has been reported to the Chief of Police, and it is hoped that prompt measures will be taken to arrest the villain, and that he will receive that punishment which his crime deserves.

POLICE COURT. (Before the Police Magistrate.) Wednesday March 18. Janet Leith and Dora Martin were brought up under the Vagrant Act, and committed to gaol for two months, with hard labor. George Hood, Guelph Township, was again charged by Policeman Turner with being drunk. Fined \$5 and costs. Robt. Fraser was charged by Policeman Turner with drunkenness, and fined \$1 and costs. Committed for ten days in default of payment.

The ex-Empress Eugenie was on Tuesday visited by the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. The persons named in the verdict of the jury upon the Komoka disaster were arrested on the Cooney's warrant, but subsequently bailed. They will stand their trial at the next Assizes. Archbishop Lynch left Portland on Tuesday afternoon en route for Toronto. The Y. M. C. A. in Berlin held a concert on Monday night, that was quite a success.

THE ELECTION COURT for the Province of Quebec opened on Monday morning at Montreal, and was adjourned until the 21st. Honorable mention is made of the Maine servant girl who is now serving her eighty-second winter under the same roof. She has washed dishes 89,700 times, and comes yet gaily to her task. Blessed old girl!

St. Patrick's Day in Guelph.

The Annual Dinner.

Last night (Tuesday) the St. Patrick's Society celebrated their anniversary by a dinner at the Queen's Hotel. Mr. F. J. Chadwick, the president, was in the chair, Col. Highbotham was first vice-chairman, and Mr. T. D. Heffernan second vice. Amongst the company were Mr. D. Stirling, M. P., Mr. James Laidlaw, Warden of the County, Mr. Harris, Mayor of Guelph, Mr. Howard, Rev. Mr. Innes, Mr. Jan Innes, President of the St. Andrew's Society, Prof. McCandless, Principal of the Agricultural College, Mr. Jas. Gow, Collector of Inland Revenue, &c., &c.

The large room at the Queen's was set out with two long tables, extending nearly the whole length of the room, with a cross table at the top for the chairman and principal guests. A room to the left of the chairman's table was also laid out. There was sitting room for nearly a hundred, and a number of the seats were twice filled, so that there must have been not less than 120 or 130 persons. The gathering is undoubtedly the largest and most successful one of its kind that has ever been held in the town. The room was neatly decorated with festoons, pictures and national emblems.

The dinner was on excellent one, and did great credit to Mr. Hines and his assistants. The viands were well chosen, we need not say, and well served. Tables having been cleared, the chairman read letters of apology from Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Rev. Father Loynace, Rev. Mr. Wardrope, Rev. Mr. Ball, Capt Swinford, Col. Clarke, M. P., Dr. Orton, M. P., Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. McLagan, announcing their inability to attend, and their regret that this was the case.

The chairman then gave the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk with cheers and musical honors. "The Prince and Princess of Wales and all the Royal family" was next heartily honored.

"The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" came next, and was loudly cheered. Capt. Macdonald replied. He regretted that Col. Clarke was not here to respond to the toast. The deeds of the army and navy in past times were in their recollection, and in those deeds Irishmen had always been in the van and proud to be in all coming times to the volunteers for the Irishmen in it who had come under his notice had always stood shoulder to shoulder with the best in the force. He hoped that the day was not far distant when it would be recognized in fact as well as principle that the first duty a man owed to his country was his defence. He wished to express thanks for the manner in which the volunteers in this town and country had always been received. He remarked that in the camp at Windsor the County of Wellington had twice as many men on the field as any other county.

"Song, Mr. Jessop, 'Noa McShane.' The Dominion Parliament and the Ontario Legislature," coupled with the names of those members present.

Mr. Stirling responded in suitable terms. He expressed the pleasure he had in being present, and paid a tribute to the warm-hearted and whole-souled character of Irishmen, who loved their native land, and the warm lover of his native land made all the better son of his adopted country.

"Song, Mr. Spriggins, 'The Anchor Weighed.' Col. Highbotham also acknowledged the toast on behalf of the House of Commons. He concluded by an apt reference to our great North-West, and said he thought it was the wish of the people of this country that that great territory should be brought within easy reach of all Canadians who wished to go there. He spoke of the great progress made by the St. Patrick's Society of late years, and thought such an evening as this was a great step in the pathway of life. For himself, when he met a gathering of Irishmen like this, animated by a common thought of and reverence for their native land, it brought back memories of that land and of his boyhood in a way that nothing else could. He thought they ought to take pattern from their friends the Scotchmen, in promoting more fraternity and liberality of feeling amongst themselves as brother Irishmen. (Loud applause.)

In proposing the next toast the chairman referred to the object of the St. Patrick's Society, and said that he had much pleasure in telling them that the funds were in a good state, that they had been able to provide for all the poor people who applied for relief, and that they had a good balance in hand.

Mr. John Murphy, Guelph Township, responded. He said the occasion which has assembled us here this evening, is a happy one; it is a joyous one. This being the anniversary of Ireland's patron Saint, should be attempted to say anything on this occasion in the broad sounds or wild tones of his native Wicklow mountains, he claimed their indulgence. Many years had passed since he saw his green bosom rising o'er the ocean and gazed with wonder at her lofty mountains, rising in rude grandeur, until lost to view; since he sported upon the purple clad heather, or saw her sparkling fountains bounding o'er their mineral slopes, in foaming agitation, until joined by kindred streams, forming those beautiful rivers flowing through the verdant vales of Erin. But yet he imagined he saw them arising now before him, surrounded by white-capped cottages and princely mansions, and the ruined ivy clad towers of learning, where oft the saint, the warrior, the poet, and the bard, with the nobles of Europe, drank from those great schools of learning, and from time to time and in foreign climes, sang the praise of Erin, and from the emotions of their hearts said: "By nature blest, and Erin is her name. Who has ever read her history, or saw that gem of the ocean but loved her? Al though he loved her he was pained at the dissensions of her sons. For centuries past she has been robbed and persecuted by the stranger, through their dissension. But a bright future awaits her. The time is not distant, when the news will cross the ocean that Irishmen seated this evening on the shore of her classic rivers, and in her historic towers, singing the songs of their native plains and toasting to friends far away, shall have the right of legislation as we have in this Dominion of ours. And why not? We owe our allegiance alike to the same great nation,

and Irishmen have always been ready to fight her battles and add fresh laurels to her crown. She is bound by the laws of God and man to protect and do justice to her subjects. Why, he asked, should not that "black slab" that declares not the name of our martyred Emmet be inscribed and a monument erected to his grave greater than our round towers? There is no Irish man or woman who would not subscribe to that great national monument, to show their unity, their love of Erin and for her martyred son. It has been insultingly said that Irishmen are unfit to govern their native land. For aghast has been governed by her sons, and through their wise and just legislation, they have won for her the imperishable name of the Island of heroes, of saints, and of sages. Irishmen have held and are holding regal positions, directing and governing nations; we have McMahon in France, a Nugent in Austria, an O'Donnell in Spain, a Duffy in Austria, a Blake and Dufferin in Canada, and we would be ungrateful to forget our own McGee. If we differ on any point whatsoever from our fellow-Canadians, let us brothers be for a 'that,' and be as one, to advance the prosperity of this Dominion, and keep alive our attachment to mother land. In conclusion he would quote a stanza from one of his father's poems, written to a friend twenty years ago—"Many party dissensions be banished for ever, and let us be united, both Orange and Green; May our children, as free men, be valiant and clever."

To respond to this fine Province, themselves, and the Queen.

Mr. Edward O'Connor also responded. Upon this night, he said, Irishmen all over the habitable globe, with hearts as true as theirs, were met to honor their patron saint. They in Guelph were met to give expression to the sentiments of national love, of devotion to their adopted country, and of Christian fellowship to their fellow-men—sentiments unwarped by sectarian bitterness, national antipathy, or personal animosity; and these feelings would prevail wherever the memory of St. Patrick was cherished. He spoke in glowing terms of the great and good man St. Patrick, who had brought Erin from the empire of idolatry to be the beautiful Island of Saints. He referred to the time when Ireland was a great seat of learning, the seat of all Europe, and spoke sadly of the contrast between that period and her after-history of suffering and wrong. He hoped the time was not far distant when Irishmen at home would enjoy the same privileges as Irishmen in Canada. It was a slander to say that the Irish people were not fit for self-government, when we found Irish statesmen legislating with wisdom and prudence in other lands. They in Canada ought to ask these legislative privileges for their friends at home. They who enjoyed the many blessings of a free and happy life in this broad Dominion should not forget their less favored brethren at home, and be sure they did not. He spoke in eloquent terms of Ireland's great poets, orators, soldiers, statesmen, and divines. Whilst they still fostered in their hearts an undying love for their native land, they would none the less labour to advance the power and resources of their adopted country. They wished to express thanks for the manner in which the volunteers in this town and country had always been received. He remarked that in the camp at Windsor the County of Wellington had twice as many men on the field as any other county.

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Mr. John Harris responded in suitable terms on behalf of the St. George's Society, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Herod.

Mr. James Innes replied on behalf of the St. Andrew's Society. He recapitulated the good feelings expressed through the toast by the St. Patrick's for the St. Andrew's Society. He referred to his glimpse of Ireland when visiting the old country last year—the land which had been the scene of the noble ministrations of the patron saint whom they were met to-night to honor. As he viewed these scenes the mind instinctively reverted to the past, and the eye lovingly wandered over the green slopes which may have been trod by the feet of their venerated saint when he held aloft the lamp of religion, and laboured to spread its benign influence over the land which he had chosen as the field of his efforts. But he need not speak to them of the feelings and emotions thus evoked. Those who, after years of absence from the old land, and who are privileged to see it again, can fully realize and fully understand with what power they take hold on the mind, nor would he soon forget the day when he again set his face for the west, and looking over the blue Atlantic, saw for the last time the dim outline of Erin's shores. In hisading adieu to the old world he was cheered by the reflection that he was returning to the land of his adoption, to mingle with men of different nationalities, who in this Canada of ours are working hand in hand in advancing its prosperity and laying firm and sure the foundations of what its future as a great nation will rest. He was often tempted to ask himself what had the difference in religion, politics and other matters to do with our work as citizens, our duty to our adopted country, and our relations as friends and neighbors. Happily there were seasons such as the present when we could perch on the same common ground. Perhaps we might not live to see the day which poets have dreamt of, and celebrated in song, when all such differences, and all unkindly feelings would be forgotten, but in such gatherings as the present we have the nearest approach to that time. Let it therefore be our part to cherish such a spirit, and then our national and social gatherings will be blessed in a double sense—in keeping alive our reverence and affection for our native land, and in fostering that true fellowship the fruits of which are peace and good will. By this means many a care would be lightened, and many a burden eased in the daily struggle and effort to rise in the social scale, and to leave some trace of our work after we have passed away.

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