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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

TOWN TOPICS.
Phantasmagoria in Victoria Hall on Monday evening.

Mrs. Peatman has been visiting friends in Brantford during the past week.

SAUNDERS, the Variety Store man, advises his removal to his new stand before March.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wade, of Brussels, are in town, and are looking well, we are pleased to note.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard, of Manchester, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church acceptably on Sunday evening last.

Mr. Ross preached his final sermon in Knox church on Sunday morning last, prior to his departure for Cote de Neige.

POSTPONED.—The skating carnival announced for to-night, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, owing to the thaw.

APPOINTED.—We are pleased to learn that our townman, John Aikenhead, V. S., has been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor Veterinary Inspector for this district.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Watson, of the firm of Kerry & Watson, wholesale druggists, Montreal, paid a visit to Goderich last week. He was the guest of his relative, Capt. Gibson.

THIMMED.—Last week there were 25 prisoners confined in Goderich jail. This week the number has been lessened by five. We would like to "rah for the N. P.—no prisoners.

FARM SOLD.—The Campbell farm, part of lot 3, con. 8, Colborne, consisting of 50 acres, was on Saturday last sold to Mr. Barkwell, who owns the adjoining 50 acres, for the sum of \$2,900. Mr. John C. Currie, auctioneer, conducted the sale.

METHODIST CONVENTION.—The Class Leaders, and Local Preachers Convention for the Goderich District Methodist Church of Canada will be held in Clinton, commencing on Wednesday the 23rd inst. at 2.30 p. m.

DIVISION COURT.—The adjourned Division Court met on Monday, and after the disposal of a number of cases, was further adjourned until Wednesday last, when all the business was disposed of. There were no important cases.

MORE HORSES FOR MICHIGAN.—Our townman, Mr. A. M. Polley will, on Wednesday next ship 16 more horses to Michigan. Mr. Polley has done a large trade in exporting horses this season, and has put considerable money in circulation among the farming community.

AMPUTATION.—For some years past, Mr. J. Allan, of Colborne, has been suffering from a decaying of the bones of the right hand and wrist. On Thursday last, Dr. Taylor, assisted by Dr. McLean, performed a very successful surgical operation, by amputating the arm at the wrist. We understand that Mr. Allan is now getting on very nicely.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.—There are a number of peculiarly interesting features brought out in the Registrar-General's report of births, marriages, and deaths, for 1879. A remarkable feature in the returns of marriages is the great difference sometimes shown in the ages of the parties united. The oldest man married during the year had reached his eighty-sixth birthday. He lived in Halton county, and married a maiden of nineteen. The oldest couple belonging to York county, the bridegroom, who was a tailor, being 82 years of age, and the bride 68. Their united ages reached 150 years. The county of Middlesex claims the youngest couple, whose united ages amounted to only 32 years. The bridegroom in this case was seventeen and the bride fifteen years of age.

AROUND THE WORLD IN AN EVENING.—On Monday evening next, a large number of beautiful views of scenes in America, Europe and the Holy Land will be exhibited in Grubb's Hall, by Messrs. Thomas & Co., of Chicago, under the auspices of the Knox Church S. S. The pictures will be enlarged to 20 x 30 ft. and will be illuminated by the celebrated Dimmond light. The entertainment has received high eulogiums from the clergy and press, and we know of no better popular educator. Seats can be promised only to those who go early. The entertainment will begin at 7.30 p. m.

The Walkerton *Telegraph* of last week said: "The entertainment in the Opera Hall on Wednesday evening was a decided success. All who were present enjoyed a rich treat, and went away fully satisfied that they saw all that they expected to see, and a great deal more. The views are exceedingly beautiful, and were graphically described by the lecturer. Architecture, sculpture, natural scenery, the comic, the sentimental, the sublime, the beautiful,—entertainment for young and old, were presented in pleasing variety, and a more instructive entertainment has not, for many a day, been given to a Walkerton audience. The Hall was crowded to the doors. At the close the Exhibitor showed the peculiar light used in the lantern, and its brilliancy, when compared with its small size, is indeed a wonder."

INVITED TO REMAIN.—The quarterly official meeting of the North St. Methodist church, held on Monday evening, by a unanimous vote, invited the Rev. Dr. Williams to remain with them the third year, as their pastor. The meeting showed good judgment in thus securing the services of the Rev. Dr. who has proven himself to be an accomplished preacher and painstaking pastor.

COUNTY L. O. L.—The County Lodge of North Huron met in the Orange Hall at Wingham last Tuesday. Representatives from all the lodges were present, numbering in all about 100. The following officers were elected:—H. Perkins, Gorrie, C. M.; L. Netherby, Blyth, D. C. M.; W. Wilson, Dunham, O. C.; C. V. Floody, Blyth, C. S.; Wm. Gill, Blyth, C. T.; Jas. Young, Brussels, C. D. C.; G. Stokes, Gorrie, C. L.; B. Gerry, Brussels, O. L. P. M. The next annual meeting will be held in Brussels.

FACT.—Business men who object to support a newspaper because it does not express editorial opinions to suit them, display great ignorance of the first principles of business. A properly conducted newspaper—no matter what its editorial opinion may be—adds value to every property in the town where it is published. Advertising in a newspaper is a matter of business, and it is in the interest of business men to patronize the paper that does most to advertise and build up the town, and place his advertisement where it can be seen by the greatest number of readers.—[Ex.]

A WREATHY BODY.—According to an Orangeville paper the new county council of Dufferin is the heaviest body of men in the Dominion. There are 13 members, and their united weight is 2,706 lbs., or an average of 208 lbs. each. The deputy-reve of Melancthon takes the lead, he weighing 268 lbs.; while the reve of the same township is the smallest man in the council. Verily, the race of giants is not passed away. In the Huron council there are several gentlemen who are by no means featherweights, but their average avoirdupois would be far below that of the men of Dufferin.

FOR FARM, GARDEN, AND HOUSEHOLD.—The marked advance begun with the 40th volume of the *American Agriculturist* is well maintained in the number for Feb. 1st now before us. A hundred or so of engravings and sketches illustrate a large amount of useful, practical information for Out-Door and In-Door Work, in City, Village, and Country. All will be pleased with the \$700 County Cottage; Concrete Houses; Propagating the Grape; Preventing Balling of Horses; New Plants; How to Carve a Turkey, illustrated, etc. All want this paper. \$1.50 a year; 15c. per number. Orange Judd Company, Publishers, New York.

CURLING.—Three rinks from Goderich went to Seaforth on Friday, and played a match with the goodnatured chiefs of that town. Owing to "bias" ice, our men did not score as good as usual, and were beaten by twelve shots. However, the Seaforth players handled the stones in very good style, and acted like gentlemen all the way through. We append the score.

GODERICH	SEAFORTH
S. Andrews, Rink No. 1	A. Young,
C. E. Dunsford,	W. R. Counter,
Alex. McD Allan,	Richard Common,
M. Hutchinson,	J. H. Lyons,
skip, 16.	skip, 20.
P. Adamson, Rink No. 2	J. C. Laidlaw,
Archibald Dickson,	G. Offord,
T. J. Moorhouse,	J. A. Wilson,
T. N. Dancy,	D. D. Wilson,
skip, 20.	skip, 19.
Thomas Hood, Rink No. 3	A. Davidson,
D. C. Strachan,	John McIntosh,
Murray McGregor,	G. Patterson,
Henry Hector,	James Hatt,
skip, 13.	skip, 22.

MR. WINDOW'S LECTURE.—On Friday evening Mr. F. G. Window, ex-Franciscan Monk, lectured in Victoria Hall to a crowded audience, giving some of his experiences in Dundee. The lecturer has a knack of interesting the average hearer, possessed by few, and for two hours and three quarters held the audience in close attention. It is a pity that he allows loose and vulgar expressions to escape from him on the platform. It does not pay a lecturer who desires respect to pander to the lower elements of his audience. On Sunday evening of the same week, Mr. E. Church was packed to the doors to hear the ex-Monk preach; in fact many had to be turned away. Not being present, we cannot speak of the sermon. On Monday, Victoria Hall was again filled to hear his lecture on "Popery." The earlier part of his discourse was marked by the same tendency to levity, but towards the close he grew more serious, and gave an eloquent and powerful rendition of his views of the subject. Widows promise to return in March, erect an altar on the stage, and go through the ceremony of the mass. We hope the lecturer will not do such a thing. The mass is a ceremony or form of worship sacred to many of our fellow citizens, and we believe one is no more justified in travestying it, than an infidel would be in holding up to public ridicule the simpler forms and ceremonies practiced by Protestants in the Lord's Supper, and such ordinances. If any of the Protestant population desire to see the mass celebrated, we feel certain that they will not be turned away from the R. C. Church here or elsewhere. To go through a mockery of it on the stage, smacks too much of the Passion Play style of doing things.

FORBES.—Mr. Forbes was met at the railway station yesterday by Messrs. Williams, Colborne and Sheppard, Directors of the Mechanic Institute and Mr. Thomas McGillicuddy of THE SIGNAL. Mr. Forbes beard traces of hard work, and his lecturing tour is as trying in its way on the constitution as the reporting of sanguinary battles. The lecturer says he will clear Canada in a week's time, but may return for a week in April. We go to press before the hour of the lecture.

A HEAVY THAW.—On Tuesday a heavy thaw set in and continued until Thursday. The huge pile of snow fast disappeared before the drizzling rain and warm atmosphere, and large pools of water formed on the Square, and on some of the leading streets. The crossings were in a bad state for a couple of days. In the country the roads are almost impassable. The stage for Pangloss Hill and Black Point, Smith's, left on Wednesday, and no mail from Lucknow arrived on Thursday. The sudden and heavy thaw gives the lie to the predictions of Moses Oates, and the whole school of weather prophets.

SELF APPOINTED CONSTABLE.—On Wednesday afternoon a bibulist was wandering around the Square, when a well-known resident, named Alick Simmons, took it into his head to arrest him. They say a "follow-feeling" makes us wondrous kind, and some people say that motives of this sort prompted Alick in his action; but by this it may be, he assumed the functions of a constable, arrested the offender against sobriety, and brought him to the lockup. When there, he was unable to look up his prisoner, and Constable Sturdy coming along shortly afterward, the arrested man was set at liberty, and the man was reported for robbing too much power to himself. Words ensued, and the upshot of the matter was that Alick was "ruin" to ruminate upon his foolish action.

VALENTINE DAY.—Monday next will be Valentine Day. Thousands of missives, sentimental as well as comic, will pass from hand to hand. Some will get mad at receiving a picture of a red-nosed, hanging-looking individual, with every more villainous doggerel below the figure; but others will laugh heartily at the "ugly mug" sent them. We have chosen the Valentine we would like to get. It is printed for the Government in black and green, and has the figures of Jacques Cartier, General Wolfe or Lady Dufferin engraved on it. There are other figures on it also, ranging from one up to ten, and they are all printed on the back. They are usually signed by bank presidents. We want every back subscriber to send us such a valentine—and we'll return the compliment in the form of a paid up receipt.

A CHURCH DISTURBANCE.—Some time since the putting up of a stove necessitated the moving of the reading desk in St. Stephen's Church, situated about two miles from Goderich, on the Huron Road. The only light place for the desk was directly against one of the front seats. Mr. John Hunter, one of the church wardens, took exception to the position of the reading desk, and at some time previous to the morning service, on Sunday last, removed it from its new position. He then planted himself in the front seat, and putting his feet before him, in the place where the desk had previously stood, refused to move so as to allow it to be replaced. Rev. Mr. Miller, the incumbent, was in a quandary, and Mr. A. T. Montgomery, the other church warden, made an appeal to the congregation, who expressed themselves in favor of putting the reading desk in its late place. The affair was only settled by Constable Yale, of Goderich, who had been sent for, arrived and led Mr. Hunter out, the latter exclaiming, "You'll hear from me." The affair created great excitement in the neighborhood.

JUBILEE SINGERS.—The O'Banyoun Jubilee singers gave an entertainment in the North Street Methodist Church on Wednesday evening. The weather militated against a large audience yet, considering the night, the attendance was very fair. Mr. O'Banyoun brought with him a number of songs on this occasion, the original Company traveling elsewhere under the management of Rev. Mr. Johnston and Mrs. O'Banyoun. The quaint negro melodies were rendered in fine style, some of them bringing rapturous applause from the audience. Miss Gernish, a very ducky lady, gave two good readings, her articulation being distinct, and her manner natural. During the evening Mr. O'Banyoun made a very touching reference to his first acquaintance with Rev. Dr. Williams, the present pastor of North Street church. He said that over twenty years ago he had been sent to the mission district of which Own Sound was a part, a few colored people living in that place. His library consisted of a Bible, a hymn book and a church discipline. Dr. Williams then took him by the hand, gave him some sound theological words, and told him to stand by his own race, and help them all he could. At times he had felt tempted to leave his own people, but Dr. Williams words had helped him to his memory, and he thanked God for the advice then given him. He owed a great deal to the Dr. and his face had often been before him to offset him in his work amongst his own people. Dr. Williams who was present, was deeply affected.

The ice bridge at Sarnia was broken on Wednesday.

Grand Black Chapter of Ireland.

The County Grand Black Chapter of the County of Perth held their annual meeting in St. Mary's, on the 19th day of January, 1881. There was a large attendance of delegates from Goderich, Blyth, Listowel, Stratford, Parkhill, Petrolia, and St. Mary's. The Chapter was opened by County Preceptor W. H. Murray. The business of the Chapter shows that the cause is reviving in this County. The following officers were elected, viz:—

Sir Knt. W. H. Murney, C. G. Proceptor, Goderich, (re-elected); Sir Knt. Caton Willis, D. C. G. Proceptor, St. Mary's; Sir Knt. David Brathour, C. G. Chap., St. Mary's; Sir Knt. B. F. Holmes, C. G. Reg., Park Hill; Sir Knt. Samuel Ryan, D. C. G. Reg., Theford; Sir Knt. Wm. McGill, C. G. Treas., Blyth; Sir Knt. C. V. Floody, D. C. G. Treas., Blyth; Sir Knt. J. B. Edward, G. C. Lec., Goderich; Sir Knt. Wm. Ellis, D. C. G. Lec., Blyth; Sir Knt. George O'Banyoun, C. G. S. B., St. Mary's; Sir Knt. Samuel Page, D. C. G. S. B., Listowel; Sir Knt. W. B. Wilson, C. G. Cen., Stratford; Sir Knt. Geo. Wilson, D. C. G. Cen., Petrolia; Sir Knt. Robt. Olyde, C. G. Pur., St. Mary's; Sir Knt. George Hawkins, 1st C. G. Com., Port Albert; Sir Knt. J. S. McMath, 2nd C. G. Com., Goderich; Sir Knt. J. L. Wilson, 3rd C. G. Com., Petrolia; Sir Knt. Thomas Cunningham, 4th C. G. Com., Parkhill; Sir Knt. H. McBride, 5th C. G. Com., Port Edward; Sir Knt. Wm. Dunneith, 6th C. G. Com., St. Mary's; Sir Knt. Wm. Little, 7th C. G. Com., Listowel.

At the close of the meeting the brethren of St. Mary's entertained the delegates to an oyster supper, at Bro. Caton Willis' hotel.

The Judicature Bill.

The following are the minutes of a meeting of the members of the legal profession of the town of Goderich, held at the Court House, on the 8th February, 1881, to consider the Judicature Bill now before the Legislature:—

Moved by Mr. Seager, seconded by Mr. Davison, that Judge Toms act as chairman of the meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Holt, seconded by Mr. Campion, that Mr. Seager act as Secretary.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Davison, seconded by Mr. Holt, that in the opinion of this meeting that part of Sec. 75, commencing with the words, "but no relief," and ending with the words, "any such claim," should be struck out, leaving the County Court to dispose of the whole matter if the parties do not apply to remove the case to the High Court, either party having by said Section the right to remove the case to the High Court if the set-off exceeds the County Court jurisdiction.

And further, that Sections 74 and 75 should also be made applicable to the Division Courts, with power to transfer to the County Court or High Court, as the case may be.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Malcolmson, seconded by Mr. Campion, that Order 49, Rules 8 and 9, should be amended so as to give the County Court Judge and local Master all the powers of the Master in Chambers in all actions brought in their County; in any event that Rule 8 (a) should be made applicable to the Appellate Court, in all cases where the County Court instead of County Town.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that Order 49, Rule 12 (a, b, c), should be amended by providing that on such appeal the Clerk of the County Court shall transmit the original papers on prescrite to the Appellate Court, instead of the parties being compelled to go to the expense of procuring copies for transmission.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. M. G. Cameron, that this meeting strongly protests against Order 10, on the ground that it will create delay at a stage of the action when delay may be disastrous, and that it will materially increase the costs of litigants.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Seager, seconded by Mr. Holt, that in the opinion of this meeting the Local Masters should be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and not by the Judges.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Malcolmson, that provision should be made that conveyancers not being members of the legal profession should be required to pass an examination and obtain a license to practice as conveyancers.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Campion, that copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the Attorney-General and our County Members.—Carried.

C. SZABO, JR., ISSAAC F. TOMS, Secretary, Chairman.

We are in receipt of a bound volume containing copies, in many different languages, of Dr. Ayrer's Almanac for 1881. The collection is certainly a literary curiosity and is well worth preserving. The annual gratuitous distribution of this edition is from ten to eleven million copies, which, taking Dr. Ayrer as a criterion, proves most conclusively that "advertising is the keystone to success."

Complaints are made in New York that for years past alcohol, containing one or two pounds of shellac, has been brought from Canada and entered at the Custom House as varnish.

Mayor Robb, of Stratford, is confined to his house with a serious illness.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Able Address by Rev. Mr. Campbell, of London, the Mission Agent.

The annual missionary meeting, under the auspices of the Anglican Church of Goderich, was held in the Court Room on the evening of Wednesday last, the Ven. Archdeacon Elwood in the chair. There were also present, Rev. Messrs. Davis, of Wingham, (Rural Dean), Hill, of Seaforth, Campbell of London, (the Mission agent), Robinson of Exeter, Hicks of Goderich, and others.

Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not so large as it otherwise would have been.

After the usual opening services, and addresses from Rev. Messrs. Davis and Hill, the choir and congregation sang Bishop Haber's grand old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and the speaker of the evening was then introduced by the chairman.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of London, the agent of the Diocesan Missionary Society, on coming forward was warmly greeted. He alluded to the inclement weather that prevailed, but was not discouraged by the small attendance, and instanced occasions where good results had followed meetings for missionary purposes far less imposing than the present one. After paying a tribute to the venerable Archdeacon, who was a living testimony to the work done in former years in this section by the various missionary societies of the Old Country, the speaker proceeded to give details of the mission work throughout the world. Years ago much had been done for the spread of Christianity, even in what is now known as Ontario, the premier Province of this noble Dominion. It was only seventy-six years since the grandfather of the Hon. Alex. Morris, recently Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, wrote as follows about our present Province of Ontario: "Wherever I go, I find nothing but water and forest, but it may one day be the home of a prosperous people." That prediction had now been verified, and our religious institutions, were almost self-sustaining. In our political system we were also prosperous, and of late years the peculiar feature had been observed, of our Local Government at Toronto endeavoring to Legislate as to the best method of disposing of the surplus with which the Provincial Treasury overflowed. Our prosperity had also been broadly announced to the world at large by the proud position which the Dominion had occupied at the various World's Exhibitions, when it took its place in the front rank with the most enlightened and progressive nations of the earth. Such being the case, it could hardly be wondered at if the missionary societies, which had in the days of this country's infancy, fostered its religious development, had seen fit to withdraw their aid almost entirely, and devote it to the spreading of the Gospel in distant and less enlightened lands. For the year ending May, 1880, the incomes of the different Church of England missionary societies had been as follows: The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge £112,382 12s; the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, £131,174 4s; The Colonial and Continental Church Society, £29,416 4s 10d.; The Church Missionary Society £200,000.—a total of £483,063, equal in our money to about \$2,500,000. Add to this the incomes of the Society for the Conversion of the Jews, the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and the large amount raised by Church people in England to assist the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the amount contributed in England by the members of the Anglican communion cannot be less than \$3,000,000 annually. But although this enormous sum was distributed yearly, it must be remembered that the field for its employment in Africa, India, China and other heathen lands was so large that sections like Ontario, which had in years gone by been peopled by generous aid, but which were now considered capable of sustaining their religious institutions, were omitted from the list of needy fields for mission assistance from the mother land. The work of sustaining our own missions lay before us, and if we put our shoulders to the wheel and worked with a will success would be our portion. The Diocese of Huron in the Province of Ontario, embraced 13 Counties, in which were 102 parishes—95 of which were outside the city of London; there is, therefore, an average of 7 or 8 parishes in each county each parish embracing an average of 3 or 4 stations. Less than one-half of these missions were self-sustaining; the greater number (last year) 63 were dependent upon the Mission Fund. In 1880 we expended on diocesan mission work \$16,273.65, being the largest amount ever expended by the Diocese for that purpose. The above amount was exclusive of aid to Indian missions, of which there were several in the Diocese. The expenditure of the Mission Fund was in the hands of a competent committee, composed of thirty clergymen, and thirty laymen—men who weighed carefully every claim that came before them, and who if they erred at all, did so on the side of economy so far as the Mission Fund was concerned. The rev. speaker impressed upon the audience the necessity of not being discouraged if, when on their collecting tour, they met with rebuffs from grumblers. Such discouragements were to be expected. But because others grumbled, the true members of the Church should not give grudgingly, for they should remember that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." After a fervid appeal for united action

and Christian unity in the mission work of the Diocese, the rev. gentleman closed a brilliant, logical and convincing address.

The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the 42nd Hymn by the choir and congregation, prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hicks, and the benediction by Ven. Archdeacon Elwood.

THE COURTS.

County Judge's Criminal Court.
Before His Honor Judge Squier.
QUEEN vs WHITE.—The prisoner, who had been charged with stealing \$97, was brought up on remand on Feb 4th, and the Crown having no further evidence to produce, he was discharged.

County Court.
The regular sitting of the County Court for the trial of cases without a jury, was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., when the following cases were disposed of:

SECORD vs HART.—An action upon two promissory notes. Verdict for plaintiff \$554.36. Holt for plaintiff.

CAMERON vs REID.—Action upon covenant in a mortgage. Verdict for plaintiff \$382.68. Holt for plaintiff. Both cases were undefended.

Magistrate's Court.
Before Horace Horton, Esq., Mayor.
Edward Mariton, of Goderich, was charged by Inspector Yates with selling liquor on Saturday evening, after hours. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined \$20 and costs.

Maritime Court.
The adjourned sittings of this Court were held yesterday, Judge Toms presiding. The case of the "Josephine" was resumed and occupied nearly the whole day. The evidence and argument were concluded and judgment reserved. Mr. C. Seager, counsel for Plaintiff; Mr. Becher, for Defendant.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Meeting on Wednesday Night—Reports of Principal and Inspector—Appointments—Standing Committee—Accounts—etc.

The regular meeting of the Goderich Board of Education, took place on Wednesday night last. Doubtless on account of the inclement weather, only five members took their seats, viz:—Messrs Ferguson, Cook, Pasmore, Nicholson and Swanson, Mr. Ferguson occupying the chair.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes of previous meeting, reports were read by the Secretary from the Principal and Inspector, of which the following are condensations.

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The Principal presented his report, which stated that the number of pupils attending the Goderich Public School during the past month was 723, of which 405 were boys, and 318 were girls. A table showing the average attendance and percentage of attendance in each division was appended.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Inspector was also presented, from which the following facts were gleaned: The number enrolled during the year was 930—boys 510, girls 420—an increase of 8 over the year 1879. Of the number enrolled 966 were between 5 and 16 years of age, 12 between 17 and 20, and 2 over 21. 36 pupils attended less than 20 days during the year; 104 between 20 and 50 days; 155 between 50 and 100 days; 246 between 101 and 150 days; 427 between 151 and 200 days; and 13 between 201 days and the whole year.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were handed in by the Secretary, and on motion ordered to be paid:—
E. H. Armstrong & Bros. \$ 4 50
S. R. McDougall, Jr. " " 5 31
J. Henry Redcliffe " " 11 65
Jas. Mitchell " " 1 00

A COMMUNICATION.

was read from the caretaker of the North Street School, asking an increase in salary. It was ordered to be placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1881.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Swanson, that the Inspector, Secretary and Caretaker be re-engaged for 1881, at the same salary as was paid last year.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Pasmore, that a slight increase in salary be granted to the Caretaker, and some discussion was elicited thereby; but the amendment finding no second was dropped, and the original motion was then carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1881.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Swanson, that the Standing Committees for 1881 remain the same as last year.—Carried.

The Committees are therefore as follows:—

Contingent—Messrs Cooke (chairman), Pasmore and Buchanan.
Finance—Messrs. McGaw (chairman), Ferguson and Swanson.
School Management—Messrs. Nicholson (chairman), Swanson and Cooke.

It was stated on account of the illness of Miss Bond, one of the teachers, he was compelled to engage Miss Trainer as her substitute; and he asked the sanction of the Board to his action, which was granted. The meeting then adjourned.