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WEDNESDAY EVG., SEPT. 16, 1868.

Local News.

The quarterly meeting of the Young Men's Literary and Debating Club, will be held in the Temperance Hall, over the Mercury office, for the election of officers, at half-past seven o'clock this evening. A full attendance is requested.

COULDN'T STAND IT.—We understand that after the severe castigation the Advertiser gave the Globe yesterday, the company have had serious thoughts of stopping its publication, as they are afraid it can never stand the pummelings of the Wyndham street "Bruiser."

FIRE IN ERAMOSA.—A fire occurred in Eramosa, on Tuesday, by which a log barn and stable belonging to Mr. Andrew Griffith were entirely consumed, together with about thirty tons of hay which were contained in the two buildings. A new frame barn about fifty feet from the log one escaped only because it chanced to be on the windward side. As it was, the heat brought the resin out of the timbers. There was no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a match used in lighting a pipe.

INCENDIARISM.—On Sunday night last, about 11 o'clock, the barn on the farm of Mr. Sandford, of Erin, was discovered to be on fire. The building contained all the wheat which grew on 25 acres, probably \$400 worth, some hay and some peas—in fact the product of 100 acres, which was all completely destroyed.—Two men returning from a camp meeting were passed by a man on horseback riding at full gallop, and the tracks of the horse's feet were traceable to the fence at full gallop, and the tracks of the horse's feet were traceable to the fence at full gallop, and the tracks of the horse's feet were traceable to the fence at full gallop.

PIC-NIC IN ERIN.—A grand picnic was held at Shaw's Lake, Erin, a few days ago by a party who mustered for the purpose at Erin Village, under the auspices of Messrs. Cooper, Hall & Molloy. The company was conveyed to the scene of festivities in twenty-seven double carriages, and then there was "the best of good eating and drinking," interspersed with music and dancing. In short a capital time was enjoyed, after the party arrived at the Lake, although they had received while going a thorough soaking from a thunder storm, during which the lightning struck Mr. Cooper's buggy, and smashed three spokes of one wheel.

WONDERFUL.—The Advertiser thinks it is something wonderful that he got out an extra yesterday three minutes ahead of the Mercury, with the verdict in the Whelan trial. But is it not more wonderful still that the Mercury last night had near a column of telegraphic report, giving Whelan's speech, the Judge's sentence, &c., in full, and all this twenty-four hours ahead of the Advertiser, that slow going paper not having a word of it.—Verily the Advertiser is great on brag, but it has no enterprise. Last night we sold 500 copies of the Mercury, when it was impossible for the Advertiser to push off its stereotyped handful of 150.

FOR THE PENITENTIARY.—This (Wednesday) morning the convicts Palmer, the horse thief, and Martin, the store-breaker, left for the Penitentiary under the escort of the Sheriff and Constable Nichols. They were bound hand and foot to foot, but were joyous notwithstanding their chains. While waiting at the station for the train, they conversed freely with all who chose to talk with them. Palmer seems to have a vague sort of notion that he will be a better boy after he has served his term, for he spoke of not having been very rough during the time he was in Guelph. The other fellow is more of a braggart, or more of a rascal, for, bridging over by an instantaneous movement of fancy the five years which must intervene before he be again at liberty, he talked of doing worse deeds than he had yet committed. Five years servitude will probably make him think better of it. After all it is a pity that two such fine looking young men could do their country service no place else than in the Penitentiary.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says:—I learn from very good authority that the Government intends notifying the public at once, that portions of the Intercolonial Railroad between River Du Loup and Rimouski in Quebec, and between Dalhousie and Bathurst in New Brunswick, and between Truro and Amherst in Nova Scotia, are to be offered for construction at an early day, and that tenders will be invited. This notice is to be signed by Mr. Sandford Fleming, who has been appointed Chief Engineer to the Intercolonial—and it is intended as a notice in order that contractors may go and examine the ground at once. Plans and specifications for tenders are being prepared. When ready they are to be open to the public at Halifax, St. John, Dalhousie, Rimouski, River Du Loup, and Ottawa. The work to be let in sections ranging from 15 to 35 miles. Mr. Fleming has opened an office here, called the Intercolonial Railroad office.

Fall Show of the Guelph Horticultural Society.

The Fall Show of the above Society took place in the Drill Shed on Tuesday. The past season has been one of the most unpropitious for flowers, fruits and vegetables we have had for a long period, and many were the forebodings that our Fall Show would be but a poor one. In common with almost every person we were agreeably disappointed to find it otherwise, for when compared with the Exhibition last fall, the present was nearly up to it, and perhaps in some particular classes fully so. The entries were quite numerous, and it gives us satisfaction to notice that with every succeeding Show the competitors from the country increase, and that they are beginning to put our town enthusiasts in gardening on their mettle.

There was a very fair collection of plants and flowers in pots. In the collections comprising different varieties Messrs D. Allan, Saunders, Stone, McNeil and W. Stone exhibited very good specimens. Mr. Thos. Tansley's fuschias in all the varieties were as usual the admiration of everybody. We doubt if there is another amateur in Canada has such a fine collection of this beautiful plant. Those exhibited by Mr. McNeil are also very fine. Of cut flowers there was quite a variety, and the flowers were well developed considering the late severe drought.

Messrs. Geo. Leslie & Son, Toronto, exhibited some very fine specimens of Phlox Drummondii (for exhibition only); also a new species of coxcomb, the seed of which was this year imported from Britain. There was a finer collection of coxcombs this year than we remember ever to have seen. There were four pretty floral ornaments, Mr. J. Parkinson taking the first prize exhibited by him. There were eight table bouquets, open air flowers, the first prize being given to that shown by Col. Saunders, and the second to Mrs. Hogge. The hand bouquets shown by Messrs. Geo. Elliott and N. Sunley were tastefully made, and were composed of beautiful flowers, also was that belonging to Mr. D. Allan of greenhouse flowers. There were quite a number of bouquets of everlasting flowers. That shown by Mr. J. Parkinson, which took the first prize, was exhibited in a pretty one stand, home made. Mrs. Hogge and Mr. Sunley took the prizes for two fine collections of cut annuals.

There was a large and excellent display of apples. Messrs J. and L. Parkinson had two splendid collections, and a great many varieties, all superior fruit. As will be seen they were successful competitors. Mr. Wm. Benham had some fine snow apples, as also Mr. W. Nichols. The Northern Spies of Mr. Light, and the Golden russets of Mr. Thompson were good, so also were Mrs. Hogge's fall and winter apples, and those shown by Messrs. Benham, J. S. Armstrong, Col. Saunders, and Mr. W. Stone. Good for the season, especially those of Messrs. Elliott, Allan, Galbraith, Benham and Sunley. Mr. Benham had some fine pears, so also had Rev. A. Palmer, Mr. Allan and Mr. Pallister. The grapes were not remarkable for their size or richness.

Vegetables were largely represented. Of tomatoes there was a tempting display there being 13 specimens of red, and a large indented and 3 of yellow. The cauliflowers were very fine for the season. Messrs. Allan and Elliott having the best specimens. The different varieties of cabbage were much larger than we expected and well "hearted." The citions and melons were very fair. There was quite a show of onions, specimens of red, white, and yellow. 3 potatoes, and 10 of pickling, most of them were well grown, clean and of good size. Messrs. Baker and Allan were as usual great in carrots, and Mr. Baker took the first prize again for his parsnips. Other vegetables were good, and the show in this class was on the whole surprising.

Quite a number visited the Show in the afternoon, and also at night, when the Battalion Band was present and played some of their best tunes. The judges were Messrs. J. A. Simmers, G. A. Vair and Mr. Vair, Toronto, which gave general satisfaction. The following is the PRIZE LIST.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS.—Six greenhouse plants, not less than six different varieties, D. Allan; 2nd, Col. Saunders. Four window plants, four varieties, F. W. Stone; 2nd, J. McNeil; 3rd, J. Light. Two window plants, two varieties, W. Allan; 2nd, W. Stone. Three fuschias, 2nd, J. McNeil. White fuschia in bloom, Thomas Tansley; 2nd, J. McNeil. Double Red fuschia in bloom, Thomas Tansley; 2nd, J. McNeil. Double White fuschia, Thomas Tansley. Collection of fuschias, not less than four varieties, Thomas Tansley. Scarlet Geranium in bloom, D. Allan. Geranium, any other color, D. Allan; 2nd, Thomas Tansley. 3rd, Penzance, twelve flowers, not less than four varieties, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, Mrs. Hogge; 3rd, A. A. Baker. Colored Pansies, twelve flowers, not less than six varieties, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, J. Light. 4th, Thomas Tansley. Collection of Camellia Flowered Balsams, twelve flowers, not less than four varieties, Thomas Tansley; 2nd, Mrs. Hogge. Colored Verbena, twelve flowers, not less than four varieties, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, J. Light. 4th, Thomas Tansley. Collection of Stocks, cut flowers, twelve flowers, not less than four varieties, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, D. Allan; 3rd, Thomas Pallister. 4th, Mrs. Hogge. Collection of Quilled Asters, cut flowers, twelve flowers, not less than six varieties, Mrs. Hogge. Collection of Truffault's Asters, cut flowers, twelve flowers, not less than six varieties, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, Thomas Tansley; 3rd, Mrs. Hogge; 4th, J. Parkinson. Collection of French Marigolds, cut flowers, twelve flowers, not less than four varieties, Thomas Pallister; 2nd, Mrs. Hogge. Colored Verbena, twelve flowers, not less than four varieties, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, N. Sunley. Two Coxcombs, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, Wm. Allan; 4th, J. Stewart. Corn, 1st, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, A. A. Baker. Not less than three varieties, Thomas Pallister; 2nd, Mrs. Hogge; 3rd, Geo. Elliott; 4th, A. A. Baker. Collection of Antirrhinum, six spikes, D. Allan; 2nd, Thomas Pallister. 3rd, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, Thomas Pallister. Collection of Gladioli, two spikes, not less than two varieties, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, Col. Saunders; 3rd, Mrs. Hogge. Floral Ornaments, 1st, Mrs. Hogge; 2nd, Mrs. Webster; 3rd, Rev. A. Palmer; 4th, N. Sunley. Bouquet for table, open-air flowers—all flowers grown from greenhouse plants to be excluded, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, D. Allan. Bouquet, greenhouse flowers, D. Allan. Collection of Everlasting Flowers, in a bouquet, J. Parkinson; 2nd, N. Sunley; 3rd, D. Allan. Collection of Hollyhocks, six flowers, not

less than three varieties, D. Allan. Collection of Annuals, cut flowers, Mrs. Hogge; 2nd, N. Sunley. Collection of Dianthus Calceolensis, twelve flowers, not less than six varieties, Thomas Pallister; 2nd, Mrs. Hogge; 3rd, N. Sunley.

Fruits.—Three snow apples, William Benham; 2nd, Wm. Nichols; 3rd, J. Parkinson. Six Rhode Island Greening, J. Parkinson; 2nd, L. Parkinson; 3rd, Wm. Nichols; 4th, Northern Spy, J. Light; 2nd, W. Nichols; 3rd, J. Light. Spitzberg, L. Parkinson; 2nd, Wm. Benham; 3rd, J. Parkinson. Six Roxbury Russets, E. A. Harland; 2nd, J. Parkinson; 3rd, W. Nichols; 4th, Golden Russets, Wm. Thompson; 2nd, I. Light; 3rd, J. Parkinson. Six Colverts, I. Light; 2nd, W. Benham; 3rd, Mrs. Hogge. Six Red Alexander, J. Parkinson; 2nd, I. Light. King of Tompkins County, L. Parkinson. Fall Apples, for table, Mrs. Hogge; 2nd, I. Light; 3rd, D. Allan. Fall Apples, for cooking, W. Benham; 2nd, J. S. Armstrong; 3rd, Mrs. Hogge. Winter Apples, for table, E. A. Harland; 2nd, Wm. Benham; 3rd, I. Light. Winter Apples, for cooking, W. Benham; 2nd, L. Parkinson; 3rd, E. A. Baker. Collection of Apples other than those named, not less than six varieties, six in each variety, J. Parkinson; 2nd, L. Parkinson. Two Plums, assorted, correctly named, not less than six varieties, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, D. Allan; 3rd, Wm. Benham. Plums, red or blue, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, Geo. Murton. Plums, green or yellow, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, J. Light; 3rd, D. Allan. Twelve Magnum Bonum Plums, D. Allan; 2nd, N. Sunley; 3rd, Mrs. Hogge. Three Fall Pears, named, Rev. A. Palmer; 2nd, I. Light; 3rd, Charles Davidson. Three Winter Pears, named, W. Benham; 2nd, Davidson. Three Flemish Beauty, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, Thomas Pallister. Three Bartlett Pears, Rev. A. Palmer; 2nd, D. Allan. Collection of Pears, William Benham; 2nd, Thomas Pallister; 3rd, Geo. Elliott. One quart of Siberian Crab Apples, N. Sunley; 2nd, J. Parkinson; 3rd, D. Allan. Two bunches purple hot-house grapes, D. Allan. Two bunches white hot-house grapes, D. Allan. One bunch of open air grapes, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, Charles Davidson. Collection of open air grapes, D. Allan; 2nd, N. Sunley. One pint of Filberts, A. A. Baker; 2nd, F. Parker.

VEGETABLES.—Six Apple Tomatoes, red, A. A. Baker; 2nd, I. Light; 3rd, D. Allan. Six large indented Tomatoes, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, I. Light; 3rd, N. Sunley. Six yellow Tomatoes, J. Elliott; 2nd, N. Sunley; 3rd, D. Allan. Two Cauliflowers, D. Allan; 2nd, W. Benham; 3rd, A. A. Baker. Two Savoy Cabbages, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott. Two red Cabbages, D. Allan; 2nd, A. A. Baker. Two Fall Cabbages, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, Wm. Thompson. Two Winter Cabbages, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, D. Allan; 3rd, Thomas Pallister. Three heads of Scotch Kale, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, James Anderson; 3rd, Thomas Pallister. Red fleshed, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, Thomas Pallister. Melon, green fleshed, J. Parkinson; 2nd, A. A. Baker; 3rd, Thomas Pallister. Watermelon, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, N. Sunley. Two Citrons, D. Allan; 2nd, W. Nichols. Dozen Red Onions, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, J. Parkinson; 3rd, D. Allan; 4th, A. A. Baker. Dozen white Onions, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, J. Parkinson; 3rd, A. A. Baker. Dozen yellow Onions, Geo. Elliott; 2nd, A. A. Baker; 3rd, J. Parkinson. Dozen Potato Onions, James Anderson; 2nd, D. Allan; 3rd, John Light. Quart of pickling Onions, not peeled, James Hewitt; 2nd, W. Benham; 3rd, Thomas Pallister. Three roots red celery, D. Allan; 2nd, A. A. Baker; 3rd, Geo. Elliott. Three roots white celery, D. Allan; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, A. A. Baker. Six Early Hort. Carrots, Allan; 2nd, A. A. Baker; 3rd, Geo. Murton. Six Long Red Carrots, D. Allan; 2nd, A. A. Baker; 3rd, J. Parkinson. Six intermediate Carrots, D. Allan; 2nd, J. H. Benham; 3rd, J. Parkinson. Six Blood Beets, D. Allan; 2nd, J. Parkinson; 3rd, Geo. Elliott. Six Parsnips, A. A. Baker; 2nd, Geo. Elliott; 3rd, D. Allan; 4th, W. Allan. Six white table Turnips, John Weir. Collection of Squashes, D. Allan; 2nd, Thomas Pallister. Six roots of Salsify, William Benham; 2nd, Geo. Elliott. Six Leeks, D. Allan. Collection of Capsicums, D. Allan; 2nd, Thomas Pallister. Purple Egg Plant Fruit, Geo. Elliott. Twelve Radishes, long red, A. A. Baker; 2nd, John Weir. Twelve Turnip Radishes, D. Allan; 2nd, A. A. Baker. Collection of Pot Herbs, William Benham; 2nd, D. Allan. Collection of Vegetables, D. Allan; 2nd, Thomas Pallister.

An Explanation.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mercury.

SIR—As the circulation of the Weekly Mercury in this neighbourhood is large, I would beg your insertion of the following statement, which I feel called upon to make, in view of the correction of certain reports that are being circulated in this neighbourhood, the tendency of which, if uncorrected, would be injurious to the reputation of any medical man in his range of practice. On the 25th of February last, during the continuance of the great snow storm, I was called to attend the Rev. Mr. Millican. Upon the second or third day of my attendance I was asked to examine the baby, which I found labouring under symptoms of congestion of the brain. During the two or three days succeeding, my treatment was directed towards combating the head trouble, visiting both father and child two or three times a day. It was agreed between Mr. Millican and myself that a consultation upon the child should be held with Dr. Munroe, of Fergus, whenever I thought necessary. The lungs were examined daily and found free from trouble up to the 25th, when inflammation of the lungs appeared to be commencing, and the case thus becoming more serious I desired a consultation, if the child did not appear better next morning. When I called next day I found that, as often occurs in the diseases of children, the head symptoms were abating as the lung affection became developed. The consultation was however held, in which there was no difference of opinion as to the child's treatment, and convalescence followed due time. I continued to attend Mr. Millican afterwards up to about the 7th of March, when he felt himself so much better as, contrary to my advice, to preach the middle of the month. This was followed by a relapse, when he called in another medical attendant, much in the same way as you, Mr. Editor, would change your baker or clergyman, I suppose upon occasion. I may mention for the information of those who may have heard differently, that I gave up my seat in church not (as reported) after these occurrences, but in the January previous, for reasons which I am quite ready to give at any time to those desirous of information. Regretting that I have been obliged to adopt this mode of correcting false statements industriously circulated by those who ought to know better, and with thanks for allowing me to absorb so much of your valuable space, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. C. THOM, M. D., L.M.B.

Douglas, Garafraxa, Sept. 14.

Mr. J. T. Brill has shipped 500 cheeses of 60 lbs each, worth \$3000. This is the first shipment from Guelph this season.

GUELPH AND THE EXHIBITION.

The products of Guelph and vicinity have always taken a foremost rank at the Provincial Exhibitions, and it is more than probable they will do no less the present year. The entries from this locality are about as numerous as usual, and the old exhibitors who have so often won honors for themselves and the county have again entered the lists as competitors. Mr. Stone has as usual entered a variety of plants and flowers—15 animals of each class he believes—a number of sheep, Cotswold and Southdown, some Berkshire pigs, and a Suffolk entire horse. Mr. Thomas McCrae will again show Galloway cattle. Mr. Wm. Hood will do likewise, and Mr. Henlock Young will exhibit grades. Mr. John Pipe has entered a Durham bull and calf, and Mr. John Hoyer will send a yearling colt—well grown animal. Mr. George Rudd will be an exhibitor of Devon cattle, fowl and roots. Messrs. Armstrong, McCrae & Co., who have been so successful in former years as competitors in certain woolen manufactures will exhibit drawers, shirts, socks and specimens of yarn. Mr. John Hoyer, as is his wont, has made numerous entries in the latter department. Mr. J. B. Armstrong will endeavor to sustain the reputation he has already acquired by the exhibition of some carriages of rare and excellent workmanship. He sends four buggies and two cutters. Messrs. Bell, Wood & Co. intend surpassing all their former efforts. They will send five melodeons and two organs. One of the latter is of most elaborate finish, and all are superior instruments of their kind. There are other exhibitors in this neighbourhood, but on a smaller scale than those we have mentioned.

We submit the programme for the week—

1. MONDAY, September 21st, will be devoted to the receipting of articles for exhibition, and their proper arrangement. None but officers and members of the Association, judges, exhibitors, and necessary attendants will be admitted.

2. TUESDAY, 22nd.—The judges in all the classes will meet in their respective Committee Rooms at 10 a. m., and will make arrangements to commence their duties. On receiving their class-books, they will also be furnished with the blank prize tickets which they shall fill up and affix in each section so soon as they shall have finally determined their awards.

3. WEDNESDAY, 23rd.—The judges of the various classes will complete their awards as early in the day as possible. All the buildings and grounds will be open to visitors. Admission 25 cents.

4. THURSDAY, 24th.—Admission tickets 25 cents. The President will deliver his Address from the Grand Stand at 3 o'clock. The annual meeting of the Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Association, for the purpose of electing auditors, deciding upon the place of holding the next exhibition, will take place at 7 p. m., at the Court House, Hamilton.

5. FRIDAY, 25th.—Admission the same as on previous days. The prize animals will be exhibited in the ring at 12 a. m. At 2 p. m. the Exhibition will be considered officially closed.

Presentation at Teachers' Pic-Nic at Rockwood.

A movement was begun some weeks ago among the Teachers in the South Riding of Wellington to present their esteemed and able Superintendent, Rev. James Kilgour, with some token of their regard for him, and as an appreciation of his long and valuable services: a connection with the schools in the Riding. It was heartily entered into by all the teachers, and on Saturday last, on the cordial invitation of Messrs. McCaig and McMillan, they along with their friends and others were invited to a pic-nic to be held on the grounds of the Rockwood Academy on Saturday last, at which time and place it was arranged the presentation should take place. The reunion accordingly came off, and was largely attended by ladies and gentlemen, although the threatening rain kept some from being present. The company met in the large school room of the Academy, when Mr. Wm. Weir was appointed chairman, and Mr. McMillan Secretary.

The chairman introduced the business of the meeting in a very appropriate speech. He referred to Mr. Kilgour's long and faithful services as Superintendent, to the kindly interest he had always taken in the teachers, and to the encouragement and assistance they received from him in the prosecution of their sacred and responsible work. He then called upon Mr. McPherson, who read the following address:

DEAR SIR—In consideration of your long and valuable services in connection with the educational interests of this section of the County, it has occurred to us, the Teachers under your supervision, that the time has come when some tangible proof of our appreciation of your services might properly be given. Indeed, we have to confess in view of the many marks of gratitude and respect so frequently bestowed in connection with labours less arduous and extended than yours, that we have been tardy in this respect, and even now, the action of those who have thus ascribed to do you honour, has not alone been prompted by the fact that your duties as a public officer have been faithfully and conscientiously discharged; the standard of common school education raised, and the labours of the teachers rendered more effective for good; but chiefly, by the manner in which all this has been effected; and because, that, under all circumstances, the teacher could look upon you as a wise and successful friend, ready to assist him in all his difficulties.

This, Dear Sir, is the secret of this meeting, which the mere cold discharge of official duty might never have called together. It is because that whenever it has been announced in any of our schools that the Superintendent was expected, a smile of pleasure and satisfaction might be seen to light up every countenance in the room, from the signed benches of the youngest of his pupils, because not only every teacher, but every school-going child within the circuit of your labours, may long have associated with your name and on behalf of whom kind words of sympathy and encouragement have so frequently been received, that we are here to-day under such innumerable and we trust, such happy relations. Hoping therefore that in the wisdom of a kind Providence you may be spared in health and strength to discharge the duties of your office, with that faithfulness and ability which have been so characteristic of the past, and that those friendly feelings which have so long subsisted between yourself and those whose labours you have been appointed to superintend may be cherished in the future, we have the greatest pleasure in the name and on behalf of the teachers under your jurisdiction in presenting you with this small token of our regard.

The signed benches of the teachers by Archibald McPherson, William Lattrell, Simon McLennan and Alex. S. D. Hill.

Mr. Hill then presented Mr. Kilgour with a pocket book containing \$100.

Mr. Kilgour in reply said that when he told them he was taken by surprise such was really the case. He had been invited to the pic-nic to-day, but he had not the slightest idea what the address now now presented would contain. He begged to offer them his sincere and heartfelt thanks for that address and for the handsome present which accompanied it, the one for the appreciation it expressed of his labours and efforts, and the other for its intrinsic worth. They might have put the latter in that shape in which it could have handed down as a valued heir-loom to his family, but as it is the contents of this pocket book can be turned to some useful purpose. The address, although flattering, was no doubt got up in all sincerity. The position he held was not without its difficulties. His great aim had always been to endeavor to act conscientiously towards the teachers, the pupils, and the people of the different sections—to act faithfully, honestly and wisely, whenever advice was needed he gave it, but he tried to give it in that spirit as to call forth the respect and esteem of those to whom it was offered, while it answered the end in view. He fully sympathized with the teachers in their work; he knew their temptations to act conscientiously towards the teacher, the pupils, and the people of the different sections—to act faithfully, honestly and wisely, whenever advice was needed he gave it, but he tried to give it in that spirit as to call forth the respect and esteem of those to whom it was offered, while it answered the end in view. He fully sympathized with the teachers in their work; he knew their temptations to act conscientiously towards the teacher, the pupils, and the people of the different sections—to act faithfully, honestly and wisely, whenever advice was needed he gave it, but he tried to give it in that spirit as to call forth the respect and esteem of those to whom it was offered, while it answered the end in view.

Short and interesting speeches were afterwards made by Mr. McKay of Jerseyville, lately a teacher in the South Riding, and by Messrs. L. Parkinson, L. Lellan, Hill and Innes. All the speakers referred to the pleasing incident which had just taken place, and bore willing testimony to the ability and zeal displayed by Mr. Kilgour in the discharge of his duties. The chairman also alluded to the proceedings by short and racy remarks, which were greatly appreciated.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the chairman, to Messrs. McCaig and McMillan for their kindness in giving the use of their Academy and grounds, to Mr. T. J. Day, bookseller, Guelph, for the trouble he had taken in acting as treasurer, and in giving the pocket book free, after which the company adjourned to the law, where abundance of refreshments were laid out, and to which ample justice was done by all present. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in games and other amusements, thus