

## The Rockwood Review.

**DIED.**—At Portsmouth, on December 24th, 1898, Sarah A Battershill, beloved wife of Wm. Potter, Engineer of Rockwood Hospital.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. Potter, who for the last two years suffered uncomplainingly from a malady she knew to be fatal. Mrs. Potter was full of the domestic virtues characteristic of the best women, and is deeply regretted by all who knew her. That she should have been cut off in middle age, just when her children most needed her tender care, made her death seem more to be regretted than it would even under ordinary circumstances, and the event has touched the deepest chord of human sympathy in the hearts of all the Rockwood officials. Coming as it did at Xmas time, the occurrence seemed doubly sad, and Mr. Potter and his family have the sympathy of the whole community. The funeral took place on the morning of December 26th, and was largely attended.

Mr. E. C. Watson, recently Clinical Assistant at Rockwood, as President of the Æsculapian Society, presided at the Medical Dinner a few nights since. He was in excellent humor, and as the dinner was by far the best of a long series of such events, he has every reason to be satisfied.

Dr. Clarke and Mons. Andrieux took part in the service at St. George's Cathedral Xmas Day, playing two violin duets and assisting with the Anthem.

Reeve Fisher of Portsmouth is always a source of anxiety to the "ice-yacht" owners of Kingston. This season he will play the old role, and will be at the starting post for pennant races with a yacht that should be fast enough to win everything in sight. She's got the size, she's got the sail, she's got the captain too.

Mrs. Terrill, of Belleville, spent Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. Forster, Rockwood.

Mr. E. Beaupre, of Portsmouth, has become "mine host" at the Algoma House. Mr. Beaupre will be a success in this capacity.

We are in receipt of a dainty volume of poems by Miss Dorothy Knight, Lancaster. These poems will be reviewed in a future issue.

We would commend a course in Dickens' Xmas stories for the authorities in Ottawa who did away with the convicts Xmas cheer in the Penitentiary. It may be possible to make men good by main strength, and denying them the right to see one ray of sunshine from year's end to year's end. We are under the impression that the experiment has been tried before, but until we can change even the nature of the degenerate, and alter the circumstances of the unfortunate, we cannot hope much from such measures. A decided advance in the study of criminology is what Canada needs more than anything else, to enable her to rank as even nearly up to date in such matters.

Mr. T. Mooney, of Portsmouth, is very ill.

Large flocks of ducks are still to be seen near here. The birds are whistlers (golden-eyes).

The Rockwood Hockey Club has reorganized with the old officers re-elected. Mr. John Shea is manager. As John has enthusiasm and energy he should make an ideal Manager.

Mrs. E. Gilmour who has been very ill, is making an excellent recovery.

Mr. Bidwell Way, of Hamilton Asylum, called at Rockwood recently, and gave ample evidence of the benefits of living on the mountain.