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THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1908,

TC-NIGHT'S MEETING.

A meeting of the Liberals of Hamilton will be held in the Liberal Club rooms this evening to select candidates for East and West Hamilton for the Local Legislature. All Liberals are invited. It is the desire of the Executive that the meeting be entirely free and open, so that all can have a voice in the reselection of the candidates. There will type, conveniently situated and efficibe no tyled door, no favored delegates. A large attendance is desired. Liberal prospects are bright in this city to-day. be succeeded by "a few Model Schools of The party is united, and with candidates a of the right stamp success is certain. Whitney goes to the country weighed down with unfulfilled pledges, with a greatly increased expenditure and with having raised a man of straw. Yet in several shady transactions in the closing days of the session. Turn out.

FACE THE FACTS.

From what the public has been allowed to learn of the proceedings of the star chamber meeting between the aldermen and the promoters of the Hydro Electric scheme, it would not appear that anything of importance has been added by it to the sum of real information possessed by the city's representa tives. Passing over the rather impolitic and absurd threat made by Mr. Beck (and which even the Spectator characterizes as "a bit of coercive bluffing), the proposal that if Hamilton does not promptly join his scheme he will take the line to Toronto six or eight miles west of the city, and around by Dundas rather than pass close by Hamilton, there was little in the report of the proceedings given out that was new readers. There was the old "jollying along" of the aldermen and a continuance of the finessing to avoid giving straight answers to straight questions and a resort to attempts at smartness in order to silence aldermen who asked onvenient questions. For real information we seek in vain in the reports of what the power oracle had to say As a matter of fact, he could have noth to say upon which the aldermen might build, save the terms of the Power Act as contained in the Ontario Stat

This threat of Mr. Beck to take the power line around by Dundas in order to punish Hamilton should she delay is a pointed bogey which loses its terrors on examination. No sane electrician would unnecessarily add 10 to 12 miles. or more, to the length of a transmission line which is to carry current to its principal market, even to spite a city that would refuse to be coerced. There the statement that Hamilton would be obliged to crect transformer stations at her own expense does not frighten us; go into the scheme, have to build and We are inclined to think that when Mr. Beck recovers his calm, he will realize that the threat, made in a moment of petulance, was as foolish as it was unworthy.

scheme are no nearer solution than they were before this star chamber meeting and that fact is appreciated by alder men who consider only the city's inter-So far as Hamilton is concerned, it is a blind deal, wherein, without any reasonable hope of gain, the city must assume very heavy obligations, for which the ratepayers' property is pledged. We take all the chances, the Gov ernment takes none. Every dollar of expense incurred is to be charged up against municipalities entering the scheme, even the preliminary promotion expenses, amounting to over \$75,000 already, being included. We pay all the bills, and are held liable for all contingencies; the Government appoints the ials, and we have no appeal from their decisions as to what we shall pay, or what proportion of the total expense shall be ours NOT ONLY THAT BUT WE ARE ASKED TO GO INTO THIS BLIND GAMBLE BOUND HAND AND FOOT FOR 30 YEARS TO AN ABSO-LUTE MONOPOLY, DENYING OUR-SELVES THE RIGHT TO BUY ELEC-TRICITY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE. In this way we should, for almost a third of a century, be prohibited from reaping the benefit of the progress of science and discovery. And yet moters of this scheme, who seek to be tray the city to such a bargain, have the hardihood to talk about it as "insur-

ing competition"! Is there any sane business man, any ratepayer of average reasoning capacity, would enter upon such a bargain on his private account? It is unbelievable that any alderman would, having the city's interest at heart, accept an agreeent involving such a mortgaging of the ratepayers' future.

IS IT RETURNING SANITY?

It is to be doubted whether Hon. Mr. Whitney, or the three heads of his Eduation Department, really know where they are at in educational matters. They reached a state of educational haos in our school system, trying to the minds and temper of intending teachers, those actually in the profession, to parents, and to pupils. Mr. Kuy. M. P. P., made some brief refer erces in his speech at the South Grey cominations to the bungling which has Hon. Dr. Pyne. The contradictory state ments issued as to the Model Schools are capable of no explanation short of administrative razzle-dazzle. It was first look like a man who would seek to ob-

aunounced that the Model Schools were tain competition for the city by binding to be abolished. This was strongly objected to in many quarters, and the opoly, price unknown, for 30 years, as heaven-born educationists, who had set the Hydro people propose we should ected to in many quarters, and the about advancing our school system as do. one drives an ox team, concluded not to court trouble. There was a backdown. The Model Schools were not to be all abolished. It was announced by the Department that "there will be two main classes of training schools, normal schools for the preparation of secondciass public school teachers and a raculty of education for the preparation of high school assistants and first-class public school teachers. In addition to these, a few model schools of a new ertly organized. will be established. That contemplated, of course, the end of the Model Schools as they exist, they to Yet in the face of this published official statement, Whitney, a few days ago in the Legislature, denied that the Model Schools were to be abolished, and ridiculed Mr. MacKay for egulation of that official circular exists, and the curriculum of the High Schools assumes that the Model Schools are to be done away with. Why, then, should Conservative candidates seek to humbug the people by promises that the

Medel Schools will be maintained? The Tory organs have been singing the Government's praises for abolishing the er trance examination. Recently, howeevr, there has been a very vigorous protest from educationists who feel the necessity of some means of ascertaining pupils' fitness to enter the High Schools, and who realize that unless some standard of qualification be set, the troubles of the teachers will not need to be bunted for. Now Dr. Pyne appears at the Ontario Educational Association meeting, and coolly announces that the examinations "had not been altered"! He says that, through many changes, they had become practically the Public Schools Leaving examinations! Alas! and must the organs that have been glorifying the Minister for abolishing these examinations now set about prais ing him for not having disturbed them Another of the "great reforms" intro-

duced by Whitney's educationists was the approved schools system of promo tion which was to take the place of the terrible examinations. Already this arangement has won the distinction of almost unanimous hostility on the part of the teachers, and it is not unlikely that a brief experience of it will conlude the Department in retiring it to the museum of educational freaks. Al-Toronto teachers have expressed ticnal Association, Mr. E. W. Hagarty made some reference to the confusion that has arisen over it. L. E. Embree. LL. D., senior principal of Toronto High Schools, took strong ground against the der a liberal education impossible, called "practical" subjects. He said he favor the wholesale condemnation of examinations, believing that properly-conducted examinations were an their promises to the electors by the inportant factor in education. Dr. Em bree will be in danger of being anathematized by those who have set up Whitney as an educationist god. There is reason to think, however, that when the sympathy with Liberal aims and policies. eason to think, however, that when the Whitney, ceasing to play politics with not unknown in Canada. the educational interests of the Province, has done his little strut, Dr. Embree's opinion as to the value of exam inations in the educational course will be recognized and respected after the political adventurers, into whose hands our schools have unfortunately fallen, are regarded only with contempt.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

How many of the aldermen are in fav or of tying the city up to an ironclad tions are asked of Beck in the process? power monopoly for 30 years?

The Herald says that "Ald. Gardne announced last evening after the meeting that he was a convert to hydro-elecpower, and was a firm believer in competition." We doubt that Ald. Gardner made two statements so directly contradictory of each other. He doesn't

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Hon. Robt. Rogers, of Manitoba, after consulting with the Ottawa Tories, asserts that the Opposition will keep Par-liament in session till September, rather than allow the new Dominion Election Act to become law. "Bob" is a terrible fellow-with his mouth.

The Victoria Colonist now freely admits that there is practically no Oriental immigration into British Columbia. But our contemporary is not prepared to approve of the methods by the result has been attained. It still feels sad when it thinks of the lamented Bowser bills.

W. H. Bennett and Hon. Mr. Haggart have given notice of motion that no member or Senator shall be appointed to the Railway Commission. What a pity they did not give Whitney a hint spite of the Premier's statement, the not to appoint legislators to shrievalties. They might have saved Mr. Morrison to the Tory party of Ontario.

> A West Virginia firm is said to be selling by mail "ten yards of silk" for \$2. Purchasers receive 10 yards of silk thread. Some years ago, a Hamilton lady sent 50c to one of these silk rem nant advertisers, receiving in regular ourse a few scraps of silk thread, and a card on which was printed: "Some peo ple want the earth for 10c."

The Farmers' Sun, reviewing the work of the Legislature, is constrained to say that "the session which closed last week cannot be described as a farmers' session." Whitney does not particularly feel the need of the farmers' support. He is banking much on the gerrymande and the avails of some eleventh-hour

It is somewhat provocative of laugh ter to see a rock-ribbed, high-protectionist journal like the Ottawa Citizen re proving the Liberals for maintaining so nigh a tariff, protection being liable to foster combines. And the Citizen's party wars on the Liberals 365 days in the year because the tariff is not made enormously higher.

But if the existing public temper But if the existing public temper becomes a permanent condition, and attempts to repeal local option by-laws continue to prove generally unsuccessful, the Government is not likely to adhere to the three-fifths requirement.—

Whitney trick, wouldn't it? Insist upon a three-fifths vote to carry local option their disapproval of it. At the Educa- and then, when it becomes a question of vote on repeal, make a simple majority sufficient to carry it. Even Mr. Regan could see through that game.

Let us not too hastily assume that tendency to crowd out culture, and ren- the British civil service system eliminates politics from the departments of loading the curriculum with too many so the Government. Only recently The Nation, a prominent Liberal journal. published the statement that Liberal Ministers were hampered in carrying out hostility of some of the permanent heads of departments. They had been so long associated with Conservative temporary obsession has passed, and The situation thus openly adverted to is

> Because Ald, Lewis and H. G. Wright sought to induce Mr. Beck to vouchsafe me information of much importance to the consideration of Hamilton's attitude toward the Hydro-Electric scheme the Herald attacks them as "Cataract aldermen," accuses them of the heinous offence of ruffling Beck's temper by their insistence, and says they beckled him and "fired fool questions at him." Dear. dear! What right have mere aldermen to try to guard Hamilton's interests. when straight answers to straight ques-

Marathon race yesterday. Perhaps it is just as well. Canada in general, or To-ronto in particular, is infecting the youth of the land with the delusion that the Athletics, especially track ath-are being over-boomed and over-

Bannerman and Boer War.

(Goldwin Smith.) "Mr. Campbell-Bannerman s'ood aloof om the Beer war That alone would

have raised him greatly in my estimation. The Boer war, as I have always maintained, is the greatest stain of later times on the honor of Engla.d. It is on the record of the British nation that the Queen was strerain over the Transvaal. That was an absolute lie, and if you want a book to prove it, here it is. The speaker handed to the interviewer a copy of his work, "In the Court of History." with the passage specially marked. "Mr. Bannerman," he continued with conviction, "was quite right in holding aloof from it."

What Save Carnegie?

What Says Carnegie?

N. Y. Journal of Commerce.)

Mr. Carnegie, who was the unswerving advocate of competition in the steel trade, has not apparently changed his point of view, unless his reservation in regard to steel rails be deemed an inconsistency. But the men in control of the great combination from which Mr. Carnegie derives his income are frankly and unqualifiedly opposed to any form of competition. The dictum of one of their spokesmen, Mr. George W. Perkins, has already been quoted in these columns, to the effect that competition is no longer the life of trade. Others have declared that competition is a hopelessly discredited principle of American trade or industry.

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(Victoria Colonist, Tory).

We may remind the Asiatic Exclusion League that organizations as well as individuals may sometimes take themselves too seriously. It would, we assume, be unjust to suggest that possibly the motives animating the leaders of this mot fery rapidly growing organization may not be wholly unmixed. That the thought of personal or political advantage ever entered their minds is not to be thought of. They are doubtless inspired by high resolve into which individual advantage in no wise enters. It is because we look upon their efforts in this light that we suggest to them the possibility of taking themselves too seriously.

Mr. R. A. Thompson. (Dundas Banner.)

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There are many reasons why Mr. Thompson was regarded as the strongest possible candidate. When he was first chosen as the Liberal candidate to contest North Wentworth, the seat was held by a popular Conservative, and it was regarded as a doubtful proposition to redeem the constituency, but Mr. Thompson was well known in County Council work, and his record was exceptionally good, so the Liberals gathered around him with such enthusiasm that a majority of hundreds for the sitting member was converted into a good ting member was converted into a good majority in father of the Liberal candi-

Then at the next election Mr. Thompson, as the unanimous choice of his party, succeeded in retaining his seat amid the overwhelming defeat of the Government, of which he was a loyal supporter. The people of the Province believing that after a term of office exceeding thirty years it was time for a change, gave no unmistakable pronouncement in favor of the change, but such was the popularity of the candidate and so great was the confidence reposed in him that when the torrents of Provincial sentiment swept the Liberals from office and left but a very small number—the survival of the fittest—Mr. Thompson was among that number, to the prond satisfaction of North Wentworth.

Campbell-Bannerman. Then at the next election Mr. Thomp

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(T. P. O'Connor.)

At almost the first dejaste after his appointment T. P. O'Connor dubbed the new Secretary the "Seotch Sandlag." But Sir Henry was little disturbed by such attacks. He would not get angry

or even excited.

"One night," says Mr. O'Connor, "we made a terrible on-siaught on him: he had done something so appalling that we wondered why the world still revolved. We were not exactly specchless with indignation, for it took some dozens of speeches to describe his encompities. of speeches to describe his enormities At the end of it all, Campbell-Banner man got up, with a delighted smile. 'Mr. Speaker,' said he. 'I have found the Irish office an excellent post for moral self-discipline. In the Irish office and face to face with the honorable gentlemen opposite no man could think well of him self; and then he was added to him opposite no man count times with a man-self; and then he proceeded to show that he had not done anything in par-ticular, and that all our indignation had been thrown away." The Nationalists ticular, and that all our indignation had been thrown away." The Nationalists were fairly upset. This was not playing the game according to rule. When they said hard things of a man, they expected him to squirm. Even Timothy Healy could only throw up his hands and in-quire what Ireland had done that she should be governed by Scottish jokes.

A Roblin "Whopper.

ions are asked of Beck in the process:

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

Mr. Roblin in the course of his harangues is addicted to prefacing reor of tying the city up to an ironelad power monopoly for 30 years?

Margin dealing in bucket shops is now made a felony in New York State. Margin trading is respectable now only on the stock exchanges.

Ald, A. Wright meulted a large and simulations, the treation of the department to department to department to department of the city their areas as thry apply to the arm respectable portion of the population may be intended to the control of the department of the control of the department of t

The congregational meeting held in Cooke's Church, Toronto, last night, to meeting the cookers of the cookers o moderate a call for pastor, amounted to nothing, owing to the receipt of a let ter from the Rev. Dr. William Patterson of Philadelphia, a former pastor, declin-ing the invitation.

The people who claim that life 187't worth living generally throw the most business in the doctor's way.

Friday, April 24, 1908

SHEA'S

May Manton Patterns Best in the World. All 10c

Women's Wash Suits--- Time to Think About Them

To begin the "Tub Suit" season we will make an immense offering of New York samples. There are hundreds of them in an immense assortment of materials and scores of styles. We do not think there is a worthy style idea that is not in this assortment: Materials and muslins, dimities, linens, lawns, chambrays, zephyrs, organdies, etc., etc. They are worth all the way from \$7.50 to \$10, and will be found in other Hamilton stores at these prices. To start the season we will give you your choice of the lot at each \$5.00

Dress Goods Sale

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This sale, which begins to-day, will continue until Monday, May 4th, and will mean the saving of many dollars to those who are thrifty enough to buy now. Thousands of yards of Dress Goods will be sacrificed; all good reliable and desirable fabrics. There are silks in it, too.

69c to \$1.00 values for 50c.

50c and 60c Values for 39c.

50c, values for 25c.

Spring Coats at \$6.50

Splendid Covert Cloth and Broadcloth Coats, in fawns and blacks, loose and fitted back styles, some plain, others with velvet collars, coats worth \$8.00 to \$9.50, all go on sale at one

Spring Coats at \$3.95

Made of covert cloth, in several ades of fawn, also navy, black and brown Coats in a variety of fabrics, coats worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, for, ... 83.95

A wonderful lot of them, in a large imber of cloths and styles, voile Panamas, mohairs, Venetians, broad cloths, fancy worsteds, in plain gored skirts, with bias folds, also pleated skirts with pleated in folds, worth \$7.00 and \$7.50, on sale for, each

Waists at \$3.50

The most stylish Waists in Canada are here on sale at less than elsewhere White Persian lawn, finest Swiss nee-Vhite Persian lawn, Income worth dilework fronts and sleeves, worth \$3.50 \$5.00, for

Women's Skirts at \$4.95 Women's Waists at \$1.00

Made of splendid quality of lawns and mulis, and finished with most elegant embroidery and lace, all cut on the most approved models, and worth every cent of \$1.25 and \$1.50, on sale for, each\$1.00

Women's Waists at \$1.50

Lawns, mulls and organdies, all pret tily pleated and tucked, beautiful all Lawns, mulis and organdies, all pret-tily pleated and tucked, beautiful all-over embroideries and Val, laces as triamings, also a quantity of New York Waists in severely tailored styles, waists worth \$2.00 to \$2.25, for\$1.50



LIBERAL OFFICERS. | FAITHFUL SERVANT.

Beamsville and Clinton Township King Edward's Tribute to His Late Association Organized.

Beamsville, April 23.—(Special).—At Laid Foundation of United South well attended meeting of the Beams ille and Clinton township Liberal Asociation, held in Mrs. Dressel's Hotel on Tuesday night, the work of organi-gation was given an impetus, and the following officers elected: Thos. R. Gilmore, President.

J. A. Sinelair, Secretary.
Division, No. I., Clinton Township,
hairman, T. R. Gilmore; Secretary, R.
suure; Committee, Geo. Smith, H. Ritenhouse, Harry Tufford, and John

Nunn.
Division No. H.—Chairman, Andrew
Liddel; Secretary, Ed. Goodall; Comnittee, Geo, Crain, Rob. Gibson, McCloud, F. Konkle, J. Albright, and W.

ogan. Division No. 3.-Rufus Moore, Chairman: Secretary, Augus Stewart, jun.; Committee, E. Patterson, Ed. Teeter, L. Moot. Ed. Bradshaw, W. Comfort, Division No. 2, Beamsville—Chairman, W. Buck: Secretary. Fred Davey: ommittee, Robertson. Lawrason, Sey-our, F. S. Prudhomme, J. Amiss, John rudhomme, Jerome McArthur, C. H. Fred Davey:

organized. The Liberals of Clinton town-ship have always had a hard row to hoe, but are entering on the coming con-test with all the endusiasm of yore.

WATERDOWN BOY.

Suicide at Fergus Yesterday Was Very Sad Affair.

Gibbon.
Milton-Forgi Martin, John P. Kelley, John McGibben.
Oakville-C. A. Decker, Edward Italy. Haves.

The Hotel Brant was granted a license

r six months. The following were given 30 days' ex-Acton—A. J. Lenham, John J. Gib-cons, W. R. Roche. Stewartown—Charles Brewer. Georgetown—John Treanor.

Premier.

Africa, Says Botha.

London, April 23.—"He was the faithful servant of his country: I am sorry he has gone," is the expression King Edward used on hearing at Copenhagen of the death of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and it well expresses the deep feeling of regret, as for appersonal loss, underlying the tributes given in ungrudging measure by public men and newspapers of all shades of opinion.

That all are ready to admit that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was not a great statesman or genius or even a great administrator is not allowed to detract from the volume, the warmth, or the sincerity of these tributes to his great force of character, his underviating honesty of these tributes to his great force of character, his underviating honesty of purpose, his courage and geniality of disposition which enabled him to win all hearts and his tact in dealing with men which brought him to the highest position of state.

The Chronicle in an editorial this

examples our public life often affords of the dominance of character. It was by force of character rather than by intellectual genius or emotional fervor, that he led his party to unprecedented victory.

Gen. Louis Botha, Premier of the Transvaal, telegraphed a warm tribute, saying: The Empire loses one of its wisest statesmen and the Transvaal one of its truest friends. In securing self-government for the new colonies he raised an imperishable monument to himself and laid the foundation of a united South Africa.

Almost all the morning papers recall as one of the most striking successes.

The funeral will take piles on Friday from the residence of the grandparents, 60 Margaret street, in New York a few days ago, arrived here this morning, and were taken to the residence of his sister. Mr. Levy was 60 years of ago and unmarried. He leaves three sisters and one brother. The funeral will take piles on Friday from the residence of the grandparent services where the in New York a few days ago, arrived here this morning, and were taken to the residence of his sister. Mr. Levy was 60 years of ago and unmarried. He leaves three sisters and one brother. The funeral will take piles on Friday from the residence of the grandparent steel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Liddycoat are mourning the loss of their infant child, who died yesterday after a brief illness.

as one of the most striking successes of Sir Henry's political career and the triumph of tact, the manner in which he secured the resignation of the late of Cambridge as commanderated by the secure of the secure

ief of the army.
in E. Redmond, telegraphing his olence on behalf of his party.
"We all feel that Ireland has nsiderate friend.

WANT HIS LIFE. President Cabrera's Enemies Seek

to Murder Him. Panama, April 23 .- A passenger on a teamer which arrived here yesterday from Guatemala informed the Associated from Guatemala informed the Associated Press that when he left a few days pre-viously the situation in Guatemag City was critical. He said that President Cabrera rarely left his residence for fear of being assassinated. Indeed, since the attempt on his life some months ago, he had been seen in public only once, at the imaggration of the Guatemalan Northern Railway.

Northern Railway, President Cabrera, the Associated Press informant said, seems to be great-ly hated by powerful and indefatigable enemies who have swern to kill him at

any sacrifice. LAID STONE.

Florence, April 23.—The foundation stone of the Church of St. James' American Episcopal Church, to be erected here under the rectorship of Herbert Venable, was laid this moraing by Lloyd C. Griscom, the American Ambassador to Italy.

Took Refuse.

Managua, Nicaragua, April 23,—Advice received here from Honduras state that the Honduran plezipotentiary in Guatemala hus been reconcentrated in Guatemala city by order of President Cabrera, and that the Minister has taken refuge in the American Legation. that the Honduran plenipotentiary in Guatemala has been reconcentrated in Guatemala city by order of President Cabrera, and that the Minister has taken refuge in the American Legation.

OBITUARY.

Peath of Wm. Hugh Doherty at Age of 75.

Hugh Doherty, an old and highly respected resident of this city, passed away yesterday, after a lengthy illness. He had lived in the city for upwards of London, April 23.-"He was the 70 years, and was in his 75th year. He

hearts and his tact in dealing with men which brought him to the highest position of state.

The Chronicle in an editorial this morning, says: "He was one of the examples our public life often affords five-weeks. The faneral will take piece.

The funeral of Arthur, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dempsey, took place this afternoon, from the residence of Mrs. A Tyson, 83 Jackson street west. Archideacon Forneret conducted

John Hughson, for many years a resi dent of this city, passed away at the City Hospital last evening after a short illness. The funeral will take place from the parlots of A. H. Dodsworth, to-morow afternoon, and will be private

ST. LUKE'S, BURLINGTON.

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The regular Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday evening. The rector, F. W. Hovey presided. The reportal showed a year of satisfactory growth. Mr. James Harrison was appointed the people's warden, and Mr. D. Acland the rector's warden. The envelope system of giving was discussed, but was left to the churchwardens and rector to carry the scheme out. The following sidesmen were appointed: Messrs. A. T. Lowe, E. Donkin, J. Pettif, G. Ghent, C. Klainka, W. H. Williams, H. Pettit, A. Homer, F. Homer, A. Ghent Ed. Ghent, W. Banker and G. Horpe. The rector spoke very encouragingly about the choir, and had it in his mind to train a body of boys to farther augment the choir. Mr. Harrison propose, that the rector's stipend beincreased \$100 yearly, as Mr. Hovey hed been very painstylking, and the church and received where his except of the boy weepend under his area. been very painstaking, and the chu had prospered under his care. M Young and Mi Homer also spoke to highly of their rector's work. The re-lution was carried unanimously. M appointed to the annual vnod held at Hamilton.

A Guelph Joke.

(Guelph Herald.)