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HEBBERLE, WATT & CUTTEN,  
Guelph, March 1, 1873. dwy

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Of all kinds, made to order at  
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The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of  
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At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.  
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At the greatest collection of his numerous Remedies and Externals in Guelph, and surrounding vicinity, have been revealed upon to continue his residence here, where, as usual, he will attend to all calls in the Veterinary art, with promptness and satisfaction.  
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Having recently arrived in Guelph from England, and taking by his residence here, he is continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Mercury Office, or at H. Kirkham's, Fainty Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to.  
Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. dwy

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FRESH OYSTERS  
IN EVERY STYLE  
to be had at this saloon.  
The best Liquors and Cigars always on stock.  
DENTIS BUNYAN  
Guelph, Sept. 20, 1872

### New Advertisements.

**10,000 BUSHELS OF CORN** for sale. A. R. DAVIES, Guelph, Mar. 13, 1873. dwy

**MACHINIST WANTED**—To a competent hand, good wages and steady employment will be given. Apply to J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co., Guelph, March 11, 1873. dt

**SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE**—For sale, the Wamsler, Lockman and Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and cheap for cash. Enquire at the Mercury Office. n184w

**BLACKSMITH AND APPRENTICE** WANTED—Wanted immediately a Journeyman blacksmith. A good hand only need apply. Also, an apprentice to the blacksmith business. Apply at once to Jas. Latimer Morrison. dt

**TO LET**—With immediate possession, the stone-cellar, rooms, offices, and upper story in Brownlow's Buildings, on Douglas street, near the Post Office. Apply to John Horan, or William Day. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dt

**FOR SALE**—Lot 71, on Wyndham Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffee. Guelph, December 27th, 1872. dtf

**HOUSTEAD FOR SALE OR TO LET**—Part of Lot 5, Div. F, Guelph Township (2 acres) board fence, orchard, barn, root house, out houses, well and pump, 2 log houses. Apply at the law office of the undersigned, in Guelph. m184w

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Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c. Hair Plate and Device Work. Clocks and Time Pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dwy

**NOTICE**  
**To Debtors and Creditors.**

Any person having any claim against Daniel Naismith, the Glasgow Hair Curer, will please hand it in, and get their money. Parties who are indebted to me will please call and discharge. My motto is: "Do as you would be done by."  
DANIEL NAIMSMITH,  
Guelph, March 11, 1873. 61

**DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE** BY AUCTION. Will be sold by auction at the Market House, Guelph, on TUESDAY, 26th March, at 12 o'clock, noon, a brick dwelling house on Market Street, containing seven rooms, with all necessary outbuildings, well supplied with water and gas, and a good title and immediate possession. Terms—\$300 to be paid at time of sale, and the balance in three equal annual instalments, with interest annually on the whole sum remaining unpaid to be secured by a mortgage on the property.  
D. KENNEDY, Proprietor,  
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. dwy

**THEY ARE COMING**  
**THE GREAT**  
**Sharpley's Minstrels**  
AT THE TOWN HALL,  
On Friday Ev'g, March 14th.

Admission 25 cents; Reserved Seats, 35c; to be had at ANDERSON'S,  
CHAS. ROBERTS, Agent,  
Guelph, March 3, 1873. 63

**GRAND SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT**  
**I. O. of G. T.**  
A Social and Concert will be held in connection with this Order,  
**In the Good Templar's Hall,**  
GUELPH,  
On Thursday Ev'g, 13th March,  
The Silver Comet Band, under the able leadership of Mr. Lawrence, have been secured for the occasion.  
At this concert will be introduced the Novelty Band, which will create a sensation interior to none yet brought before an appreciative audience. Foreign as well as local talent has also been secured in the shape of Vocal and Instrumental Music.  
Do not fail to attend this concert, which has been got up with so much expense and trouble. Tea from 6 to 8 o'clock. See programme. Tickets 25c each. Front seats reserved for ladies. dt

**GRAND CONCERT**  
**The Fairbairn Family**  
Under the auspices of the Guelph St. Andrew's Society,

**IN THE TOWN HALL, GUELPH,**  
—ON—  
Thursday Evening, 13th inst.,  
COMPRISING:  
The grand old Songs of Scotland,  
English Ballads, and  
Comic Songs,  
Classic Music,  
Scottish Reels,  
Stratfordians, &c.

Tickets of admission, 25 cents;  
Reserved seats, 50 cents.  
Tickets to be had at the Book and Drug Stores.  
SEE PROGRAMMES.  
Guelph, March 10th, 1873.  
Herald and Advertiser copy. dt

**NEW BUTCHER SHOP.**  
The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in the corner of Pleasant and Church Streets, which will supply customers with the best quality of the lowest price. Meat delivered in any part of the Town.  
CHAS. FENNELLS  
Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. 64

**PLASTER, PLASTER.**  
JUST RECEIVED,  
**500 tons Paris and Cal- edonia Plaster;**

Also, a large quantity of Land Salt, Water Limes, and Best Grain, at the Montreal Warehouses, below the Railway Crossing, Guelph.  
GEO. BALEWILL,  
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1873. dw3m

### RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th November:  
**Grand Trunk Railway**  
Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST  
2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;  
8:33 p.m.  
To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin.  
To Hamilton; 4:55 p.m.

EAST  
8:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.  
and 8:33 p.m.

**Great Western—Guelph Branch.**  
Going South—4:20 a.m., 12:35 p.m. 1:05 p.m.  
for Hamilton; 4:55 p.m.  
Going North—11:45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed  
1:15 p.m. for Clifford; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus;  
2:05 p.m. for Fergus.

### Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EV'NG, MARCH 13, 1873

### Town and County News.

Don't forget the social and concert to be given this (Thursday) evening, in the Good Templar's Hall.

REMEMBER the concert in the Town Hall this (Thursday) evening, by the talented Fairbairn Family.

CONSUMED.—Our devil has perpetrated the following: Why is hay on the Guelph Market, just now, like a magician's egg-bag? Because there is no end to the supply.

New Spring Goods.—Mr. A. O. Buchan, of the fashionable West end dry goods store, announces the arrival of 20 cases new spring goods, which will be open for inspection on Saturday.

THE FIRST INDICATIONS OF SPRING.—Two crows picked an old Thomas Cat to death yesterday, within a stone's throw of the market house, and it didn't take them long to do it either.

We regret to announce that Mr. Wm. Hood, near Guelph, has recently lost four valuable horses. The veterinary surgeons are investigating the cause of death.

HOWE'S MUSICAL MONTHLY.—We are in receipt of this new Musical Monthly, published and sold by E. M. Howe, 103 Corn Street, Boston. Each number contains 56 worth of first-class piano music, for 35 cents. Single copies sent by mail, post paid, on receipt of 35 cents. No specimen copies sent gratis.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a large piece of wedding cake, from our fellow townsman, Mr. F. G. Lawrence. It was good to the taste, soothing to the feelings, and convincing to the senses. It hath charms, and brought to our remembrance the couplet:  
"Two souls with but a single thought,  
Two hearts that beat as one."

ASSIZES.—The Assizes open here tomorrow. The only case of interest on the criminal docket, likely to come up, is the Queen vs. Turner, for manslaughter. The Eden Mills rape case will likely remain over till next court, in consequence of the indisposition of Mrs. Bardwell, one of the principal witnesses.

ACCEPTED A CALL.—The Rev. Mr. Mancebo, who has for some weeks been supplying the pulpit of the Congregational Church in this town, has, we learn, accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church, which had become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. N. F. Clarke. Mr. Mancebo will commence his stated labors on the second Sabbath in April.

IN CLOVER.—Several loads of hay, too late for yesterday's market, and too bulky to find stable room, remained on McDonnell street Wednesday night. The crows kept watch faithfully, but despite their carefulness a considerable quantity of the hay disappeared, and the loads looked a good deal less bulky than on the previous evening. Of course there is no accounting for the disappearance of the hay, nor for the well-founded forms of the watchers.

TAKING A PREP.—We saw one of those small, active, rodent animals, to-day, called a ground squirrel, sitting upon a fence, and looking around with all the dignity possible. His supply of nuts evidently gave out, and he wanted to see how matters and things looked in the outside world. Surely this is a sign of spring. Crows are again making the welkin ring with their cawing, and numbers of small birds have arrived from the sunny South. Welcome, all.

GRAND TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—On Tuesday next, the 18th inst., a county convention will be held in the Good Templars Hall here, when temperance men from all parts of the county will be present. The subject of prohibition, pure and simple, and other kindred topics, will be fully and freely discussed, and much good is expected to result from the grand rally. Ample accommodation will be provided for delegates. Remember the date—Tuesday next, 18th inst.

THE PRICE OF HAY.—On Wednesday good hay brought \$20 per ton on the market here. There were about forty loads offered. To-day (Thursday), the supply is greater than the demand, and as a consequence the best hay is only worth from \$17 to \$17.50 per ton. We noticed that a considerable quantity was purchased at so much for the load. A decline of \$2.50 per ton is considerable, nevertheless the article is high enough yet to induce farmers to rush off their surplus stock at quotations.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—Reports from the various committees go to show that the arrangements for the grand dinner, to be given at the Wellington Hotel on Monday

evening next, are sufficiently forward to warrant us in saying that all who will have the pleasure of being present will spend a pleasant evening. The decoration committee will meet on Saturday, to make arrangement for the duties devolving upon them. We understand that there are a few tickets still to dispose of, and advise those who intend being present to secure the necessary card without further delay.

OBITUARY.—In our obituary to-day we record the death of Mr. John Gowfather of Mr. P. Gow, M.P.P., and an old and respected resident of Guelph. He was seized with a paralytic stroke on Monday forenoon, and gradually sank till he expired this (Thursday) morning at the ripe age of 81 years. The deceased belonged to Johnstone, Ayrshire, Scotland, and came to Canada some twenty-three years ago. During the time he resided in Guelph, and though never in any sense a public man, he had through all these years the respect and esteem of all his friends and acquaintances.

Y. M. C. A.—We would remind our friends of the weekly literary meeting of the Association this evening. Mr. Hall will read an essay. Subject: "Christianity and Infidelity," which no doubt will be interesting and instructive. Mr. W. H. Marsen also will read a piece entitled "Execution of Montrose." Meeting to commence at 8 o'clock. We would also intimate to the public, that the Association intend holding an after-noon Social next Monday evening in the Congregational Church. From the growing interest which is being taken in the Y. M. C. A., we expect there will be a full house, and a successful meeting. The ladies from the different Churches have kindly offered to provide refreshments for the occasion.

Local and Other Items.

ONTOARIO.—It is reported that the Government troops in Spain have suffered a severe defeat before the Carlists.

THE ST. CATHERINES NEWS says that the Chief of Police has returned from his search after Bowden, having been in Buffalo and Cleveland. He is very close about his prospects, but we believe there is a chance of capturing Bowden.

POISONED.—A laborer in Toronto, yesterday, named Wm. Mead, died from the effects of a poisonous draught—a solution of cyanide of potassium—which so closely resembled water in appearance that he supposed it to be such. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his sudden and melancholy end.

NEW ORPHELLOWS LODGE.—The Galt Reflector says that on Monday evening last a new Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., was organized in Galt, by John Murray, Grand Master, Clifton, assisted by Brethren from Guelph, Paris, St. Catharines, Chicago and Brantford. The new Lodge is called "Waterloo, No. 107." The following officers were elected:—N. G., A. McAnisian; V. G., H. Nellis; Rec. Sec., T. Todd; A. Sec., Dr. Cowan; Treasurer, B. McGregor; W. J. Michelborough; J. B. Cook; O. G., A. Teskey; I. G., R. McMillan; B. S. N. G., R. Wilkinson; L. S. N. G., H. J. Jaffray; R. S. V. G., Wm. Parks; L. S. V. G., Wm. Barracough; R. S. T. Hunter; L. S. S., T. Little. Their Lodge room is fitted up in a magnificent style. The floor is heavily carpeted and the room presents a beautiful appearance. We understand the organization has been started under very favorable circumstances and will no doubt be highly successful. It is the intention of the Lodge to meet every Monday evening.

PRODUCTIONS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The climate does not seem well adapted to the growth of wheat, if we may judge by the fact that the island yearly imports large quantities of flour from Canada and the United States; the amount in 1871 being 64,145 lbs; while in 1870, it exported of oats 1,893,133; of barley 53,719; of potatoes 592,184; of turnips 30,011 bushels; of pork 12,306 lbs and of eggs 9,811. The value of the exports in the same year was \$385,732, and of the imports \$427,031; while the ships built had an aggregate tonnage of 12,475 tons, being less by nearly one-third than in some previous years. The population increased from 62,678, in 1848, to 94,021, in 1871. 627,598 acres were held in fee simple against 279,901 by lease, 20,031 by verbal agreement and 39,110 by squatters. It is a cheering feature of the island that the number of leaseholders is decreasing and that of freeholders increasing.

HOW WOULD THIS DO IN CANADA.—A London exchange says: A correspondent sends the following:—"Not long since, travelling from Basel (Switzerland) to Paris, we became hungry. As if divining our condition, the guard put his head in at the window of the train, and politely asked, 'Shall I order dinner for you at the next station?' But we do not stop long enough for it, was our reply. 'True, it will be served in the train for three francs, and the dishes removed at the next stopping place.' 'By all means order it.' The telegraph carried the order ten miles ahead in a moment, and when the train drew up at the next station, the door was opened, and a circular basket, 3ft. high and 1ft. in diameter, was put in our compartment. Upon the top was a knife and fork, spoon, and napkin; a bottle of water, and a flask of wine, and a glass, a little salt and pepper, and a large roll. Opening a door in the side of the basket, we saw four shelves, on each side a dish. The first was a hot soup, the second a slice of *a la mode* beef the third vegetables, and the fourth half a chicken and salad. A bunch of delicious grapes was found on one of the shelves. We ate our dinner quietly and comfortably, while the train rushed along at thirty miles an hour, and then restored the dishes to their places. Warmth, a perfect storage and a port removed the basket and received the pay. We see no reason why such an excellent plan as this should not at once be tried and improved upon in this age ahead country, where lightning expresses and parcel cars are the rule, and not-the-exception, on all first class railways.

### THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Intense Excitement in the British House of Commons.

The Ministry Defeated. Gladstone Tenders his Resignation.

D'Israeli to form a New Ministry. Gladstone Burned in Effigy.

Latest American News.

London, March 12.—The scene in the House of Commons last night, when the defeat of the Ministry on the Irish University Bill was announced, was indescribable. The excitement in the gallery and on the floor was intense, while the opponents of the measure indulged in tumultuous cheers over its rejection. Among the distinguished personages in the stranger's gallery, which was crowded during the debate, were the Prince of Wales, Princess Louise and Prince Christian. The Scotch and Welsh members supported the Bill. The Catholics were unanimous in their opposition to it. After the announcement of the result Mr. Gladstone rose and said: "The vote just given is certainly a grave character. As the House never wishes to continue its deliberations on the existence of the Government is in doubt, I move an adjournment until Thursday." The motion was carried.

The Advertiser and Standard are jubilant over the rejection of the Bill. The Advertiser says it cannot imagine that even Mr. Gladstone will stoop to endeavor to remain in office after such a defeat. The Telegraph considers the resignation of the Ministry as an exceedingly probable event; while the Times doubts that the Cabinet will take such a course. The Bill did not receive the vote of a single Conservative member; 47 Liberals, of whom 34 were Irishmen, voted against it; 15 Irish members voted for it; 17 members, including Dr. Isaac Butt, member for Limrick were absent. Forty members participated in the debate. John Bright, Jacob Bright, his brother, and the Marquis of Lorne, supported the Government.

Mr. Gladstone waited on Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace, at noon to-day to tender his resignation.

It is probable that Mr. D'Israeli will be summoned to form a new Ministry.

Information obtained to us late an hour as 10 o'clock to-night from members of the Government show that no definite course has yet been decided upon. It is reported that Messrs D'Israeli and Gathorne-Harry strongly object to take office at the present juncture; but the rank and file of the Conservative party are ambitious of power and the leaders will probably yield to their desire, and taking office will dissuade Parliament until it and go to the country with the expectation of winning thirty seats and keeping in office through the dissensions of Liberals.

The students of Trinity College, Dublin, have burned Gladstone in effigy.

New York, March 12.—A telegram from London to the World says:—The Cabinet sat three hours to-day without arriving at a decision. Mr. Gladstone is anxious to resign and retire wholly from politics. His colleagues are endeavoring to induce him to remain upon condition of receiving a vote of confidence. If he insists on retiring Lord Granville will endeavor to form a scratch Cabinet, excluding Messrs Fortescue and Hartington, and conduct the Government through the present session. Mr. Gladstone saw the Queen to-day, who is favorable to Mr. D'Israeli. She encouraged Mr. Gladstone to retire. Mr. D'Israeli is ready to accept office, but a portion of his colleagues object. Lord Cairns is at Nice, and Lord Salisbury at Rome. Their absence increases the embarrassment. It is certain that Mr. Gladstone will retire, but it is uncertain whether a dissolution of Parliament, a scratch Liberal Cabinet, or a Tory Administration will follow. If the latter, Mr. D'Israeli will try to pass Mr. Fawcett's University Bill, and then dissolve, hoping to return a large Conservative majority.

Chicago, March 12.—At Charlotte, Iowa, yesterday, a man attempted to cross a creek with a team and wagon, containing five persons. They were swept away by the current, and all but one man drowned.

San Francisco, March 12.—Mr. Steele, from the front, says the Modocs would have come out had they not been frightened by stories told them by persons who desire to have them remain in the country. Gen. Gillen is in favor of closing the Indians, and expresses his belief that the whole band may be captured without great loss.

Columbia, March 12.—The river is still rising, and is about five feet above the low water mark. The ice is moving rapidly at Barnbridge, ten miles above, but is still jammed here.

St. Louis, March 12.—The Legislative Committee which has been investigating the affairs of the State penitentiary for some time past, made report to the House to-day. The Committee find punishments have been frequent and unusual. The prisoners, on some occasions, for inadequate reason, have been flogged unmercifully, until their flesh was raw. The Committee enumerate many other outrages perpetrated on the prisoners and recommend the abolishment of these modes of punishment, and that convict labor be let to individuals. They also find many irregularities that have been committed by the officers of the prison, and reflect pretty severely on Gov. Brown for his connection with the use of convict labor in the building of some houses in Jefferson city, in which he was personally interested.

### Toronto Correspondence.

Winter, in this quarter, is evidently in the throes of dissolution, and the streets are in a very slushy condition in consequence, but the excellent state of the sidewalks largely compensate to pedestrians for the otherwise disagreeable inconveniences of the break up of the season.

Professor Pepper returned to Toronto last week to complete his engagement with the Mechanics' Institute Committee, and large and enthusiastic audiences have greeted his second appearance as a scientist. It is much to be regretted that his Toronto visit should have been marked by a very disagreeable incident, reflecting much odium on the party concerned. It appears that the Professor, anxious to reciprocate the courtesies everywhere extended him, explained and showed to several of his scientific brethren in the city, the apparatus by which the "Ghost" illusion is produced, amongst others to Dr. May, of the Normal School. This gentleman has thought it consistent with the propriety of the courtesy thus extended him to announce himself as a competitor of the Professor for public favour, and with the boast, too, that he can produce a much superior "Ghost" to that of Pepper's. We may remark *en passant* that the Professor has patented his "Ghost," so that Dr. May uses the same apparatus for the production of his, it will clearly be an infringement of the patent, as well as of good taste and feeling, and it is to be hoped that the public will manifest their decided disapproval of the same.

Another Professor—Yanck—has been entertaining the ladies not only with some really clever and wondrous tricks and sleights of hand, but has actually succeeded in producing an illusion that must be considered as fairly eclipsing the very remarkable "Ghost" of Pepper. I allude to the startling fact of decapitating a man, in the presence of the audience, and immediately thereafter handing the head round amidst the assembly for examination. The deception is so complete that one actually realizes that a murder has been committed before your very eyes, and you feel as if were that you are necessary to the fact, so that you understand the matter later, perhaps, I may just say, that the victim is first carefully blindfolded, laid on a table with his face downwards, the Professor, who is clothed in a short cloak, meanwhile makes some cabalistic passes, in the course of which I fancy the real person of the victim, and a head, an exact resemblance of the victim's, skillfully appears to take its place, which done, the operator, with one unerring stroke, severs the false head from the trunk, and to make the illusion more complete, he draws out of the neck a body cloth as if belonging to a portion of the head, in the clothing, one could scarcely refrain from uttering a shriek of horror at the moment of decapitation, or to send forth a shout of joy when, after the replacement of the severed head, the victim rises from the table most placidly, and with a profound bow, archly and coolly walks off the stage and into the next room, where the decapitated was the highest ambition of his life.

Toronto has just been denied a great musical treat, in consequence of the Patti Company being unable to secure Hall accommodation, so they have wandered their way eastwards to charm the Montrealers.

The bazaar, in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association, was a most splendid success, both financially and numerically. The ladies undertook to raise \$8,000, and it is said that they will double their undertaking with their spare. Such a crowd attended in the evenings that policemen were stationed at the doors, with a view of regulating the immense crush. I heard, upon good authority, that the palm of superiority for the choicest work goes to Knox Church, Dr. Topps, and the congregation that congregated on the stage and in the gallery, their acknowledged pre-eminence amidst the many rich and valuable contributions of this prosperous city.

Governor Howland has been in Ottawa during the past week, no doubt partaking of the general hospitality of the Government, in connection with the opening of the Legislature.

The Liberals here are very jubilant over the political situation at Ottawa, and seem quite confident that the downfall of John A. is high at hand.

Our local Legislature now sit for several hours on Saturdays, in order to expedite business. The Government scheme in regard to the Municipal Loan Fund question is viewed with great satisfaction in this quarter, and much curiosity is felt to know what side the Opposition can pick therein. The Orange Lodge incorporation question was devoted to the matter, and even some show of feeling outside the Chamber. The meeting of Orangemen, to condemn Mr. Crooks' conduct in the matter, did not amount to much on Saturday evening, but it remains to be seen what will be the result at the adjourned meeting for the same purpose.

### County of Waterloo Sabbath School Convention.

We learn from the Reflector that the Fourth Meeting of the County of Waterloo Sabbath School Convention was held in the M. N. C. Church, Galt, commencing on Thursday the 5th March, 1873. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—Rev. D. Smyth, President; Rev. Good-willie, 1st V. P.; Rev. J. Brock, 2nd V. P.; Rev. Dickie, 3rd V. P.; Rev. W. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. E. Clement, Secretary pro tem.

An afternoon session was held, when various subjects relative to Sabbath Schools were discussed. The evening session was quite a success. A mass meeting of the children was held in Knox Church. Music singing and recitation was the order of the evening. The sessions of the second day were devoted to the discussion of "Sabbath School Pledges." "Band of Hope in connection with Sabbath Schools." Best method of interesting children in the work of the Sabbath School." At the evening session Mr. Marshall of Ayr, brought forward a box containing cards and pictures. He showed that it might be very useful in teaching the infant class. It is expected that the next Convention will be held at Hespeler.