

have seen that this is precisely the disposition of the Spirit, and we should be careful not to grieve Him by overlooking his power, or by false theories regarding His work. If these positions are true, the "Necessity of the Holy Spirit's influence on all Sabbath School work" will be apparent to every thoughtful mind.

The congregation joined in singing a hymn, after which Rev. J. Pringle, of Georgetown, made a speech on "The Sabbath school of the future." He thought the Sabbath school of the future would be much better than it is now. It will not be allowed to usurp the place of parental training, but will do its own work and that work will be to look after those who are neglected. This was the first design of Sunday schools, and it should be continued. Teachers should, as far as possible, be parents, or those who understand most about children. Future teachers will be chosen by responsible persons, and their qualifications will be their Godliness, and aptness to teach. The future teacher will recognize that he is responsible to God for his work, and be given much to pray.

After a few closing remarks, the convention was brought to a close with the benediction and benediction, by Rev. Mr. McLister.

The convention was pronounced to be one of the best ever held by the association and more practical ideas were brought forward than in generally the case. All who attended it were greatly pleased with the result.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Since the above was in type we have received from the Secretary his fourth annual report of the condition of the Sabbath Schools of the county for 1880.—Sixty-five statistical circulars were sent to superintendents and thirty-five filled out the blanks and returned to the Secretary. In the county there are 4 union, and 31 denominational schools, as follows:—13 Canada Meth., 10 Presbyterian, 4 M. E., 3 Baptist and 1 Congregational; 23 schools are open throughout the year, 12 open from 6 to 9 months; 5 use maps or charts, 7 use blackboards, 3 use both; 32 have reviews quarterly, 5 weekly and 1 monthly; 25 take Sabbath school papers—about 20 publications named—25 take help for teachers, 14 publications named. Funds are raised in 6 schools by tea meetings, in 15 by collections, and in some by the church; 32 schools report \$107 library to \$; total number of pupils, 2533; teachers, 355; average attendance, 1960 pupils and 324 teachers; 30 schools report 424 scholars as members of churches, 91 having been converted during the year. Expenses of schools during the year were \$226.52, amount raised for missions, \$195.95.

THE FREE PRESS.

Acton, Thursday, Feb. 10, 1881.

The Biddulph Tragedy.

In the trial of James Carroll, Mr. Justice Cameron made a long address to the jury on Wednesday last, reviewing closely and critically the evidence which had been elicited bearing on the case. The jury, after deliberating a considerable length of time, returned into court, with a verdict of "Not Guilty." This, of course, clears him for ever of the charge of murdering Mrs. Donnelly, but he is liable at any time to be tried upon the charge of murdering any of the other four, viz.—John Donnelly, Bridget Donnelly, Thomas Donnelly and Jas. Donnelly. Carroll and all his fellow-prisoners, James Ryder, Thomas Ryder, John Partell, Martin McLaughlin and John Kennedy were then brought into court, and an order was made for bail in \$500 personal and two sureties of \$250 each; they being liable to be called on to stand their trial at some future time.

The scene in the vicinity of the court house when the prisoners left the room was of the wildest description, the lower corridor being fairly packed with persons anxious to catch a glimpse of them. On reaching the open air, the ex-prisoners were congratulated by their friends, and for about five or ten minutes it was one continued scene of hand shaking. At their hotel they were lionized by crowds of friends till their departure for Biddulph.

Acton Village Council.

Acton village council met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, 8th inst. Members present, Mr. C. S. Smith, referee, in the chair, Messrs. D. Henderson, D. W. Campbell and M. Speight.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented their second report and recommended that the following account be paid:—James Matthews, rent of hall, \$15.00.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that the second

report of the Finance Committee just read be adopted. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by M. Speight, that the council go into committee of the whole on by-law to settle the remuneration, and provide for payment of the officers of the municipality. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that the report of the committee of the whole on the by-law to settle the remuneration of the officers of the municipality of the village of Acton, and to provide for the payment of the same be concurred in, and that the said by-law be now read a third time and passed, and the corporate seal attached thereto. Carried.

By-law read a third time and passed.

Mr. Henderson gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the council, move the following resolution:—Resolved, that this council meet on every alternative day during the year.

Moved by M. Speight, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that this council now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at 7:30 p. m. Carried.

Board of Education.

The Board of Trustees of Acton School Division met in the school house on Monday evening, 7th inst., pursuant to adjournment. Members present, Mr. J. Speight, in the chair, Messrs. S. Moore, M. Speight, A. Leahy and James Matthews. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented their second report and recommended that the following accounts be paid, and that the chairman issue his cheque in favor of the treasurer in payment thereof:—

Thomas Moore, salary for Feb'y.	\$45.83
Miss McMillan, " "	25.00
Miss Grant, " "	18.75
Mrs. Hughes, " "	6.25
H. E. Moore, advertising.	1.00
Thos. C. Moore, repairing.	1.83
R. Sluiterok, cedar wood.	1.75
Total.	\$82.46

Moved by A. Leahy, seconded by James Matthews, that the second report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by S. Moore, seconded by M. Speight, that Messrs. James Matthews, Alex. Leahy and S. Moore be a committee to meet Mr. Little to-morrow at 1 p. m., to visit the third department in reference to accommodation. Carried.

Board adjourned to meet on Monday evening, 21st Feb'y.

Esqueping Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the recess in the chair. Members all present.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. McNairy, that Robert Knight's assessment account, amounting to \$3.50, for repairing bridge and scraping on the second line, be paid to him by the treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. McNairy, that the petition of Mrs. Heyde, widow of the late James Heyde, and certified by Wm. Allan, Esq., J. P., in the matter of expenses of the funeral of the said late James Heyde, be granted, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay Speight & Son's account, viz: \$7 for coffin and \$2 for lot in graveyard. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the account of Mr. Nixon, amounting to \$19.75, be paid by the Treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$5 be paid by the Treasurer to James Ewen, jr., being two-thirds value of two sheep killed by dogs, the owner or owners of which are unknown. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the Clerk be instructed to notify the School Board of Union School, section No. 12, that this Council intends to pass a by-law at the next meeting of the Council to withdraw lot No. 24, third concession, township of Esqueping, from section 12 and attach the same to section No. 8. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law at the next meeting of the Council to confirm the deviation of the road allowances opposite lots 14 and 15, town line, between Esqueping and Nassageweys. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the by-law appointing an assessor or assessors for the township of Esqueping for the year 1881 be read the second and third times and passed, and the blank be filled up with the names of Abram Start and James Marshall, at a salary of \$150 each. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of \$15 be granted to the Misses Story, Ashgrove, they being in indigent circumstances. Carried.

The Council then adjourned until 3 o'clock, 19th of February, 1881.

J. E. McGarvin, Druggist, Acton, has on hand a large stock of

Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent.

A new butcher has taken up his quarters in Rockwood.

Mr. John Currie, of Toronto, is visiting his Rockwood friends.

Mr. Barry is getting in a large stock of leading and stove tubs.

The agricultural hall has been turned into a skating rink, to the enjoyment of the young people.

Mr. John McLeod, who carried on the business of general merchant, here, some years ago, has returned and opened out in the old stand.

The officers of Rockwood, L. O. L., elected last Tuesday are as follows:—W. Cornuck, C. M.; L. Lyman, D. puty; C. H. Walker, S. Sec'y; E. Rickman, Treas.; James Simpson, Chaplain; Thos. H. Edgar, D. of C. for the county; J. McLan, lecturer.

A very successful tea meeting was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday last. The Norfolk street Methodist Church Choir, of Guelph, provided excellent music. Owing to the delay of the train Rev. Dr. Ayiworth, who was engaged to deliver a lecture on "Modern Scepticism," was absent.

The following officers of Victoria Temple, I. O. G. T., were elected on Monday evening, Feb. 1st:—W. C. G.; S. Morrow, W. V. G.; Bro. J. Jago, W. S.; Bro. S. S. Ball, W. F. S.; S. S. S. Ball, W. G.; Bro. T. H. Edgar, P. W. C.; Bro. J. Corner, T. D.; S. Lyman, I. G.; Bro. J. Simpson, O. G.; Bro. John Jago, R. H. S.

Promptness.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR.—Permit me to acknowledge through your paper the receipt of a cheque for one hundred and sixty dollars from the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, in payment of my claim for sixteen weeks indemnity for loss of time, caused by having my leg broken on the 23rd of September last. This is the second claim I have had against the Company since taking my policy in Feb'y, 1880, having received \$40 in August for an injury to my arm, and I take pleasure in recommending the Travelers to the public, as a Company noted for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which its business is done, I having received my cheque in both cases inside of ten days from the time my claim was made out.

Yours truly,
C. S. SMITH.
Acton, January 27th, 1881.

Selling Without License.

On Saturday last E. B. Teevin, Ferguson, paid \$50 of an old fine for selling liquor without a license. And while the constable received the money in one hand he instantly served two fresh informations with the other. Mr. Teevin appeared before Messrs. Barron and Godfrey, J. P.'s, at Elora, on Monday afternoon, when he was fined \$25 and \$5.75 costs on one offence, and committed to goal for one month on the other.

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