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Last Tuesday evening, after listening to excellent reports from those who had the privilege of hearing Miss Willard, President of the Worlds Convention of the W. C. T.U., in Toronto, the members of the Council resolved themselves into a spelling match for the rest of the evening. A belligerent brother, who is always ready for an intellectnal tournament, was chosen on one side, and a spirited Amazonian sister on the other. The adherents for the opposing forces were soon drafted in, and the war of words began. Heavy shots were fired from the Select Councillor's battery, and the "slaughter of the innocents" was great. An elderly brother tried in vain to grasp the word "Councillor,' and had to take a back seat in the Council, whilst an elderly sister floundered in the middle of a trisyllable and had to do likewise. The word "Pedestal" knocked a young man off his base, and many others placed hors de combat, were declared unfit for active service. The rank and file, mostly raw recruits, fell rapidly on either side, until the forts were held by the captains and a single invincible. Time was called, and the contest ceased. It is not many years ago since spelling matches were the popular amusement. Webster's and Worcester's dictionary were then in great demand. Judging from the variety of correspondence which comes under our notice as journalists, we cannot help coming to the conclusion that orthography is a much neglected part in the education of our correspondents, and that a tilt in a spelling tournament occasionally would result in some improvement. Even some of our best business men, who formerly spelled correctly, have forgotten the way through sheer carelessness, and many of our young people who have been candidates for the honor of teaching others, have made themselves the laughing stock of the Board of Examiners when they have applied for certificates. It would seem by the self-complaisance with which many sit down satisfied with the attainment of a fair specimen of writing, that correct orthography is but secondary consideration, forgetting that good writing is no apology for bad spelling. Allowances are generally made by most of readers for poorly written letters, but a badly spelled one is almost always attributed to ignorance, whatever may be the author's station in life.

Well Merited Praise. As we intimated last week two selected

teams from our Fire-Brigade took part in the Guelph tournament on Thursday, and good teems they proved themselves to be. Accompanied by their band they left here about 4 o'clock in the morning, drove to Toronto, from which place they proceeded to the Reval City by the G. T. R. For the hose reel contest seven companies entered and it is needless to say they were the best in the province. The conditions were a run of two hundred yards with reel to hydrant, attach and lay 350 feet of hose, take out third length, replace with last length and attach nozzle. Each company had twelve men, and as each place represented had its scores of admirers and backers, the excitement ran high. Under the circumstances the time coming out in the front. The time for each team was as follows:- Richmond Hill 1.24 Brampton 1.243; G. T. R. Toronto 1.26 Waterloo 1.32; Aurora 1.35; Walkerton 1.37 and Thorold 1.43. In the hook-and-ladder race there were five entries. Each team had to run three hundred yards with waggon, raise a sixteen foot ladder, time to be called when man ouched the top wrung. This was scarcely less exciting than the previous race, and in this our "colts," as they were called, had the honor of winning first money. The times were: -Richmond Hill 521 sec.; Aurora 53; Beamsville 53; Georgetown 531; G. T. R. Toronto 55. Our boys naturally feel elated over their successful trip, and speak in the highest terms of the manner in which they were used in Guelph city. They reached home at 4 o'clock, Friday morning, just 24 hours after the time at which they started. No doubt had they been able to return at an earlier hour they would have received a tangible welcome which they richly deserved. In honor of the event a torchlight procession was given on Monday evening when the Brigade, headed by the band, appeared in uniform. When we consider that some of those who took part in the contest from this Brigade are boys who can be seen any day dressed in knickerbockers, the result is a great achievement, and is no small honor to the village. The prize for each race was \$75, or \$150 in all, which after paying the expenses of the trip will considerably strengthen the funds of the Brigade. THE LIBERAL is proud to know that two of its staff assisted in winning the trophies which were so much coveted by every company on the ground. The firemen have nothing but praise for the able manner they were officered by Lieut. Savage, Foreman Redditt of the Hose and Foreman Sheppard of the Hook-and-Ladder. The following took part: Hose Contest-J. Brownlee, W. E., Wiley, C. Skeele, J. Piper, W D Atkinson, T Trench, C McLean, C Wright, A Wright, H A Nicholls, A Smith, J Sanderson. Hock and Ladder-Wiley, Wright, Penrose, Powell, Ashton, Powell, Brown, Smith, C. Wiley, Piper, C. Wright, Cowie, Brownlee, Gaby, A. Wiley.

BIRTHS.

DERRY-At Woodstock, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., the wife of C. G. Derry, of twins-son and daughter. DEATHS

PARKINS-At Hope, on Thursday, June 21st, John Parkins, aged 72 years, 11 months. JACKSON-At Fisherville, Vaughan, on Friday, June 22nd, Geo. Jackson, aged 31 years

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Mr. Jas. Johnson started for Calgary N. W. T., on the 18th inst. where he intends to take up a farm.

Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Wood started on a European tour on Tuesday last. They expect to be away for several weeks. We wish them a pleasant trip and a safe re-

Miss Bowes, of Vancouver City, B. C. gave a short account of her work among the Chinese and Japanese of that city, at the prayer-meeting here on Thursday evening of last week. She is working under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and gives a very encouraging report of her work. During one and a half year's labor in that city seventeen Chinese have been converted and baptized.

On Sunday morning Miss Bowes gave a very excellent discourse on part of the last verse of the 47th Fsalm, "The shields of the earth belong unto God." She is expected to speak at either the morning or evening service next Sunday.

Rev. D. D. Franks preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening from the works of St. Paul, "I have fought a good fight." Mr. Franks goes to Mckellar, Parry Sound district for next year, and Rev. C. Fish takes his place on this cir-Two of the young men have lately

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highly enjoyed by the participants. Our town has been much excited during the past two weeks over a civil campaign between our present Mayor and the Ex-Mayor. The trouble seems to have arisen over the position of a fence and well between their adjoining lots. Both parties felt certain of victory, and accordingly collected all the force possible for a general campaign. The only life that was lost and injury done, however, was the death of a gander supposed to be caused by the bursting of a shell, and a displacement of a seat of life belonging to the ex-Mayor. In the midst of the fray a flowing well was discovered, which at once appeared to dampen and cool down the spirit of fire between the two parties. All the force of artillery, field and shop batteries, formerly collected were returned to their old position of harmlessness and ere long a reconciliation took place. In memory of the event a demonstration was held, in which the leading feature of the day was a rabbit hunt. All the noted dogs of the neighborhood were present. After much excitement the bunny was captured by black regina Tom a famous hunter of the north.



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