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the Village of Russell.
AGENTS wanted in all villages.
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Assigned:—

Mr. S. B. Annable's, many friends
will learn with regret that he has made
an assignment. There was a meeting
of the creditors on Thursday.

Married:—

On Tuesday of this week, at the
Presbyterian Manse Miss Florence
Barrett of Toronto was united in matrimony
to Mr. Isaac Brown, of Osgoode
township. Miss Ethel Waddell acted
as bridesmaid while Mr. Jas. Shaw
attended the groom. The Rev. T. A.
Sadler officiated. The brides dress
was of brown figured grenadine trimmed
with silk and white chiffon. After
the ceremony they drove to their future
home in Osgoode.

Hunting Party:—

Messrs. T. Mather, J. Barringer, C.
Buckley, Frank Holmes, T. Walsh, M.
Thrnbull, A. Palmer, John Kinkade,
R. Craig, T. Helmer, I. Rumbough
left this week on a deer hunt.

A needed Warning:—

In another column will be found an
abstract from the sermon of the Rev.
T. A. Sadler delivered in the Presby-
terian Church last Sunday. It is in-
deed a shame that in a quite village
such as this, people from the surround-
ing country are allowed to come here
and under cover of darkness, commit
such acts as have been committed on
our streets. It is with regret that we
refer to this matter, but we feel in our
duty, to do so and the sooner
the matter is attended to by parents
the sooner will such characters get
their just deserts.

Then again the congregating on the
street corners which is a nightly occur-
rence and the language used by the
gang, is not fit for the ears of anyone.

How long is this state of affairs to
go on? Whose duty is it to see that
it is stopped? The only answer is that
so long as we are without the services
of a policeman, just so long will this
mob rule the streets. It is the duty of
the village trustees to appoint a con-
stable and see that he does his work
properly.

We might add to the Rev. gentle-
man's remarks the necessity of having
a truant officer. In our village, day after
day you can see crowds of young boys
between 6 and 13 years of age playing
around on the streets, during school
hours, while others are seen going off
in the direction of the woods with a
gun on their shoulder. Ask one of
them to spell their own name, and only
one out of ten will do so correctly.
We hope that it will not be necessary
to refer to this matter again and that
those whose duty it is to attend to it
will awaken and do so at once.

Cheese Board:—

There were over 600 cheese boarded
here on Saturday. Only a few factories
sold the price being 10 to 14 cts.

Ploughing Match.

The result of the men's class of the
county ploughing match was as fol-
lows:—

1st, D. McNeil, Mountain, who
also got gold medal for best ploughed
ridge and plough for the best outfit;
2nd, Robert McKendrick; 3rd, D.
McGregor; 4th, Joseph Phenix; 5th,
J. Young; 6th, Howard Spratt.

A protest was entered against
Messrs. McPhail and McGregor, on
account of being non residents.

Mr. McKendrick was protested
against, for not finishing on the first
day of the match.

A Western Visitor:—

Mr. Albert Young of Winnipeg son
of Mrs. Robert Young arrived Tuesday
evening on a visit to his mother.

Mr. Young intends staying a few
weeks. He states that business is very
brisk in Winnipeg and remarked on the
great improvement in Russell since he
left.

A Business Visit:—

Mr. Pierson of Merrickville spent
Tuesday with Mr. W. H. Lowrie,
looking after his interests in this part
of the country.

The Hog Business:—

Mr. McPhail of Vernon made
another large shipment of pigs to
Montreal this week. Mr. McPhail
has left a large sum of money among
the farmers of this section this year,
owing to the O. & N. Y. railway being
so convenient for shipping purposes.

Russell Public School.

Monthly report of primary depart-
ment for October.—

Second Class.—1, Annie Fitzsim-
mons; 2, Mary Pillar; 3, Gertie Ross
and Ethel Cooke.

Sr. Pt. II Class.—1, Ada Runions;
2, Herbert Summerby; 3, Lillie Con-
lin and Myrtle Fetterly.

Jr. Pt. II Class.—Dollie Argue; 2,
Dalton McKeown; 3, Wilkie Louis.

Sr. I Class.—1, Annie Graham; 2,
Lorn Fitzpatrick; 3, Thos. Fitzsim-
mons and Maggie Moore.

Jr. I Class.—1, Lloyd Helmer; 2,
Alice Robillard; 3, Irwin McCaffrey
and Albert Brownlee.

Edith W. Loucks,
Teacher.

Church Notes.

ENGLISH CHURCH.—There was a
large congregation present at the ser-
vice on Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Aborn
in the course of his remarks, drew at-
tention to the growing evils in the
village, he referred to the petition that
is now in circulation and strongly
condemned the habit of renting the
hall, for dancing purposes, to irrespon-
sible parties. Mr. Aborn requested
all his hearers to sign the petition.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Rev.
Mr. Sadler in his discourse on Sun-
day, after pointing out the duty of
parents to "train their children in the
way that they should go", drew atten-
tion to some of the dangers by which
the young people of our village are
surrounded, and made a strong appeal
to those who were present to do what
might lie in their power to remove or
diminish them. Mr. Sadler said
among other things "you ought to
protect the young people from many
dangers by which they are surrounded.
It may not be known to you all that

our village has a somewhat unsavory
reputation among some of the people
living in neighboring villages. Some
of the young ladies of our community
are pined by some of the Christian
people of other places and held in
contempt by "certain leud fellows of
the baser sort" who, however do not
object to coming here and associating
with them—with even the basest of
the base. If we say that the opinion
of others is not well founded we
cannot but admit that we have
customs that are followed by many,
which are not wise. I, myself, have
noticed young girls in their teens, out
on the street for a length of time, long
after dark, without responsible guard-
ians. I have been told that young
ladies are frequently in the streets
with irresponsible parties at and after
midnight. This is to be greatly de-
plored. A few years ago the village
was only a county corner when boys
and girls knowing each other perfectly
might be allowed to break the un-
written laws of civilization, but we
must bear in mind that we now live
in a much larger place—in a village
which is a business center. What may
have been permitted in the past can-
not now be allowed without danger. I
need hardly say that in all larger
places—indeed in villages of any size,
young ladies—little girls shall I term
them, are not permitted to go out on
the street for a length of time without
some person who is worthy of their
confidence. There is very little
occasion for young ladies to be tramp-
ing up and down the streets with dif-
ferent parties at or about midnight at
all. Another thing that is to be
deplored is the unwisely conduct of
some young ladies at the station. I
assure you that travelling men only
go away to make fun of the young ladies
and of the village. All such conduct
should be frowned down upon by
every respectable person in the com-
munity.

Another feature of our social life
that is fraught with great danger to
the boys and girls, but perhaps, more
especially to young ladies is the
dancing in the Hall. Every now and
again a number put their heads to-
gether and hold a dance. All who
wish, I understand, are permitted
to attend. If a dirty scamp comes
from any of the neighboring villages
he may enter the hall unmolested,
and secure the acquaintance of young
ladies present, and be as familiar with
them while on the floor as though he
were perfectly pure minded and their
intimate friend. Dancing of all kinds
is to be condemned, but dancing
carried on by persons of all characters,
without any responsible persons in
charge, above all. The dance origi-
nated around the false gods of our
ancestors and often wound up with
frightful excesses. It is sometimes
little better to this day. To the pure
all things are pure. It may be possible
for a pure and spiritually minded
person to dance, even with the im-
moral, without personal danger, but
for the sake of the weak the strong
should refrain. If however, you must
dance, by all means get a few of your
own friends and companions into your
own homes and dance until you are
satisfied. Do not understand me as
approving of dancing of any kind.
It only was to make clear that this
latter would not be so bad. I believe
all dancing of both sexes together to be
of the evil one and to be fraught with
danger and therefore the duty of
Christian to desist from it.

of a weaker brother. "If meat make
my brother to offend I will eat no
more meat."

There can be no excuse for this
dancing in the Hall at all and I trust
that you will all sign the petition that
is to be circulated, giving the town-
ship council to put an end to it. I
cannot understand how the council
permits it at all. Another danger to
our young people is in the custom of
loafing. There is a great many young
people who frequently stand around
the street corner, expressions, some-
times heard by the passer by, reveal
that the conversation, frequently en-
gaged in is not for the mental nor
spiritual welfare of those who take
part in it. Loafers in the stores,
which the storekeepers cannot help,
loafers on the corners, but, very few
appear to have time to attend prayer
meeting.

Other evils are the Billiard Hall
and the Saloon. The Billiard Hall is
placed in such proximity to a Hotel
that the one aids the other. The
danger is increased of young men
being injured and led to eternal ruin.

How are these terrible dangers to
be guarded against? You will certainly
do all you can to protect your own
children. You ought also to take
thought of other people's children.
Teach your own children the dangers
to which they are exposed. Provide
all kinds of innocent amusement in
your homes. Make your homes as
attractive as possible. Encourage
the young people of both sexes to
meet together freely under your super-
vision. If young people are tied down
too much the tendency is for them to
go to the opposite extreme. Let them
have pleasure then from time to time
in your homes. Encourage all kinds
of music. Let the air vibrate with
laughter. Sympathize with your child-
ren and with the young people in all
their cares and difficulties. Do not
make little of their trials which appear
very petty to you. They may be of
great importance to them. Secure
their confidence. Do not forget to
pray for them. While you teach
and warn them, pray for them
around the family altar, with
them alone, and by yourself. Pray
for their success in life and protection
from temptation. Do all you can to
remove temptation from the way of
the young people of the village and
from your own children. At the same
time trust and pray more especially
that those entrusted directly to your
care may be kept from all harm and
presented at last faultless before God's
presence with exceeding joy."

To Stop the Dancing.

A petition has been put in circula-
tion by the clergymen of Russell to
have the dances in the Hall stopped,
and is being largely signed. The
object is not to stop dancing entirely
but to put an end to the amusement
(?) as it is now conducted. It is
customary to have affairs of this kind
conducted by a committee whose duty
it is to see that no objectionable
character is admitted and that every-
thing is carried out in a respectable
manner. A good idea would be to
issue invitations and allow only parties
who were invited, to the present, the com-
mittee of management would then be
responsible for the proper carrying out
of the affair.

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