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KINGSTON PRESBYTERY

TO SECURE REPORT ON SOCIAL AND MORAL REFORM WORK.

And It Will Be Dealt With at the Next Meeting—Business Taken Up at the Tuesday Afternoon Session.

Social and moral reform work will be dealt with in a special manner at the next meeting of the Kingston presbytery.

At the Tuesday afternoon session of the presbytery in St. Andrew's school room, Rev. J. D. Boyd, the convener of the social and moral reform committee, referred to the special report on the work throughout the presbytery, which was being secured, and the following recommendation was passed: "That the presbytery urge most strenuously that all the sessions throughout its bounds, to whom schedules with queries, are now being sent out, give early and careful attention thereto, and forward to the convener their replies, before the close of January next, giving as full and definite information as possible, that he may be in a position to submit a thorough and practical report on the subject, to the March meeting."

Considerable routine business was transacted during the afternoon. The members of the presbytery expressed their sympathy with the moderator, Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Belleville, in his illness.

The treasurer's book, submitted for audit, was reported to be in a most satisfactory condition.

Rev. J. A. Shaver, in the absence of A. S. Kerr, submitted a report on young people's societies, which recommended that the conveners of the young people's societies and Sunday schools, be asked to amalgamate under one convener, so that reports of the work of the year could be given. The recommendation was adopted.

Prof. A. Laird submitted a report on the superintendence and examination of students, recommending that the following be certified to for the continuance of their studies:

A. D. Matheson, Fort Stewart; George Rawland, Concession; James Robinson, Bath; L. A. Muttitt, Maynooth; John Dawson, Portsmouth; J. F. Wedderburn, Tichborne; S. A. White, The Ridge; W. E. Bannerman, Lavant Station; P. N. Sinclair, Wolfe Island; James Pearson, Kingston.

Rev. Mr. Gracey vacated the chair and as convener of the home missions, augmentation and French evangelization committee, submitted an interim report, setting forth progress being made as regards assignments, charges, and arrangements for supplying all the home mission fields during the Christmas holidays.

The report was received and thanks tendered to Mr. Gracey for his diligence.

Rev. A. Laird reported in regard to Collins Bay and Portsmouth, and requested that some one be appointed in his place as moderator. Rev. Mr. Fabris was appointed moderator for Portsmouth and Collins Bay and Rev. Mr. Shaver was appointed moderator for Concession and Hillier.

Presbytery adjourned to meet again the first Tuesday in March next, at 10 a.m., in the school room at Chalmers church.

ADVERTISERS HELP US!

The Christmas Whig is to be issued on Saturday next, and it is earnestly desired that the advertisers assist in securing an early issue on that day. This is desired so that the edition will be a very large one, and will entail considerable work in being made ready to be handed to our subscribers. We also desire to add the newsgirls in their work of distribution. If advertisers will see that every line they wish in Saturday's issue is in the hands of the printers by Friday noon, they will assure them we will be able to handle their advertisements in a tasty manner. Church notices, readers from organizations and the liners from merchants are also desired by Friday noon. If help in this matter we will issue a fine paper and make prompt delivery.

STEAMBARGE SOWARDS

DAMAGED BY FIRE EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Loss Is \$1,500—The Vessel Was to Have Made Two More Trips Across the Lake for Coal Before Going Into Winter Quarters.

The steambarge Sowards, owned by John F. Sowards, of this city, took fire at 5:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning and burned until after eight o'clock. The cabin was destroyed and damage to the amount of about \$1,500 was caused. Not only was there the loss by fire, but the steambarge was to have made two more trips for coal this year, and this will cause Mrs. Harvey Denes to lose out.

The fire started while the crew were in their rooms and they saw the blaze none too soon to make an escape, half clad, from the cabin. Those who were aboard at the time were Captain Max Shaw, Captain Mitchell, of the schooner Katie Kestler, Engineer James Tetterton, two firemen and John Lobb, the cook. The latter was down in the kitchen and was preparing breakfast when the blaze took the crew wholly by surprise and chased every one on deck.

After two hours' the firemen had the blaze well under control, and by eight o'clock nothing was left but the smudge and steam around the charred framework of the cabin and the engine room. The machinery was unharmed. The fire means a loss to Mr. Sowards as the boat was to be sold on Thursday to look the boat over and was intending to sell. His plans are now to start directly to rebuild and the vessel will be in service again next season.

The cause of the fire is a sort of mystery, although it seems pretty certain that the blaze started in the engine room.

OFFICERS' MESS BUILDING

At Tete de Pont Barracks Is Nearing Completion.

The officers' new mess building at the Tete de Pont barracks is at last nearing completion. It is hoped that the work will be finished about Christmas time.

The building is most complete and up-to-date. It is built of stone and finished on the inside with beaver board. The ceilings are finished in the colonial style, and the lighting fixtures are very neat. It is stated, however, that the building has cost the government considerably more than the estimated cost suggested at the outset. This is attributed by the contractor to changes in the plans unforeseen at the first, which have added to the expense.

A Successful Chef.

Edward R. Moore, a native of Kingston, is now chef on the Twentieth Century Limited train, on the New York Central railway, between Buffalo and New York city. He went to the United States when a boy and served his time in the culinary art, and later worked in the finest hotels in the United States. On three occasions, he was awarded first prize for ability as a chef. For some time past he has been writing recipes for the newspapers, and he claims that he can show people how to make anything it is to have parties—that they often think so expensive—at their own homes.

Used for First Time.

The addition to the post office was used for the first time on Wednesday. At present the postmen are making their headquarters there and this will relieve the crowding in the other department. The mail is increasing every day now.

A majority of the failures may be found in the don't-try class.

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OPENING CEREMONIES

At the Sir Oliver Mowat Memorial Hospital.

The Sir Oliver Mowat Memorial hospital at "Kirkleatham," Portsmouth, will be opened on Thursday afternoon, and the citizens of Kingston and vicinity are invited to attend and to inspect the building, which is pronounced A1 by the inspector of prisons and charities, Dr. Connell, president of the Kingston Health Association, assisted by Mrs. H. R. Duff, will receive, and during the afternoon the Daughters of the Empire will serve tea. At 3 p.m. the chair will be taken by J. G. Elliott, chairman of the committee in charge of the opening, and after prayer by Rev. T. W. Neal, pastor of Sydenham Street Methodist church, Dr. Connell, president, will give a review of the organization and work of the association, after which Dr. A. E. Ross, M.P.P., will introduce Hon. W. J. Hanna, who will declare the building open and deliver an address. He will be followed by Sheriff Mowat, of Toronto, son of Sir Oliver Mowat, who will acknowledge the honor bestowed to the memory of his father, by the institution of the hospital which bears his name, and to his family, very cheerfully gave consent for its institution. Anthony Rankin, M.P.P., and possibly W. F. Nickle, M.P., and others, will speak, and Dean Bidwell, of St. George's cathedral, will make the closing prayer. Those who go out by street car will find vans ready to carry them to the hospital.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

ON THE WORK OF DEPARTMENT DURING YEAR.

There Were 100 Calls to Date—The Loss Amounted to Only \$39,930.03—The Dalton Fire the Largest.

At the meeting of the civic fire committee on Tuesday afternoon Chief Armstrong reported that during the year 100 calls had been received and answered, the largest number of any previous year. The loss on buildings had been \$7,184.83; loss on contents, \$32,745.20; total loss, \$39,930.03.

There were twenty-four fires where the loss was less than \$50; four between \$50 and \$100; six between \$100 and \$500; two between \$500 and \$1,000; two between \$1,000 and \$1,500; one between \$1,500 and \$2,000; one between \$2,000 and \$3,000; and one over \$3,000. Of the total loss \$28,826.35 was incurred in one fire, that of Dalton's hardware store.

The chief expressed thanks to the police force for assistance on all occasions. His personal thanks he expressed to the chairman and members of the fire committee, remarking that it was a source of satisfaction to him that not once during the year was it necessary for the chairman or members of the committee to find fault with the workings of the department.

It was reported by the auditor that the committee's appropriation was overdrawn by \$145. This was due to the fact that a floor at a cost of \$100 was laid in No. 1 station, and that horse feed had taken \$25 more than anticipated. The finance committee will be asked to provide \$175 till the end of the year.

A discussion took place on the merits of the fire motor car, which the people are wished to authorize the purchase of in January.

In attendance at the meeting were: Ald. Fair (chairman), Bailey, Hanley, Stroud and Turkington.

SPoke ON "THE DRAMA"

A LECTURE GIVEN BY MISS FORBES-ROBERTSON

In Grant Hall on Tuesday Night to a Large Audience—Made an Appeal for Establishment of Native Drama in Canada.

Miss Forbes-Robertson attracted a very large audience in Grant Hall, Tuesday evening, when she gave a splendid lecture on "The Drama." The name of Forbes-Robertson is no stranger to a Kingston audience and the handling of her subject, Miss Robertson proved herself no mean exponent of the art of which she spoke.

Miss Forbes-Robertson reviewed the history of the drama as it emerged from the Greek religious drama and the Sanscrit drama, which was the earliest to deal with the relation between man and woman. It made love the ideal, while to the Greeks the ideal was friendship. The speaker followed her subject from these remote times through the various stages of its growth, recounting its introduction into England as the religious play given by the monks to educate the people, and how battling in latter days the opposition of the Puritan England had finally developed a native drama second only to that of Germany.

In Canada and United States we have no native art and Charles plays are pruned and changed so as to be merely vehicles for the star.

Miss Forbes-Robertson made a strong point at the close of her lecture regarding the cultivation of native art play. Plays written at home and played by local players may not attain any great degree of merit, but they will be native, and that is a step toward native drama which means a great deal.

A Good Beginning.

Peterboro Review.

The first woman jury in Kansas is said to have opened its deliberations with prayer. At least that is an improvement on sending out to borrow a corkscrew.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip.

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Gilbert Canniff died at Toledo, Ohio, on Friday evening. He was seventy-five years of age and lived for forty years at Cannon, where he was engaged in the milling business with his father. His widow and four daughters survive.

Snow apples and Spy apples, seedless oranges.—J. Crawford.

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THE CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE HAS ORGANIZED.

S. Jordan Was Elected President—There Will Be Six Teams in the Senior Series and Three in the Junior.

The City Hockey League got a good start-off for the season at the annual meeting in the Y.M.C.A. building, on Tuesday evening. Representatives were present from most of the teams which intend entering the senior and junior series, and the enthusiastic atmosphere augurs well for sport among his puck-chasers this winter.

Harvey Milne, the past president, gave an "account of his stewardship," and spoke of matters of general interest to the league. Any notice of notice regarding change or amendment in the constitution must be made at next meeting.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Honorary president, Dr. J. J. Hart; honorary vice-president, A. W. Wheatley; president, S. Jordan; vice-president, Harvey Milne; secretary, H. J. Bongard; treasurer, E. F. Marshall.

The new president held a like position in the league a few years ago, and from his experience and interest in the amateur game, he ought to be a stimulus to the league.

Intimation was made by representatives that teams from the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Queen's, Bankers, Iroquois Club and Wormwiths, will try conclusions in the senior series, and the Tecumsehs, Collegiate Institute and Connaughts will clash in the junior. This will be the debut of the Bankers and the Iroquois Club into the senior series, and the club which has coined the governor-general's title will make its initial appearance with the juniors.

A Portsmouth enthusiast stated at the meeting that an advantage could be made to take advantage of the material and have the boys from the "Bay" represented in both series. And it was mentioned that the Y.M.C.A. was considering entering teams.

Frontenac Hockey Practice.

The Frontenac hockey club had its second workout at the armories on Tuesday evening. A large number of last year's team were out and a number of new men. For a time the players enjoyed a game of indoor baseball after which they had a run.

Among those who turned out were: Reid, Vanhorne, Coove, Dos, Purtell, Gunn, Hyland and a number of other players. The management wish to make it known that any person in the city who has ever played the game is asked to turn out as there are places on the teams to be filled, and every player has a chance.

Doc comes to the city from the maritime provinces where he has played on a number of teams, and will in all probability catch a piece on the senior aggregation.

Basketball Games.

Sydenham and Brock street seniors were the winners of the basketball



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games played at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium in the S.S.A.A. series on Tuesday evening. The first game between Sydenham and St. John's was very close. Some of St. John's team did not turn out so the players were allowed to choose two other men.

The second game was to have been between Brock and Queen, but the latter team did not turn up, and an exhibition game was played which resulted in a win for the regular team.

Favors Back Snap System.

All the officers of the Quebec Rugby Football Union were re-elected at a meeting held at Montreal. There were no amendments offered to the constitution which had been revised a year ago.

It was decided to support and should there be no other notice of motion at the C.R.F.U. meeting, to propose the following changes in the playing regulations:

- (1) To reduce the number of players on a team from 14 to 12 men a side, which in the general opinion would go a long way towards making the game more open and faster.
 - (2) To empower the centre man to put the ball in play from a down by snapping it back.
 - (3) To abolish the present yard rule and make it read a "fair catch."
- V. J. Carlie, belonging to Belleville, was killed by an engine in the C.R.F.U. yards at Toronto. His foot was held in the frog and he was crushed beneath the wheels of a locomotive.