

LOCAL BREVITIES.

An Eminent Singer. Miss Annie Howland has been engaged by Mr. Sherlock to sing here on Thursday, the 28th.

Shun Liniments and Lotions. For pains in the back, chest or kidneys, but try a sure and effective remedy such as Pomeroy's Plasters. Sold by druggists and J. G. King, Kingston.

The List is Confirmed. The list of those who recently passed the entrance examination, with the addition of Laura Ely, of Catarqui, has been confirmed by the education department.

Very Good Season. The Wilson Day theatre company left for Belleville, after playing here for a season of three weeks. The company was very successful, and took away with it between \$400 and \$500.

B. Laurance's Spectacles. The only sure aids to perfect vision, at J. G. King's drug store. Buy none other. See every pair is stamped "B.L." Imitations abound. The frame may sometimes be closely imitated, the lens never.

He Cannot Visit Here. It was expected that Rev. Dr. Wilson, of New York, would be able to visit Kingston during this week, but this pleasure he has had to deny himself. His engagements will not permit him to absent himself.

Another Engine Ordered. Mr. Unsworth is in the city arranging for the construction of another engine for the Prince Edward Island railway. The locomotive company has already built six engines for the road, a narrow gauge.

Perfumes at Wilson's Pharmacy. The celebrated "white heliotrope," west end and violets, Ricksuker's, Lubin's and Atkinson's best extracts. Come and try these goods for nice Xmas presents. They will be just the thing, and remember they are the best at Wilson's pharmacy.

Was It Genuine? Rev. S. G. Bland took occasion yesterday, while mentioning the bible society's meeting on Tuesday night, to say that the mere announcement would probably crowd the house. During the elections there was a remarkable revival of loyalty to the bible, and he was pleased to see it. Its genuineness, however, would be indicated by the attendance of people at the meeting aforesaid.

Electors of Kingston. Attention! A rumour having been current upon the street that Mr. Gunn would refuse to be a candidate at the coming elections, a reporter waited upon Mr. Harper, of the firm of A. Gunn, & Co., and asked him if there was any foundation for it. Mr. Harper said that from recent correspondence received he knew that Mr. Gunn would accept the nomination if it were tendered to him. He was in the hands of his friends.

The Hotel Arrivals. Arrivals at the British American Hotel—J. F. Sherman, Tamworth; S. Robertson, Thomas G. Dexter, J. M. Sheak, M. P. Parker, James D. Allen, E. S. Smith, Toronto; D. A. Fleming, A. E. Williams, N. Lewis, G. A. Armstrong, James S. Thompson, R. Filer, Chas. E. Kerr, R. J. Dinahan, Fred. F. Kelly, Montreal; E. B. Wallace, Belfast, Ireland; J. Unsworth, P.E.I. RR.; A. Maclean, P. A. Taylor, Ottawa.

Election of Officers. At the regular meeting of the Court Frontenac No. 59, I. O. F., held in Foresters hall, January 6th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: C. R. T. W. Moore; V. C. R. Joseph Wilson; recording secretary, Walter Batty; financial secretary, W. J. Fair; treasurer, James Galloway, jr.; chaplain, Rev. C. E. Cartwright; J. W. C. Allen; S. W. T. L. Barber; S. B. Thomas Smeaton; J. B. T. X. Rogers; P. C. R. John McLeod; D. D. H. C. R. A. R. Millar. This court is in flourishing condition.

Every Room is Full. The public schools are crowded. Miss Tandy and Mr. Rowe have eighty pupils each, and in the rooms of other pupils the accommodation is unequal to the attendance of scholars. "We could easily establish three new classes," said Inspector Kidd, "if we had the space for them. The new school, I can assure you, is one of the best investments the citizens have ever made. Already people are moving to the city in order to give their children the educational advantages it offers them. I am sorry the school is not ready for occupation now."

A Lack of Work. The Canadian engine and locomotive works company continues to discharge men for want of work for them, and the dominion government continues to purchase machinery in the United States, or remove the duty off articles needed for public works. Recently dredging machinery was purchased in Lockport, N. Y., and when asked about the matter Sir Hector Langevin said it could not be made in Canada. Enquiry was not made at the locomotive works about the machinery, and yet it can build anything in iron required upon the continent. The mechanics of the city should not forget this.

Presentations at Elginburg. The Sabbath School pupils of Mrs. H. Johnston, Elginburg, called upon her on Thursday evening last and presented her with an address, accompanying a handsome piece of silver. They spoke of her never-varying kindness, perseverance and devotion, and wished her to be long spared to a blessed work. The address was signed by Stephen Knight, D. M. Knapp, Stanley Johnston, John J. Sharpe and Russell Mallet. The almost irrepressible little bird having whispered to Mrs. Johnston in advance she had prepared for her visitors an entertainment of the most hospitable and enjoyable character.

Vick's Floral Guide. Lovers of the beautiful in art and floriculture find a treat in Vick's Floral Guide for 1887. Each succeeding year brings great improvement in this popular annual—in beauty of exterior, number and elegance of floral and vegetable illustrations, and variety of subjects practically treated. The title illustration, a bunch of pansies, and the page in colors of "border and bedding plants," are good specimens of chromolithography, while the hundreds of smaller illustrations are true to nature. The volume opens with a series of articles of great service to amateur and professional gardeners, is followed by faithful illustrations of the interior of the immense seed house, and by engravings of leading and rare varieties of flowers and vegetables.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing escapes the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes.

W. Kelly, of York street, died on Saturday.

A masonic ball will be held at Wolfe Island on the 18th.

The exports from the city to the United States during the past year were very light.

Mrs. Capt. Lawson and Miss Patton sang solos at the salvation army services yesterday.

Mr. Mackie, agent of the G. T. R., presided at the tea meeting held at the depot on Thursday evening.

Conductors H. Wooliver Bokes and Funnell take charge of the K. & P. R. night trains alternately.

A letter, addressed to G. Mackenzie, was picked up on the street this morning. The loser can get it at this office.

Another locomotive left the engine works to-day for the North and Northwestern R.R. It was in charge of Mr. Barlow.

J. W. Brown procured a number of black thorn sticks while in the old country. These he has distributed among his friends.

A number of people who attended the salvation army services yesterday had their clothes sadly marked by paint, which came off the seats they occupied.

G. Morris and P. Walsh, ex-convicts, charged with having robbed A. Spence, were to-day before the court and again remanded until to-morrow.

W. Power, and a number of men, leave in a few days for Bickhorn and Burley rapids, and resume work on the locks of the Trent Valley canal.

The value of imports for Gananoque for the last six months was \$90,783; the exports, \$38,749; the duties collected amounting to \$15,617.08.

When Mr. Unsworth, of Prince Edward Island, now here, left home on Tuesday the fields were nearly as green as at midsummer and the air was balmy.

Ald. Wilson, manager of the street car line, has issued a new time table. Coaches will follow each other every forty-five minutes to and from Portsmouth.

A snow shoe club has been organized in connection with the C. L. A. Mr. J. J. Behan is the captain and president of it. The boys will have a tramp on Wednesday evening.

Prof. Langley's astronomy paper in the forthcoming February Century treats of "The Stars." The illustrations include a reproduction of an instantaneous photograph of a flash of lightning.

It isn't always safe to judge things by their outward appearance. There's many a sealskin saque that has been bought by an unwilling husband as a means of getting his wife to give her jaw a little rest.

Another worthy addition to Kingston's benevolent institutions is the dispensary for women and children. There is room still for an old people's home and a private hospital for paying patients. Some wealthy citizen may yet endow one of them.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Growth of the Church of England—An Interchange of Thought.

The regular meeting of St. James' church temperance society occurs on Tuesday evening, with an address from Rev. B. B. Smith.

Owing to some defect in the gas pipes leading to St. Andrew's church the light afforded by the gas jets in the building last night was very scant; it was not sufficient to enable people to read the hymns. Lamps were introduced for the benefit of the minister and organist.

In a missionary sermon yesterday Rev. J. K. McMorine dwelt upon the great growth of the Church of England and of christianity generally. The church had in the first decade of this century built only one church per year; in the last decade it has erected over one hundred each year, or six thousand since 1850, while nine colonial dioceses have grown to seventy-one. There has been spent on church purposes within this thirty-five years \$400,000,000.

There was a general exchange of pulpits last evening in the churches connected with the evangelical alliance. The people generally appreciated the interchange of thought. The programme as arranged was not carried out in its entirety. Rev. S. G. Bland took Rev. R. Whiting's place in the First Congregational church, the latter having to preach dedicatory sermons at a new church on the Bath Road. Rev. W. G. Henderson, of Pittsburg, filled Rev. R. Stillwell's appointment in St. Andrew's church. The latter was preaching missionary sermons in the country. Rev. F. W. A. Meyer was ill and Rev. W. K. Shortt supplied his place in the Fourth Methodist church.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Meeting of the Board—Changes in the Staff—The Ross Bible.

A meeting of the board of trustees was held on Saturday. Present—Hons. G. A. Kirkpatrick and M. Sullivan; Messrs. L. Clements, E. H. Smythe, E. J. B. Pense, D. Phelan, and R. W. Robertson.

As Miss McIntyre, who had charge of the preparatory class, has accepted another engagement, it was resolved that this class be discontinued. As a class it must be self-supporting, for no public funds can be voted to it, and the attendance at the recent reopening was not encouraging.

The departure of Miss Emmons left a vacancy in the drawing mastership. Mr. H. W. Poor was chosen.

The report of the high school inspector, after his half yearly visit, was received. It was quite satisfactory, speaking favorably of recent improvements and calling attention again to requirements, such as a gymnasium, hat and cloak rooms, furniture for teacher's rooms, etc. Messrs. Smythe and Pense were appointed to report upon these, in anticipation of the yearly budget. The hearing is at last good.

The "Ross Bible" was laid on the table and the regulations for its use informally discussed. It is in daily use in the institute, the Roman catholic pupils nearly all withdrawing. No action was taken regarding it.

A Fine Students' Meeting. The last meeting of the Alma Mater Society was one of the largest and most enthusiastic held for years. It is now almost certain that the meeting with Toronto will take place. Mr. T. G. Marquis and Mr. D. Strachan both received enthusiastic accolades upon their appearance. Next Saturday evening it is expected that the sextette club will make its first appearance. This club of which Mr. Jas. Minnes, an enthusiastic worker, is a leading spirit, will no doubt be received by a full meeting.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

James F. Sherman, of Tamworth, is visiting in this vicinity.

Principal Grant lectured in Lansdowne on Friday night.

In ten weeks Michael Davitt delivered forty-seven lectures.

Mr. A. Stanford is advertising Hardy & Co. in Renfrew county.

C. Keene has been appointed store keeper at the K. & P. R. car works.

Lennox Irving, B.A., of Pembroke, has been given a lieutenancy in the 43rd Battalion.

Mr. Gladstone is said to be engaged upon a work connected with the Olympian religion.

Rev. J. K. McMorine will spend the ensuing two weeks in a missionary tour of the diocese.

Ex-Ald. Birmingham left the city to-day for Pittsburg, Pa. He spent last week in Ottawa.

Col. Campbell and daughter left for London, England, to-day. They go by way of New York.

J. McRae, of Wolfe Island, left on Saturday for North Bay. He will visit Mr. Doran, stipendiary magistrate.

A. R. Carman has resigned his position as editor of the Prescott Independent, and will edit a temperance paper in Toronto.

E. Couper has been appointed by Macnee & Minnes to represent them on the C. P. R. route between Carleton Place and Chappleau.

Miss P. Lyon, K. & P. R. agent at Flower station, is ill. Her duties are being fulfilled by Mr. A. McNaughton, of this city.

Mr. Kennedy, cutter in McNaughton & Co.'s clothing store, returned from Toronto this morning after having spent a week with his friends.

Rev. F. H. Du Vernet, of Toronto, is to conduct "a quiet day for women," at St. James' church, Philadelphia, on January 13th, with four services.

W. J. Greenwood, of this city, was recently married at Mitchell to Miss Ella Campbell. The groom has accepted a position in the Whitty collegiate institute.

Colin Mackenzie, son-in-law of Fishery Inspector Kiel, has removed from Watertown to Wolfe Island, whither his correspondence should be addressed.

George Fawcett Rows lost all the scenery, costumes, manuscripts, etc., required for producing "Phyllis," an opera, by the fire in the Temple theatre, Philadelphia.

Miss Everts, a student of the female medical college, on returning to her home in Lindsay, during the Christmas holidays, received a stroke of paralysis.

The approaching marriage of Louis H. Tache, nephew of Archbishop Tache, to Miss Maria Louisa, daughter of Justice Tache, of the Supreme court, Ottawa, is announced.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Closing Meeting—The Speakers at It—Converting the Jews.

The week of prayer was brought to a close by a hearty service of prayer for nations in Bethel church on Saturday night. The singing was spirited. Prayer was offered by Rev. Messrs. Spurling, Houston, McFayden and Dr. Hooper and Mr. Meadows.

The Rev. S. G. Bland, after pointing out that God had honored the evangelical alliance and the week of prayer, as was shown in the increased brotherliness amongst protestant christians, and the revival of missionary zeal during the last twenty or thirty years, referred to all these union services and interdenominational associations as prophecies of the one great catholic church which was to be flexible in its organization, varied in its methods, liberal in minor points of doctrine, but one in its reverence for the word of God and its loyalty to Christ, and overwhelmingly and irresistibly one in its determination to seat the Lord Jesus on the throne of the world. Remarking on the evening's subject for prayer he said it was a matter for thankfulness that the christian idea of a patriotism, as wide as the world, was slowly taking the place of the noble but narrow patriotism of the past. Touching governments he thought that in these democratic countries the electors should pray first for themselves, since on the whole their representatives were a rather flattering copy of the electorate. Christian men in politics were too easily cowed by the devil. But he was thankful the church of Christ no longer despaired of the world, and the promises of God gave ground for boundless faith in the future. The Rev. Prof. Mowat made an urgent plea for mission work among the Hebrews. He pointed out their accessibility, scattered everywhere among christian nations, and accepting thirty-nine out of sixty-three sacred books of the christian; the great debt we owe to those who have taught us all we know about God and heaven, Jesus himself being a Jew; and the mighty impulse their conversion would have on the evangelisation of the world in the enlisting of their zeal and the signal fulfilment of prophecy. The firmness of the reasons urged against the work was then exposed. The vileness of the Jews was alleged, but the descendants of Abraham and Moses and Daniel would not be wholly vile, and christians remembering their vileness, from which the gospel had rescued them, should be the last to urge such an excuse. It was objected that they were objects of the divine displeasure, but it was not for us to take up the weapons of God. Such a plea could sanction any crime. In reply to those who argued that it was presumptuous to anticipate God's set time to favor Zion, he contended that the presumption lay with those who professed to know the times and seasons which the Father had put in His own power. God's time to save is when men are willing to co-operate with Him. In conclusion he referred to the encouraging results already won, their being one hundred clergymen in the Church of England who were converted Jews.

DOMINION CIVIL SERVICE.

Successful Candidates in Kingston at the November Examinations.

The list of successful candidates at the late civil service examinations, held in Kingston some time ago, is as follows:

Preliminary Examination—Alexander Howe, Noble P. Joyner, Hiram Metcalfe, Henry C. Smith.

Qualifying Examination—M. E. Brennan, Wm. T. Burk, James L. Gibson, James Gibson, Noble P. Joyner, Francis Kane, Minnie N. Legge, Horace McGuire, Wm. Jos. O'Reilly.

Optional Subjects—M. E. Brennan, bookkeeping; Noble P. Joyner, precis; Minnie N. Legge, bookkeeping; Horace McGuire, bookkeeping and precis; Wm. Jos. O'Reilly, precis.

China has agreed to pay \$25,000 to the American missionaries who suffered losses during the recent riots.

CARL FECHTER'S LETTER.

TALK ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE LATE ELECTIONS.

How Mr. Metcalfe Made Himself Solid With the Electors of the Township of Pittsburg—Observations of Our Venerable Friend on Election Day—Weary of the Deception of the Age.

Am I at liberty to again burden your columns with my passing thoughts? While two electoral battles were in progress and while, after the fights, men were occupied in summing up results, in counting up the dead and wounded, I discreetly held my peace. Now, when my inhibition is being lifted, I am warned by the occasional shots of political skirmishers that another invasion is premeditated, and that it will develop into a general engagement all along the line. I am about weary of election talk, and still I bow to the inevitable with becoming grace. I would, however, end the uncertainty which is so wearing upon the politicians. The hesitation of my old friend, Sir John Macdonald, is ominous of evil. To him Hamlet's soliloquy has a fresh significance:

To be, or not to be; that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The sting and arrows of outrageous fortune: Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, And by opposing end them?

Any day may bring news of the last grand political upheaval, which must take place ere men can expect a return to the normal condition of things.

I was a great deal interested in the elections which gave to the holiday season a peculiar spice. That in connection with the local legislature was the most mixed and misleading affair that I can remember, and I have had my finger in many a political pie. Of course the ballot makes the polling of votes uneventful as compared with the open voting, the riots and the ructions of former days; the intimidation which it prevents is more than offset by the treachery it protects. Mr. Whiting must have wondered what struck him at the close of Tuesday, Dec. 28, when, instead of getting a majority of 200 or 300, he ran behind some 250 votes. I had hugged the idea that he would "get there," as his nominators predicted, but on election day my mind was changed. Mr. Metcalfe, I learned, had made himself remarkable solid with the people of the township of Kingston, not by the clearness with which he advocated the issues of the day—for he seemed to forget what he and his friends did in the legislature—but by the performance of personal favors. These dated from the time the township was made an "annex to the city" till the election was ordered, and afterwards. He sent electors all manner of presents from the northwest, from a gun alleged to have been picked up on the Batoche battle-field to a lock of Louis Riel's hair. These presents were not bribes, but they had the effect of quieting certain voters, as they were no doubt designed to do. As I walked through Rideau ward I saw that it was to be the scene of a great surprise. Rideau has become the pivotal point of this electoral division, and if the voters of it are not petted and fawned upon and made much of the politicians will not have profited by the lesson they profess to have learned. I have heard that all was in commotion "upon the hill," and that "the hill would lam it to somebody in 'good shape,' and that 'about noon on election day somebody would be very tired.' It was about the hour of 12 o'clock that I timidly approached a couple of outside managers at polling sub-division No. 14 and asked them how the battle went. "How is it going?" said one, with a look which implied profound pity for my inquisitiveness; "its going the way we want it to go; we're giving the church—hail Columbia," or words to that effect. I went then to the other extreme of the city and contemplated the operations of a canvasser who was supposed to be in perfect sympathy with one party while he worked for the other, keeping up, as he led me to understand, his pledges with one and his appearances with the other. I was especially interested in the analysis of the vote at this sub-division, and, alas, I failed to find the evidence that my friend had fulfilled his difficult and dual commission with that perfect success which he anticipated. The conservatives got his votes and those of his friends. And so the deception went on, discreditably electing the one and discreditably defeating the other. To think that all this has to be repeated in a few weeks—it's more than my nerves can stand.

The result of the mayoralty election was not sensational. Everybody but the Chown family expected Mr. Carson to win, but everybody did not expect him to roll up such a big majority. I foresaw the end of the campaign from the beginning of it. At the nomination neither of the candidates did well, but the sympathies of the people were with Carson, even the sympathies of the men who were generally supposed to be working like Trojans for Mr. Chown. I hear that Mr. Chown is very sore over the way in which his friends deserted him, not without good reason. He was brought out by a number of men with the best intentions, but they did not look for events as they were developed. They saw that Mr. Carson was supported by electors whose opposition they, on account of politics, would not brook, and for the party's sake Mr. Chown was offered up as a sacrifice. It wasn't the kind of treatment he deserved, but as one of his supporters observed, "He's too loyal to the cause to do much kicking." As a contingency of the contest Mr. Chown took to betting, and this was more remarkable than anything political that occurred within the year of grace just closed. I understand that he built high his hopes of a sweeping majority in St. Lawrence ward, and wagered with Mr. Carson to this effect: that the loser should send five barrels of meal to the house of industry for the benefit of its inmates. I could scarcely believe that Mr. Chown would make a bet—it was contrary to the professions of his life, you know—but it seems that he did, and that, losing, he has like an honorable man gone about the settlement of it. I see that he has sent one barrel of meal to the institution aforesaid; the other four will follow, I presume, in due time. The objection to betting will, in this case, be modified by the reflection that it was servicable to one of the most deserving of our local charities. If all bets were similarly inclined it would not be necessary to preach special sermons against them betimes.

By the way can any one tell me why a man, seeking a seat in the city council, must be assessed for real estate valued at \$1,500, or for leasehold property valued at \$3,000, while a candidate for the legislature requires only an abundance of cheek? Why should there be this distinction with a difference, and difference with a distinction? I have never been able to understand it. If qualification in another name for security—a necessary guarantee of common honesty—it is wanted as much in the legislature as in the council, a great deal more so. There

is less opportunity for corruption in the council, but to my mind the members of both bodies should be under the restraint of similar bonds. And did it ever occur to the electors that the time has arrived when they should take into their own hands the selection of men for mayoralty honors? "They do that now," says one. Yes; after a fashion, but the choice lies generally between two men, who have the assurance to put themselves in the field, unsolicited, and refuse to leave it. This is a pernicious custom, and the sooner it is abolished and the custom followed in Montreal—a popular choice by a public meeting—approved the better. Such a course would be a protection from the fusillade of political artillery threatened throughout the year but just begun. How would it do for Aids. Drennan and Thompson to send the case, so far as they are concerned, to the people? Would either or both abide by the preference expressed by a public meeting? Would they retire in favor of a dark horse as yet unknown and unannounced? It is doubtful. And really I would not like to see the better one of the two make way for any man, who, though a jolly good fellow, is not versed in municipal routine. It is bad enough to have a mayor, as chairman at a church social, ask the choir to sing a "trio"; it is bad enough to have him refuse to leave the chair, at an educational meeting, when it is intended to pay him a compliment which he is unable to see; but it is infinitely worse to expect that the aldermen shall defer action from time to time, sitting with their fingers in their mouths, awaiting the instruction of a mayor by the city clerk on points of order with which he should be familiar as an experienced member of the board.

There is a tendency in latter years to run candidates for office who can command the support of some influential class. This pandering to nationalities, however, is not a new idea by any means. Memory carries me back to an exciting aldermanic election which took place in August, 1846, when the Irish residents of the city achieved a great triumph, electing sixteen out of the twenty members of the corporation; indeed, the Irish might have elected the whole twenty with ease as they had the controlling power in all the wards at the time. They were induced to make a display of their power for this reason: At the annual election, (occurring in March, and for the last time before the incorporation of the city,) Mr. James Baker opposed Mr. M. T. Hunter unsuccessfully. The vote was an open one, and on examining the poll books the friends of Mr. Baker discovered that not a single Englishman, Scotchman, Canadian or American had voted for him, that he had been left to the tender mercies of his countrymen, that they had been taken by surprise and so suffered defeat. The Irish resented this partiality at the general election, and with the result indicated.

The last, I think, has been heard of civic dinners. They were of very ancient origin, as old as the city itself, and were inaugurated by the late John Couther. The first of them occurred in the British American hotel, and was such a success that the toast was drunk to him: "May you long remain mayor of Kingston, and may we live long enough to dine at your annual dinners." Were Carson to indulge in such things now, on that plan of the 1846 dinner, the W. C. T. U. would have reason for serious alarm. The aldermen of to-day are not accustomed to carry about with them hats of different sizes for heads of different sizes, and the outfit and the necessity for it would cost too much for these hard times. Of course the mayor will get a suggestion from the gentlemen who discuss matters, foreign and domestic, public and private, in the well-known Princess street resort. The other night I heard a seer, from his perch upon a high chair, descend upon the connection between dinners and dress coats, and there was a mint of morning in his speech. He had the appearance of one who had gone through the Christmas holidays with a healthy appetite, and expected turkey and plum pudding all the year around. I hope Carson will give him a wide berth.—CARL FECHTER.

THE WESTPORT DISTRICT.

Succession of Tea-Meetings—Social and Society Events—Prosperous Lodge.

It is some time since you have had any news from this section of county, and yet great activity has been the rule in tea-meetings, Christmas trees and political meetings. The baptists opened early in the season with a successful tea-meeting. Soon after the presbyterians followed with one, at which Geo. Taylor, M.P., Dr. Preston, M.P.P., Mr. W. H. Frobenburg and the resident minister of the gospel were present; \$125 was realized between the amount taken at the door and subscription taken at the meeting for some improvement on the manse.

The Christmas trees of the presbyterian, methodist and baptist churches were well attended and afforded much gratification to the youngsters.

On Monday last, the 3rd inst., Mr. E. G. Adams was elected reeve after a severe tussle with Mr. Abilla Taggart. Mr. Adams' majority was 17. The councillors for the year are James Porter, Daniel Mericale, James Kane and Dr. Parker.

The Westport lodge of United Workmen has elected its officers for the ensuing year: Master workman, Rev. D. Y. Ross; past master, Dr. Parker; foreman, W. J. Webster; recorder, E. G. Adams; receiver and financier, Geo. Jancle; guide, D. P. Alguire; overseer, J. R. Garrell; watchman, W. Dier. The lodge expects to hold a supper in Newboro soon. Addresses in the interests of the order will be given.

Trust Not to Luck. Coughs and colds do wear away, sometimes but very often they become so deeply seated through neglect that successful treatment is impossible. How much better it would be to resort to that long tested family remedy for coughs and colds, "Lanman's Balsam Syrup," than to assume a risk so great. This family remedy is so very pleasant to the taste and may be given to children without difficulty. Try for cough and colds "Lanman's Balsam Syrup." Sold by N. C. Polson & Co.

T. C. Wilson Will Have Opposition. A school trustee stated to-day that several members of the school board had got their heads together and decided to elect, if possible, Mr. H. V. Savage, chairman of the board for 1887. Politics, you know.

Weather Probabilities. Fresh to strong west and south-west winds, clearing weather, lower temperature.

\$30,000 worth of Dry Goods to be Slaughtered. The Greatest Sacrificing Sale ever known in Canada will open at F. X. Cousineau's on Thursday, Jan. 13th.