ST. JAMES' TO THE FRONT.

SUCCESS OF THE TEMPERANCE SO CIETY'S MONTHLY MEETING.

The Contributions of Song and Literature -The Temperance Idea Put Upon a New Basis-Less Spont in Religion in Kings, ton Than in Liquor-The Membership of Societies.

The monthly meeting of St. James' temperance society was held last evening in the parochial school room, which was fairly well filled, the majority being young persons.

Mr. J. A. B. Smith, the corresponding secretary, read a letter from Mr. R. V Rogers, containing grateful acknowledgements for the portrait of the first pastor of St. James, lately placed in the schoolroom by the members of the society. Then followed the programme, which was mostly literary. Miss Smith, however, sang twice and very sweetly.

Rev. R. T. Burns favored the audience with one of his amusing and always appre-

ciated readings.

An address by Rev. W. B. Carey followed, in which he set the temperance idea upon its true basis, the consecration of the body and soul of every man to God, through the in-dwelling of the Holy Ghost. Coming to the practical question he deprecated the unguarded terms in which dealers in liquor are sometimes spoken of. We were ourselves the makers of the country's laws, and one of these laws made it as legitimate to sell ale or brandy as dry-goods or groceries. He then deeply deplored the fact that under the operation of that law so much money was annually expended in intoxicants. In the city of Kingston alone considerably less was devoted to religious purposes than was spent in the purchase of spirits.

This showing was bad enough, though matters were immeasurably worse in England. He strongly urged that temperance societies should avoid the dual basis, and be composed only of total abstainers, and concluded an excellent address with warm words of encouragement to the workers in

St. James'.

Mr. Rogers followed with a vigorous reading from Archdeacon Farrar as to the drink traffic in Northern, Southern and Western Africa, and in Madagascar, and a few words from the chairman, in which he traced the total abstinence principle through the ages from the time of Moses onward, brought the meeting to a close. Mrs. Geale presid ed at the organ.

CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN.

Rev. Mr. Birniwa Talks of the Customs of the Japanese-Nipissing District.

The second Methodist missionary meeting for the advocacy of domestic and foreign missions, was held in the Sydenham St. Methodist church last evening. The audience was a large one, and every seat in the building was taken up. The singing of the choir was a feature of the evening exercises and highly praised. Miss Fralick sang a difficult solo, one meriting hearty applause ..

Mr. Hiraiwa, of Japan, spoke about the social and religious events in Japan. The Japanese had three systems of religiors, ancestral worship, Confucianism and Buddhism. In a very lucid manner he explained each in an interesting way. He said that at the present time christianity was rapidly taking the place of the heathen religions. Twentythree years ago there were no Protestant christians in Japan; now there are 30,000. The sectarian spirit was absent in Japan, and it was expected that in a very short united. The effect of christianity upon the people was shown. The men are becoming progressive, the women are the equals of the men and not their slaves as in the past, and industrial and training schools are being established. The speaker closed an able aldress by making a strong appeal for aid to the mission work in Japan.

Rev. Silas Huntington related the wants of missions in the Nipissing district. He showed what had been done in that district in the way of evangelizing and christianizing the people. He asked for a liberal response to his appeal for help and to domestic mis-

The meeting was closed after the Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa had recited the Lord's prayer an I sang a hymn in Japanese language.

Knock Down the Idols.

During his address in Sydenham street church, Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa gave a description of different kinds of idols in use in Japan. He exhibited what is known, as the "Goddess of Mercy." When he got through speaking about it he left it on a small table, on the platform. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Huntington, who, while speaking, slapped the table to emphasize a remark, caused the goddess to fall to the floor. The Japanese clergyman caught on at once, and said, "That's right Mr. Huntington ; knock down the idols.

Talking Too Much.

At the missionary meeting last evening Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa, in speaking about the women of Japan, said that those married to heathens were always afraid of being divorced. A very trifling matter would bring this about; for instance, talking too much would lead to this trouble. The audience smiled, especially the female portion of it, when the preacher gave this pointer.

THE COMING OF "ERMINIE."

The First Production of It in Ottawa-A Very Fine Performance. Ottawa Free Press.

Great enthusiasm was evoked by the man ner in which "Erminie" was produced by Rudolph Aronson's New York, Casino opera company for the first time in Ottawa. The plot is simple, the music pretty, and the dialogue bright and witty. The company, costumes, scenery and effects are of an excellence unusual in a travelling organization. The size of the stage prevented proper setting and compelled the omission of the pink ball-room scene altogether. The stair case scene was exceedingly good. 'Of the artiste the tenor has probably the best voice, though Erminie herself and Cerise sang so acceptably that they were several times recalled. In fact nearly all the solos and some of the choruses had to be repeated. The trained and effective singing of the chorus was an agreeable surprise. There is a comedian of great abilities. He is one of the two thieves. He did and said some of the funniest things. His acting drew shouts of

repeated to-night. The orchestra, it should be mentioned, is large and complete. The company number some sixty people. In Kingston on Thursday and Friday

laughter from the audience. His song;

"That's What the Dickey Birds Say," re-

minded one of Ko-Ko in the "Mikado," but

this thief is not Ko-Ko "cause he can prove

a halibi." Javotte and Simon were extreme-

ly amusing. All the parts were well taken,

and Erminie made a great hit. It will be

Long silk gloves, evening shade, at Laid-

evenings.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. Mary Anderson is worth \$1,000,000 in her

own right. Chief of Police Paradis, of Montreal, is Capt. Thompson, of the Salvation army,

Yarker, is visiting in the city. Rev. Silas Huntingdon has been appointed master of a new masonic lodge at North

Bay. Rev. Mr. Cruiksband, Point St. Charles, has declined the call from Perth Presbyte-

rian church. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has just received a bequest of \$9,000,000 from a rela-

Mr. W. J. McGin, of London, who has been on a visit to his friends here, left for the west to day.

Mr. Kinghorn, of Montreal, and a member of the M. T. company, is in the city on Ger. Komaroff has been appointed to the command of the Russian troops massing in

The Princess Mand, youngest daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales, has just

completed her 18th year. Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa and Rev. S. G. Bland left to-day for Gananoque, and speak at a

missionary meeting to night. Capt. Lawson and wife, formerly stationed here, are now in command of the Salva-

tion army at Paris. Major Wilson, of "A" battery, has gone on a furlough to Quebec. He will resume his duties on Jan. 2nd.

General Master Workman Powderly has had a severe hemorrhage of the lungs at Scranton, but is better and resting quietly. Miss Florence Nightingale, the heroine of

the Crimea, is thought to be dying from the effects of an old hospital fever which she contracted in 1856. John L. Sullivan, the only great man of the name, has boxed before the Prince of

Wales. The greeting between dignity and demoralization was impressive. Rev. J. A. Smith, one of the ordained deacons of the English church, has been ap-

pointed by the Bishop of Ontario to West Winchester and South Mountain. Hon. Dr. Schultz, accompanied by Mrs. Schultz, has arrived in Ottawa. Dr. Schultz's

health is much improved. He will remain till the close of the approaching session of parliament. Mr. Gladstone will not go to Ireland this winter. It is said that the right honorable gentleman's inheritance from the estate of

the late Lord Wolverton will be some \$300, Sir D. L. Macpherson and Lady Macpherson are in the city visiting their daughter, Hon, Mrs. G. A. Kirkpatrick, They have but recently returned from a European

Commissioner Gordon will have his report, regarding the weighing of coal, ready in a few days. He says that the dealers in coal are acting honestly with their patrons. Some loads of coal, tested by them, were found to weigh 50 pounds over the ton.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOUR.

Questions That Are Now Before Them-The Builders About to Organize.

The election of officers in connection with all the assemblies occurs in the last week in December. Many changes are promised; still it is hoped to have the support of the retiring officials in order that the organization may make in the future the same steady progress it has made in the past.

The influence of the order is being generally recognized. The members of it are time all the church denominations would be being daily canvassed by persons seeking public offices. The knights, however, are not concerned about anything which is outside and extraneous to their peculiar pro-

Mr. W. J. Arniel is making great headway in his canvass for election to the school board. On all hands his candidature is ap plauded, and he bids fair to be returned by a large majority, if not by acclamation. Mr. Arniel is one who will do the ward and order infinite credit.

The builders of the city, and there are many of them, have undertaken the organization of an assembly of their own. They met last night and took the preliminary steps towards the new departure. At the meeting of the mixed assembly to-night application will no doubt be made for consent to seek the charter and proceed to the institution of the new assembly.

The position of the knights of labour on the forestalling by-law appears to be misunderstood. They do not make any unreasonable demands on the council. They apprehended an attack on the by law, and in order that the council might know the feeling of a large body of the citizens sent a resolution embodying their sentiments to the council. They sprung nothing upon the council; they had nothing to spring. The resolution they sent to the city clerk, and were content to leave it in the hands of the aldermen for consideration.

The school board, as the knights understand it, is in favour of the Kindergarten system of education; and approved of it by the adoption of the school management committee's report at the last meeting of the board. The point on which delay hinges is the engagement of a teacher. Applications are coming in for positions, and others may be received before the date of the appointment. Definite action will not be expected for some time. Inspector Kidd will visit Ottawa shortly and on his return report his observation upon and opinions of the system. Mr. Kidd is an admirer of the Kindergarten, and believes Kingston should have it and be so kept abreast of the times.

DOUTNEY IN PORTSMOUTH.

Reads a Pledge Which Fifty People Sign-Scott Act Violators Challenged.

Precisely at 7:45 o'clock last night Mr. Doutney, accompanied by his wife, Mr. Dobbs and Miss Dobbs, arrived at the Orange hall, Portsmouth, which was tastily decorated. Mr. Dobbs took the chair and asked the Rev. A. L. Macfayden to offer a prayer. The chairman then briefly introduced the speaker, who asked his wife to

sing "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." The speaker introduced himself by saying he was not going to give a lecture but a talk, and introduce his methods, which he did very successfully to a crowded house. He has respect for those who go to church but much more so for those who act as they speak, vote as they pray, and drop their ballot for the consistant temperance candidate. He rejoiced to say he was in a Scott act district, but he had been told liquor was still sold on the sly. The violators of the act were criminals. He would rather see a house with a red light over the door, to warn travellers of danger within, than those sneaking places which men enter by the back door, and which display no signals. He concluded by a strong appeal to those present to sign a pledge which he read. In ten minutes he obtained fifty names. The chairman said Mr. Doutney would speak on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights in the same place.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE HENRY GEORGE LECTURES IN CANADA-AN EXPLANATION

Mr. Balmer Says Something of Interest to the People-The Mechanics Take a Hand in Public Discussion-Labour Questions Take Precedence Just Now-Issues of the Hour.

KINGSTON, Dec. 13. - (To the Editor) : A local misrepresentation, recently circulated concerning Mr. Henry George's postponed visit to Kingston of last year, has just been brought to my notice, and I gladly profit by this opportunity to make a personal explanation, which I did not feel at liberty to make public before, regretting only that those who have been circulating this misrepresentation had not first sought a definite statement either from Mr. George or from

It is asserted, I understand, that Mr. George insisted upon payment for the evening in Kingston, and upon this alleged demand is based a charge of "greed" and "selfishness" against that gentleman. Al low me, then, to say briefly that for his whole engagement of six nights, Montreal Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and London, (the last five of which were cancelled) Mr. George refused any payment whatever, and accepted only what could scarcely have sufficed to cover his travelling expenses from New York to Montreal and Ottawa and return. He had in the meantime lost at least three days at a particularly basy period, just before the first publication of his journal, The Standard.

I trust now that I am not too sanguine in expecting that the persons who have been circulating the misrepresentation will be glad of this opportunity to correct it

Just a word of further personal testimony. Some years ago, through reading his works, I had become convinced of the rare genius and great heart of Henry George. I had, moreover, a reason to be strangely and profoundly grateful to him. For in "Progress and Poverty" I met for the first time the inspiration and abiding hope and strength of real religion. Some of my friends have since assured me of a like indebtedness on their part.

When I made the personal acquaintance of Mr. George I found him as I had hoped, a serene, deep soul. Extraordinary success had not elated him, nor the persecution of slander embittered him. With his eye fixed upon the pole-star of duty, his course was steadily forward, never diverted one instant by passion or self-interest.

Note with what dignity he moved through the late campaign, with what calm fortitude, resembling quiet exultation, he endured defeat. And now, when just escaped from the turmoil of the contest, he delivers a speech in the Academy of Music, N.Y., on a Sunday evening, which, for aptness and beauty of expression and for sustained sublimity of thought, surpasses any oration I can remember to have read. The subject of this speech was "Moses." I quote a few lines, of which I think no unfit application may be made to Henry George himself :

"To dispute about the inspiration of such a man were to dispute about words. From the depths of the unseen such characters must draw their strength; from fountains that flow only from the pure in heart must come their wisdom. Of something more real than matter; of something higher than the stars; of a light that will endure when suns are dead and dark; of a purpose of which the physical universe is but a passing phase, such lives tell.'

I should be very sorry if this local slander has been a stumbling-block in the way of any timid inquirer. But I shall be happy if the exposure of the slander and my own personal testimony to the genius and moral grandeur of the man should induce a single one to carefully read his works. -Truly, ROBERT BALMER.

A Letter from California.

ONTARIO, Cal., Dec. 4.—(To the Editor): We are safely here, after a long and tedious journey of eight days on the cars. We came by the Santa Fe route and passed over many dangerous places, though the scenery was grand in the extreme. Deep canons, high mountains and massive rocks of all shapes and colors elicited much admiration, especially from the lovers of nature. And, Mr. Editor, did we have an opportunity we could easily have contented ourselves for days, and even weeks, in roaming over the mountains and through the valleys which our eyes beheld as we glided along towards our destination. But, then, when we reached the greatest valley in Lower California, and looked out over vine yards and gardens, and avenues with their trees of green foliage, and groves of semi-tropical fruits, we were amazed, surprised and de-

This valley is seventy miles in length and fifteen miles in width, and for healthfulness of climate, productiveness of soil, and railroad facilities, cannot be surpassed. There is a deliciousness of atmosphere that is not felt in any other part of the world, and while in the north the weather is cold and bleak here it is almost perfection. And with blue sky and sunshine, trees laden with golden fruits, strawberries, oranges and grapes now ready for use, gardens surrounded with hedges of palm, cypress and magnolia, pepper and other trees, one cannot refrain from exclaiming, "What hath

God wrought!" My lot is cast in the town of Marquette, which is situated on the great A.F. & S.F. railroad, which brings here eight passenger trains daily, to say nothing about specials, which are very numerous, as the influx to this part of California is so great. The railway company finds it impossible to convey all by regular trains, and therefore it is com pelled to run excursions to bring to their new homes those committed to their charge.

And just here I will say that Marquette is a most beautifully laid out city. It is divided into four squares, with a park in the centre. This park contains five fountains. A large and commodious hetel has been crected just across the avenue. All the blocks are laid out in perfect squares, with broad streets and avenues, many being one hundred feet wide, as you will see by the map accompanying this letter. Many new buildings are about to be put up, and the town company will spare no pains to make this one of the most prosperous cities in Southern California.

On every hand we see extensive and wellcultivated vineyards, ranging from 20 to 400 acres of land. One vineyard last year produced 48,000 gallons of wine, and another produced during 1886 300,000 gallons, which sold at from 80c to \$2 per gallon, according to quality. This alone is sufficient to make Marquette one of the largest cities in this part of the world.

And now I come to the most essential thing in Lower California, viz., the water which is to be found here, and pleuty of it. It is pure and good to the taste, which cannot be said of the water in all parts of this country- Pipes have been laid through the streets, and water is delivered on every lot at the small cost of \$6 per annum, and on all the lots outside of the city the company sells water rights with every 21 acres or more, and with a little work and a great deal less care that it takes to run a farm in the east, | mouth to-day.

a man can support and keep his family comfortably on 20 acres of land, three crops of potatoes being taken off it in one year. And if anyone is desirous of making a good living, as well as laying up a nice little bank

account, this is the place for him. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, in thanking you for your space let me say that the WHIG is popular here, and is read by many Canadians, both from Kingston and elsewhere. More anon. - Yours truly, R. C. Bell.

Letter from "Another Mechanic,"

KINGSTON, Dec. 14 .- (To the Editor) : "A Mechanic," in the Wing of last evening, contributes a half column of unmitigated twaddle. He undertakes to discuss the social problem, as written of by Mr. Balmer, and shows by his remarks that he has not the slightest conception of what Mr. Balmer refers to. Mr. Balmer does not speak of the issues

that are deaft with by the national and benevolent societies, and there are no five local associations, besides the now very strong knights of labor, and certainly not five "mechanical clubs and social societies whose noble object is the inculcation of principles which will fit man in every walk of life, the assisting of one another in time of distress." . The knights of labor assist members in distress, and make no public boast of the fact, and they inculcate principles with which no other association in the city grapples, "A Mechanic" to the contrary notwithstanding. The knights do not make a fuss about

what they are doing. The public know precious little of what they are doing, and can know little, but I can tell "A Mechanic" that they are not, as he supposes, constantly at war with capital, and constantly seeking the destruction of the possessors of it. They are banded together for the promotion of mutual interests, and those interests they frequently discuss. But they sometimes do more—they take into consideration matters pertaining to the public welfare, matters calculcated to do "A Mechanic" good, though he will from am bush fire his shots at them.

The reference to anarchism is too silly to merit serious attention.

Let it be known that the knights of labor of this city do not believe in it and do not encourage it, and they have no objection to Officer Timmerman and "A Mechanic" immortalizing themselves by the arrest of it.

The record of the order, it is true, is before the public, and the phenomenal growth of that order in the city is an evidence of what the public think of it. Four assemblies have been organized since February and two more are about to be formed; and those who have joined them fail to find it what "A Mechanic" has conjured it up to be. It invites no conflict with the employer; it means no attack on civic or other government; it shows no disrespect for those who show it no disrespect; it raises no class distinctions and calls for no unrighteous proceedings. In months there have been no difficulties it has been unable to conciliate. Arbitration it believes in. If arbitration has been a failure the fault does not lie with the knights. Only one case in a year required a resort to arbitration and up to a recent date the knights' arbitrator was ready to act and the employers' arbitrator was

All the personal grievances to which "A Mechanic" alludes are the result of his own distemper. He is, too, worrying himself over his own vain imaginings. He is probably one of the few who have undertaken to talk the order out of existence and find the contract a rather weighty one.

And he would, forsooth, become a knight if he could be classed higher than some of his fellow-labourers. Impossible! The knights believe in the brotherhood of man. The order has no room within its ranks for dudes and cranks. - Yours, ANOTHER ME CHANIC.

Had Timmerman an Animus? KINGSTON, Dec. 12 .- (To the Editor) : I notice in your issue of the 10th that "Law Respecter" seems anxious to revive the unpleasant occurrence of the 3rd, which was being peaceably forgotten. The procession, consisting of between two and three hundred students, from arts, divinity and medicine, was as orderly and well-conducted a one as ever the students of Queen's participated in, for passing up and down Princess street four or five policemen were met who did not even deem a rebuke necessary. Officer Timmerman stood in the shadow of a building on Brock street watching the students pass quietly by until one of them, a few feet in advance of where he (Timmerman) stood, started to sing or yell; then, with admirable coolness, he (T.) sprang forward and by mistake grabbed Mr. Dixon, a man who was making no noise whatever. His immediate presentation of a revolver at the crowd is, I think, too cowardly an action to be discussed in the press. Timmerman's excessive zeal on that occasion was no doubt stimulated by a few old grudges which he owes the medical students, such as the occasion on which he was mixed with a mud heap in front of the City hotel by a late graduate in medicine. I enclose my card. -EYE-WITNESS.

AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

Mr. John Baxter-Miss Nora Waggoner. This morning a highly interesting event occurred at the residence of D. J. Waggoner, Glenburnie. It was the marriage of Miss Nora, one of the many handsome daughters of the estimable gentleman, to Mr. John Baxter of Pittsburg, one of the descendants of the renowned Baxter who first established a school in Kingston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard Whiting in the presence of a company of near relations and a few friends. The selection of Mr. Whiting to tie the puptial knot was due to the fact that upwards of thirty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner were united by a bro ther-in-law the late Rev. W. Philip.

The service was promptly concluded at 11 o'clock. The bride, looking remarkably sweet, was dressed in a gray travelling suit. To say that she looked captivating would be putting it mildly. The groom, a stalwart young man with handsome features, carried himself finely. The happy couple were assisted by Miss Maud Waggoner and Mr. James Baxter. The pledges were made, congratulations given, and the company retired to the breakfast room, where a superb spread awaited their attention. A pleasant hour was spent and then the wedded couple were driven to the junction station and left for Montreal. They left the bride's home amid a shower of rice and old shoes. The bride received many gifts, testifying the appreciation of many friends. No one was happier on the occasion than the genial father, who proudly gave his daughter into the keeping of the promising Pittsburger.

Daniel O'Shea-Miss Armitage.

Yesterday Daniel O'Shea, formerly with Folger Bros., and popularly known as driver on the Napanee and Kingston stage, was married yesterday at Clark's Mills, to Miss Armitage, of Ernesttown, daughter of the lady who was killed some years ago at Cataraqui by a G.T.R. train. Rev. Mr. Elliott perfo rmed the ceremony.

Mr. Mooers shipped five cars, containing 2,500 bushels of rye, to the west to-day. The schr. Deleware was launched at Ports

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. Cashmeres cheapest at Hardy's. Cut glass bottles at Wade's drug store. Smart boy wanted at Spence & Crumley's. Fancy shades in long silk gloves at Laid-

Cheapest nap and curl cloakings at Har-

New sachet powders at Wade's drug Mitts and gloves, and persian lamb caps,

lower than ever at Rattenbury's. Asthma cured by the double treatment of Southern Asthma Cure, is a common remark. A prominent Cornwall gentleman has promised \$2,000 to the endowment fund of

Queen's university. The merchants complain about the dullness of the times. Christmas times have not yet brought much cheer.

At the county court yesterday the grand jury brought in a true bill in the case of J. McKee, charged with larceny. For the best quality of Scranton stove

coal, also for English (Newcastle) black smiths coal at lowest rates go to gas works coal yard. Nice for breakfast-rolled oats, rolled

wheat, crushed barley, gold dust cornmeal, corn grils, granulated oatmeal. James Craw ford. The glee club of the Royal medical col-

lege visits Sydenham in January. On their recent visit to the village they were agree. ably entertained by Mrs. James Burgess, We find your raisins good, and the price raisinable, remarked a customer the other

day. Every variety of Xmas fruits, new,

fresh and at right prices at Hendry & Thomp-All ye who love sweet flavored things. Come where such things are sold, Where the air with loudest praises rings.
The praises of pure gold—
Essences at Hendry & Thompson's.

Backache is almost immediately relieved by wearing one of Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. Try one and be free from pain. Price 25 cents.

Last evening while John Elmer was absent thieves entered his room in a Brock street hote! and carried off \$70. It is said that the robbers are known. "He's a funny fellow. I'd go twenty miles

to hear him again," is the way people speak of Fax. Come and hear him at Cooke's church concert, Friday evening, in city hall. And they are good - Early Rose potatoes, cabbage, turnips, tub butter, fresh butter, eggs, finnan haddies, cranberries, Labatt's sparkling ale, Bay of Quinte cider. James

Crawford. Lecture by Rev. Mr. Timberlake Thursday evening, in Methodist church, Ports mouth, entitled, "A Peep at the Old Country," or "Rural Life in England." Every body invited. Admission 15c.

Try our dry edgings \$2.50 per cord; dry pine blocks \$3 per cord; dry oak cordwood, as good as ordinary hardwood \$3.50 per cord, delivered throughout the city. R Crawford, foot of Queen street. Why don's you try Carter's Little Liver

headache, and all the ills produced by disordered liver. Only one pill a dose. A party of 30 young persons, ladies and gentleman, went to the country last evening in a band waggon. On the return home the vehicle broke down and they had to walk

Pills? They are a positive cure for sick

to the city. They arrived this morning at six o'clock. An incandescent electric light, 25 candle power, will burn near the city park this evening. Its effectiveness to light that locality where shade trees interfere with the light thrown by the arc lamps will be notic-

> Little scraps of humor. Little rays of light. Knock our daily troubles Higher than a kite.

Hear Fax, city hall, Friday evening, at Cooke's church concert.

A big drive on dress goods at Hardy's, Twenty-eight recruits have been enlisted for "A" battery. They are being drilled by sergeants Kinchella and Coyn. The men came from Guelph, Hamilton, Peterboro and London. Twenty-nine recruits are needed at the battery.

F. Nesbit sends us the Canadian almanac for 1888. This will be the 41st year of its publication, and it is filled from cover to cover with the most valuable information. There is no work so much consulted, so generally useful, as the Canadian almanac.

DROWNED WHILE SKATING.

A Heartrending Accident at Portland-First Drowning in Twenty Years.

A heartrending accident occurred on the Rideau lake in sight of Portland. John Dowsett, aged 15 years, eldest son of Patrick Dowsett, was drowned on Monday morning. H and some other boys were out skating, when Dowsett skated into an air-hole. The boys that were with him ran to the village with the sad news. The villagers turned out in crowds to the scene of the accident, and in less than thirty minutes after he fell in his body was recovered and all means possible were used to bring him to life again, but without avail. The same boy met with an accident last summer in H. F. Taffy's cheese box factory by which he lost his left hand. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the villagers. This is the first drowning accident that has occurred in the Rideau lake for 20 years.

Concert in a Church.

Last evening there was a concert in the Methodist church at Bath. Rev. Mr. Henderson presided. The event was very much appreciated. The following was the programme:

Opening hymn. Chairman's speech.
Song by Miss Leonard.
Recitation by Mr. Wright.
Song by Miss Orser and Miss Greenwood.
Song by Miss Flynn.
Recitation by Mr. E. Mullen (encored).
Song by Mr. Watts.
Duet, violin and organ by Mr. Hicks and Duet, violin and organ by Mr. Hicks and Miss

Song by Miss Leonard.
Address by Mr. Johnson,
Song by Miss Flynn.
Recitation by Mr. E. Mullen (encored).
Song by Miss Orser and Miss Greenwood.
Song by Mr. Watts. Violin and organ duett by Mr. Hicks and Miss Vanalstine (encored). Closing exercises.

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