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CAPSIZE IN THE BAY.—Friday afternoon two young men, Mr. C. Stone and Mr. O'Neil Black, had a narrow escape from drowning on the Bay. They were rowing near the place known as Huckleberry Point, when, owing to some mismanagement, the boat capsized, and as neither of the parties could swim their position was critical. They were fortunately observed by some men on shore, who came to their assistance, the young men in the meantime clinging to the upturned boat. This should be a warning to parties who, being neither expert oarsmen nor swimmers, make a practice of trusting themselves on the Bay in such small craft.

REV. MR. GILRAY'S STANDING.—A correspondent having written to a contemporary calling in question the standing of Rev. Mr. Gilray, formerly of this city, in the M. E. Church, that gentleman has written a reply, in which he says that he is a member of the M. E. Church and of the official Quarterly Board of Plymouth charge, Buffalo, N. Y., of which Dr. Hunt is presiding elder. He says: "I hold letters (better than I deserve) from some of the best men in Canada and the United States, letters of character and standing. The presiding elder who urged me to go to take charge of Chatham understands it, and most all the leading men of the M. E. Church in Canada."

EXCURSIONISTS IN A DILEMMA.—Whilst the engine of the H. & N. W. R. train which leaves the Beach at 10:30 p.m., on Saturday night, was being turned on the turn-table there, it was accidentally run off. The workmen at once set to work to endeavor to get the locomotive righted, but all their efforts were of no avail, although several hours were spent in earnest endeavor, and at length intelligence was sent to the G. W. R. authorities, with a request for aid. With characteristic promptness, the G. W. R. at once sent a locomotive to the scene, which brought the belated excursionists to the city, which, however, was not reached till half-past two yesterday morning.

FUNERAL.—On Saturday afternoon the funeral of the late W. S. Griffin, who was drowned in Toronto Bay a few days ago, took place from the residence of his father, Rev. W. S. Griffin, Main street east, to the family burying ground at Waterdown. In the cortege were a large number of friends of the deceased from Toronto as well as from this city. Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, conducted the services at the house, and Rev. Mr. Poole, of the same city, was also present. The pall-bearers were the Messrs. Patterson, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Alfred Turner, (from Thos. May & Co., Toronto,) and Messrs. John Hoodless and A. Orlop of this city. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Keefer and Rigby.

B. M. E. CHURCH.—We have been supplied with the following summary of the changes made at the late Conference: Rev. S. D. W. Smith has been removed from Dresden to Chatham, and will act as general book steward and editor of the Church paper, the *Missionary Messenger*—positions formerly held by Rev. J. O'Banyon, who goes to Hamilton. Rev. C. A. Johnson, late of Hamilton, has been appointed general missionary agent. Rev. W. H. Abbott goes to Dresden from Buxton, his place at Buxton being filled by Rev. Walter Grayson, from the Nova Scotia Conference. Rev. Wm. Banyard leaves Owen Sound for St. Catharines. Rev. P. B. Whipper goes to Amherstburg, from Bronte, and Mr. Hale from Ingersoll to Puce River. The next Conference will be held in London, in June 1879. The Church is prosperous.

ADAM RICHMOND.

On Saturday night there was, considering the extremely hot weather, a very fair audience in Mechanics' Hall to see Miss Adah Richmond and her company in the burlesque of "Kenilworth." Both performers and play were new in Hamilton, and just at this season of the year people scarcely knew what to expect in the way of a show. It is safe to say, however, that the great majority of those who attended were agreeably disappointed; as a pleasing entertainment it ranks among the best that we have had for a long time, and as a burlesque performance there has been nothing to equal it in Mechanics' Hall for years. The company is in all respects a very superior one; there were no stunts, and no fail-

A RAILROAD WAR.

Woodstock the Scene of Battle.

Questionable Proceedings of the C. V. R. Workmen.

The people of Woodstock have been greatly exercised since Saturday afternoon over a railroad war which has prevailed about one and a-half miles to the west of that town. It appears that about half-past two o'clock on Saturday afternoon the employees of the Credit Valley Railway proceeded to attempt to lay the track of that line over the G. W. R. at the spot indicated. Such a course had been expected for some time back, and the G. W. R. employees were on the outlook, and intelligence was sent to this city, when orders were given to the driver of No. 88 freight to "hold the fort" till reinforcements were sent. A special train was at once despatched, Mr. Domville, mechanical superintendent, and Mr. McGuinness, road master, with a number of men being on board. At Woodstock they were met by Mr. Stiff, general superintendent, who had been on business in the West, and a determination to maintain the rights of the road was resolved on. On the part of the C. V. R., there were present Mr. Petheran, resident engineer, Mr. Brothers, track superintendent and his assistant D. C. Charles, who had 50 men under them. Several attacks were made by the C. V. R. men, but they were all successfully repelled, and at latest accounts the G. W. R. men had the road completely under control. As each train passed over, arrangements were made to leave an engine right on the spot attacked, so that if the attacking party would be successful, they had to remove the locomotive, which proved rather too extensive a contract when tried. Several men took place, and John Vandecar, a resident of Woodstock, got a severe blow on the head during one of them. During the afternoon and evening of Saturday, a crowd of about 1,000 persons witnessed the warfare. Last night's accounts are to the effect that the G. W. R. Company have effectually prevented the crossing being laid.

WHY THE C. V. R. CO. OBJECT.

From all we can gather the Great Western Company have very good reason for objecting to the proposed crossing. It is meditated to be laid down right at an up grade; and should the G. W. R. permit the C. V. R. to cross it would be to the serious detriment of the former, as it would be very difficult to get trains started after they had "slowed," as is required of them when crossing another line. The G. W. R. Co., we believe, have no objection to the Credit Valley crossing either above or below their line, but for the very good reason given above they decline to permit the level crossing. When the Credit Valley Act passed the Local Legislature, a provision was inserted providing for this crossing; and the fact being made known to the G. W. R. Co., a demurrer was obtained from the courts, on the ground that the Legislature had no authority in the matter—the House of Commons being held to be alone competent to deal with it. This is how the matter stood when then C. V. R. workmen made the attempt on Saturday. What further developments may bring forth remains to be seen.

THE HAND FRAUD.

The Judges' Decision Characterised as Unfair by the First French Canadian Musician—Strong Praise of the 13th Batt. Band—The Judges in a Dilemma.

From Montreal comes a dispatch to the effect that Mr. G. Couture, whom the French Canadians have always held to be the first among their musicians, has at last spoken in the *Montreal Review*, and there is consternation in their camp. He brings against the judges of the Jubilee charges of unfairness in the most convincing manner. He shows the means by which one or two judges could control the verdict of the whole number, and condemns the system of marking. He waxed warm in his eulogium of the 13th Battalion Band, which, with that of "B" Battery, he gives the first place. Of it he says, after re-

SPORTING.

Lacrosse.

HAMILTON VS. HAMPTON.

To the Editor of the Spectator.

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Payne, C. Rau, W. Schaaf and M. McPherson. Buffalo, July 20.—The lacrosse match here to-day, Tuscaroras vs. Union Club, of Port Colborne, was won by the Indians, they taking three games out of the five.

Toronto, July 20.—Only 3,000 or 3,000 people were present on the Toronto lacrosse grounds this evening to witness the match for the championship between the Montreal and Toronto clubs. The weather was splendidly fine, but the heat was intense, causing many of the usual frequenters of the lacrosse field to absent themselves. On the two teams facing, preliminary to the match, it was plainly seen that the Montreal twelve were the slightest, but in their play they proved themselves exceedingly agile, and gave the Torontos some very tough work to retain their laurels. This the home team, however, succeeded in doing, scoring first, third and fourth games, the Montreals only capturing the second. Bob Mitchell made the winning throw each time for the Torontos. The times of the games were 45, 18, 6 and 35 minutes.

Aquatic.

BELLEVILLE, July 20.—An effort is being made to have the proposed Hanlan-Courtney race take place on the Bay of Quinte here.

HANLAN AND ROSS.

St. John, July 20.—The final deposit of \$500 a side in the Hanlan-Ross race was made on Saturday with Mayor Earl, who was temporary, and is now final, stakeholder. There is nothing more to do previous to the race, except to select judges and put down the buoys on the course, which will likely be done on Tuesday, and each side is now patiently and confidently waiting for the day that will decide who is the champion sculler of America. The gatherings at the quarters of the rival oarsmen on Saturday were larger than on any previous day, proving that the interest in the coming contest is increasing. Both oarsmen went out for a spin just before dusk and rowed for fully an hour. Hanlan made a spurt at one time, showing extraordinary speed. Ross has improved greatly in style since his appearance in Toronto Bay, but there is not that ease and grace in his rowing such as is manifested by the Torontonian. "He's in fine condition" is the general remark regarding Hanlan, and the same may be said of Ross. Hanlan has brought himself down to 150½ pounds, while Ross, who weighed 200 pounds last winter, tips the scales at 168. Hanlan will probably row in the Elliott shell, in which he defeated Eph Morris, and which was brought him the other day from Toronto by David Ward. He has been having practice in her. Ross considers his new shell a little too small for him, but she is the best he has and he will row in her. The outriggers have been altered to suit him.

The Test.

SARATOGA, N. Y., July 20.—First day of the first series of races, introductory scramble, five furlongs, Bonnie Wood winner. Idalia 2nd, Vagrant 3rd. Time, 1:28½.

The second race, one and three-quarter miles, the Duke of Magenta was winner, Bramble second, Spartan the favorite third. SARATOGA, N. Y., July 20.—The third race.

NOTICES.

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTE.—We are requested to state that during the rest of vacation Judge's Chambers will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays only.

PURE TEA.—To lovers of this wholesome, would Pure is

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the procession on that day will be the largest yet held, as it will be composed of the branches as named above. Full particulars will appear in a few days.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for July (reprinted by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 41 Barclay street, New York) opens with the fourth part of "John Caldigate." Besides about a dozen translations from Heine by Martin, there is a long poem entitled "The Two Muses." The first part of "Goldwin Baldwin," by Randolph Lindau, draws a forcible comparison between selfishness and generosity. "Gallic Lore and Modern Slang" is an entertaining philological article. "Our Kentish Pariah" describes the hop-growing district. In conclusion we have a short discussion of "the Congress." This number is the first of a new volume. The periodicals reprinted by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company (41 Barclay street, N. Y.) are as follows: *The London Quarterly*, *Edinburgh, Westminster, and British Quarterly Reviews*, and *Blackwood's Magazine*. Price, \$4 a year for any one, or only \$15 for all and the postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

COMMUNICATIONS.

In giving space to correspondents to discuss topics of public interest, the Editor wishes it to be distinctly understood that the correspondents express their own view, and that he is not necessarily in accord with their opinion.

A Legal Distinction.

To the Editor of the Spectator.

SIR,—In an article in your issue of to-day's date, referring to the Hydrant Branch of the Canada Mutual Fire Insurance Company, you say: "His Honor Judge Sinclair has issued an order that the books of the Hydrant Branch be handed over to Mr. Laidlaw, Mr. Brown's solicitor, for audit, to ascertain whether or not the accounts have been properly kept."

This is not correct. One the trial of the cause referred to Messrs. Laidlaw and Lazier, not being familiar with the books of the Company, desired an opportunity of examining the books for the purpose of enabling them to cross-examine the witnesses called, and it being apparent that by so doing the trial of the case would be considerably shortened, his Honor Judge Sinclair, with the consent of the solicitor of the Company, adjourned the suit for a few days to enable Messrs. Laidlaw and Lazier to examine the books of the Company for the above purpose, in my presence, at the office of the Company, the Secretary of the Company voluntarily offering them every assistance in his power.

Yours truly,

W. A. H. Durr.

Solicitor for Can. Mu. Fr. Ins. Co.

Hamilton, July 20.

EXORCISING THE DEVIL—A MANIA MURDER.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 18.—A party