

## A Close Call.

Miss Elsie Lewis, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Nelson and attending our school this winter, nearly lost her life from asphixiation by coal gas last Saturday morning. She sleeps in the upper chamber of Mr. Nelson's house, and a stovepipe runs from the lower floor up into her room and into the chimney. This chimney had, during the winter, become clogged with mortar, etc., falling from the inside of the chimney, and this caused the leakage of gas into the bedroom. About 7:30 Saturday morning Mr. Nelson rapped on the stovepipe for Elsie to get up, as is the usual custom, but got no response. A few minutes later Mrs. Nelson rapped louder and still no response. Mr. Nelson then ran upstairs and loudly knocked on the door and thought he heard a faint reply and went below. Elsie did not appear in a reasonable length of time and he then went upstairs and broke open the bed-