

it out, the more it gets higher, mum," "Well, have you turned the faucet off, Bridget?" "Glory to God?" cried the servant, "I never thought o' that." That was our trouble, dear fool. We were bailing the boys out of the stream of drink, while the open faucet of the legalized saloon kept the stream bank full all the time. So now we carry the pledge in one hand for the benefit of the individual, and the ballot in the other hand for the benefit of the State and Nation. The one way half the victims already waded; the other will "turn off the faucet," and so stop the making of other victims.

Our St. Stephen Letter

The past week has marked considerable progress in temperance matters in town, and next week we expect some lively work in connection with informations which have been laid against a number of offenders under Canada Temperance Act.

Four parties were up for trial this week, three of whom acknowledged, and paid their fines, fifty dollars each, the other party stood trial and evidence enough to convict him was brought, but he asked for and obtained a postponement till Monday in order to produce some witnesses. It is thought though that he will by the advice of his lawyer pay his fine before that time. The inspector has laid about twenty informations before the proper authorities, eleven of which are for second offences, and as rapidly as possible so that we may look for lively times now for awhile. It is the intention of the temperance party to hammer away at them till they have become convinced that St Stephen is an unprofitable place in which to pursue their disreputable business, so that they will be obliged to seek a more congenial climate, or take up another line of business if they wish to remain here. Only the initiated can find anything "to take" just now, and even they find it difficult to escape the vigilance of our excellent officers who are always on the lookout for witnesses. In their great emergency the rumsellers have resorted to a trick they tried once before when the famous "back street court" was brought into existence in order to defeat the ends of justice. This time the court is held in Dufferin, an adjoining parish, the cases being tried before Justice Donald. The informations against the liquor dealers are laid by some of their patrons and tools, and of course such witnesses summoned as will swear to suit the objects of the parties interested, the idea being to find the rumsellers guiltless of the charge and grant him a certificate of purity or a discharge, which he hopes is to save him from punishment for his crimes when his case comes up in the regular way under the information laid by the Inspector. W. C. H. Grimmer is acting for the rum-sellers in these cases, and he is said to have made the arrangements for this bogus court. At one of the trials C. N. Vroom Esq. and Inspector McEwen were present, and offered to bring further witnesses in the case but were refused a hearing, the informant stating he had all the witnesses he wanted, as no doubt he had, to suit his case. The matter has been brought to the notice of the governor and a full statement of the proceedings forwarded to the attorney general, and the parties interested in this outrageous attempt to evade justice may find that they have overreached themselves.

It shows to what desperate straits they are brought, and will only serve to make the temperance party more determined in their action against them.

Notwithstanding the stormy weather and the attractions of other entertainments our public temperance meeting last Thursday evening was well attended.

The committee presented an excellent programme which was carried out in a very thorough manner by those taking part. I will give you the programme.

Chorus—"March beneath the Temperance banner, Choir; Prayer—Rev. G. M. Campbell; Solo—"White Wings," H Stephenson; Address—J. W. Whitlock; Reading—I sue for damages, Miss Sharpe; Chorus—"Tempt me not," Choir; Address—Rev. G. M. Campbell; Gospel Hymn—Choir; Benediction—Rev. G. Shore.

Bro. Whitlock in his speech gave an outline of the work accomplished in the past by the different organizations in the town banded together for temperance work, and showed them to be more powerful today in num-

bers and influence than at any previous time in their history. It was largely through the influence of these societies that public sentiment had been educated and stirred up to the point it has reached today, when our town council, or a majority of them, are temperance men. He gave a sketch of the work that had been done in connection with prosecutions under the Canada Temperance Act, what was now being done and in the future if the rumsellers continued to violate the law as they have in the past. The Donald court with its mockery of justice was dealt with and shown up in its true colors, together with those who participated in that farce. Figures were presented to show the amount of money which is worse than wasted in St. Stephen in the rum traffic, which if turned into legitimate channels of trade would do much to build up and promote industries that would furnish employment to hundreds of people, would pay all the taxes, run all the churches and leave a large surplus besides. That this was no fancy picture he showed by reading the article which appeared in the JOURNAL a short time ago giving the statistics of two or three prohibition towns as compared with towns of same population where rum was sold. He closed with an appeal to all who were interested in the welfare of the town to stand by those who were trying to rid the place of this great evil.

Bro. Campbell's address was pronounced by many to be the most eloquent and stirring of any he has yet given us, and that is saying a great deal, for certainly if there is a man in this community who can hold the attention of an audience and enlist their sympathies in the great moral questions of the hour, our Past Grand Chaplain is that man.

In dealing with the question he took the ground that the time had come when it should receive the most serious consideration from all who were interested in the putting down of evil and making it easy for men to do right, and difficult for them to do wrong. In forcible and burning words he depicted the ravages of this guant evil and the great advances that were being made in the cause of temperance and sobriety in this Canada of ours, comparing it to the onward march of the anti-slavery sentiment in the United States which finally resulted in the overthrow of that iniquitous system, and he believed the time was not far distant when the people of Canada would be divided on this great question, when the cry should be not so much who should hold the reins of power, Sir John A. McDonald or Edward Blake, whether it should be protection or free trade, but everlasting war against rum. In the establishing of bogus courts and other proceedings he believed the rum element in this town were preparing for their Waterloo. What we need now, in this movement, is not so much enlightenment on the subject as to have that great, holy spirit of action, which shall send us forth to more vigorous efforts, to the accomplishment of our work, ready to back up the council, police committee, and the town officers in the discharge of their duties, and to give them all the assistance in our power.

In conclusion he urged upon all the importance of taking their stand on the side of temperance. Patriotism, love of their fellow-man, religious principles and every motive for good, urged them to this course and God himself commanded it.

An efficient choir rendered the music in a pleasing manner, and the reading by Miss Sharpe was not only well rendered but was very appropriate to the occasion.

It is the intention of the committee to hold another of these meetings in about two weeks.

Another large gathering at our regular session of the Division last night and five candidates were initiated.

Rev. G. M. Campbell's address on the Pledge was listened to with the closest attention, and I have no doubt will do much good in leading many, who regard very lightly and carelessly the obligation they take upon themselves upon entering our order, to consider it in a more serious light and strive to live up to its teachings.

In my next letter I hope to give you further interesting particulars in regard to the fight now going on in this town.

HOWARD.
St. Stephen, N. B. Dec. 4th. 1886.

WHERE THERE'S DRINK THERE'S DANGER.

Write it on the liquor store,
Write it on the prison door,
Write it on the ginshop fine,
Write, oh? write the truthful line,
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it on the work-house gate,
Write it on the school-boy's slate,
Write it in the copy-book
That the young may at it look,
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it on the churchyard mound,
Where the drink slain dead are found,
Write it on the gallows high,
Write it for all passers by,
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it underneath your feet,
Up and down the busy street,
Write it for the great and small,
In the mansion, cot and hall,
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it on our ships which sail
Borne along by steam and gale,
Write it in large letters plain,
O'er our land and past the main:
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it in the Christian home
That sixty thousand drunkards roam;
Year by year from God and right,
Proving with resistless might,
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it deep on history's page,
Write it patriot, scholar, sage;
Write it in the Sunday school;
Write, ah! write the truthful rule,
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it in the house of God,
Write it on the teeming sod,
Write it on the hill and glen,
Write it with a blood dipped pen,
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it for the rising youth,
Write it for the cause of truth,
Write it for our Fatherland,
Write, 'tis duty's stern command
Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it for bright Heaven above,
Write it for the God of Love,
Write it near your own fireside,
Write it too for Christ who died,
Where there's drink there's danger.

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THE STIRRING BOY.

Who does not know the stirring boy of the family? Who does not know the stirring boy of the class? Who indeed does not know the stirring boy of the neighbourhood? We have generally a strong liking for him, which we partly hide, telling him often he is a wild, naughty boy, and that if he does not stop, besides breaking the furniture, he will break our hearts. He is always strong, healthy, and full of life, with a face open as a page, and eyes brimful of intelligence and fun. He is a most lovable boy, and were it not that he disappoints us so often by the too free use of his strong boots and restless hands, perhaps we should spoil him. One winter I spent an hour every Sabbath evening with a room full of children. There used to be sixty present, boys and girls from four to eight years of age. They were well-dressed children, looking like little ladies and gentlemen in their quaint bonnets and pretty costumes. The minister presented me with an elegant walnut wand, saying, it was to be used for pointing out the pictures to my tiny audience, and for pointing out the inattentive listeners.

Dear me! said I to myself as the minister vanished and left me with the sixty, how can I ever manage to get these hundred and twenty ears and eyes? I began, and saw they were going to be very good with the exception of one boy. I saw, too, that he had the dearest face and curliest head of hair in the world, but mischief peeped out at every corner of his eyes. He repeated the Lord's Prayer after me, and sang out the hymns in a vociferous manner for such a small organ pipe, but that was part of his programme, I soon discovered. During the lesson he kept bobbing up from a different seat every now and then, till he did the whole range of them, and ended by standing up on the back seat of all, when he coolly surveyed the scene before him. He then sprang down and proceeded to retake the journey. Here I spoke thus:—I cannot allow that boy to crawl below seats in that manner. It disturbs me and annoys the whole class. Silence long and deep with no sign of the curly head, till I thought of it under feet, and longed to see it. I had not to wait long. My eye fell on him sitting quietly on a seat in the middle of the youthful audience. Nice boy, said I to myself, he seems sorry for having troubled me,—a scream; another scream; two screams rolled into one! The air rent with screams! Then behold, two little girls pulling away from each other in a vain effort. The stirring boy had tied their hair together. I was too much displeased to speak again to him, and went on

with the story of Joseph. Meanwhile the boy vanished again, and reappeared in the second front seat. Now, thought I, his fan is at an end for one evening. He is too near my desk for any more tricks. As I turned from pointing out the brothers in the act of selling Joseph, I noticed all the children in the front row jerking and wincing, swaying backwards and forwards. Our stirring boy had a long feather with which he tickled them about the necks and ears, while they, poor little tots, were quite unable to prevent him. I closed the class shortly after, and wished them all good-night, including my young tormentor. The same diversion, occasionally varied, went on for several Sabbaths. Yet, when I looked at the boy I loved him. One night, happy thought, I made the following little speech:—I think it would help me very much if some boy took the wand and used it for me. Then I would have nothing to do but speak to you, dear children. Instantly my stirring boy came forward and demanded the honour. I hesitated. No wonder! A perfect chaos of confusion and general panic rose before my mind. Then I handed it to him with a smile, sadly sweet. He strode like a miniature major to the end of the room and stood there with the long wand planted by his side while not a muscle relaxed on his face.

From that moment he was my greatest help and comfort. He used his power in the gentlest way, became a model monitor, took charge of the collection box; and saw his teacher home every evening! He was thus my Chancellor of the Exchequer, Commander of the Forces, and Home Secretary combined; in fact, besides these posts he held the greatest still, and stood my youthful Prime Minister!

Now dear young friends, I hear you say:—What a bad boy he was! The boys say that; but I hear a chorus of little girls say:—What a good boy he is, tell us his name. I hear a teacher say:—Well, I won't think again of the noise last Sabbath. It was nothing like the stirring boy. And I hear a tired mother say:—My darling, stirring boy, you are just such another!

THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES.—A late minister of Crossmichael, in Galloway, was one of those primitive pastors, formerly numerous in Scotland, who did not disdain to illustrate their subjects with such images and allusions as were within the comprehension of their homely hearers. Indeed, his sermons were very much in the style of an easy conversation, interspersed with occasional parentheses, applicable to individual characters, or to the circumstances which arose before his eyes in the church, as the sleeping of the aged and the fat, or the ogling of the young and the amorous, or any impropriety of a similarly venial nature. To give the reader an idea of this gentleman's manner in the pulpit, we may recount what he said one Sunday morning, in reading a verse from the book of Exodus. "And the Lord said unto Moses—steek that door; I'm thinking, if ye had to sit beside the door yoursel', ye wadna be sae ready leaving it open; it was just beside that door that Yedam Tamson, the bellman, gat his death o' cauld; and I'm sure, honest man, he didna let stay muckle open. And the Lord said unto Moses—put oot that doug? wha is't that brings douds to the kirk, yaff-yaffin? Let me never see ye bring your douds here ony mair, or I'll put you and them baith oot. And the Lord said unto Moses—I see a man aneath that laff wi' his hat on; I'm sure ye're clean oot o' the soogh o' the door; keep aff your banuet, Tammas; and, if your bare paw be cauld, ye maun just get a grey woset wig like mysel; they're no' sae dear; plenty o' them at Bob Gillespie's for tenpense." He again began the verse, and at the last made out the instructions for Moses into manner more strictly accordant with the text and with decency.

Place of Meeting, Divisions, Numbers, Right of Meeting, and name of Deputies.

St. Stephen: Howard, 1; Friday; S. Webber; Milltown, St. Stephen; Wilberforce, 3; Monday; H. McAllister.
Market Building, St. John; Gurney, 5; Thursday; John P. Bell.
Orange Hill, Portland; Portland, 7; Monday; A. Y. Paterson.
Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Wednesday; J. S. B. DeVeber.
Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber.
Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stothart.
St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 33; Tuesday; Robt. White.
Hillsboro, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; John I. Steeves.

Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead.
Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134; Saturday; James E. Coy.
Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. Teed.
St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; Cudlip Miller.
Moncton; Moncton, 188; Monday; E. McCarthy.
St. George; St. George, 189; R. H. Davis.
Salisbury, West. Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Saturday; C. A. Beck.
South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207; Monday; Wm. Roxborough.
Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 238; Wednesday; John Waring.
Moncton; Intercolonial 243; Friday; Alex. Ford.
Victoria Mills, West. Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main.
Sackville, West. Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper.
Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haines.
Kingston, Kent Co.; Kingston, 44; Tuesday; B. S. Bailey.
Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; D. Mo-Gruar.
Point de Bute, West. Co.; Westmorland, 50; Thursday; J. Amos Trueman.
Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore.
Pennfield, Charlottetown; Safeguard, 58; Saturday; W. N. Bucknam.
Cambridge, Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson.
Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow.
Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin.
Dover, West. Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; W. Steeves.
Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; Derby, North. Co.; Nelson, 99; Monday; J. Betts.
Douglastown, North. Co.; Caladonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.
Mountville, Albert Co.; Home Circle, 244; Tuesday; E. E. Peck.
Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; J. W. Mann.
Weldford, Kent. Co.; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; H. Wather.
Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler.
Butternut Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251; Friday; E. Keith.
Petitcodiac, West. Co.; Petitcodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. Jonah.
Lewis Mountain, West. Co.; Sunnyside, Saturday; R. Lewis.
Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose 254; Saturday; A. T. Lloyd.
Millstream, Kings Co.; Britannia, 255; Friday; C. W. Weyman.
Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 256; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson.
Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Pitts.
Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.; Union, 258; D. W. Grierson.
River Charlo, Rest. Co.; Charlo, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith.
Steeves' Mountain, West. Co.; Mountain Rose, 260; Saturday; R. Lutz, Sr.
Lawrence Station, Char. Co.; Lawrenceville, 261; Saturday; P. S. Richardson.
Hampton, King's Co.; Spring, 262; Monday; G. Barnes.
Ponroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263; Thursday; W. Moulton.
Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; Alex. M. McKenzie.
Oak Hill, Char. Co.; Oak, 265; Thursday; Dr. J. Harry Grimmer.
Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith.
Graves Settlement, West. Co.; Rockland, 267; Friday; G. Johnston.
McAdam Junction, York Co.; Star Branch, 268; E. W. Brownell.
2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.; Stewart, 269; Saturday; A. Sherwood.
St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; T. McGowan.
Penobscus, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Thursday; J. W. Floyd.
St. Nicholas River, Kent Co.; Milltown, 272; Friday; J. Murray.
Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273; Tuesday; G. Flewelling.
Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore.
St. John, 102 King Street; Gordon Division, No. 275; Monday; H. P. Sandall.
East Settlement West'd Co.; Twilight, 276; Wednesday; G. A. Taylor.
Salisbury, Westmoreland Co.; Middleton, 277; Friday; Jas. Henry.
Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278; Tuesday; L. Hall.
Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279; Thursday; D. W. Goodall.
St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent.
Elgin, Albert Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; G. Smith, A. B.
Springfield, King's Co.; Springfield, 282; Friday; G. M. Wetmore.
Whites Cove, Grand Lake; Grand Lake, 283; H. E. White.
Clifton, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division 284; Wednesday; N. R. Ritchie.
Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; John Keenan.
Port Elgin, West. Co.; Fort Moncton, 286; Tuesday; W. M. Spence.
Centreville, Kings Co.; Centreville, 287; Saturday; H. W. Falkins.
Waterford, K. C.; Essex Division 288; Monday; John W. DeForest.
Dube, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Wm. V. Benn.
Forest Glen, West. Co.; Forest Glen 290; Saturday; Miss A. Hubley.
Bristol, Carleton Co.; Bristol Union, 291; Tuesday; Rev. John Gravinor.
East Florenceville, Carleton Co.; East Florenceville, 292; Saturday; Wm. Tompkins.
Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293; Saturday; J. T. Fletcher.
Bash Carleton Co.; Ray of Hope, 294; Friday; Hubert Gray.
Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.; Coverdale 295; Tuesday; E. A. Steeves.
Canterbury, York Co.; Dufferin, 296; Friday; S. A. Baker.
River Louisa, Restigouche Co.; Louisa, 297; Friday; Donald Stewart.
Kirkland, Carleton Co.; Monument, 298; Thursday; John Lyons, Deputy.
Woodstock, Carleton Co.; Campbell, 299; Friday; S. McLeod.
Campbellton, Restigouche Co.; Campbellton, 300; Thursday; J. E. Price.
Manuhurst, Kings Co.; Lincluden, 301; Thursday; D. S. Mann.
Dundee, Restigouche Co.; Dundee, 302; Thursday; Jas. Crawford.
Morcamber, P. O. Kings Co.; Rising Star, 303; Wednesday; Martin Freeze.
Scotch Settlement, Westmorland Co.; McCarthy 304; David Murray.
Upper Millstream, Kings Co.; Millstream, 305; Zebulon Gannoe.
Gibson, York Co.; Gibson, 306; Friday; Jas. Peckard.
Peland, N. B.; Silver, 308; Friday; Rev. J. Spencer.
Old Ridge, Char. Co.; Brunswick Division, No. 309; Monday; Howard Maxwell.
Northampton; Carleton Co.; Caladonia, 310; Thursday; Geo. Watson.
Waterside, Parish of Harvey, Albert Co.; Gladstone No. 311; Saturday; Rev. S. C. Moore.
Poquiock, York Co.; Poquiock, 312; Wednesday; Edward True, Deputy.
North Lake, Canterbury; York County; Star No. 313; Hiram Vasey Deputy.
Janeville, Gloucester Co.; Janeville, 314; Saturday; Edward L. Caie, Deputy.
Kingsclear, York Co.; Kingsclear, 315; Saturday; Chas. Kilburn, Sr. Deputy.
Rolling Dam, Charlotte Co.; Rolling Dam, 316; Monday; Neill McDermott.
Buctouche, Kent Co.; Buctouche, 317; Rev. J. D. Murray.
Mount Middleon, Kings Co.; Mount Middleon, 318; Friday; J. Shaw.