

(From the American Mechanic.)

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE?

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After a day's work of calculation and copying I was under the necessity of waiting an hour in the tap-room of a tavern, to secure the services of a mail-guard who was to carry a parcel for my employers. Amidst the smoke, the spitting, and the clatter of a crowd of inn-haunters, I could not but find some subjects for reflection.

The presiding genius of the bar was a bloated, whiskered, young man, whom I had long known as the abandoned son of a deceased friend. I sighed, and was silent. Ever and anon, as one after another, or squads of two or three approached his shrine to receive and empty their glasses, and deposit their sixpences, I heard the short peremptory formula of the Bacchanal minister—"What will you have?" "Brandy, gin, punch?" "What will you have?" And the victims severally made their bids for a smaller, a cocktail, a sling or a julep, as the case might be. The constant repetition of the "form in that case made and provided," set me upon a drowsy meditation on the pregnant question. "What will you have?" Methinks I can answer the question," said I to myself as I cast a glance around the murky apartment. And first to the young shoemaker, who, with a pair of newly-finished boots, is asking for "grog." "What will you have?" Young man, you will soon have an empty pocket.

There is a trembling, ragged man, with livid spots under the eyes. He is a machine-maker, and has lodgings in the house. What will you have? Ah! the barkeeper knows without an answer; he takes gin and water. Poor man! I also know what you will have. Already you have been twice at death's door; and the gin will not drive off that chill. You will have typhus fever.

The glasses are washed out, not cleansed, in the slop-tub under the bar-shelf. Now a fresh bevy comes up, cigar in hand. Gentlemen, what will you have? I supply the answer for myself. The baker there will have an apoplexy or a sudden fall in his shop. That tailor in green glasses will have consumption. And I fear that the three idlers in their train will have the next epidemic that shall sweep off our refuse drunkards.

Sorry indeed am I to see in this place, Mr. Scantling, the cooper. Not to speak of himself, I have reason to believe that both his sons are beginning to drink. He looks about him suspiciously. Now he has plucked up courage. He takes whiskey. You will have a pair of drunken sons.

That young fellow in the green frock-coat, and colored neckcloth is a musician, a man of reading and the husband of a lovely English woman. He takes his glass with the air of a Greek, drinking hemlock. You will have a heart-broken wife.

I must take the rest in mass, for it is Saturday night, and the throng increases. The bar-keeper has an assistant in the person of a pale, sorrowful girl. Two voices now reiterate the challenge—"What will you have? Misguided friends! I am greatly afraid, you will have a death-bed without hope.

My man has arrived. As I walked homeward across the common, I thought thus: "And what will he have who day after day, and year after year, doles out the devil's bounty to his recruits; and receives his sixpences, as it were, over the coffin of his victims? You hardened tempter? (if memory live hereafter), will have the recollection of your triumphs and the vision of their eternal results. You will have a terrible judgment, and an eternity of such retribution as befits your life."

DRINKING SALOONS.—The old fashioned "bar rooms" and "tippling houses" have given place, in a large measure, to centres of intemperance bearing the new cognomen of "saloons." Let the wise "understand" what these are. The Baptist Register quotes the testimony of Conklin, the incendiary, with comments thereon as follows:

"I am the victim more immediately of the bar room and saloon tippling, and engine house frolic and debauchery. And with the earnestness which my near approach to eternity gives me, I beg those engaged in vending intoxicating drinks, to give up their corrupt traffic."

Conklin attributes the dreadful deeds in which he was engaged last winter, and which filled us all with nightly apprehensions, to the liquor supplied him at those shocking midnight retreats. The companions of his wick-

edness, according to his confession, were also supplied here with the stimulants to mischief, and they were ready to peril the habitations and lives of the citizens by their incendiarism when their brains were set on fire by alcohol. The same scenes of midnight carousing are still going on in the midst of us, no doubt, tho' Conklin has suffered the penalty of death, and Orcutt, his associate, has gone to the State Prison for life. What parent is there who must not be deeply anxious amid such exposures as these? Is there no relief from so dreadful a state of things? Could a law like that in Wisconsin be passed, making rum-sellers liable for the results of their sales, this would be no small point gained. Liquor vendors would receive a serious check in their doings, were they only assured that they would smart in damages for the mischiefs that might follow.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—The Episcopal Methodists are making a movement towards introducing lay delegates into their Conferences, and to have a general convention in Philadelphia, in March next, to petition the General Conference, to be held in Boston, in May, for such action as will effect this purpose. This will be a revival of an old controversy. The Olive Branch says of it—

"From 1824 to 1830, a spirit-stirring controversy obtained in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The ministers asked to have their Presiding Elders elected by the Annual Conferences, and the laity asked a representation in both the Annual and General Conferences. The ministers carried their point at one General Conference so far as to have the office of Presiding Elder elective, which law, however, never went into effect, as Bishop McKendree, and Soule, Bishop elect, nullified the law. The laity of the whole Church were awakened to the subject, but the Bishops caused the expulsion of the leaders of the Representation party, and also excommunicated the large committee of the clergy and laity, who published a paper advocating Lay Representation, and the election of Presiding Elders. Out of this controversy sprang the Methodist Protestant Church of the United States. Great cruelty and rank injustice were practised on the Reformers, by the party of power. The friends of Representation were either silenced, expelled, or in some mode driven from the Church."

The table of the Conferences show that this great denomination has lost its multiplying character since the division of the Church, North and South.—For instance—the increase in the entire connection of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for seven years previous to the division, amounted to 518,489, while for seven years after the division, the Methodist Church, North, decreased 23,552, and the Church, South, only increased in the same time 75,368.—*Boston Courier.*

The Fire Alarm Telegraph is nearly completed in Boston. The Boston papers give the following description of it:—Forty-nine miles of wire have been stretched over the city, dividing under the arms of the sea which separate its main portion from South and East Boston. The first of the forty cast-iron signal boxes has been placed on the Reservoir in Hancock Street. These will be so distributed that every house in the city will be within fifty rods of one. Whenever a fire occurs resort will be made to the nearest box, where, by turning a crank, instantaneous communication will be made to the central office, and from that—which stands related to the whole fire department of the city, like the brain to the nervous system—instant knowledge will be communicated to the seven districts into which the city is divided, by so striking the alarm bells simultaneously that the locality of the fire will be known exactly to all.

New-Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society.

The Annual Meeting of this Society took place at the Mechanics' Institute, in this city, on Tuesday evening. The Hon. Mr. Justice Parker, President of the Society, in the chair. The spacious Hall was, as usual, densely crowded in every part, by a highly respectable auditory, and great numbers were unable to obtain admission. The proceedings were commenced by singing a portion of the 90th Psalm; after which the Rev. Mr. Harrison read the 55th chapter of Isaiah. The President then addressed the meeting, and concluded by calling on the Secretary, Dr. Paterson, to read the Annual Report. We are unable to notice this able document in our present

number, but hope to do so on a future occasion. It contained an admirable compendium of the operations of the Parent Society, and our own Auxiliary, and was listened to throughout with great attention.

The following resolutions were then unanimously carried.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Knight, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Mackay,

Resolved—That the Report, an abstract of which has been just read, be received and printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Harrison, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong,

Resolved—That this Meeting desires to record its deep sense of the goodness of God, as displayed in the continued prosperity of the British and Foreign Bible Society, both at home and abroad; and rejoices to learn that the events of the last year in the Parent Country have served to awaken her zeal and to rekindle fresh interest in behalf of the Bible.

Moved by Dr. Paterson, seconded by Dr. Botsford,

Resolved—That while this Meeting desires to express its sympathy with the Parent Society in the great loss sustained by the death of its late venerable and excellent President, LORD BEXLEY, and of its long tried and invaluable Secretary, the Rev. ANDREW BRANDRAM, it would venture to offer its sincere congratulation that the Right Honourable LORD ASHLEY, (now Earl of Shaftesbury), whose efforts in the cause of humanity are well known, has accepted the office of President, and that a worthy successor to Mr. Brandram has been found to fulfil the important place of Clerical Secretary to the Society.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Ferrie, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Cardy,

Resolved—That the recollection and recital of the events of the past should animate us to fresh efforts for the future—and if we believe that the revelations of the Holy Book are too momentous to be concealed, its principles of truth and righteousness too important to be sparingly disseminated, its good news of salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord; too precious to be held back, it is surely in the highest degree befitting that we should gladly give our aid to render the heavenly oracles intelligible and accessible to all.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Harris, seconded by N. S. Demill, Esquire,

Resolved—That this meeting rejoices to hear of the continued success which has attended the system of colportage, here and elsewhere, whereby the word of God has been largely supplied to many destitute places; and it desires to express its cordial sense of the zeal and discretion of the Agent of this Auxiliary, who has, within the last three years, visited almost all parts of the Province; it desires, at the same time, to offer its thanks to all the branches and associations which still co-operate with this auxiliary, and to all who have individually, or collectively, assisted this Society in the work of Bible distribution.

Moved by George Taylor, Esquire, seconded by James R. Ruel, Esquire,

Resolved—That the following gentlemen do compose the Committee for the ensuing year, viz:—Samuel Bayard, M. D., L. B. Botsford, M. D., Messrs. Samuel Huyghue, John Kinnear, John Wishart, Nathan S. Demill, Gilbert T. Ray, George A. Lockhart, W. J. Starr, James McMillan, E. Sears, D. J. McLaughlin, John Armstrong, Jas. Reed, C. A. Hart, and Wm. Girvan. *For Portland.*—Messrs. John Duncan, James Flewelling, Moses Tuck, and A. McL. Seely. *For Carleton.*—Messrs. R. Salter, Isaac Clarke, and Dr. Waddell.

The Elections in Queen's and Albert Counties have been held during the present week, and in the former, Samuel H. Gilbert, Esq., has succeeded in securing the seat in the Assembly lately occupied by his father, (Hon. Thomas Gilbert,) who was recently elevated to the Legislative Council; and in the latter County, John Lewis, Esq., has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Steves being appointed a Legislative Councillor.—*Ibid.*

LEGISLATURE.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Crane, of Sackville was elected Speaker upon nomination of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cutler. He was elected without a division and amidst much applause. The Governor's Speech was then delivered, which is somewhat lengthy. The Canada Railroad is advocated, reasons given in favor of accepting the State Loan. The state of the Finances are represented as flattering, all obligations having been punctually met. The falling off in the receipts of the Post Office are considerable, but increased correspondence will soon remedy this matter.

Mr. Thompson moved an answer to the Speech, seconded by Mr. Williston, its consideration is fixed for Monday next. The House is now full.

The Northern members are represented as not fully satisfied with the speech, and the advocates of the Central route of the Railway as somewhat elated.

MARRIED.

On Thursday the 8th inst., by the Rev. Peter Spragg, Rev. J. A. Smith, to Mrs. Mary Ann Davis, second daughter of Mr. Abraham Guntor, all of the parish of Springfield. In Studholm, on Tuesday evening the 23rd ult., by the Rev. E. Weyman, Mr. John Roach, to Miss Magdalen Good.—On Wednesday evening, the 31st ult., by the same, Mr. Elisha C. Sharp, of Springfield, to Miss Maria J. Fenwick, all of King's County.

At Gagetown, on the 15th ult., by the Rev. G. F. Miles, Mr. Thos. Ebbitt, to Miss Phoebe Carpenter.—By the same, on the 23rd ult., Mr. Abner Belmain, to Miss Emily Clark, all of the Parish of Canning.

DIED.

On Sunday evening, at 6 o'clock, GEORGE BOND, Esquire, departed this life, aged 62 years, leaving a wife and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their bereavement. Mr. Bond came to this country from England in 1819, and soon after took up his residence in Carleton as superintendent of the Hon. William Black's Mills. This position he occupied with credit to himself and benefit to his employer for 18 years, when shortly after he became proprietor himself, which he has held till his death. In 1825 he was elected Alderman of Gay's Ward, in which office he so pleased his constituents that they sustained him in it for 21 years. As a Common Councillor he was highly useful; possessed of intelligence and an accurate perception of things, he was called frequently to give advice which proved serviceable in matters of critical moment.—In the locality in which he lived, he will be long held in grateful remembrance, for he acted as a father to the people; and remembering their spiritual and eternal as well as their temporal interests, he built at his own expense, a Meeting House, where they might assemble together for the worship and service of God. In the prospect of death, he expressed himself in strains of triumphant expectation of soon joining the heavenly host above, who have washed themselves in the blood of the Lamb.

At the residence of his Son, Parish of Lancaster, Mr. Richard Avery, Senr. He was a native of Cornwall, England, and came to this country in 1819; and has always borne the name of an honest and upright man.

On Sunday morning, John, only son of Capt. Joseph Stephenson, aged 8 years and 4 months.

On the 3rd inst., Mr. W. Paterson, formerly a resident of St. Andrews, N. B., in the 62nd year of his age.

On Wednesday morning, after a short but severe illness, Julia Emily Sayre, second daughter of Mr. George Scoullar, in the 19th year of her age, much and deservedly lamented by a numerous circle of relatives and friends.

At Springfield, on Sunday evening, the 25th of December, Henry Thomas, aged 77 years.

At Burton, County of Sudbury, on the 16th ult., after a lingering illness, which she bore with the greatest patience and resignation to the Divine will, Cornelia Vredenburg, wife of Mr. Henry DeVeber, and eldest daughter of the late Isaac Hubbard, Esq., in the 69th year of her age, leaving a large family and many friends and relatives to mourn their bereavement.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late THOMAS PRINCE, of Moncton, in the County of Westmorland, are requested to render the same within Three Months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to either of the subscribers.

SARAH PRINCE, Executrix.

JAMES STEADMAN, Executor.

Moncton, Jan. 8, 1852.

NOTICE.—JAMES T. HALL, of the City of Saint John, Clothier, having made an assignment of all his Goods and Chattels for the benefit of all such Creditors as shall execute the Trust Deed within thirty days from this date. All parties are hereby required to execute the said Trust Deed within the required time, in order that they may participate in its benefits. Dated the Thirtieth Day of December, A. D., 1851.

JULIUS L. INCHES,

JOHN W. BEARD,

Dec. 31, 1851.

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The subscribers claim being the first Tailors in the City to establish the low priced cash system, and they strictly carry it out, so that the man who pays cash has not to pay for those who never pay. Nov. 12. J. GARRETT & CO.

FLAX SEED.—The Subscribers have on hand 100 bushels FLAX SEED, which they recommend to Farmers and others as an excellent article for feeding stock. Dec. 29. JARDINE & CO.