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SHEFFIELD STREET

Every argument used in favor of closing certain houses on Sheffield street, where beer is sold and persons of ill repute are said to resort, may be used with very much greater force in regard to exactly similar houses in various parts of the city, where they are much more of a menace to morals than they would be on Sheffield street.

The enquiring alderman will find no difficulty in having these places pointed out to him and in learning all about those who conduct them. Occasionally the records of the police court give the information, but of course the proprietors of these resorts are very careful to avoid such publicity, which only follows flagrant disorder or results from complaints made by neighbors.

No one will dispute the statement that Sheffield street is a plague spot, and that the present rookeries should give place to reputable homes, making that section a most desirable one for residential purposes. But one has to go to Sheffield street to become aware of its character. It is at the extreme end—the last street—of that part of the city. Its shops do not flaunt their lights and their beer bottles and cigar boxes next door to a quiet home, or on a much frequented thoroughfare. It is a menace only to those who go out of their ordinary way to reach its unsavory precincts. It has no monopoly of drunkenness and immorality. It is not attractive. There is not a shop that presents an inviting window. It is bad, but it is unassuming, and in the main unobtrusive.

But there are places on much frequented streets—and the number is by no means as small as many citizens assume—which are a greater menace to morals than those on Sheffield street.

It would be much better to send these to Sheffield street than to scatter those of the latter street through other parts of the city. At all events, reform should begin where it is most needed. When like resorts in other parts of the city have been put out of business, it will be proper to attend to those on Sheffield street.

LESS LIQUOR CONSUMED

The following paragraphs, relative to the growing sentiment in favor of total abstinence, are quoted from the Scottish-American:

"Opening a Good Templar bazaar at Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, the other day, J. E. Sutherland, M. P., spoke of the progress of the temperance movement. There were now, Mr. Sutherland said, 100 total abstainers in the House of Commons. Of that number 25 were Irish and 21 Scottish. There were 282 members pledged to support local veto. Of these 61 were Scottish; he did not know how many were Irish—he did not think the figures included the Irish members. In the last parliament there were no fewer than 129 members financially interested in the drink traffic. Of that number 75 had not been returned; they had either been defeated or did not seek re-election.

"The two greatest beer-drinking countries in the world—England and Germany—are perturbed over the national beverage. In Germany the people are consuming less quantities of beer because increased duty has put up the price; and in England malsters and brewers are reducing wages on account of the depressed condition of trade generally. It is satisfactory to learn that the country is steadily making for sobriety. The drinking bowls of the good old times are things of the past. Manners have changed since the days when Pitt, Fox, Sheridan, Lords Stowell and Eldon drank quantities of wine that made one shudder to think about. We may not be so brilliant as we were a hundred years ago, but we are certainly more sober, and although the news from Burton-on-Trent is bad for the employees concerned, it is good for the country at large."

FRENCH AND IRISH

For years there has been friction between the English and French Catholics of Ottawa over the question of schools. The English-speaking Catholics lately presented to Mgr. Sbarretti a memorial which, when printed, filled fourteen columns of newspaper space. The most striking paragraph follows:

"We submit that the facts herein set forth constitute such an unanswerable indictment of French aggression and unwarrantable ecclesiastical methods that their mere recital must convince your excellency of the necessity of immediate action. Every day that action is delayed a fresh injury is done to religion and education. Respect for ecclesiastical authority is fast disappearing, and unless radical means be taken to make that authority worthy of respect, the final result must be disastrous to the church. Hence we respectfully request that your excellency will at once take steps to secure the legislation necessary to make the French, or bi-lingual, schools, as systematic, distinct and separate in law, as they are in fact, from the English-speaking separate schools. Pending the securing of such legislation we beg further to request that your excellency will exercise the prerogative of your exalted office and restore the essential features of the compact of 1886.

Relative to this memorial an Ottawa despatch further says:—

"The appeal was drafted by a special committee appointed by English separate school supporters and forwarded to Mgr. Sbarretti. After due time being allowed for the apostolic delegate to take action upon it, and no solution of the difficulty being offered by Mgr. Sbarretti, the appeal has been forwarded to Mgr. Merry del Val and Cardinal Goetti at Rome."

MIXED THE REPORTERS

It would appear that the Toronto World, which blazed the trail for reformed spellers in Canada long before President Roosevelt approached the task in the United States, has this year decided to brighten up its reports of Methodist General Conference debates by handing the job over to the reporter who ordinarily attends prize fights and other such encounters.

The result is certainly striking. In his account of the debate on missions he describes Rev. Dr. Sutherland as "engaged in a life and death struggle, and fighting like the old grey wolf in the Jungle Book, for the leadership of the pack."

Then he proceeds:—

"N. W. Rowell, K. C., who spoke in an admirably conciliatory spirit at the previous day's session, drew his rapier today and passed it again and again thru the corps."

"The general secretary got up, however, and made vicious stabs under the young advocate's fifth rib."

"J. W. Flavell, L.L.D., then arose with a bishop's mace and bludgeoned the game old warrior in approved ecclesiastical fashion. He drew no blood, but you could hear the dull thuds."

"Dr. Ryckman aided and abetted, and only regretted that Mr. Rowell had left him nothing to do."

Nevertheless, Dr. Sutherland, we are told, "stubbornly bore himself up against all opposition, and displayed every intention of dying hard."

Doubtless the brethren were somewhat scandalized to have their solemn deliberations thus represented; and yet, on reading a plain report of the discussion, there does seem to have been something in it to stir the sporting blood of the ring-side reporter, and to suggest to him the rapier and bludgeon. The Japanese commissioners who are looking for a religion would be much impressed by such a debate on such a subject.

In Buffalo on Saturday night one of the participants in a prize fight died as a result of injuries received. In Portland, Maine, last night, another man, who leaves a wife and child, was killed in like manner. Such contests are always brutalizing, even if they were not sometimes fatal.

There will be something doing in New York city tonight, whatever the result of the conventions at Buffalo and Saratoga.

The trade of Canada continues to show a rapid growth, and conditions point to a continuance of prosperity.

With a surplus of about \$2,500 the Exhibition Association has every reason to be greatly pleased.

DID BUSINESS ON SUNDAY

In All Likelihood He Will Succeed to Position Held by His Father.

However zealous civic officials may be in the discharge of their duties, the old rule of "practice what you preach" is generally, if not always, applicable.

A citizen tells of a striking example of this which came to light yesterday, when a gentleman wearing three gold stripes on the arm of a blue uniform closed a deal for a quantity of lumber. How about the Sunday observance law?

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They will condense within thy soul,
And change to purpose strong.

But he who lets his feelings run,
In soft, luxurious flow,
Shrinks when hard service must be done,
And faints at every woe.

Faith's meaneast dead more favor bears,
Where bears and wills are weighed,
Than brightest transports, choicest prayers,
Which bloom their hour and fade.

John Henry Newman.

IN LIGHTER VEIN AT THE RACES.

Upson—I just won \$10 on a horse that didn't have any tail.

Downs—I just lost \$10 on one that didn't have any head.—Detroit Free Press.

HIS DIET.

Mrs. Silbub—I eat fish because it is a good brain diet.

Miss Pert—I presume you prefer weak fish.—Baltimore American.

HIS CHANCES GOOD.

He—No, I shall never marry until I meet a woman who is my direct opposite.

She—Well, there are numbers of bright, intelligent girls about.—Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday.

THEATRICAL ITEM.

"We wish," explained the manager, in his bustling, airy way, "a play which will serve as a vehicle."

"Sir," protested the man of genius, with a look of horror, "I am a playwright. Not a cartwright!"—Puck.

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Birmingham Age-Herald.

Sir Robert Balf, after a lecture on "Sun Spots and Solar Chemistry," met a young lady who expressed her regret at having missed the lecture.

"Well, you see," he said, "I don't know that it would have interested you particularly, as it was all about sun spots."

"Why," she replied, "it would have interested me extremely, for I have been a martyr to freckles all my life!" — Argosy.

It was at a class in arithmetic that the following household problem was exactly solved:

"Suppose that in a family of five there are only four pots for dinner, and the mother wants to give each of the children an equal share—how is she going to do it?"

For a few minutes there was silence in the room while everybody calculated hard. Finally one of the little boys rose to his feet and, after attracting the attention of the schoolmaster, gave this unexpected answer:

"Mash the potatoes, sir."

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Annual Meeting of Ladies Association—Mrs. Geo. F. Matthew Again President.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society, which was held in the new lecture rooms, Union street, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. George F. Matthew was re-elected president. Mrs. George U. Hay, Mrs. G. F. Smith and Miss Leavitt were elected vice-presidents, and Miss Linton, secretary. An executive committee of twelve ladies was also appointed as follows: Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Robert Leavitt, Mrs. Harry de Forest, Mrs. John McAvity, Mrs. E. S. Fiske, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Clarence Allen, Miss Alice Jack, Mrs. Charles Coster, Mrs. Arthur Coster and Mrs. J. F. Robertson.

The meeting was largely attended. The president, Mrs. Matthew, in a brief address, congratulated the members on the beautiful new lecture room in which they were meeting. She reviewed the work of the past year, the course of lectures and the high class of the material, however, that the money made at the high tea was not so important as the increased interest which had been aroused in the association.

Speaking of the new building, she said the society was very fortunate in getting it at such a moderate price. The members had all subscribed very liberally and had raised the sum of \$1,000. The purchase price was \$7,000 and the \$1,000, with \$2,000 already in hand, left a balance of \$4,000 for which a mortgage was given. Every penny would be bent towards paying this off as soon as possible so as to have the building clear of debt.

The course of reminiscence lectures to be given this autumn, Mrs. Matthew went on, are planned for the purpose of raising funds to secure a librarian in order that the library may be open to the public every day from 2 o'clock to 6. Miss Knowlton's lecture on "The afternoon next on the Rabaayat of Omar Khayyam is not included in the course but will be preliminary and no admission will be charged.

After the secretary had read a brief report, arrangements for serving afternoon tea after the lectures, and for the course tickets, were made. The ladies are also arranging for the usual free course of lectures during the winter months.

DEPARTURE OF

PRINCE EDWARD

BOSTON, September 24.—The D. A. R. steamer Prince Edward, which was recently purchased from the D. A. R. line, left her anchorage in the harbor yesterday morning and sailed for Hull, Eng., via Louisburg, C. B., where she will call to replenish her coal bunkers. The steamer will be delivered to her new owners at the English port.

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