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GLASGOW SIGHTS.

A Saturday Visit to the Slums.

Drumhead and Vice—A Terrible Condi-
tion of Affairs—Scotland's National
Curse.J. Young, theological student, son of
Alex. Young, Colborne tp., who is
pursuing his studies at Glasgow Uni-
versity, sends us the following interesting
letter:Having an evening at our disposal we
proposed to take a turn through the low
part of the city of Glasgow. The sugges-
tion proved acceptable, and Saturday
evening was appointed. About 9.30 we
started, and little did we then think that
such heartrending scenes, as those seen
to be witnessed, could be found in the
heart of a Christian community. Slowly
we wended our way toward the notorious
Saltmarket. Indeed we were forced to
lessen our pace, the throng being so
great. The main streets were well lighted,
and, and enticingly luminous were the
scores of rum shops. Into many of
these "dens of iniquity" we entered, and
what saddening sights! With pain we
gazed upon the motley crowds which con-
fronted every bar. Waiting upon these
deluded bands, were four, five, or even
six strong, smart, good-looking young
men. Their services were more or less
demanded. The poisonous draughts
were called for by hundreds, who in re-
turn, handed over their hard earned
wages. Money seemed plentiful, and
whisky more so. Tell me not that all
lines of business are at a stand still in
Glasgow. Many respectable trades are
not depressed, and it is little wonder.
The ruinous liquor traffic flourishes.
Thousands of pounds, every year, find
their way into this deadly channel. The
necessary dry goods and the grocery busi-
ness must suffer when deprived of these
vast sums, which go to destroy the com-
fort and happiness of once quiet and
charitable homes. Who are to blame?
Those granting permission to sell, those
dealing out the maddening drink, or
those poor wretches overcome by the ter-
rible thirst? Those who granted per-
mission to sell, as well as those who sold,
know that want, desolation, destruction
and death, are the inevitable results,
but surely ignorance of the extent of
the results came to permit. Out of
one rum shop to another we proceeded,
until some twenty or thirty presented
their demon like scenes.WOMEN BARREADED,
battered, and with not sufficient rag to
cover their bodies, mothers with babes in
their arms, young girls, vulgar and dis-
tressed, all jostled in the excited mass.
See that woman as she rushes past us,
carrying her half-naked child upon the
floor, she directs her attention upon the
sparkling beverage. Oaths flow from her
mouth, as she finds her way obstructed
by strong and equally thirsty companions.
We turn and hurry away. Entering a
narrow lane, a few steps bring us in
sight of a sickening spectacle. Why are
you beating that woman? We asked of
an infuriated wretch. "She is drunk
and will not go home," was the answer.
But we must hurry along. Having
witnessed the wonderful extent of the
ruinous traffic on parts of King, Tron-
gait, Saltmarket and High streets, we entered
the police office. Here, too, all were
draggled, half carrying a poor victim.
He has been caught obstructing and
abusing persons on the street. His name,
age, and charge are demanded, after
which he is hurried off to the lock-up.
But before this can be accomplished two
other officers enter and turn to their left,
where a second staff of officers register
the information. Men and women, some
of whom, through injury, others through
inability, wereWHEELED IN ON BARROWS.
The former of these were at once cared
for by the two medical men who stood
in readiness, and who, well-rehearsed,
would attend to the least ailment.
Nor was this all. A little child about
seven years of age entered. In her arms
was a tender infant, and on her counten-
ance was an anxious look. A drunken
mother was the object of her visit. Who
could tell the sad experience of that
little child as she walked the dark streets
carrying a still smaller brother. In vain
might she search for that drunken
thoughtless parent. There was an un-
told history in connection with that poor
unfortunate which no power could ex-
aggerate. Her painful condition was
but a faint simile of hundreds of others.
Passing into the street once more we
again walked the Tron-gait. It wasAFTER MIDNIGHT
yet a vast crowd paraded the streets, the
rum shops had, or were supposed to have,
closed at eleven and many of their com-
pans were turned into the street.
Through the infuriated demons we
wended our way, although often in
danger. As we passed through a narrow
opening, a poor woman sat shivering
upon a doorstep. She was poorly clad
and she held close to her bosom a little
child. It was a sad sight, and the dim
light shining through the mist and rain
added to the pitiful scene. Why was
she there? The tale is soon told. She
had been driven from her uninviting
home by a drunken husband, once he
was kind and loving, but that scorned
drink had gradually robbed him of those
charms and affections which gladdened
the heart of a happy bride.DRINK DID IT ALL.
A loving husband degraded beneath the
dumb brute of the fiend. Thousands of
instances of a similar nature are on record,
and yet this overwhelming evil is toler-
ated by many professing Christians. Surely
those who hold the reins of power are
ignorant of the real state of affairs, and
yet it cannot be. It is no huge monster
which has sprung up within the past few
days. It is not confined to the Tron-gait
or Salt market in Glasgow. For years
and in almost every city, town and
village, have victims been falling beneath
its deadly fangs. Were it that only the
widows were suffering we feel that dutywould be left undone to quietly sit down.
Every drunken person ruins the happi-
ness of many more. The comforts, the
home joys of a whole household, are
blasted by the intemperate habits of one
of its members and a scar is left upon the
whole family when one of its members
falls a victim to the poison. It is high
time that the masses were aware of the
extent to which our country is deluged.
Never did we expect to see, not even
dream ofSUCH DRAUGHTFUL PICTURES.
As presented themselves on that painful
Saturday night. It is impossible to ex-
press the feelings of the thousands of our
"Scott Act" opponents who met the real
state of affairs, also every honest man
would be only too willing to sanction
and adopt any measure which would tend
to curb the liquor traffic. Christians
awake, shake off all connection with the
accursed thing. Raise your voice, use
your influence and do what you can to
save the thousands of your fellow beings
from the overpowering evil. No one
who walked the above mentioned streets
on a Saturday night, could imagine him-
self in a Christian land. The facts are
simply awful. Desiring to see the end,
we attended the court on the following Mon-
day morning, and through the kindness
of Bailie Selkirk gained admittance to a
seat near the Judge, Bailie Ure, brother
to Rev. Dr. Ure, of Goderich. A large
number of cases were on the docket.
The victims, however, were few, and a
more dejected, dispirited, half starved
looking crowd surely could not be found
on the earth.WICKEDNESS AND MISERY
were stamped upon their very counten-
ances. Case was called after case.
"Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked
the Bailie. "I suppose I am. As drunk
and don't know what I did or
said," was the answer. "Ten days or
7s 6d. Call the next case." Some plead-
ed not guilty, especially the women; but
a brief trial, and they too were sentenced
to drink nothing but cold water for the
next ten days or so. About 11.30 the
long list was exhausted, every case of
which was a result of excessive drinking.
In six other places throughout the city
were similar courts going on. Some were
larger, others smaller. We were informed
that one hundred cases were no un-
common number to dispose of in one of
these courts on Monday morning. Full
of nine-tenths of the crime was commit-
ted through excessive drinking. Such
outrage as is here given may lead the
reader to conclude that little or no effort
is being made to check this evil. Had
the other side of the canvas not been
presented, we should readily have come
to such a decision. It may appear sur-
prising, but yet, it is so, that strenuous
efforts are being put forth of lateTO LESSEN THE TRAFFIC.
Many have not closed their eyes to this
overwhelming enemy, nor have they
withheld their voices and influence. Six
out of the ten Bailies of Glasgow are
staunch temperance men. Already they
have made their influence felt. But the
work is a huge one, and time is neces-
sary. We are not, however, to be dis-
heartened. The conservative Scotch. In the near
future we expect better tidings. The
church is not doing its work, but we are
glad to say that many of the younger
clergymen are staunch enemies to the
liquor traffic. Many laymen, too, are
moving independent of the church, and
as your Honor remarked it will be expected
that all law abiding citizens will join in
maintaining the majesty of the law and
seeing to its enforcement. We quite
agree with your Honor that a great ma-
jority of our hotel-keepers are most
upright and honorable men and that
they will be above violating the law.
We were pleased to learn from your
Honor that our duties would be light on
this occasion, seeing that there was not a
criminal case on the calendar for trial at
this seasons, which is certainly to be re-
garded as a diminution of crime in our
country.On one point this grand jury would
approach your Honor to gain some in-
formation respecting the commutation of
sentences in the Beamish-Mains murder
case tried at the recent assize court here.
This jury, not one member of whom
knew what steps were taken to
obtain a commutation, are of opinion that
unless good reason is shown to the county
for the course of leniency shown by the
Executive, that there is but little use in
convening juries, grand or petty, to waste
their time in doing their duty as jurors
or for judges passing righteous judgment
upon the perpetrators of atrocious crimes,
if in this case where the criminals are
one of them let loose upon society and
the sentences of the others commuted in
such a degree as to render the best efforts
of juries and the righteous sentences of
judges little else than a mockery and a
farce, public justice baffled, and no life
is in the community, but the convicted
murderer; while here no aid has been
extended or sympathy shown to the
widow or the helpless orphans of the
murdered man.We have examined the gaol and found it
both clean and orderly, and heard no
complaint from any of the prisoners
under the care and management of the
very efficient jailer, Mr. Dickson and
Turnkey Henderson, and we in common
with the citizens of Goderich, express our
sympathy with Mr. Dickson in the loss
he has sustained by the death of his son
Thomas.We found nine prisoners in the gaol,
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charge of rape—four men for vagrancy—
one insane woman—one man for larceny
of mail bags, and one man unable to
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All of which is respectfully submitted.
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Sholdice v. Ryan—Action for injury
to deft by a dog belonging to deft.
Seeger for plff.; Garraw for def. Judg-
ment for deft.FARMSTEAD.
The jurors for our Lady the Queen
upon their oath present:
We were much pleased and gratified
with the very lucid and lengthened re-
marks made by your Honor on the im-
portant subject "The Canada Temper-
ance Act," and trust that, as your remarks
foreshadow, that the measure may be-
come the material good of our common country.
The very fact of the Scott Act being
carried in this county by such an over-
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to deft by a dog belonging to deft.
Seeger for plff.; Garraw for def. Judg-
ment for deft.FARMSTEAD.
The jurors for our Lady the Queen
upon their oath present:
We were much pleased and gratified
with the very lucid and lengthened re-
marks made by your Honor on the im-
portant subject "The Canada Temper-
ance Act," and trust that, as your remarks
foreshadow, that the measure may be-
come the material good of our common country.
The very fact of the Scott Act being
carried in this county by such an over-
whelming majority augurs well for its
being carried out in its entirety, and as
your Honor remarked it will be expected
that all law abiding citizens will join in
maintaining the majesty of the law and
seeing to its enforcement. We quite
agree with your Honor that a great ma-
jority of our hotel-keepers are most
upright and honorable men and that
they will be above violating the law.We were pleased to learn from your
Honor that our duties would be light on
this occasion, seeing that there was not a
criminal case on the calendar for trial at
this seasons, which is certainly to be re-
garded as a diminution of crime in our
country.
On one point this grand jury would
approach your Honor to gain some in-
formation respecting the commutation of
sentences in the Beamish-Mains murder
case tried at the recent assize court here.
This jury, not one member of whom
knew what steps were taken to
obtain a commutation, are of opinion that
unless good reason is shown to the county
for the course of