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**Rev. Dr. Whelan  
Replies to Advocate.**

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—In this evening's Advocate appears what purports to be a letter written by me to the Editor of that paper some few days ago. The letter, as published, is so different from the transcript which I sent, that in justice to myself, and in order that the public may be able to properly appreciate the position I was setting forth, I have corrected the published letter to correspond with that which I sent to the Advocate, and would ask you to kindly republish it on Monday. I am leaving town by this evening's train.

Yours very truly,  
S. J. WHELAN.  
St. John's, Dec. 13, 1919.

To the Editor Advocate:

Dear Sir.—Had you not introduced new issues into your editorial comment on my letter of Nov. 28th, probably I would not trouble you further. For despite your statement that you did not withdraw nor apologize, I consider that in your explanation you did both.

Your original statement was, "we have warned the people against the improper spending of the public monies by any others than the duly elected Road Boards." That statement, coupled with other comments in your editorial, I understood, charged me with the improper spending of public monies, and thereby infringing on what you consider to be the special privilege of the Road Boards—"the improper spending of public monies." Now, however, you state that by "improper spending" you meant "improper receiving," thereby, to my mind, withdrawing the charge you made against me of improperly spending public monies. Your other charge you withdraw by implying that there was nothing wrong about my abetting a candidate—if I had done so since you state it made no difference whether I abetted or not. Well, if it made no difference there could not have been any wrong in it.

But, Sir, in justice to myself, I cannot allow the new points introduced by you, the points which, judging by your treatment of them, were to overwhelmingly crush me, to go unanswered. These points are the introduction of the name of Mr. George Grimes into the discussion, and the special request you had to remind Dr. Whelan of a conversation which he held with three electors, etc."

I regret very much, Sir, that you introduced the name of Mr. Grimes into the discussion. I regret it solely for Mr. Grimes' sake. For, although I realized from the beginning that the publication by me of Mr. Grimes' violation of the "Local Affairs Act" would offset, to some extent, the charges made by you against others, yet I refrained from so doing, and decided not to use my knowledge as argument in this discussion. Your reference, however, to Mr. Grimes and myself demands a rejoinder.

You state that I "will admit that while Mr. George Grimes was member for Port de Grave "there were no allocations made except to the Road Boards." I shall, Sir, make no such admission. I know that "while Mr. George Grimes was member for Port de Grave" that monies were taken from a legally elected Road Board and given to people to expend who had no legal standing whatever under the "Local Affairs Act."

You further state "that Mr. Grimes had on more than one occasion firmly pointed out even to the Reverend gentleman himself, that the Road monies would be spent only through the proper channel." This I also refuse to admit. Mr. Grimes did not consistently by word or deed, point this out to me. For I know, and he knew that I knew that he was spending money, and not special grant, either, but ordinary annual grant, to people to expend, who had no legal standing under the "Local Affairs Act."

This money was taken from a Road Board legally elected under the same Act.

And now, Mr. Editor, to the second point. I just as readily admit what you have been asked to remind me of, as I have denied your statement regarding Mr. Grimes' observance of the Local Affairs Act. Indeed I go further and state that I conversed along these lines with not only three electors, but with every elector I had an opportunity of conversing with during the early summer. I also plead guilty to suggesting to some of them the advisability of having their clerymen take such interest as would obtain for their locality their share of the special grant. And with all due deference to your opinion I think I can justify this action. Under present conditions it is beyond question that the clerymen of the different denominations exercise in the various settlements which come under their jurisdiction a great influence not only spiritually, educationally, and socially, but also materially. It was only natural then for me to suggest that that great influence be used for improvement in our road conditions. I realize, Sir, that when the new order of things which I have seen recently outlined in your paper obtains, when clerymen are deprived by special Act of Parliament from spending any public monies; when by the creation of a

special Department of Education they are debarred from receiving or expending educational monies; when, in a word, they are deprived of the civic rights that may be exercised by the most illiterate in the land—then no longer will they exercise the influence they do to-day, and doubtless then the long threatened "turn them out" policy will be a matter of easy accomplishment. But I am speaking of present day conditions, and I am certain that all right-thinking men will agree with me that neither chaos nor denominational Road Boards would result if clerymen took an active interest in the betterment of our road conditions.

My reply, Sir, is also made without prejudice of any kind. I thank you for giving the same prominence to your reply to my letter as you gave to the original charges, and I cannot but be pleased with the courteous tone of your comments.

Yours truly,  
S. J. WHELAN.  
North River, Dec. 9, 1919.

(Note.—The Editor of the Advocate wishes to state in reference to the above that Dr. Whelan's letter appeared in full in that paper, but unfortunately, eleven lines were misplaced. The last two lines in the second paragraph and the first nine lines of the third paragraph should have come between the sixth and seventh lines of the first paragraph.—Ed.)

**Boy Scouts' Concert.**

The Gover Street Troop of Boy Scouts are giving a concert and display in the Methodist College Hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Harris. The affair is under the direction of Scout Master Rev. E. W. Forbes, M.A., B.D., the Pastor of Gover St. Church who has been untiring in his efforts to promote the health and happiness of the boys since he assumed the pastorate of Gover Street Church in July 1918. The officers of the Scouts are:—  
Scoutmaster—Rev. E. W. Forbes.  
First Assistant—Mr. George Duncan.  
Second Assistant—Mr. Robert Francis.  
Third Assistant—Mr. Stephen Tizard.  
Cub-Master—Mr. Donald Lewis.  
Accompanist—Miss Dorothy Peters.  
The following is the programme for Tuesday night:

- PART ONE.**
1. Remarks by Scoutmaster—Rev. E. W. Forbes.
  2. "Troop Alert"—(a) Recitation of the Ten Scout Laws, (b) Song, "The Law of the Scout."
  3. Recitation—"The Model Boy Scout."
  4. Gymnastic Display—By ten Scouts.
  5. The Story of the Union Jack—By Four Scouts.
  6. "A Surgical Operation"—By Three Scouts.
  7. Dialogue, "Little Bit of History"—By Two Scouts.
  - Intermission—Home made Candy for sale.

- PART TWO.**
1. Chorus "A Day's Scouting"—By Troop.
  2. Dialogue, "The Wonderful Art of Palmistry"—By Two Scouts.
  3. First Aid Work—By Twenty-Five Scouts.
  4. Recitation—"The Spirit of Scout-hood."
  5. Gymnastic Display—By Ten Scouts.
  6. Dialogue, "A Good Turn"—By Four Scouts.
  7. Chorus, "These are Our Regulations"—By Troop.
  8. Signalling—By Twelve Scouts.
  9. Gymnastic Display—By Ten Scouts.
  10. Camp Scene—(a) Reveille, (b) Setting up Drill, (c) A Friendly turn with the Gloves, (d) Chorus, "The Newfoundland Scouts," (e) Scout Yell, "God Save the King."

**Tabloid Information.**

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**The Annual Christmas Tree and Party for the Church of England orphans will be held at the Shannon Munn Memorial Farm on Saturday afternoon, December 27th, at 3.30 o'clock. Friends of the Institution are cordially invited to be present. Contributions gratefully received. A. N. GOSLING, Hon. Sec. dec23.11.19.15.18.20**

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**Rivals of Solomon.**

Solomon in his wisdom is rivalled by the council of elders of Sibir, in Beluchistan, one of whose decisions is described as follows:

A certain spiritual teacher instructed a pupil in an incantation which was to preserve him for ever from any danger arising from snake-bite. The pupil, in perfect confidence, took hold of a snake, was bitten, and died.

The question arose, what offence, if any, had the holy man committed? The council of elders, after full deliberation, arrived at the conclusion that the mulish had acted foolishly in taking money for the incantation, for the spell loses its power if it is sold for money; also, he acted, as he had no regard for the fact that some snakes do not obey incantations, and that people who catch hold of snakes usually die of snake-bite.

They thought that the vendor of this valuable guarantee against snake-bite ought to be imprisoned for two months.

The brother of the dead man had, according to the customs of the country, asked for blood-money, but the elders held that he was not entitled to it, as "the mulish had taught the spell in good faith." Besides, the victim had been advised by others not to try it, but he had "succumbed to their warnings, and after all, he was predestined to meet his fate."

Both parties accepted this decision as quite satisfactory, and they hoped the British officer would confirm it.

**"The Empty Quarter."**

An English traveller has recently visited a little known part of Arabia called "the empty quarter." It is a sand-waste; and a local legend says that it was overwhelmed by hot sand storms because a king long ago lived there in luxury with two thousand wives and a guard of two thousand warriors, and God sent destruction upon him as a sign of His displeasure. Possibly this story had its origin in a Biblical incident of the East, that has passed down from family to family.

**Obituary.**

**MRS. GERALD McHALE.**

There is a genuine outpouring of sympathy with Gerald McHale, 39 Hennessy street, in the death, as the result of a very severe cold, of his young wife, Nellie May, to whom he was married less than five weeks ago. The two had just established themselves in their pretty little home in one of the new houses on Hennessy street, when the blow fell. Mrs. McHale, who was 25 years of age, was a daughter of Martin Houlihan, of the staff of Longard Brothers, and was a very pretty and very attractive young woman. Her funeral took place at 3.30 o'clock on Nov. 21st, at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Hallifax.

If you want to spend an enjoyable evening attend the Play and Concert in the Synod Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, at 8 o'clock. Admission 30c. Tea served after concert. dec11.11.19.15.20

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