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And the darkness of night, Like a funeral pall, With a desolate gloom Settles down upon all; And the river of life, That should sparkle and foam, Is a river of death In a rum ruined home.

O, if ever an arm Should be bared for the fight, And if ever a Christian Should stand for the right, It is now, in the heat Of a crisis so great, With rum ruined nations By city or state.

THE DOMINION FLEBISCITE. Perpetual motion, that dream of the mechanical inventor, is what we want in the temperance reform. Still water becomes stagnant.

We did not ask for this trial of strength but we do not shun it. We court every chance to meet the saloon in the open ballot, for it is not an opportunity to sound a blast on the prohibition bugle that shall ring its way down into the consciousness of the sleepy Christian, pierce the dulled ear of the worldly, and hold the harmony loving nature of youth.

The circle of soldiers and sympathizers widens with every fresh plighting of the standard. We have nothing to fear and everything to hope.

Here are the pictures of the combatants in the nearing struggle; the plates were prepared two thousand years ago but they are as true life yet. "Every one that doth evil hateth the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." The saloon, skulking into the darkness of ancient custom and misapplied scripture, screening its deformities behind the "mooted" stage drapery of personal liberty and vested rights, and doing its fighting by proxy, through the conscienceless politician and editor.

Now look at the other aspirant for the people's favor. "But every one that doth truth cometh to the light, lest his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God." Turn on the X rays of public thought, converge every line and pencil of light on this cause of home. It courts investigation. It has nothing to hide. In a few weeks it will be crying aloud from the pulpits and platforms of this land; coming out in the public prints over an honest signature; fighting its own battles right manfully, and from the shoulder.

What should be the initial move of the campaign? The forming without delay of a "Head Centre" for the Dominion.

But when we have thus generated our army, what shall be our share of duty? These are the local fire, the county spokes and the provincial hub. If the white ribbon wheel is to move effectively every part must contribute its quota of faithful work.—From the Ontario President's annual address.

WOMEN PREPARING FOR FLEBISCITE. "Temperance people must now as never before, agitate and educate. They must realize the power that lies in the tongue and set upon it. They must each master the great facts of the Prohibition fight all over the world and study how best to make them clear to others. Every temperance woman in the city should know how many saloons we have here and how many drunkards every year went down to death. They should have scores of facts at their tongues' tip so as to meet every argument offered by the other side. Take such a fact as this for example. Maine was a poor state, with rocky barren soil, while Ohio and Illinois were wealthy. Yet under Prohibition Maine has money in her savings banks, money as the state of \$80.77 for each person, while Ohio had only \$9 and great Illinois but \$6. Would not such a statement as that silence a good many anti-Prohibition arguments. Then they must pray constantly. Kansas was covered with praying circles and so should Canada be. COUNTING FOR THOUSANDS.

"How I wish my signature could count for thousands!" said a young lady, when speaking of a petition for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drink. She had good reason for her wish. The shadow of intemperance had fallen on her own heart and home—she knew what she spoke of, and had felt how much of wretchedness and sorrow and disgrace one

drunkard can bring upon the innocent members of a family.

How little does the thoughtless world know of the bitterness of this awful curse which turns loving sons, tender husbands and sober, honest citizens, into drunken hoodlums, lying, thieving hypocrites, and ugly and unreasoning brutes. And this work is going on every hour of every day and night that passes over our heads. And men are licensed, permitted, and protected in doing this devilish work. And wives are weeping, and mothers are mourning, and children are suffering, while scheming politicians are calculating to see how many votes they can get by joining hand with foreign rummellers, and newspapers are publishing lies by the yard, to deceive the people, and are drawing on the distillers and brewers for their pay.

How long, O Lord, how long?

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

My attention has been directed to an article from Scotchtown in a late issue of your paper, referring in a rather sarcastical way of the treatment we have received from our Local representatives, holding them responsible, not only for acts over which they have control, but otherwise, as you will notice in his reference—three miles a week which he captures as a fact, and wishes to show his gratitude to the Local Government for this as well as a new wharf at Scotchtown. Now it must be admitted your correspondent was manifesting a great amount of ignorance or endeavoring to make his remarks as ludicrous as possible, suffice it to say, which ever had been his intention he has nobly succeeded in both. Now Mr. Editor the facts are these, that for some little time past an effort has been made by some of the residents of Lower Scotchtown to have a new wharf built at or near Mr. George Danton's, this accommodating quite a number who now have to drive from three to five miles in order to reach Douglas Harbor; the effort has not been successful in the past, for several reasons, notably: its exposed position to the ice in the spring of the year; the uncertainty of being used by steamer, and the refusal of the Govt. for some time past to build any more new wharves unless the same is paid for out of Bye Road money which would take the entire appropriation of the Parish for two years, this of course would meet with strenuous opposition. Your correspondent would not however take pessimistic view of this matter believing as I do, that this will have the careful consideration of our representatives when they see their way clear for a move in that direction, which will not be hampered by such ignominious has been shown by the correspondent above referred to, for it is impossible to deny the fact that this Parish has received more attention from our Local Government since Mr. Farris has been our representative, than it did in fifteen years previous to this; five of the most important bridges have and are being erected besides extensive repairs on the wharves, this together with the necessity of a new bridge at throughout, the loss of which has been keenly felt this winter, should cause every lover of justice to stop and consider whether he is practising that virtue due to every man that is endeavouring to do his duty.

As to the mails, there is every prospect of an improvement in our accommodation and though perhaps a little slower in its realization than we would wish yet we feel there will be nothing gained by car-leaving those that we believe have our best interests in view.

Our mails this winter have been very irregular, partly due to the number and severity of our storms and partly to causes which can be easily guessed by those familiar with all things concerned. The unusual warm weather of late has rendered our roads almost impassable, the snow being so deep.

Thanking you for space in your valuable paper and wishing you every success with the same, I remain, Yours XXX.

Douglas Harbor, March 16th. 1898.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

DEAR SIR: I see in your issue of the 9th inst. a communication under the caption of Johnson, giving the origin of the name Thornetown which delineates with a good deal of bravado, of the self-reliance of the people in the locality designated by the scribe, Teachers, Lawyers, Preachers, Doctors, galore. He quotes all the way from Chicago. He tells of the large amount of self reliance transmitted from father to son, that is lacking in other communities. What a wonderful people they are. Awake communities and send your deputations to Thornetown for self reliance.

I wish to call the attention of the newspapers to the wall to have the shiver moved to the locality designated by your correspondent. There is no doubt but he has a site to dispose of, or he is in his dotage or it is some child writing to amuse himself. No sound business man would

think of saddling the county with a debt of thirty thousand dollars to please your scribe. He tries to make out how convenient it would be for the people of Queens county to have the shirtown in the locality above named along the Central railway, which is only a one horse affair anyway. A snow storm makes the place isolated as much as Gagetown. He says likewise the Grammar school should be moved to that place. The Grammar school among such self reliant people would soon fill up all the professions to the top of the ladder.

CAMBRIDGE.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

While looking over the QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE of the 9th inst., it amused me to see an item of news from your correspondent at Cady's concerning the Manitoba school question in Salmondale. Now for the information of your correspondent I might say that it is not Salmondale School District, it is Lower Salmon Creek School District No. 12, and Salmondale is only the name of the post office.

Now, sir, I am not going to enter into any controversy about school matters through the press but if your correspondent wants to be enlightened on the truth of the affair that he writes about makes himself known to me I, shall be only too happy to inform him of the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

I am very glad that this place has been taken notice of for two reasons at least. First it let people know that there is such a place and not too bad a place either, for this settlement about six miles in length has two postoffices and each one enjoying the privilege of three mails a week since the first of February; and it will also let your readers see that there is a startling element of no small proportion in the lower end especially.

If there were no such within the limits of this district your correspondent from Cady's would not have known about the western now secretly going on among us.

I am very glad indeed that this has come out in print and I am not sorry that the trouble has arisen in our school district that has been the cause of this correspondence for the simple reason it will let each of us know more about each other and how to work for each other's interest and the interest of the district in future.

I notice an item of news from Cady's whither written by the same correspondent or not which is very apt to cause a false impression to get abroad throughout this fair domain of ours. It states that the mail route, between Cady's Station and Long Creek bridge which was tendered for by Mr. John Armstrong has been given to Charles Roberts. But there is no such mail route in the place.

The mail on said route is carried by W. S. Cady, who also carries it to Long Creek and Lawson's.

Now, this does not touch the matter in question but a correspondent that can over reach the truth in one thing might in another and if it is the same correspondent that wrote about Salmondale going to Manitoba to fight the school law he had better get informed on the question (like the crew of men that went to chop down one of the California monarchs; after they had worked a week they went around to the other side and found another crew working at the same tree) before he gives his verdict or begins his work.

Yours etc., IRVIN THOMPSON, Salmondale, Queens Co., March 12th, 1898.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

In your issue of the 9th inst., appears an article from Lakewick that is very misleading. In this article the correspondent endeavors to impress the readers that the schoolman in that district flogged Mr. Perry's boy with no other intention in view but to make the boy tell a lie. It is not my intention in this article to say anything about the flogging; but to contradict that misleading statement. I know the teacher in that district too well to say that statement to go uncontradicted. The teacher in said district had no intention of making the boy tell a lie.

This teacher is so well known that very little praise from me is necessary. She has made for herself a reputation as a teacher second to none in the county. She taught five years and a half in one district, and there she was loved and respected by all for her high moral and Christian character.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I remain, Yours etc., Geo. A. WILSON, Douglas Harbor.

March 16.—The recent thaw has settled the snow considerably, but the roads in some places are in a bad condition.

Mr. Asa Belman, of this place, while hauling a load of hay from Sheffield had the misfortune to get the load stuck in the snow; but luckily Chesley Clark happened along and hauled it out for him.

J. C. Hunter, who has been ill for some time, is reported better.

Messrs. Robert Palmer and George Marshall have left for St. John to take charge of their schooners.

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