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Improper Comment.

that the "first stage of the criminal libel action by the Hon. W. F. Coaker William D. Reid. . . reachthe criminal libel action by the Hon. W. F. Coaker against Sir William D. Reid. . reached a point where public interest may be said to really begin." Apparently, in the opinion of the Advcoate, it is also the starting point for the indulgence of a full and free right of comment, which it proceeds forthwith to exercise. We will not go so far as to designate its observance a contempt of court (a question for the court itself to decide), but it is obvious that they were deliberately framed to misrepresent the case in favour of the prosecution. After stating that the letter on which the charges have been founded against the defendant was copied by the parameters against which stinlier but civil framed to misrepresent the case in favour of the prosecution. After stating that the letter on which the charges have been founded against the defendant was copied by the papers, against which similar but civil proceedings have been taken, at a time when they "were carrying on a relentless campaign of vilification and abuse of Mr. Coaker," thus as clearly as possible insinuating that the letter itself could be characterised by the as possible instituting that the test itself could be characterised by the same terms, the Advocate proceeds:
"The public were astounded at the charges clearly implied in this letter Coaker." We would sharply remind the Advocate that the question whether or not any "charges" at all are "clearly implied" in this letter is precisely the question now before the court. Such a comment at such a uncture is the result either of an mpertinent disregard of the respect lue the court and the course of justice or of an astounding ignorance. The following is still worse. "Yesterday afternoon Mr. Herbert Knight, which was particular business and several and several as a strength of the several and several and several as a strength of the several and several as a sev Sir William Reid's lawyer, addressed the court for upward of an hour. No evidence of any kind has yet been offered on behalf of Sir Wm. D. Reid. Mr. Howley's address, in asking that the defendant be committed for trial before a jury in the Supreme Court was brief, occupying not much more than 15 minutes." This is plainly designed for the benefit of readers as gnorant of law as the Advocate is of nost of its own readers cannot be supposed to know that evidence on behalf of the defendant at this stage may be quite unnecessary: it hints that he has none, or little, to offer. It also suggests that the task of counsel for the defence was harder than that of counsel for the prosecu-tion. We will not commit the offence of which we are complaining by giv-ing the real meaning of these proceedings and of the course which they have taken, but will merely say that the impression which the Advocate is likely to convey is entirely false.

It is time that the Advocate was put sharply and firmly in its place. The institution of all these proceedings has had one effect which we can easily believe Mr. Coaker wished them to have. The papers opposed to him have had the courtesy to cease comment entirely upon the subject-matter of them and other matters contour the members of the above association in the court of the members of the above association in the court of the members of the above association in the court of the members of the above association in the court of the members of the above association in the court of the members of the above association in the court of the members of the above association in the court of nected with it, though they were un-der no obligation to accord him so For upwards of an hour told of her exder no obligation to accord him so much satisfaction. We could not expect Mr. Coaker to reciprocate courteous treatment. In this particular connection, however, it is not the other papers and the other parties that are entitled to it but the court. It was enough for the other papers that the presiding magistrate expressed the request that no comment whatrequest that no comment what ever be made upon the proceedings. Under that condition, the justice of which is obvious, he was kind enough to permit their representatives to be present. The return which the Advocate makes for the kindness is char-

Nfld. Bible Society

society took place at the College Hall last night, the attendance being much larger than usual. His Excellency the Governor presided and with him on the platform were Lt.-Col. Knox-Niven, A.D.C., Rev. Canon Bolt, M.A., President of the Society; Revs. Dr. Curtis, J. Brinton, G. Dickie, D. B. Hemmeon and W. H. Thomas; Lt.-Col. Otway, S.A., Adjt. Tilley, S.A., H. W. LeMessurier, Esq., C.M.G., Arthur Mews, Esq., C.M.G., Hon. R. A. Squires, Messrs. J. Leamon, Sidney Woods, R. A. Templeton, E. S. Pinsent, W. R. Stirling, I. Lodge, and the choir. The meeting opened with a hymn and address of welcome to His Excellency the Governor by Rev. Canon Bolt. Rev. Dr. Curtis moved a resolution of condolence on the death of His Lordship Bishop Jones, who was the Hon. President of the Society. Rev. W. H. Thomas seconded the motion. Following is the resolution:

Memory and others, which make it the most daring, the most profound, the most daring, the most daring house with all the vulgarity, meanness and self-seeking prevale ed the motion. Following is the re-

BE IT RESOLVED .- That the Newfound Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society desires to place on record its sorrow at the death of on record its sorrow at the death of its Hon. President, The Right Rev-erend Llewellyn Jones, D.D., Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, its deep re-spect for the character of the vener-able Prelate, and its sense of the loss which the Society has sustained in the demise of one who for so many years was warmly and personally inerested in its operations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

-That a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the family of the late

That a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the family of the late Hon. President.

The resolution was put by Rev. Canon Bolt and carried by a standing vote. Canon Bolt paid a tribute to the late Richard Neyle, Esq., who for sixty meetings continuously was only absent once and that was when he visited his old home in Devon. Canon Bolt also offered a hearty welcome to His Excellency as patron of the Society.

-Committee—All Clergymen who are members of the Society, Hon. A. F. Goodridge, Hon. Jas. Angel, Messrs. T. J. Duley, John Steer, W. B. Grieve, Arthur Mews, C.M.G., John Cowan, Wm. Peters, Arch. Lindsay, Hon. Jno. Harvey, Messrs. C. H. Hutchings, K.C., Jesse Whiteway, Albert Soper, Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., Hon. M. G. Winter, Messrs. Eli Dawe, J. R. Harvey, Jas. H. Thomas, J. J. MacKay, John Clouston, H. Macpherson, S. E. Garland, Alex. Robertson, Alex. Marshall, Adit. Oxford, H. W. LeMessurshall, Adjt. Oxford, H. W. LeMessur-ier, C.M.G., George Bursell, Adjt. Bruce, J. C. Puddester, N. S. Fraser, M.D., Chas. P. Ayre, John Maunder, Adjt. Hardine, Harold Ayre, John W.

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Rey. D. B. Hemmeon moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency and congratulated the people on their attendance. He wished to include in the vote of thanks appreciation of the reverence of His Excellency for the Bible as expressed in his address. Mr. A. Mews, C.M.G., in seconding the motion stated His Excellency counted his attendance as one of the privihis attendance as one of the privi-leges of his office and was in full ac-cord with the spirit of the Society. The vote was passed by all standing.

A vote of thanks was also accorded the choir and Organist Mews. Owing to to-day being a half holi-day, which necessitates our going to press at an early hour, we regret not being able to give a more detailed ac-count of the excellent meeting.

St. Margaret's Guild.

Miss Amorel Harris, daughter of His

At the Casino.

The comedy "Peg O' My Heart" was staged before another large audience last night and it will, by request, be repeated at this afternoon's matinee.

The annual meeting of the Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society took place at the College Hall lest right the attendance being mych

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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6th, 1978.

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Armenian and

NEIJIN CAPTURED.

PETROGRAD, To-day. troops of the revolutionary army nsk have captured the town of according to headquarters deh. They are now advancing on

CONFERENCES AT BERLIN.

us conferences continued throughout he day. The Austrian Food Control-er, Herr Hoefer, has arrived at Berlin to make urgent representations to Germany regarding the necessity of

Germany regarding the necessity of helping Austria in her sore difficulties.

WAR NOTES.

From the North Sea to the Swiss Frontier military activity daily seems to be growing in intensity and it may to be growing in intensity and it may be fair to assume that, in the not dis-tant future, some of the big battles, that have been forecast, will break. American, British and French armies have been taking hacks at the German lines, either by fairly strong patrol attacks, or by bombardments, while in Millertown Methodist turn the Teutons have been giving considerable attention to their enemies from the American viewpoint. Another successful manoeuvre by the Americans, on their sectors of the front, is of greatest interest as on last Saturin the bud an impending surprise at-tack on their trenches and taught Ger-many a salutory lesson with their ar-tillery. In the German trenches the Teutons were awaiting word to go Teutons were awaiting word to go over the top for an attack when the Americans opened a heavy fire on their positions, heavy casualties are believed to have been inflicted on the Teutons and considerable damage was one, by 75's on German trenches, due to the accuracy of the aim of American gunners. The Germans haven't yet been able to re-occupy the trenches and dugouts battered by the American fire on Saturday evening and have been forced back to another line of trenches at that particular point. Next American fronts, have been the attack by the Germans against the French in Aisne region and north of Verdun

attacks north of the Aisne were repulsed but the German war office says that south of Beaucourt, Baden storming troops pushed far into the French front inflicting heavy casualties and returning to their own lines with prisoners. The British have carried out successful raids against the Teutons, southwest of Armentieres, and in the vicinity of Ypres Stadem Railway, where many of the enemy were killed and others captured. Intense air fighting is going on between the French and Germans in France and between the Italian and British airmen and Germans in the Italian theatre. Sunday 13 enemy planes were downed by the French far inside the German lines, while an equal number were shot down by the Pritish and Italian airmen in German lines. British and Italian airmen in Germany. According to the latest advices the strike has about died out, although discontent is said still to exist. This feeling has extended even to the German troops in Flanders, the Vincentian Fathers from New lies. It is a fact that conferences took place in Berlin on Monday, between the German Emperor, Crown Prince, Bulgarian Foreign Minister and Turkish Grand Vizier and that knotty questions were to be settled is also indicated by the fact that after forces, in Southern Russia, are now Annual Meeting.

This evening the famous play: "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" will be staged. This play must be seen to be understood, its comedy, brilliancy of atmosphere, its great theme,—above all its everiasting truth. There are very few of the qualities of the "extraordinary play" which differentiate by place at the College Hall the attendance being much posal, regarding exports from the United States being permitted to reach Norway, with the understand-ing that none of them should be reexported into Germany, says: Nor-way, in her commercial policy, can't break with one belligerent without imperilling her general neutrality.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

The Russian Government proclamation addressed to all, was received here to-day by wireless from Petrograd, asserts that Moscow and Petrograd are calm and that no socialists have been arrested there. Kiev, says the proclamation, is in the hands of the Ukranian Council and Bcurgeoise Rada has fallen and fied. Orenburg was captured by Council authority, proclamation adds, while in Finland victory of Finnish workmen over the Government is nearing achievement; guard forces have been pressed back northward and workmen's victory LONDON, To-day.

guard forces have been pressed back northward and workmen's victory over them is assured.

The food question in Petrograd, the proclamation says, has improved. The "news from Germany" proclamation says it is scarce. Clearly the Germans are suppressing the truth about the revolution there. M. Trotzky wires from Brest Litovsk that the Germans are dragging out peace negotiations. Yesterday a decree was published separating church and state and calling for confiscation of all church property. The proclamation is signed by M. Gorbunoff, Secretary of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies.

Fads and Fashions.

Neck ribbons, with bows at the wrist to match appear on many ses, both in silk and lingerie ma-

A new sleeve, cut with a triangula oke at the elbow and fitted 'tightly elow, is a feature of some of the new

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPH-

Syrain Relief Fund.

Dear Sir,—I forward herewith a list of the contributions to the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund received by me, and shall be glad if you will publish same in the next issue of the Telegram.

Yours sincerely,

WM. G. CURRIE,

Actor Treasurer

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Here and There.

PERSONAL-Mr. Norman, Sub-Colctor of Humbermouth is at persent PASSENGERS ARRIVE AT NEW YORK.—The passengers who left here last Tuesday have arrived in New

FIRST HALF HOLIDAY. - The The French War Office asserts that

> "SEAL" ARRIVES .- The S. S. Seal morning and hauled in at the Furness

IMPROVING IN HEALTH.—We are

C. M. B. C.—Come and see "The Suffragette" by Mrs. Colvile, Misses Keegan and Hayward at the Methodist College Hall to-night. Reserved Seats, 50c., General admission, 25c., at Messrs. Gray & Goodland's .- 1i

OPENING GAME. — The opening game in the hockey series will be teams being the "Vics" and Terra Novas. Mr. W. J. Higgins will referee.

PREACHES DURING LENTEN without the attendance of some of the ers during the Lenten season two of

night for the Grand Concert in the Methodist College Hall, un-der the auspices of the C.M.B.C. Reserve Seats, 50c.; General adthe conferences the Emperor presided over the committee. Turko Tartar Reserve Seats, 50c.; General admission, 25c., at Messrs. Gray & Goodland's.—feb6,1i

> TAKEN TO ASYLUM-The old man Quinn who was spoken of in yester day's issue as having escaped from the Poor Asylum was examined yes-terday by a doctor and pronounced in-sane. He was taken to the Asylum last evening.

Your Boys and Girls.

The crib of a child after babyhoo should be furnished with a pad or blanket between the sheet and mattress. Both sheets and pillow slips should be untrimmed except for a Quidi Vidi. The patient was removed monogram or a bit of cross stitch in colors, if liked. The soft wooly blankets in checker board design are very attractive especially in creamy white and wood browns. A dull blue combined with tan is also very effective Blankets on this order do not soi

as quickly as white ones and the checker board pattern is a great improvement over the old time gray and ent; red blankets with their ugly black

The spread can be made at home. soft cotton poplin, in a shade of pale tan, decorated with cutout animals little folks pictures and landscape are all appropriate. A good plain trimming for sheets consists of three bands of sateen in a fast color, each cut a little narrower than the other and set on a few inches apart, as a border. Another way is to set a motif in the center and edge with a fairly wide plain band.

Satin coats in black, navy and taupe mostly, elaborately but not garishly embroidered in let beads, steel thread or floss are being ushered in

LOST—Last night, between
Prince's Rink and Monkstown Road,
by way of Military Road, a Watch Fob
(Locket), with raised blue and white
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College Hall, will no doubt be a great treat. His Excellency the Governor-has very kindly consented to attend.

Just received, a shipment of Pin Mauls. BOWRING BROS., LTD., Hardware.—feb4,eod,tf

The ladies of St. Thomas's Women's
Association are now preparing for a
Sale and Tea to be held in Canon
Wood Hall in April next. The affair
promises to exceed any of the kind
held by the Association since the com-

Vaccination Shields just arrived for STAFFORD'S Drug Stores, only 20c. ea.—feb5,tf

FISHERY REPORT.-A report re relived from Rose Blanche state dories, skiffs and boats are still fising and that three bankers, the fir for the season, returned to Ramea la week. The boats have found cod ver plentiful. It is feared that the lack bait will be the cause of suspendin operations. Herring is not obtainab at present in Fortune Bay.

Protect our arm by using a 60c. a bottle. Vaccination Shield, only 20c. ea. MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES at STAFFORD'S Drug Stores.

Here and There.

Come to Canon Wood Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Mission Circle Concert. Admission 20 cts. day, Feb. 7th, commening at large transfer.

ENJOYABLE SMOKER. — Following the regular meeting of the S. U. F. last night a very enjoyable smoker was held. Past Master J. Curnew presided and the programme consisted of songs by Programme consisted. Hospital.

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RUNAWAY HORSE JUMPS WHARF. — While driver F. Buggie and Worthy Master Whitten; a recitation by Petty Officer Britt, and an address by Mr. Crockett on "Enemies of the Nation." During the evening for the Nation." During the evening for the Nation of the Nation. The street and Water Street, making programme consisted of songs by Bros. T. Voisey, E. Smith and Worthy Master Whitten; a recitation by Petty Officer Britt, and an address by Mr. Crockett on "Enemies of the Nation." During the evening for the Nation." During the evening for the Nation. The street and Water Street, making programme consisted of songs by Bros. T. Voisey, E. Smith and Worthy Master Whitten; a recitation by Petty Officer Britt, and an address by Mr. Crockett on "Enemies of the Nation." During the evening for the Nation." During the evening the street and Water Street, making programme consisted of songs by Bros. T. Voisey, E. Smith and Worthy Master Whitten; a recitation by Petty Officer Britt, and an address by Mr. Crockett on "Enemies of the Nation." During the evening the street and Water Street, making programme consisted of songs by Bros. T. Voisey, E. Smith and Water Street and Water Street, making programme consisted of songs by Bros. T. Voisey, E. Smith and Water Street and Water Street, making programme consisted of songs by Bros. T. Voisey, E. Smith and Water Street and Wate

TO-DAY'S MATINEE. —At the matinee at the Casino this afternoon the W. S. Harkins Players will present "Peg O' My Heart," with Miss Chesmond in the role of "Peg." To-night Sir John Forbes Robertson's famous play "The Passing of The Third Floor Back." Friday and Saturday nights, the comedy drama: "Rich Man, Poor Man" with two new dances introduced by Miss Chesmond. Matinee Saturday, "Turn to The Right."

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