WILL IT BE MURDER?

An Old Man Hits His Wife With a Lighted Lamp —The Woman in a Dying Condition.

Ralph Stuthers, an old man living in a lane off Claremont street, is in the custody of the police for a very serious crime. On Saturday night Stuthers and his wife were drinking together. About 11 o'clock they began to quarrel. In a moment of passion the old man seized a lighted lamp and hurled it with great force at his wife, striking her on the head. The lamp broke and the oil, which spread all over the woman, became ignited and set fire to her hair and clothing. The poor old creature suffered terrible agony, but could do nothing for herself, having been stunned by the blow, and the brute of a husband turned her out on the street and locked the door. Mrs. Stuthers managed to get into a neighbor's house, when the flames were extinguished but not until she had been terribly burned about the head, neck and shoulders. At this time Sergeant Carr happened along on his visiting rounds and sent for Dr. McCullough who alleviated the old woman's pain as much as possible. The officer then arrested Stuthers, taking the broken lamp along with him to the station. Subsequently the victim of the prisoner's fury was removed to the general hospital where she lies in a precarious condition, her recovery being extremely doubtful.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Oh, Trevelyan Ridout, don't you cry,
Wipe that tear from out your eye,
Don't let the "bald-heads" hear you sigh;
Oh, Trevelyan Ridout, how is this for high

There was an old man from the east,
Who ate buckwheat cakes like a beast,
Till his laddady cries,
I must stop the supplies,
Or he'll blow himself up with the yeast.

There will be 12 horses on the stage in Michael Stragoff.

James Rennie ships a carload of clover seed to Ireland to-day.

Vital statistics for last week: Births, 51, marriages 8, deaths 50.

The custom house officials have petitioned for an increase of salary.

Twenty-five geese were stolen from Mr. Heddus' stable at the old fort Friday night.

George Eyvel has sold out his interest in the Sarnia Observer and is back in Toronto again.

Hon. D. L. Macpherson arrived at Chestnut park from Ottawa Saturday, his daughter being ill.

Eighty car loads of grain were shipped from the Northern elevator across the Atlantic last week.

The Seaton village shooting club beat the York township club at a match on Friday for an oyster supper.

The wife of J. Ellerby, J.P., died very suddenly of heart disease on Saturday at her residence in Weston.

Thos. McCann and Wm. Burton of Yorkville were each fined $10 and costs for brutally ill-using a horse.

On Saturday a little boy aged 8 years, son of Mr. Jno. Cavanagh of Weston, was drowned while sliding on the Humber.

The mail steamer Parisian arrived at Halifax at midnight on Saturday. The mails will probably reach Toronto to-morrow.

On dit that that Mr. Leach of the Merchant's bank is about to enter the happy state of matrimony with one of Yorkville's daughters.

At auction Saturday in the matter of Goldsmith, lots 1 and 2 on the Kingston road, containing 3½ acres, were sold to the Gravel-road company and ex-Ald. Davids for $400 for each lot.

At a meeting of the benchers of the law society Saturday E. D. Armour was elected examiner and lecturer to the law school in place of J. S. Ewart, resigned.

The funeral of Wm. H. Harris, an aged colored citizen, who lived in the west end took place yesterday afternoon. Mr. Harris took an active interest in municipal affairs and his voice was often heard at St. Andrew's hall.

The Kiralfy Brothers' combination are in town, as large as a circus. They brought two carloads of properties. Two French artists have been painting scenery at the Grand for a week for the spectacle, Michael Strogoff will be the event of the season. The sale of seats commences at 9 o'clock this morning.

The weather on Saturday and yesterday was dry and bracing. With the near approach of Christmas, the retail stores on Saturday night were the scenes of great activity. Shop-keepers and business men generally are sighing for a good fall of snow, which of course would make things hum for the holiday trade.

About 150 partook of the free breakfast yesterday morning in the Temperance hall. The bill of fare was an excellent one, consisting of Irish stew, roast beef, potatoes, coffee, bread and butter. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Potts, Jas. French, C. H. Mathieson, C. McKay and others. At the conclusion of the service the pledge card was introduced, and a large number came up and signed it.

Bartley Campbell's company open at the Royal opera house to-night in his drama of Fairfax. The plea is pronounced to be one of the best that the celebrated author has yet written and will be produced with a strong cast, amongst whom are Emily Baker, Emma Skerritt, Lizzie Irving, Chas. A. McManus, Wm. J. Scanlan, Frank Cotter, Theo. Belfour and Wm. Webster.

Religious meetings are being held every evening in the Quakers' church on Pembroke street. These meetings have been very successful and it is to be hoped they will continue so. Among the speakers are Ellwood Scott, L. L. Binford from Indiana, and J. T. Dorland, one of the deacons, who is a very good speaker. This church has not been long in Toronto but is very well attended.

Representatives of the York township council and the York Masonic hall company had a conference Saturday. It was decided by the council that they were not empowered to take stock as proposed at the meeting of the council by the directors of the hall. The council will, however, entertain an idea of building a hall on their own account and it is probable that the matter will be submitted to a vote at the next election.

John Webster of 280 Gerrard street found a three months old human fœtus on the boplevard near Berkeley street at 1 o'clock yesterday. He notified the police of No. 4 station, and they took charge of the fœtus. Coroner Riddel having ordered its burial, P. C. Thompson (18) acted as grave-digger, Constables Willis and Armstrong (44) were the pall-bearers and Constables Woods (63), Cross (106) and Veitch were the mourners. The interment was made in the yard of No. 4 station.

County court Saturday, before Judge Mackenzie: The case of James Johnston, estate and insurance agent, v. Mrs. Mary Doyle was an action to recover $200 as commission for the sale of a house on the south-east corner of Richmond and Victoria streets. The jury could not agree and were discharged. They stood nine to three for defendent. Alfred Berry v. Edward Smith is an action of trover to recover an organ or its value. The case will be continued to-day. Premptory list: Donovan v. Gas Co., Charlesworth v. West, Nobbs v. Crabb, Stone v. Banallie, Sheckleton v. West, Abell v. Warrow.

WHERE IS HE?

The Daughters of a former Toronto theatre Manager in Search of a Lawyer who Made up their Father's Will.

Toronto theatre-goers of ten and fifteen years ago will remember John C. Myers, the manager of the old Royal Lyceum. Mr. Myers was a good manager and produced some fine plays and spectacles. He made money and afterwards went to the States where he augmented his fortune considerably. A short time ago Mr. Myers died at Orleans, Mass. While in Toronto he made a will which was drawn up by a young law student named Reeves. The document was kept by Reeves, whose whereabouts is now unknown. Miss Flora Myers and Miss Teenie Myers, daugters of the deceased manager, have through their lawyers written to friends in Toronto asking for information about Reeves, from whom they wish to recover the will so as to inherit their father's property. The World would be glad to hear of anything that would assist the ladies in their search.

THE SOCIAL EVIL.

At the general sessions Saturday, before Judge Boyd, the case of larceny from Julia Minor against Edward Moore and Daniel Clelland was continued. Mr. Murphy, who defended the prisoners, referred to the temptation thrown in the way of young men by the existence of such houses as that kept by Minor, and said it was in such houses as hers that the young men were hurried to ruin. Crown Attorney Fenton alluded to the fact that Minor had grown old in the business, having kept such a house on a public thoroughfare for twenty years. He felt as a public prosecutor he had been negligent when such a state of affairs had been allowed to exist. The fact was that public sentiment on the question of the social evil had been asleep, and was only now being wakened up. He hoped that the agitation would continue until there was not such a house in the city. His learned friend had defended many of those who kept such houses, but he could congratulate him on having, on this occasion, alluded to the harm they did. His honor in charging the jury also alluded to the evil and commented on the crime which it caused. The jurors returned a verdict of not guilty.

OSGOODE LITERARY AND LEGAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of this society was held in the lecture-room of Osgoode hall Saturday night, the president in the chair. The meeting was opened in the usual manner. Mr. Nelson recited Clarence's Dream from Richard III. The following subject was then debated upon: Resolved, that the best interests of Canada would be secured by making her an independent republic. Mr. McCulla and A. D. Cruikshank spoke in the affirmative, and Messrs. Washington and H. T. Canniff supported the negative. The chairman after summing up the arguments advanced pro and con, decided in favor of the negative. Mr. Ewart discharged the duties of critic, and in a few pleasing and instructive remarks pointed out to the several speakers their defects and where there was room for improvement. Owing to the change made in the society's constitution, some few general matters were then brought before the members and the meeting adjourned.

THE LATE BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

The funeral of the Right Rev. Frederick D. Fauquier, late missionary bishop of Algoma, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Frank Arnoldi, 151 John street. Thence the coffin was conveyed to St. George's church, where a choral service was held, the bishop of Toronto officiating. The funeral then proceeded to St. James' cemetery, where the burial service was read by the bishop of Niagara and the bishop of Toronto, after which the coffin was laid in the vault beneath the cemetery chapel. The pall-bearers were the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, Rev. Archdeacon Body, Rev. J. Langtry, Rev. Septimus Jones, Rev. T. C. Desbarres, Toronto; Rev. Mr. Cole, Bracebridge; Judge Burton, Toronto; Senator Alexander, Judge McQueen, Woodstock; Mr. Lount, Bracebridge.

COMING TO ITS SENSES.

The county council of the county of Wellington is clearly coming to a sense of the eternal fitness of things when we find the following as part of its first day's proceedings: Moved by Mr. Harcourt, seconded by Mr. Budd, that the institution known as the warden's supper be discontinued, as it has outgrown its usefulness. Mr. Leslie thought that the motion was out of order, and interferred with the liberty of the subject, and moved, seconded by Mr. Waters, that each member of the county council be requested to go to bed every night at 9 o'clock, and no treating allowed. The motion was lost.

TAVERNKEEPERS IN TEMPERANCE HALL.

After the licensed victuallers had secured Temperance hall, for the purpose of holding a meeting of their body, it was found out by some of the leading temperance men of the city that this was contrary to the constitution of the hall, and efforts were made to get the licensed victuallers to give up their lease. They were even offered twenty dollars wherewith to secure Albert hall, but up to the present time they remain stubborn, though there appears to be some hope of their relinquishing the hall. The temperance people are agitated and the general public amused at this turn in affairs.

THE COMING HOLIDAYS.

In consequence of Christmas day and New Year's day falling upon Sundays, a proclamation will be issued by the lieutenant-governor of Ontario declaring the Monday following each of those days public holidays.

IN MEMORIAM.

THE LATE MR. TREVELYAN LIGHTOUT, BARRISTER-AT-LAW

Ave et Vale.

Poor Trev—! who from his attitude was hurled
Headlong to death by Goose-quill of The World,
Just as his transcendental, sounding name
Had all but scal'd the height of bogus fame.
His brief career—and here's fresh cause for grief—
Was never brightened by a single brief;
He's luckier "down below." At Satan's throne
He pleads one wretched cause—It is his own,
And all imps swear,—nor can it be denied—
A "harder case" was never pled or tried.

Alas! 'Tis true. Trevelyan Lightout's dead;
That gentle youth beside whose whopping head
The plaintive cabbage, with rank odors fraught,
Seem'd but a tiny speck, a thing of nought;
And now by wicked Worldly tongues, 'tis said,
That folks were all deceived by that same head;
We thought that Genius dwelt above those blinking eyes,
And swelled his head to that abnormal size.
We all were wrong. 'Twas but the damning strain
Of Vast Conceit and Water on the Brain.

Saturday and yesterday were the dullest of dull days for newspaper men, and judging from the meagre and unneway telegraphic despatches received last night, it must have been likewise all over the world.

CHRISTIANITY ARRAIGNED.

The Social Evil Wrongly Treated—How Women are Ostracised and Men Petted by Society.

THE WORLD: That was a painfully truthful remark made by Rev. Principal Caven, the other day, at the meeting for the suppression of "social immorality." He is reported to have said that "the moral sentiment of a country embodies itself in its legislation." This is so true that one may judge from the clamor among the religious sects for the aid of law to make men virtuous, how utterly the "moral sentiment" of religion (so called) has lost all power otherwise to effect any practical good. No longer, seemingly, does the outward and visible church burn with that fire of love which has power to cleanse the heart and fill the life with such charity and kindly deeds of helpful sympathy as are potent to draw forth those remains of good which the Lord leaves intact even in the evil, ready to be fanned into life by kindred flame. No longer—by its own confession of impotency—does the church possess enough of rational-spiritual light from the Lord faithfully and fully to explain the folly, as well as the guilt, of sin to the intellectual faculties of men and women, and so open the door of entrance for love to plead with the heart. A church so fallen as to have lost all faith in these the only potencies for moral reform, must of necessity, in its selfish outcry for protection to self, advocate as its only refuge and hope, the hangman's whip, and the dismal prison house.

The moral sentiment, misnamed "religious," which created, and now desires to use arbitrarily, a law which in its very nature bears necessarily only upon one class of those who are parties to "the social evil," viz., the women, shows how entirely justice has been wiped out of the minds and hearts of the dominant class of religionists. The existence of a "Mercer reformatory" much lauded by the religious philanthropists of this and other cities, which first brands the woman as a sinner and then tries to train her to methods of industry which this brand upon her brow and its effect upon the unforgiving religious community renders well nigh impossible of exercise, is only another proof, were any needed, that the church has lost all faith in its power to attract and is rapidly reverting to its earlier methods of torture in the middle ages. A conversation with one of the matrons of the Mercer reformatory, recently reported in an evening paper, advocates "whipping, especially for the younger women" as a salutory means of reformation!!! Is this brutal penalty recommened for the young more particularly, because these are more likely to have retained some relics of self-respect, which it is desirable thus totally and forever to eradicate, replacing it by such means with the hellish desire for vengeance, or that broken-spirited satanic meanness which will grasp at any kind of hypocracy to escape physical pain. In that stage "conversions" to the glib utterance of any imaginable kind of "shibboleth" will be alike numerous and useless.

Think of it; for the women sinners there is the Mercer reformatory, the jail and flogging, varied by the dark cell, with hardly a chance of respectable employment after the days of "durance vile" are over and fredom is regained, shunned as a vile thing by every sister woman, tempted to sin again by almost every respectable (?) brother man, what wonder that she fall again! For the male sinner, at worst a fine inflicted and paid under a false name, and that even only upon greenhorns who do not "know the ropes," and the many ways of escape; generally only a doctor's bill, a few weeks or months of deserved suffering, which indeed may be long avoided, no one any the wiser, no bar whatever to reformation, no slur on the character, no loss of place, power or emolument, tender interest from his masculine and feminine relatives who even seek to sacrifice upon the altar of his reformation a fair and pure young girl for wife, that she may "save him from his sins" and reap a portion of the crop of "wild oats" he has chosen to sow. This is the kind of just and equitable social and civil law which the prevalent religious (?) moral sentiment of the country has embodied.

Since 1647 at least, if not before, religious moral sentiment has carefully taught, that it is impossible for men to keep the commandments of God, and that the penalty of broken law can only be evaded by sacrificing a victim as a substitute. Add to this the moral sentiment, taught even in earlier ages, that the Almighty arbitrarily tortures everlastingly those who will not accept safety through this substitute; and can we wonder that there are still men who do not keep the commandments, and others who keep them, it may be, in the letter and not in the spirit, who arrogate to themselves the right to punish relentlessly, without holding out a hope of rescue in this life, those whose sins are heinous enough in truth, yet whose chief heinousness consists in this, that they interfere with the more respectable sins of the ruling class.

He who rules the hells and is merciful even to the devil, restraining them only in their attempts to torture and infringe the freewill of others, has himself shown us how by love and truth to rule this world and if need be rather to die than injustly injure our neighbor. "In him was life, and that life was, and is, the light of men." Had it been possible by any other means than that which Jehovah in His life on earth adopted, to complete His power over evil and sin, we would have found Him who is the source of all power—the Almighty—doing His redemptive work by the aid of the sword and a reign of terror. Yet Christendom (!) has quietly put aside His method these nineteen centuries, told Him He does not understand these things, and boldly tried to work against and not with Him. But there have been those, outside of ecclesiasticism and occasionally within it, who have humbly tried to follow the Lord, to live His life, and so make His power felt among men. So largely have and prevailed so numerous are they to-day, so true is His method, that law, social and civil, was never so merciful and reformative as now. It will become more so. The work of reformation goes on quietly by individual, and often isolated effort, and the leaven spreads till the awakened moral sentiment of a county blocks any attempt to carry out immoral legislation, even when backed by the authority of its ostensible religious leaders. It will be so in this case. The slumbering heart of the people is roused. The flutter of spurious virtue which prevails at present will soon die out, having effected nothing in the direction aimed at, yet it will show thinking men the extent of "the social evil," and other evils with which they have to deal, and press upon them the necessity there is to deal with it individually, each in his own sphere, by the only powerful means, viz., moral suasion and kindly aid to every sinner who can be roused to affection for that which is good. These are much more numerous than is generally supposed where men are seaking only to repress evil—not to aid the good—in the sinner.

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I practice climbing over the railing during the week so as to do it gracefully before the congregation—Dr. Wild.

Bunting's in New York trying to get Farrer back—John Riordan.

Couldn't Foster be induced to try it on in Toronto?—E. King Dodds.

When my forefathers reigned in Ireland—Martin J. Griffin.

The pope and I have each our index—Mackenzie Bowell.

Hech, but this is a weary world. What wi' thae tories an' thon syndicate my life's parfectly meeserable, an' gin this new pairty gaes on ane micht jist as well be deid.—Gordon Brown.

Are the young men safe?—Alfred Boultbee.

THE POLICE WORLD.

Nineteen drunks were run in Saturday night.

Thomas McDermott is under arrest for stealing a shovel from a boy.

Daniel McLaughlin, a young man who lives on Woolsley street, was drunk and offensive at Queen street and Denison avenue yesterday evening.

Detective Reburn last night about 10.45 arrested Thomas Thornton on a charge of being concerned in an attempt to break into J. B Smith's office a week ago.

Lizzie King, a woman who has fallen from a respectable position through drink, made three attempts at suicide at No. 4 station Friday night. Her plan was strangulation, but she failed each time. She was sent down for thirty days.

Charles Shipway is the son of an ex-mayor of Montreal, and has passed many terms in the city jail for drunkenness. He said he wanted to go to Winnipeg, but the court thought he would be all the better for three months in gaol, and sent him down for that term.

PERSONS AND THINGS.

Judge Jeremiah Black is nearly 72 years old.

A co-operative society in Philadelphia has six stores open. The enterprise is a sound success.

Krupp, of big gun fame, is at the head of the population of a small city—more then 30,000 men.

The shrug of the shoulders, so characteristically French, came into use during the first revolution.

The archbishop of Armagh, primate of all Ireland, will be created a cardinal shortly after Christmas.

Mr. Erastus Wiman, president of the Great Northwestern Telegraph company arrived in Montreal yesterday.

A prominent United States senator says that the man in the speaker's chair can serve his party better than a dozen leaders on the floor.

Sir Leonard Tilley returned to Ottawa Saturday and left the same evening for Cobourg, where he will address the electors of West Northumberland.

There are 60,000 drummers in the United States. The armament of each consists of one diamond pin, four satchels, and two iron-clad trunks.—Atlanta Constitution.

For the construction of the tunnel under the English channel $100,000,000 will be required. More than one-tenth of the entire distance has already been pierced.

Count von Molke, who is fond of Dickens's books, read "Little Dorritt" in a corner of the room wherein Bismarck and Jules Favre were debating the question of the bombardment of Paris.

Early next month General and Mrs. Grant will visit the president and remain his guests at the white house for a month. It is understood that the state dinners will then be given. The occasion is expected to be one of much interest in official society.

At the funeral of Col. Forney, at Philadelphia to-day, pall-bearers will be Gen. Hancock, Gen. Sickles, Congressman Kelley, ex-Speaker Randall, ex-Governor Curtin, Messrs. Geo. W. Childs, E. B. Hart, Danl. Dougherty, A. K. McClure, Lewis C. Cassidy.

Mr. Herridge, who was the flowery orator of University college two years ago, has an ambitious Christmas poem in the December Canadian monthly. He is seated in "the sacred courts" of a church, where he says:

I felt the peace of that Judean night,
When in the sky the glory of the Lord
Shone round about the shepherds, and I heard,
Or so it seemed, the sweet-voiced angel choir
Which sang the joyous pæan of a world.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Ottawa Free Press: Good advice for both parties:

If the assessor is a grit, watch him!
If the assessor is a tory, watch him!

Canada Presbyterian: Speaking for Ontario, which we know best, we do not hesitate to say that in every city, town and village a minister can be found who is quite the peer, and often the superior in point of ability, of every public man in the place.

Chicago News: Sir John A. Macdonald says he is opposed to the independence of Canada. Let her either belong to the British system or gravitate toward the United States. To many Canadians that would be gravitation without "attraction."

Waterloo Chronicle: The syndicate must be bought off at a price to be fixed by honorable arbitration and lands, railroad and privileges must be resumed by the Government in the name of the people. No sum can be too great to pay for freedom, and in this case it is liberty itself that stands on the auction block.

Canada Presbyterian: The late Chief Justice Moss, in charging juries in such cases, used to put the insanity question in a nutshell in this way: (1) Did the prisoner know what he was doing? and (2) did he know it was wrong? That Guiteau knew what he was doing is beyond doubt. Did he know it was wrong? If he did, he should be hanged.

Toronto Citizen: The World calls attention to a gross disregard of the morals and decencies of society, on the part of some employers of labor where both sexes are engaged. We fear that its charges are too true, but we hope that the most callous and thoughtless of employers need only to be reminded of the disgraceful neglect to set the matter right at once. If, however, there are any so utterly brutal as not to make the most natural provisions for their employes, then we agree with The World that the law ought to use them roughly.

Before he left the dock, the last remark of Lefroy, the English railroad murderer, was: "You will find out, when it is too late, that you have murdered me." However, opinion differed as to the accused's innocence, for the jury took but ten minutes to return its verdict of guilty, and the lord chief justice remarked that he had been convicted of an atrocious murder on the clearest evidence.

—Now that winter has well commenced we would advise our readers against using pills containing calomel and other injurious substances, as there is great danger of catching colds after their use. An excellent substitute for pills is a vegetable preparation known as Dr. Carson's Stomach and Constipation Bitters, a family medicine that, from all accounts, will soon take the place of every other purgative and blood purifie. Smith & McGlashan agents for the Bitters here.

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