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WE are somewhat late in congratulating *The Warden* on its acquisition of more extensive press and the consequent improvement in its appearance. The original get-up was decidedly dowdy, but we were rather struck by a certain freshness of tone which has not fallen off.

Of course, there is not much startling news in a little place like Arichat, but there cannot be much going on in the neighbourhood that the *Warden* doesn't manage to get hold of.

THE State of Massachusetts is dealing with the liquor question in a truly liberal spirit, and with a view to offending no-one—not even the habitual toper. By a law passed on the 1st of July, if a man is arrested for drunkenness after that date, and if he is ready to make affidavit that he has not been arrested on a similar charge twice within a year, he will be discharged, unless the official who takes the affidavit can prove it to be false next day. A third offence within the year is punishable by imprisonment of as much as 12 months, without the option of a fine.

Provincial Notes.

CHARLOTTETOWN. — Twenty-two gentlemen of the Parliament dined last Tuesday (7th) at Government House. Both houses of the Legislature adjourned last Friday until Wednesday of this week, when the Legislature will be prorogued. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor was too ill last Saturday to leave Government House.

Miss Laine's song recital last Friday was, as anticipated, a delightful treat to all lovers of music who were fortunate enough to hear this talented possessor of a voice whose like is seldom heard in Charlottetown. The programme consisted of some twenty songs, but no monotony was felt by the audience, which was charmed with each number. Mr. Heartz, who shortly leaves us, accompanied Miss Laine. Some local talent furnished one or two numbers, allowing Miss Laine breathing space. We are more than delighted to hear that Miss Laine will visit us again in the autumn, when she will be warmly welcomed.

Your readers will remember reading of a booklet published some months ago entitled, "Society as it is in Charlottetown," which production disgusted every one by its crude abuse and ridicule of clergy and laity, ladies and gentlemen, high, low, rich and poor, the living and the dead. It is needless to repeat a description of the lampoon—suffice it to say that it was anything but the clever production the Charlottetown correspondent of the *Halifax Herald* says it was a great sensation was produced last week by Mr. Chappelle (who published the booklet) openly charging a certain clergyman with being its sole projector. This gentleman published a denial in the evening papers, to which Mr. Chappelle retaliated by a lengthy accusation to which the Rev. gentleman has as yet not replied. The affair is not yet settled to the satisfaction of the public, who would like to discredit the accusation. This, however, is more emphatic than the denial which preceded its appearance, and is libellous if false.

Hon. Daniel Davies and Mrs. Davies have been visiting Souris.

Mrs. DesBrisay (Spring Park), Mrs. George Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Watson and the Misses DesBrisay have taken a cottage at Rocky Point, where they will reside during the summer months, their homes in the city being closed for the time.

Misses Maude Ball, Belle Newberry and Lottie Strickland, are also spending part of the summer at Rocky Point.

Miss Kate Davies and Miss Gertrude Davies have returned from "the old country."

Miss Bartlett, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. Bartlett.

As far as social entertainments are concerned, Charlottetown is decidedly quiet at present, but this is all the more in keeping with the warm weather we are enjoying.

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DARTMOUTH. The bazaar in aid of the Christ Church Organ fund held on Thursday and Friday in the Sunday-school room, may be considered a successful one. The weather on the first day was very rainy, but very fine on the second. The room was handsomely decorated and the different counters made in the form of booths, were very attractive. The out of door booths were three in number. One consisted of a large tent erected by W. M. F. Eagar, where special attention was given to cocoa, which, whether Mr. Epp's or not, was "grateful and comforting." Another, conducted by Mr. Chas. Young, was devoted to various refreshments, and the third managed by Miss Gertrude MacKenzie and Miss Winnie Carleton, was devoted to strawberries and cream. The tea-room indoors looked particularly well and the tea excellent, under the management of Mrs. W. R. Foster. Mrs. Milsom, Mrs. Lawlor and Mrs. Harvey each managed a booth in the main room. Another corner contained a hundred and twenty dolls of all sizes and costumes, the credit of which were entirely due to Miss Annie Drake. There were several other excellent features of the bazaar, but it is impossible to mention all the hard workers. The grounds, on Friday evening, lighted with Chinese lanterns among bright-coloured flags presented a very bright and picturesque scene. The net proceeds will exceed four hundred dollars.

Miss Frances Willard, president of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, gave a remarkably eloquent and interesting lecture in the Reform Club Hall on Tuesday evening, speaking nearly one hour and a half. The audience was a very large one, and numbered many ladies. Miss Amy Johnston occupied the chair, Miss Willard advocated, striving for nothing less than prohibition, as the only true solution of the temperance question. She took a lofty ground as to women's positions in this matter. While the great forces of avarice and appetite were oppressing prohibition, woman out of weakness was to become strong to prevail. The tenacity of the age was in their favor. They were filling many professions and callings, all requiring means to enable them not only to be independent but to wield an influence in the state. The Knights of Labour movement to help them onwards, were favouring women suffrage, but when that was attained, women would exist as a tremendous political power to make prohibition a successful political issue. The independence of women is also to be a powerful instrument towards exacting a higher moral standard amongst men. The age in which we live with these possibilities is a beautiful one. Miss Willard was well received and opened up new ideas to many in the audience.

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