

that I took a fling at him, but I had not known that he was married to his cousin and buried seven of his children. On *several occasions*, when addressing large meetings in the country, warning those present of the evils resulting from these unions, I had no notion that the chairman had a cousin wife and scrofulous progeny.

Will some member of the Legislature take up this subject—first asking the advice of the Premier as to the practicability of enacting a law to prohibit these marriages?

OMISSION.

GYMNASIUM FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF OUR CLASS OF BLIND GIRLS.

The indolence of the blind may be ascribed to the want of muscular exercise consequent on their infirmity. In view of this, I have purchased from Dr. L. W. Shattuck, Montreal, a very ingeniously contrived gymnasium, made of Indian rubber, &c., to be used in a room. The ruinous defects of mental development, at the expense of the physical powers, is apparent in all classes, more especially the blind. These muscular exercises, added to sleigh drives of one hour each three times a week, will prove of lasting benefits to this afflicted class of girls. They will leave us good and useful domestic servants, in health of body and of mind.