

nations, and kingdoms, having your path traced by broken hearts, starved families, robbed and naked children, decayed houses, empty pockets, and degraded outcasts; filling up the cup of misery by blackened walls, murdered benefactors, and rivers of human gore, exciting hatred, feuds, and strifes; entailing burdens on honest industry, filling gaols, and feeding the gallows.

7. You also stand indicted for, that you, the said Ebrietes Alcohol, and your agents, being moved and instigated by the Devil, did cause a fearful number of the human family to rush into Hell, by the awful crimes of suicide, murder, and felonies of the deepest die.

8. You also stand indicted for, that you, the said Ebrietes Alcohol, still keep among the community a number of your agents, who are exercising a most pernicious and baneful influence on the people, and especially on the rising generation, against the peace of our Lady, the Queen.

Are you guilty or not?

Counsellor Brent, for Prisoner—"Not Guilty."

Clerk of Crown—"Are you ready for your trial?"

Mr. Brent—"Yes."

Clerk of the Crown—"Crier, make proclamation for the Jury."

Crier—"All you good men, and true, who have been summoned as Jurors to try the case of—The Queen, against Alcohol—answer to your names, and save your fines."

(Here the 12 Jurors were called, and entered the box.)

Clerk of Crown—"Gentlemen, hearken to your oath:—'You, and each of you, shall well and truly try, and true deliverance make, between Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and the Prisoner at the bar, whom you shall have in charge, and a true verdict give, according to the evidence, so say you.'"

(Here the names of the Jury were called over by the Clerk of the Crown, and the Crier counted them.)

Crier—"Good men and true, stand by the evidence."

Clerk of the Crown—"Gentlemen of the Jury, look upon the Prisoner, and hearken to your charge."

(Here the Clerk read the Grand Jury Presentment, and handed the issue paper to the Foreman.)

The Attorney-General then rose and addressed the Jury, as follows:

"May it please your Lordship—Gentlemen of the Jury—The case pending before the Court this evening, is one of immense importance, one which materially affects our characters as men, as patriots, and as Christians. It affects our character as men, inasmuch as the Prisoner at the Bar has, for years, been depriving us of our dearest liberties. He has entered our dwellings, and has there substituted misery where contentment had reigned; he has severed every social bond, every family tie; he has caused the once kind and affectionate husband and father to become the hated partner and unnatural parent; he has rendered the once tender and loving mother forgetful of the ties of nature, and neglect her helpless offspring; in short, no tie has been considered too sacred, no bond too endearing, all have felt the ravages of his destroying hand.