"PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Thomas Wiseman sitting in a comfortable

chair at home, lecturing to a small group of

admiring hearers. A dreadful metamorphosis

takes place in Thomas Wiseman when he rises

to address a promiscuous assembly and gasps

forth the statement—which everybody can see

is not true, and yet which no one can find in

his heart to criticise unkindly-" that it gives

him very great pleasure. Ahem! That is-

very great pleasure indeed—to make a few re-

Take a good look at the miserable Thomas

Wiseman. He blinks rapidly with his eyelids,

and his natural supporters are visibly agitated.

mischievous hearer inquires if there is a doctor

in the vicinity, for Thomas appears on the eve

of an apoplectic seizure. Thomas Wiseman

gazes upward at the ceiling, although embel-

ly on the tips of his boots, as if speeches were

does not apparently realize what part of the

and fro, like a harpooned whale, and the man

nearest the excited Thomas had better beware

lest he received an unexpected and striking

Wiseman will soon be hoarse, and inaudible at

the other end of the room. If our friend would

only speak in his ordinary conversational tones,

well and sustained, it would be far easier for

auditors to listen. It stands to reason that

the tones of the voice which we most use will

staying power. Now, at the present time, it

and bid T. Wiseman be self-possessed. But

practice makes perfect. By practice the un-

gainly skater becomes so accomplished that he

can glide on one leg or describe mathematical

figures on the ice. Let our friend Thomas

Wiseman take courage. Made wiser by fail-

ures and more confident by practice, in a few

years he will astonish his former hearers by

his coolness, the clearness with which he lays

down his views, and the amiable manner in

illustration of the speaker's power.

The face of T. Wiseman is very livid.

Rev. T. Hodakinson.

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 17, 1888.

OUR SENATORS IN SESSION Proceedings at the Opening Yesterday THE DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On yesterday Governor Blake declared both branches of our Legislature open for the transaction of public business. At a few minutes | The Receiver General, past two, His Excellency drove up to the Assembly doors, accompanied by the mounted police, and the infantry drawn up outside presented arms. The members of the House of Assembly were summoned by the Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Rennie, of the Council Chamber. His Excellency then delivered the address, published yesterday.

The House of Assembly doors were besieged with an angry multitude of men, who were loud in their denunciation of the ticket system introduced by the autocratic Speaker, Mr. Mc-Mr. McGrath, M.H.A Neily. If it were not a breach of privilege to hint the like, we would make a suggestion to the Government to help them over their financial troubles: Charge an admission fee to the Assembly. At any rate, this ticket system is unjust, drawing, as it does draw, a distinction between the rich and poor. There is no justification for the Government setting apart one portion of the Assembly for the wealthy of our citizens and another for the poor.

The House, in its constitution, is the same as last year, with the exception of two desks-Mr. White's-of Bonavista-on the Government side, being vacant, and Sir Ambrose Shea's having been brought down by the democrat Robert John Parsons to the right hand corner of Whiteway Row. Messrs. Bond, Morine, Murphy and Parsons are together to pester and pepper the Government through the session. The House would have met with bare floors were it not that at the last moment, they succeeded in getting some charitably-inclined citizen to lend them a cheap rag for the opening. The House itself has a lot of "candlesticks up around the Speaker's chair, and looks very much like a prayer meeting house that had become ritualized. This ritualization took place perhaps when "Barebones" Thorburn danced at the Jubilee Ball in a court dress. Anyhow, both Messrs. Carty and March looked around at the candlesticks, the reading desk, the throne, preacher's stand and other symbols of ritualism, with their faces set in expectation of the Speaker entoning some such ritualistic hymn as "Lead thou me on." Both Messrs. Carty and March were determined, by their looks, to oppose the introduction of any religious service other than that of their respec-

The annual motion to draft the reply to His Excellency's address was moved by Mr. Le-Messurier in a speech neither reflecting credit upon himself nor the administration of which he was a member. The chief point in his speech was that of coastal steam. Mr. Kane seconded, in a fairly good speech, which, if lacking in form and style, was bristling with ideas. He made merry over the names of our coastal boats, by remarking that we had gone to the fowls of the air and beasts of the field to carry our mails, and instanced the names Tiger and Plover. "The last ship," he said, "like Samson, slew more the last year of her life than ever before."

When they had finished, Mr. Scott arose and commented upon the address. He reviled the Government for not making prohibition, which had become the foremost of all public questions, a government one. He would vote

admit that it were better for him and his that prohibition had passed years ago. He commented, with severity, upon the distribution of pauper relief.

The address committee were then appointed. Mr. Hutchings asked for suspension of the rules of the House with reference to the appointment of the Printing Committee. Mr. Le-Messurier, the same, for Address Committee.

Notice of a bill to provide for widows of Bank fishermen, by Mr. Morris; notice of a bill to amend last year's sealing bill, Mr. Dawe; several notices were also given to get information from the Government by Messrs.

Bond, Morine, Murphy and Parsons. At 7.30 last evening the members and officers of both branches of the Legislature sat down to dinner at Government House. There were about sixty covers laid. In their hospitality and powers of entertainment, the Governor and his Secretary are thorough Irishmen, possessing all the valuable qualities of that nation in this respect. The toasts proposed were-" The Queen," " The Prince and Princess of Wales," and "Our Legislature,' by the Governor. The last speech was courteous, affable and witty, some of the adroit manœuvres of his mind setting the table in a roar. The Governor's health, and that of his inestimable Lady, were then drunk by all St. John's, Feb. 16, 1888.

present with genuine euthusiasm. It was proposed by His Honor Judge Pinsent in a neat speech. Hon. E. D. Shea replied to the Governor for the Council in a speech crammed with epigram-common-sense frozen together with pawky satire. The Speaker replied for the Lower House in a wordy speech filled with loathsome encomium for His Excellency. During the delivery of this speech the Governor looked really distressed. At 11 o'clock the guests took their farewell of His Excellency. Here is a list of those who dined :-

Hon. Mr. Justice Pinsent,
Hon. Mr. Justice Little,
The Attorney General,
The Receiver General,
Hon. A. Goodridge,
President of Legislative
Council,

Mr. Morris, M.H.A.,
Mr. Murphy, M.H.A.,
Mr. O'Mara, M.H.A.,
Mr. Rolls, M.H.A.,
Mr. Shea, M.H.A.,
Mr. Scott, M.H.A.,
Mr. Vaitch, M.H.A., Hon. C. Bowring, M.L.C., Hon. J. Pitts, Hon. M. Monroe, Mr. Veitch, M.H.A., Mr. Watson, M.H.A., Clerk Legislative Council, Clerk House of Assembly, Judge Prowse, Hon. G. T. Rendell. Rev. E. Botwood, The Speaker, M.H.A., Mr. Bond, M.H.A., Judge Conroy, Colonel Fawcett, Commander Robinson, Mr. T. J. Kough, Q.C., Usher of the Black Rod, Carty, M.H.A. Callanan, M.H.A., Dawe, M.H.A., Mr. Godden, M.H.A., Mr. Greene, M.H.A., Mr. Watson, Clerk Assist H. of A., Mr. I. R. McNeily, Soliciton Mr. Grieve, M.H.A., Mr. Hutchings, M.H.A., Mr. Kean, M.H.A., H. of A., Mr. Boyd, Serg't-at-Arms, Financial Secretary, LeMessurier, M.H.A.,

QUESTION

Editor Evening Telegram. DEAR SIR,-On Saturday last I had the pleasure of forwarding you an extract from an American newspaper on the "high license" question. Nothing was said by me, in connection with that extract, to indicate an expression of opinion on my part in favor of "high license" as opposed to "prohibition" or otherwise, my only object being to bring before the notice of temperance people here what was being done in other countries, in the same general direction. I suppose it can do no harm for temperance people here to have all the information that is obtainable about temperance legislation or legislation adopted for the reduction of public drinking, and certainly I had no wish to excite the ire of your able correspondent who writes as "Another One of the People" over the signature of the Rev. Geo. Boyd. Had I expressed an opinion in favor of "high license" I might, perhaps, be justly amenable to a contrary expression of opinion on the other side, but " high license," at the outside, was only referred to by me as a possibly inter alia remedy, or remedy among other things, in the event of prohibition not being possible.

I do not propose here to enter upon either of these general questions, viz.: the value of prohibition or the possibility of carrying that measure here, tho' much may be said on both sides of these questions. Personally, I am in favor of prohibition, because I consider that no temperance man can consistently be anything else. At the same time this very fact would make me additionally considerate of the opinions of other people who had an equal right with myself to hold and express their opinion on the subject. It is a fact that prohibition teetotallers are only one type among many of temperance men, and it does not of necessity follow that they are the highest type, or that all other men are wrong. But, anyhow, we must be aware that our neighbors who do not agree with us on this matter have their rights under the law, and we must respect them. Public opinion is not carried by coercion nowa-days, but by persuasion, by argument, by sound reasoning, and by moral influence. The law protects all in the exercise of their civil rights; and if this "prohibition" question is be), then we cannot hammer men into acquiessurrender by kind words and appeals addressagainst it, but still he was candid enough to ed to their philanthropy. A contrary course would have the opposite tendency to that desired, because its adoption would argue a practical attempt to refuse or deny the existence in others of those civil rights to which I have already referred. Nothing will excite the ad hominem principle of antagonism sooner than that, for all history shows us that men will fight for their rights, if they think these are challenged, under the most shadowy auspices and in connection with any cause, or no

It must be conceded that the highest type of temperance, as of all other reforms, is that which carries its victories by moral suasion, and is as far removed from coercion as possible. It is the great glory of this good cause that so far it has won its widening way over the minds of men by the gentlest of influences Old hands commence quietly, leisurely, and and the sublimest of forces. John the Baptist came with a rough voice and a prohibitive manner, and left not a single disciple behind him. The Messiah came with gentle aspect and winning words, with appeals addressed to the dignity of man and proposals that recognised his substantial sovereignty of will. What is the consequence? The Messiah has FIFTY MILLIONS of followers to-day; and, although probably every one of these fifty millions would flight with his brother on some driven close enough home, yet all unite in fealty to that ONE GRAND IDEAL of a divinity, able, but unwilling, to coerce the freewill of a subordinate creature.

which he manages his voice.

Study and frequent practice win self-possession, and self-possession is an invaluable quality. It frequently saves the speaker in a critical moment and bridges over many a difficulty. Suppose a man loses the thread of his a matter of opinion (as the law declares it to discourse, is he to stop and let people see him find it? No! Let him go on with some imcence, but must gently persuade them into promptu small talk or some threadbare platitudes. If the speaker maintains his self-possession, the truant thoughts will soon return. There is deep wisdom in the nursery ryhme:

"Little Bo-Peep had lost his sheep, And couldn't tell where to find them: Let them alone and they'll come home, Bringing their tails behind them."

A great help to overcoming nervousness is to commence slowly. It is like a plunge in winter time in a cold bath. After a plunge there is animation and heat. An old writer observes :-

> "Learn to speak slowly:
> All other graces will follow In their proper places."

I have noticed that butcher-boys start their nags at full speed, and gentlemen start their horses at a walking pace. Novices in speaking often begin in a rapid, hurried manner. are in no hurry to ascend to the glittering stars and the queen of the night. Now, novices take you there immediately and at express speed, and terrible risk to themselves.

A public speaker should be natural. When our friend Thomas Wiseman speaks his voice is different from the voice of every other man. If he trains his voice under the best masters of elocation, it will still be different; so with the point of belief, were the issues between them personality of Thomas Wiseman. After all the efforts of Thomas Wiseman-after all his studies-after all his book-reading and contact Yours truly, ONE OF THE PEOPLE. his name, the original Thomas Wiseman. In latter. The scores made on the occasion were: his greatest efforts he is Thomas Wiseman, "Natives," 68: "All-Comers," 80.

Suppose Thomas Wiseman copied the tones of Lecture Delivered in the Athenæum voice, the mannerisms, the eccentricities, the Hall on Monday Evening Last, by gestures, the pose of Dr. Boanerges! Why, then, he would obscure or lose his real self. (Continued.) He would not be Thos. Wiseman, but a coun-Thomas Wiseman, junior, a somewhat corterfeit Dr. Boanerges, and the imitation would pulent gentleman of 23 years of age, is won-

soon be perceived, to the keen humiliation of derfully self-possessed in the family circle. the copyist. And this thought reminds me of He issues his commands with an air of authoran incident in the life of the Duke of Wellingity. He has quite a senatorial aspect when he ton. For some years a Mr. George Jones, R. A., a painter of battle-scenes, specially prided expounds his views and lays down the law before his brothers and sisters, familiar friends, himself on his resemblance to the Duke of and poor relations. On these, by no means Wellington, and used to "dress up to the rare, occasions, Thomas never appears flustercharacter." Some one mentioned the likeness ed, or gives any signs of an unexpected to the Duke and added: "It must be great, for collapse. But T. Wiseman on a wide, long people in the street often speak to him for platform is a very different being from T. your Grace." "Very strange," muttered the Wiseman in a good-sized room. Thomas

Iron Duke; no one ever spoke to me for Mr.

Rufus Boanerges of London or New York.

Wiseman standing on his legs before a multi-Jones." tude of people is a very different mortal from

You see, people took the artist arrayed in the Duke's costume for the great man, but no one ever took the Duke of Wellington for the foolish, imitative Mr. Jones, R.A.; and you may add with great propriety another degree-ASS. The original is never taken for the copyist. Frequently the imitator exposes himself to great ridicule and personal suffering. The donkey who put on the lion's skin terribly frightened the flocks; but his long ears protruding through the skin revealed his genus and got him a well-merited cudgelling. Jacob, in the ancient story, got into no end of trouble through feigning himself to be Esau. Imitation is a poor business: the game is not worth the candle. The poet's words are weighty-"To thine own self be true." When a man is not, and tries to be, somebody else, he subtracts so much from his own power, and frustrates the calling and election of his Creator.

There is another kind of imitation to be lished with no pictures, or he looks meditativeavoided, and that is a Jeremiah sort of delivery. When some speakers are addressing a meeting to be found in boots as well as "sermons in stones." Thomas Wiseman on the platform you would readily imagine that they were in some great affliction. Their whole style is so ugubrious, and the tones of their voice are as universe he stands in; wildly he plunges to melodious as the sound of Scotch bagpipes at your front door. These speakers have the same monotonous melancholy-same depressing tones for all occasions and the treatment of all The way in which T. Wiseman uses his manner of subjects. The same dreary, unvoice is open to grave criticism. He is under varying tones of voice are used for comedy or the impression that loud speaking is the best tragedy—for the momentous discussion of the kind of speaking for being heard. It is a great formation of a volunteer force to guard an mistake. At his present pitch of voice, Thomas ancient colony (it is a strong point-antiquity -eldest brother) or the loyal proposal of uniting with other colonies in giving a present to certainly a hard-working and illustrious prince who has happily survived 25 years of him to speak, and far more pleasant for his uninterrupted matrimony.

(Concluded to-morrow.)

be the strongest and possessed of the most AN EVENTFUL WEEK AT TOPSALL. seems a mockery to use the imperative mood, Entertainments and Sleigh Parties. ALL THE VILLAGERS FAIRLY DELIGHTED. Editor Evening Telegram.

SIR.—This has been an eventful week in this "New Brighton" of ours. On Monday evening there was an entertainment in the S.U.F. Hall, in which nearly all the parts were taken by United Fishermen and their sons and daughters. It was opened by a few appropriate words from Rev. E. Colley, who belongs to the Order of S.U.F., and then followed an edifying reading by Mr. Swansborough (Worthy Master of the Lodge). Next came a number of songs, readings and recitations; also three dialogues-" The Train to Maurah," and two darkey dialogues. It was a wet evening and the attendance was not as large as usual; but all went home highly

On Tuesday evening there was an entertainment in the Church of England School Room (admission here and in the S.U.F. Hall, one penny each). The programme was a long one, composed of instrumental pieces, songs, readings and recitations, by the Misses Colley, Mr McDonald, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Swansborough and others; also two dialogues by the same persons as in the S.U.F. Hall. There was a full room, and the audience went home

There will not be another entertainment until after Easter, when something very good may be expected in each of the above-named

There was also a little stir in Hotel Glover by a sleigh party on Monday evening, and by Mr. Rennie and bride on Wednesday after-

To day there was a sleigh party at the hotel. Mr. McD. is very attentive to his guests, and deserves to be patronized. It has not been a good winter for cutting wood, but they are getting some now.

I am, yours, &c., S.U.F. Topsail, Feb. 9, 1888

THE curling match at the Parade Rink on Wednesday last, between "Natives" and with great men, he will still be, if he is true to "All-Comers," resulted in a victory for the

and not an imitation of the renowned Doctor NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE coastal steamer Curlew starts west to. morrow, stopping at the Channel terminus.

ERRATUM.-In the second sentence of our article on the coastal steam service, yesterday, for "when passengers and freight embark." read, where, &c.

To-morrow we shall devote a little of our attention to the precious Executive emanation published by us yesterday under the caption of " the Speech from the Throne."

At the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Club, last night, the following gentlemen were elected to office for the ensuing year :-

President, A. D. Brown; Vice-President, L. Parker; Asst. V. P., S. Boone; Secretary, E. J. O'Flaherty; Treasurer, A. Morgan. Directors—Messrs. G. H. Gaden, H. Y. Mott, M. Chaplin, A. Hiscock, G. J. Adams, W. Clouston, James O'Flaherty.

THE teachers of the Night School beg to thank the members of the T. A. Dramatic Company for the liberal donation of \$70, proceeds of their performance, "Miriam's Crime"); and also to thank Mr. W. P. Walsh for the generous contribution of \$12.

THE mail-steamer Newfoundland got in here from Halifax at 7 o'clock this morning, having been favored by fair breezes and experiencing little impediments by ice. She has two hundred (200) tons of freight for this port and brought the following passengers:-

J. D. S. Gourley, W. A. Mott, Geo. Penney, F. W. Gaurd, G. C. Fearn, eight in steerage. It's a long midwinter holiday with the gen-

tlemanly judges, these months, and their bland and long tail of assistants. At 11 a.m. they greet each other with: "Good morning, a soft day to-day, rather heavy travelling from the country;" and at 2 p.m. they part from each other with a mildly expressed: "Good evening, it's getting late; 'tis time to be looking for dinner."

THE statement confided to us a few days since to the effect that the Benevolent Irish Society, Jr., would give a ball on St. Patrick's Day, was somewhat premature as respects the date. The happy event will not take place till some time after Easter, and will then be enjoyed with all the more zest, because of the jubilant and regnant sentiment of that gracious

THE Home Industries Encouragement Society met last evening in their hall and cussed several subjects of importance. With respect to the matter of holding an Industrial Exhibition, a committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements, with instructions to report progress at the next monthly meeting. The committee consists of leading fishermen, mechanics and manufacturers. No doubt the matter will soon be brought prominently before

On Monday last the Society of Arts awarded the scholarships recently offered for public competition. "Windsor" took the secondclass scholarship, whilst "Snowdrop" and "Kite" each carried off a scholarship of the third class. The decision as to the first-class scholarship is not made yet, but will be known in a few days. We are informed that the work sent in was far better than that offered last year, and that the competition was closer. One or two who sent in good work entirely spoiled their chances of success by not fully complying with the conditions.

CAPTAIN M. BOLAND of the schooner Delight called at this office to-day and desired to have it said that the loss of the two men from that vessel was not caused, as mentioned in our message from Placentia, by the helmsman having jibed the mainsail, but was caused by a part of the main-boom, one-half of it, (on which the two poor fellows were standing) snapping off and their falling with it into the sea. They were getting the earing rope at the time prepared to reef. The vessel was pitching heavily and the sudden tightening of the topping-lift produced the breakage. This explanation of the cause of the fatality relieves the helmsman of a great deal of odium which would certainly otherwise attach to him.

BIRTH. This morning, the wife of Capt. W. J. Harvey, of daughter.
On the 15th inst., the wife of Capt. Geo. F. Smith, o

a daughter.
On the 11th inst., at Lower Island Cove, the wife of Mr. Eli Garland, of a son. MARRIED.

At St. Patrick's Presbytery, by the Rev. J. Ryan, Mr. W. H. C. Edwards, of Boston, Mass., to Susan M., daughter of Captain James Day, of this city.

7-Newfoundland, Mylius, Halifax, 3 days, Shea & Co-75 tubs butter, 5 pkgs tobacco, 60 pkgs tea, 30 casks, 100 brls sugar, 20 qtr-casks, 10 octaves brandy, 10 octaves whiskey, 125 bales hemp, 26 bxs soap, 54 qtrs beef, 6 pkgs mutton, 3 pkgs poultry, general cargo.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

CLEARED. 16—Little Wonder, Hancock, Oporto, Job, Bros & Co-3200 qtls fish. Corisande, McGavin, Pernambuco, Baine, Johnston & Co-3446 qtls fish. 17-Curley, Delaney, St Pierre, Bowring Bres-10 bxs oranges.

LOADING. Feb 14-Stonehouse, West Indies, Job, Bros & Co 14-Rosa Meek, Britain, A Goodridge & Sons. 16-Ariel, Brazil, Bowring Bros.

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