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Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw.

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Guelph, June 3, 1874. d&wtf

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Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873 dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

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House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27 dw

DR. COLLINGE,
(M.D., Edinburgh, and M.R.C.S., England having assisted Dr. Clarke in his Practice during the last twelve months, has now commenced Practice on his own account at the house formerly occupied by Dr. Herod, Quebec Street East, Guelph.
Guelph, May 27, 1874. dw3m

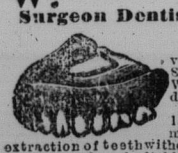
IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
15dw JOHN CROWE Proprieto

M P. DELOUCHE
WIRE WORKER,
Pearl street, off King street. Every description of wire work made to order at the lowest terms. Any orders left at W. H. Marcon's seed store, Market Square, or at R. Murray's fruit depot, Wyndham street, will be thankfully received and promptly attended to. Terms strictly cash.
Guelph, June 13, 1874. dtf.

RICE'S
BILLIARD HALL,
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.
The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873. d

DOMINION SALOON
AND
RESTAURANT,
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
The subscriber begs to notify his friends and the public that he is now proprietor of the above saloon, and hopes by keeping none but first-class liquors and cigars to receive a share of public patronage.
Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.
M. DEADY, Proprietor.
Guelph, April 7, 1874 dly

MONEY TO LEND,
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor fees or commission charged.
Apply direct to the undersigned.
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN.
April 16, 1874 dwtf Guelph

W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's, Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell-st, Guelph.
N.B.—Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Dr. Herod, McGuire, Keating, Cowan, and McGregor, Guelph.

R. Campbell, L.D.S.
Having recovered from his recent illness, is again prepared to attend to the wants of all who may require his services.
Office at the old stand, Wyndham street, Guelph.

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the latest styles.
Fresh Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

HART & SPIERS,
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance, and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph.
All busines entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention.
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, etc. etc neatly and correctly prepared.
Money always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.
Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.
Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England.
HART & SPIERS,
df120w Day's Block, Guelph, On

New Advertisements.

STONE SHOP TO RENT — In the Town of Guelph, well adapted for any kind of manufacturing business. Apply at the Mercury office. j27-dwtf

HOUSE TO RENT—A stone cottage on Queen street, containing 5 large rooms, with garden attached. Good well of water, and soft water convenient. For particulars apply at this office. 83t

WANTED — Cook and two housemaids wanted for the School of Agriculture, Guelph. Good wages for experienced servants. Apply, with testimonials, to MRS. PETRIE,
Housekeeper.
Guelph, July 24th, 1874 d6

FARM FOR SALE IN GLENELG — Lot 12 in the 14th, and lot 12 in the 15th Cons., Glenelg, Co., Grey, 134 acres, 40 cleared. All well watered.
ROBERT MITCHELL,
Solicitor, Guelph.
Guelph, July 22nd, 1874. w2t-d10t

DANIELS & BUCHAN,
(Successors to James Barclay.)
Carpenters and Builders,
South of the Drill Shed, Guelph.
Jobbing a specialty. Lumber and Cedar Posts always on hand.
Guelph, July 27, 1874 dwly

TO CONTRACTORS.
Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned on behalf of the Guelph Gas Company, till FRIDAY, the 31st inst., at 6 p.m. for all the work necessary in the erection of Purifying, Governor and Boiler Houses.
Plans and specifications can be seen on application to the manager at the Gas Works.
The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.
J. C. McLAGAN, Secy.
Guelph, July 27th, 1874. 3tdlltw

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.
A house on Cardigan street, in the North Ward, containing four tenements, yielding an annual rental of 20 per cent. of the required price. Can be sold in one or two lots to suit purchasers. Only part of money required down. Cheap.
Apply to Hart & Spiers, or to James Morrison, on the premises.
Guelph, July 23, 1874. d6t w3

BOATS TO LET.
Boats can now be had at from 15c to 25c per hour and from $1.50 to $2.00 per day. Special arrangements made with Pic-nic parties. The steamboat will be ready for use in a few days.
JNO. CLARKE,
Near Dundas Bridge.
Guelph, July 21, 1874. dtf

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869,
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.
In the matter of John R. Porte, an Insolvent.
A Third and Final Dividend Sheet has been prepared, open to objection until the TWENTY-NINTH day of July, instant, after which dividend will be paid.
ANTON GUNTHER,
Assignee.
Dated at Toronto, this 13th day of July, A.D., 1874.

AUCTION SALE
—OF—
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Mr. James Armstrong has instructed W. S. G. Knowles to sell by public auction at his residence, Macdonnell street, in rear of the Royal Hotel, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of August, a valuable assortment of Household Furniture, comprising tables, cane seated and Windsor chairs, bedsteads, washstands, toilet sets, looking glasses, cook and parlour stoves, carpets, delph, etc., also a quantity of Blacksmith's Tools.
Terms cash and no reserve, as the proprietor is leaving the town.
Sale at one o'clock.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.
Guelph, July 25, 1874 dd

FOR SALE — A very excellent Building Lot fronting on Paisley Street and running through to Oxford street — about half an acre. Apply to R. Easton, bookbinder, St. George's square, Guelph.

10 acres of Land wanted, suitable for Strawberries, near the town. Apply to the above.
Guelph, July 15, 1874. dwtf

TO BORROWERS.
Having invested the $28,000 recently advertised, we again have the following sums, besides others, to lend on farm security:

$500	$1000
$600	$1000
$600	$1200
$600	$1250
$800	$2000
$800	$2500

LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN.
Guelph, July 18, 1874 dw

THE
3-CYLINDER ENGINE,
Low-priced, serviceable, quality unsurpassed.
Machinery, Iron and Wood-working, of leading Canadian and U. S. manufacture, Cold-rolled Shafting, Gearing, Belting, Diamond Emery Wheels, and Grinders, &c.
JAS. R. ANNETT,
90 Wellington St, Montreal.
j25 dwly

PAINTERS AND GLAZIERS.
HUMPHRIES & REYNOLDS
Beg to announce to the people of Guelph and surrounding country that they have entered into partnership, and intend to carry on the Painting Business in all its branches in their shop a few doors west of the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory. Being practical painters, they are confident that they can give entire satisfaction to all who may favor them with a call. House and sign painting, graining, paper hanging, etc. done on short notice. Ceilings calcimmed in the best manner.
HUMPHRIES & REYNOLDS.
Guelph, June 9, 1874. dw4m

PRESTON
Mineral Baths
—AND—
Artesian Springs.
These celebrated Mineral Baths are now open to the public. Hot, cold, and shower baths, together with all conveniences, accommodation, and amusement usually found at such places, such as billiard parlor, croquet ground, apparatus for giving combined exercises and amusement, also facilities for fishing.
The above baths are in connection with the North American Hotel, and now under the management of an American gentleman of experience in the business, and the public may rest assured that he understands catering for them in every respect.
The proprietor has also built a race course which may be used as a driving park. A fine livery in connection. An omnibus to and from all trains.
C. KRESS, Proprietor.
Preston, July 17, 1874. md3m

LOST — A large Brindle Dog — part Bull and part Mastiff,—about a year and a half old, with tail about four inches long. Any person retaining him after this notice will be prosecuted.
JAMES MITCHELL, Guelph.
Guelph, July 23rd, 1874 d2w1

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MONDAY EVN'G, JULY 27, 1874.

Town and County News

BAPTISMS.—At the close of the evening service in the Baptist Church yesterday the ordinance of baptism was administered to two female candidates in the presence of a very large crowd of spectators.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.—An ice cream social is to be held in the basement of the Wesleyan Church on Thursday evening next, under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Aid Society. There will be music, readings, &c., and an enjoyable time may be expected.

NEW FIRM.—We direct attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Daniels and Buchan, who have succeeded to the business lately carried on by Mr. Jas. Barclay, builder. Being men of practical experience, we doubt not they will receive the same liberal patronage their predecessor enjoyed.

BAPTIST SOCIAL.—The monthly social will be held in the Baptist Church this evening, when several new features will be introduced in the programme. The great success which has attended these monthly socials will, we have no doubt, characterize this one. All are invited.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH. — The Rev. S. Antliff of Toronto, late of London, England, preached in this place of worship yesterday. The house was well filled on each occasion, and the remarks of the able speaker commanded the close attention of the audience. In the afternoon he delivered an address on Missions.

CORRECTION.—In our Saturday's report of the Council proceedings on Friday evening, the printers made us use the well-known phrase "The Council then adjourned" where we had no business to use it. Properly, it belongs only at the end of Council reports and on that account expresses so much that is refreshing to the reporter's tired brain that we would not do it the injustice of wilfully misplacing it.

CRICKET MATCH.—Chatham and Guelph tried themselves at Cricket on Saturday, quite a number of spectators being present. Chatham took the field first, running up a score of 83, Crowe's score being the largest, 16 runs Guelph then took the bat, but only succeeded in scoring 38. Chatham now entered on their second innings, this time making 89, Everts scoring 30 runs The day being by this time far advanced, Guelph did not again enter the lists, and the game was consequently decided on the first innings in favor of Chatham by a majority of 45.

ROAD AND BRIDGE AFFAIRS.—The Council on Friday evening passed in Committee a resolution for a meeting on Tuesday evening to further discuss the report of the Road and Bridge Committee; but as this resolution was not adopted in Council on account of the motion for the extension of time having been lost, it is, in legal parlance, "null and void." Consequently, unless a special meeting is called, this discussion of Road and Bridge affairs will have to lie over to the next ordinary meeting of Council.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—For the information of those who are—or ought to be—concerned, we may state that this Board holds its regular meeting in the Council Chamber this evening. It is somewhat strange that while the discussions in the Town Council are attended by large numbers of ratepayers, the interest in matters of education seems to be confined almost to the members of the Board. It certainly shows a large amount of faith in the gentlemen who attend to the educational interests of the town.

TELEGRAPH EXTENSION.—The Montreal Telegraph Company have now completed arrangements for continuing their branch lines from Hamilton to Guelph *via* Milton, Freelton and the Brock Road. The work is being rapidly pushed on from Cummingville to Freelton. The agent, Mr. George Black, has concluded a contract with Mr. Wm. Nicoll, of Puslinch, for 450 poles, to be distributed along the Brock road from Freelton to Guelph, within the next three weeks; and as the batteries are to be placed at once in the different offices, we may expect to see telegraph communication established between these places.

WHAT WAS IT?—On Friday last, between 2 and 3 p.m., great excitement was caused all through the country near Freelton, by a peculiar noise that unquestionably came from the skies. People left their houses and crowded into the streets or yards, and many of the more nervous were over-awed by the terror that was caused. The sound was a continuous rumbling such as the roar of a railway train travelling at a high rate of speed, and lasted by the watch for a space of full twenty minutes. At times the roll would be louder than others, but at all times could be distinctly heard.

POLICE COURT.

(Before the Police Magistrate.)
July 27.

The case of William Hearn, charged with building within the fire limits, was dismissed on account of one of the walls being of stone, while the law took cognizance only of buildings entirely of wood.

Two youths named Robert Conway and Patrick Drone were charged by John Weir with stealing fruit from his garden. The former was discharged, but Drone was sentenced to pay $8 fine, 10 cents, the value of the fruit, and costs.

Destructive Fire.

SOLE AND JOHNSON'S BAKERY DESTROYED.

The strong wind and pelting rain which whistled round the eaves and shook the window sashes early on Sunday morning awakened Mr. Fred. Stone, who lives on Gordon street across the lane from Sole & Johnston's bakery. At about three o'clock a.m. his attention was attracted to a light which gleamed through the basement window of the opposite building; but dismissing the matter with a thought that the bakers were at work, he retired again to rest. Meanwhile the light had grown stronger and about half-past four o'clock Mr. Stone was again awakened, this time by the brightness of the light; and suddenly remembering that the bakers did not work on Sunday, he started off to give the alarm of "Fire!" But Edwards the hall keeper had anticipated him, having noticed a dense smoke which blew into his window from the south-west, and in a moment he was at the bell and was busy arousing the the citizens. Soon there was a general rush and Mr. Robert Soden having provided his team the engine was on the way to the fire in a few minutes and soon in working order.

The fire was confined to the bakery itself, the building being of stone and the wind blowing the flames out of the way of all other buildings. The firemen worked very hard, and deserve the greatest praise for doing so much under so many disadvantages. The hydrant on Nottingham street having played out, the engine was changed to a position on the creek, whence water was sent from Presant's mill. The shed adjoining the bakery was torn down, but not till its contents had been destroyed; and the adjoining stone building heated so that it cracked. Two or three Fire King Extinguishers did good service in checking the flames, which were, however, confined principally by the wind.

The loss will amount to about $1,500, nothing having been saved from the bakery, and two wagons having been burned in the shed. The building was completely gutted, but the walls were not much injured. So far as we can learn, the two ovens remain quite sound.

The cause of the fire cannot be ascertained. The premises were examined at midnight on Saturday, and everything found safe. The building was owned by Mr. Sole, and was insured; but the loss of the contents is total.

The enterprise of Messrs. Sole & Johnson will not allow a cessation of business, for before the fire was over, arrangements had been made for carrying on the work in Watson's old bakery on Essex Street. In the meantime, that place is occupied, but it is intended to rebuild immediately.

The Congregational Church Improvements.

The Congregational Church is at present undergoing improvements of very considerable extent. The spire is being completed according to the original design, and will be covered with galvanized tin, to be painted stone color. The internal improvements consist of frescoing the walls and ceilings; new windows of enamelled glass with stained border; graining and upholstering the pews; and the introduction of gas.

The cost of the improvements will be about $2,000, a portion of which is already subscribed, and the remainder is secured on loan for the present, the interest being met by a special subscription, so as not to burden the general funds.

The re-opening is expected to take place on the fifth Sabbath in August. In the meantime the congregation assemble for service in the basement.

The contractors are: for completing the spire, S. Boult; gas fitting and eavetroughing, Geo. Howard; frescoing and painting, F. Sturdy; windows, J. McCausland, Toronto.

BASE BALL ITEMS.

The Independents were defeated in Toronto on Saturday by the Ætnas of that city.

Two nines of the employees of Bell & Co's Organ Factory—nine from the old and the other from the new shop—had an airing at base ball on Saturday afternoon, when the palm of victory settled on the old hands. After playing eight innings in very good style, with only 23 runs scored for both sides, somebody got wild and the result is appended:

THE SCORE.

New Shop	O	R	Old Shop	O	R
B. Rowe, p	6	0	W. Armstrong, p	2	3
G. Evans, cf	4	1	E. Burgess, c	5	2
H. McKechnie rf	3	1	T. Kaye, lf	2	3
G. Barker, 2b	4	1	T. James, cf	4	3
W. O'Driscoll, 3b	3	2	A. Glass, 1b	3	3
J. Emslie, lf	1	3	J. Davidson, ss	4	2
W. Davidson, c	1	4	J. Worsfold, 1b	3	4
I. McIntosh, ss	3	0	G Chamberlain 3b	3	3
T. Barker, 1b	2	0	M. O'Driscoll, 2b	1	4
	27	12		37	27

RUNS EACH INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Old Shop	1	2	1	3	0	1	5	0	14	—27
New Shop	0	2	0	2	5	0	1	0	2	—12

Umpire W. Metcalf; Scorer, W. Benton. Time of game 2 hours.

The Athletics and Young Americans of Toronto had a game in the Queen's Park on Saturday, which resulted in favor of the former by a score of 27 to 19. The second nine of the Athletics also played a games against the 2nd nine of the St. Crispin Club, which resulted in favor of the Athletics with a score of 35 to 28.

Walkerton base-ballists were recently presented with new suits by Mr. Robert Mann, in honor of their successive victories over the Teeswater and Hanover clubs.

Mr. Geo. Parr, of Teeswater, has commenced the erection of a large and commodious oat-meal mill, three stories high, in that village.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Home Rule in Ireland.

Disastrous Landslide in Spain.

Indians on the War Path.

Destruction from a Waterspout.

Donaldson's Balloon Ascension

London, July 26th.—An extensive open air demonstration against the money grant to Prince Leopold was made by the Republicans in Clerkenwell to-day. The Nationalists of Limerick propose to give a dinner in honor of John Mitchell, who recently arrived from America. It is reported that a Home Rule member of Parliament will retire in order to give Mitchell an opportunity of being returned to the vacant seat. Detectives are watching Mitchell's movements.

Right Hon. Abraham Brewster, formerly Attorney-General, is dead.

London, July 27th.—The morning papers announce on official authority that Prince Leopold is seriously ill, although there is no cause for alarm. His recovery will be necessarily tedious.

A special to the *Daily News* reports that the majority of delegates to congress have arrived in Brussels. The session opens to-day. Sir Alfred Horseford is representative of Great Britain.

Madrid, July 26th.—A terrible land slide occurred at L'Arra, in the Province of Navarre. The overhanging rocks fell upon and utterly destroyed the village. The disaster was so sudden that few of the inhabitants escaped. Over one hundred corpses have already been recovered.

A Carlist magazine exploded last week at Quiza. Thirty men were killed and a large number wounded.

Vienna, July 27th.—A shock of an earthquake was felt here to-day.

A violent storm of rain and hail is reported on the border of Moravia. Several lives were lost, and a large number of cattle were drowned. Fifty houses were destroyed and many vineyards were flooded at Aleagra, where it is rumored only fourteen inhabitants escaped.

San Francisco, July 25th.—A despatch from Eureka, Nevada, says a terrible waterspout burst in the mountains yesterday and swept through the town, killing twenty persons and causing great destruction. Another despatch from Elko says, the waterspout crossed the Central Pacific track between Humbold's Wells and Wano, washing out the track, and that the western bound emigrant train was wrecked and five passengers were killed.

San Francisco, July 27th.—A despatch from Eureka says that the loss by the flood is $150,000. About 24 bodies have been recovered, but a number of persons are still missing.

LATER.—A despatch from Eureka, Nevada, gives the following particulars of the storm yesterday. It had been raining with great violence from early morning until noon, when a cloud burst on a lofty range of mountains to the eastward, and a vast volume of water rushed down the canon where the town is located. The eastern part of the town was flooded in ten minutes by a fearful rush of water, which constantly increased in violence, depth, and impetuosity. The people in that portion of the place were hemmed in, and every moment houses were torn from their foundations and swept away with their occupants. Ropes were procured and a line formed. Brave men thus protected dashed into the torrent and saved many lives. Three Chinamen were lost, thirty houses were swept away and all that part of the town containing dance houses and other places of amusement is gone. The flood lasted only half an hour. The total loss of life is not yet known, but is believed to reach 25 or 30. The weather is still threatening.

Hudson, N. Y., July 25.—The balloon under the charge of Prof. Donaldson, containing representatives of the leading New York papers, which ascended from the Hippodrome yesterday afternoon at 4.15, landed in the town of Germantown, near this city. At 5.24 this morning it again ascended to a high altitude and, nearly describing a circle around the city, proceeded in a south-westerly direction.

Catskill, N.Y., July 25.—At 11.30 the balloon was within half a mile of the Mountain House. A rope being within reaching distance it was caught by a man on the ground and a conversation held. Enquiries were made by the aeronauts as to the locality, after which they threw out ballast and ascended, going in a northerly direction before a fair breeze.

Prof. Donaldson's balloon passed over this place at 11.45 o'clock this morning slowly to the north-west. It seemed at one time to be descending quite rapidly, but on throwing out ballast it rose again above the top of Hunter Mountain and proceeded on its way.

Saratoga, July 27.—Prof. Donaldson and his balloon landed near here on Saturday evening.

St. Paul, Minn., July 24. — A special from Winona says that the settlers on Lake Shetrek were panic stricken by the appearance of a warlike band of Sioux who were heavily armed, and made hostile demonstrations. Many settlers left homes, cattle, and everything and fled to Marshall, at which place also more than the usual number of Indians were noticed in town, and their manner was very bold and defiant.

Philadelphia, July 27th.—The police have in custody two men and two women, alleged English criminals, through whom it is believed clue can be obtained to the abduction of Charlie Ross.

The Beecher-Tilton Scandal.

What Tilton says Now.

New York, July 25.—Oliver Johnson has been before the Committee, and given them a satisfactory explanation of the letter written by him to Tilton, June 4, 1873. He also related an interview he had with Tilton in 1870, in which Tilton for the first time told him his grievance against Beecher, which was that Beecher had alienated the love of his family from him, and injured him in his business relations; but that there was not the slightest allusion at that time to any charge of adultery against Beecher.

New York, July 26.—The *Tribune* furnishes the cross-examination of Tilton before the Beecher Investigating Committee. It is prefaced by the following letter from Mr. Sage:—

"Mr. Tilton's direct testimony having been published without the knowledge or consent of the Committee of Investigation, and fragmentary and inaccurate reports of his testimony under cross-examination having been published by means unknown to the Committee and without their consent, whereby it is said that Mr. Tilton feels that injustice has been done to him, it is believed that in fairness to all parties the whole of Mr. Tilton's testimony should be made public at once. (Signed) H. W. SAGE, Chairman.

In his testimony Tilton said he could not give the date of the transaction which he said he witnessed in Mr. Beecher's house at the time of the examination of the engravings. About the time that he ceased to be editor of the *Independent* he made a distinct allegation to Bowen that Mr. Beecher had been unhandsome in his approaches to Tilton's wife. That is the sum and substance of all he have ever said on this subject to the very few people to whom he had ever spoken of it.

Being asked why the difficulty with Bowen would involve the exposure of his family secret, which he obtained form Mrs. Tilton six months before, witness said: It was not simply fear of my exposing it. Mrs. Morse (Mrs. Titlon's mother) and Mrs. Beecher were sometimes in collusion, and Mrs. Tilton always made me believe that Mrs. Beecher knew the secret, until in December when she told me. I took it for granted all summer long that she had told him what she had told me, and what she had told her mother, and I supposed that Mrs. Beecher was co-operating with Mrs. Morse.

Tilton denied having complained of Beecher for not aiding him to remain in the *Independent*. He also states in his testimony that he accepted the apology Beecher made, and forgave the offence with as much largeness as he thought possible for a Christian man to assume. His relations thereafter with Beecher were not friendly, but not hostile. They were relations which Moulton forced with an iron hand. Witness had taken pains to have it appear in all quarters that Beecher and himself were not in hostility and suppressed his self-respect many times in doing it. He never stated the offence of Mr. Beecher to Dr. Storrs. He showed Dr. Storrs letter which Elizabeth and himself wrote, and which he still preserved. He did not charge Beecher with any offence at all.

To the question, how was the offence stated,

Tilton replied—It began in this way: On a certain day in the summer of 1870 Elizabeth had informed her husband that Mr. Beecher had asked her to be a wife to him, together with all that this implies. She was very solicitous to make it appear that she did not accept his proposition, and happily in reaching it those who saw it naturally inferred that she did not accept it. It was a perfecly correct statement. Witness read the statement to Beecher, who objected to it, and witness made no further use of it. He, however, prepared a document on his relations to Bowen, in which Elizabeth's letter was stated, as well as the letter of apology, which he put in. This was read to Dr. Storrs, to whom witness went in great distress, wanting counsel.

Q.—And to get correct counsel you misstated the case?

A.—Yes. It was a statement necessary to be made, after Mrs. Woodhull's statement. I was out of town, and the thing had filled the country, and Beecher had taken no notice of it. It was seven or eight days old, and I went to Dr. Storrs for counsel. He asked me about the story. I said, "Do not ask me for that." He said, "Give me some facts by which I can judge; give me that which can be proved." So I gave an account of my affairs very largely, about Mrs. Woodhull, and so on. The original of that document was seeking for something that would put before the public a plausible answer to the Woodhull tale, and I conceived that by a chain of facts we might perhaps explain it away. I read it to Mr. Beecher, and he burst into a long sigh, and I saw that he would not or could not stand upon it, and Elizabeth burned or tore it to pieces.

Q.—Why did you abandon the document?

A.—Because there was no success in it.

Q.—Why was it that he did not accept it?

A.—He wanted no statement to be made, and so the thing was burned.

Q.—Have you not frequently asserted the purity of your wife?

A.—No; I have always made a strange technical use of words. I have always used words that conveyed my impression. I have taken pains to say that she was a devoted Christian woman. That necessarily carried the other. It was like the statement that I carried to Dr. Storrs. I do not think he caught the idea of that statement. As he took it, I don't think that it covered the whole. I have said that Elizabeth was a tender, delicate, kindly, Christian woman, which I think she is.

Q.—Have not you stated that she was pure?

A.—No.

Q.—Have you not stated that she was as pure as an angel?

A.—No. Mr. Halliday says I said that. He asked me in Mrs. Bradshaw's presence whether or not I had not said my wife was as pure and good as gold. "No," I said, "Mr. Halliday, because the conversation to which you allude was this: I said 'go and ask Mr. Beecher himself, and he will say that she is as pure as gold.'"

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