

THE CITY MORALS

The Second Sermon on This Subject
Preached by the Rev. Ralph
W. Trotter

A Plea for the Enforcement of the
Law—Replies to Some
Criticisms.

Calvary Baptist church was crowded
last night, many having to be turned
away. Rev. Ralph Trotter preached.
He said:

Text, Luke 20:25. "And He said unto
them, render therefore unto Caesar the
things which be Caesar's, and unto God
the things which be God's."

John 8:7. "He that is without sin
among you let him first cast a stone at
her."

I cannot take one step to-night with-
out thanking the friends of righteous-
ness and pure government for the kind-
ly words written and spoken to me in
reference to the efforts that are being
put forth to enforce the laws of our
land. From all classes and creeds have
come warm support and encouragement.
I want also to thank my critics for say-
ing what they thought ought to be said.
I am glad that all criticism so far, has
not been directed against the character
of the reforms we are trying to forward,
but solely against the methods adopted.
No sane man can object to the character
of either himself or his work.

A great deal has been said and written
which taken in its totality amounts to
this, that the pulpit is the wrong place
to discuss matters of good government.
I have shown no disposition to crowd
my opinions in this matter upon the ac-
ceptance of others, but have been sub-
ject to a definite conviction of my own, I
have acted accordingly. Let me say that
no one is under any compulsion to at-
tend this church, or to either publish or
read any utterances made in it. Surely
no one will question my right, if they
to my wisdom, to speak on any subject
I may see fit, so long as I have the
sanction of the members of this church.
There is no one who would for a mo-
ment question my right to assail evil in
the individual; will anyone dare to
question my right to strike at wrong-
doing in the aggregation of individuals?
Wherever human beings touch each other
in human relations the pulpit has
something to say. Moreover that is the
faishest kind of modesty which can lie
supinely on its back while on nearly
every street drunkenness staggers, and
shame winks, and bestiality wallows;

and the most a plain appeal is made
to the public that the laws on our
statute book against such vice be en-
forced; their moral sensitiveness is ur-
ged. Let it be known that the condi-
tion of this city is not a secret to the
pulpit in this community, and I ask
which course of action is more calculated
to corrupt the imagination of the
young? To let vice flaunt its skirts and
show its brazen face on our streets with-
out a protest, saying, as some have even
dared to say in public, "it is a neces-
sary evil," to make public war against
it, showing it to be a destroyer of the
body and a damper of the soul, and
that it brings into disrepute all who
have any connection whatsoever with
the vice. And I want to say further
to those of hyper-sensitive conscience,
that it was by the noblest women of
this city that my attention was first
called to the social evil existing here,
and asked in the name of God to do
something to save the young from moral
rottenness.

And to those who think the saloon a
better place in which to preach than
this church, I account of the wrong
people being there. I want you to see
from the evidence left in the pews in
the form of lottery tickets and tobacco
juice, at least a few of the right parties
were among the people present in this
church last Sunday night.

It has been also objected to the meth-
ods pursued that I am not avail myself
of my rights as a citizen to make the
usual complaints required by the law
for the abolition of such evils. We
have had during the past two years a
board of police commissioners and a
force of some 26 policemen. The lat-
ter are paid to enforce the laws of this
community, and, moreover, are under
oath to do so. They have been conversant
with the evils referred to, they have
not enforced the law against them. The
commissioners are appointed to see
that these officers do their duty. These
commissioners have been furnished
with information and have apparently
treated it with indifference.

Let no one fear; I will use my
"rights," but I prefer to have public
opinion back my "rights" and that
those in power demand that their rights,
which are theirs as well as mine, be
granted.

Regarding the two policemen whom I
saw enter the house referred to last
Sunday, it is said that I did them an
injustice. Now I stated clearly that
my purpose in making the statement
was that while they were cognizant of
the existence of those places no action
were made by them for their removal.
I did not contend "that under no cir-
cumstances would they be justified in
making such a stay in such a house."
Nor do I now, but I do say they saw
vice flaunted in their faces from open
doors and made no attempt to stop it.

And further, in reference to the
young man who won the \$1178 in Chin-
ese lottery, I am not at present, nor
have I as yet, discussed his action. I
gave that particular piece of evidence
for the sole purpose of showing that
when facts and evidence were furnished
my chief of police by him, which might
have led to the cleaning out of two or
three lottery companies, nothing came
of it on the part of the police force.

But enough of criticism and things of
a personal nature.

There are graver matters upon which
the best elements of the community are
looking for light to be thrown, and
that from this pulpit.

I have tried to state the case clearly,
and make the object plain, and yet there
are those who do not see just the point
at which we have taken aim, or exactly
where this crusade leads us.

Let it be understood that in this whole
discussion it forms no part of our task
to deal with problems which are in-
volved in gambling. But there is a law
on the statutes of this community which
prohibits gambling and makes those who

are found practicing it law-breakers and
liable to punishment. The fact is that
for months such places have been al-
lowed to run practically unmolested, and
have even dared to advertise themselves
on our public streets. The attention of
the chief and the commissioners was
called to this fact, and the names and
numbers of the places furnished in the
Province of last spring, and still the
thing went on, no notice being taken of
it. I demand as a citizen that this
law be enforced. Shall we be law-
abiding citizens, or shall we allow Brit-
ish law to be broken every day and night
without even trying to enforce it? That
is the question.

Neither does our present business in
hand involve a solution of the problems
which are inherent in the social evil. Nor
is it any part of my purpose here to at-
tempt such a solution, and my critics are
responsible for any reference to such
problems.

But without discussion, I want to say
that there is in my Gospel a "thou shalt
not" as well as a "thou shalt not." And
we have not forgotten it. It is not our
purpose to bring any fallen creature
into God into disgrace and dishonor. We
demand that law be enforced and such
houses be closed, any woman who
wishes to lead a better life and forsake
her old one will find a home and a re-
fuge, where she will have done for her
all that can be done to secure useful em-
ployment and provide for her life. Do
you ask "who will pay for it?" Why the
Christian church will do it, as she always
has done when occasion has demanded.

I want to say that there are two such
houses in this city, and they are usually
full, which are under the law. I keep-
ing of as noble a band of women as
ever blessed a city. It is to save the
fallen, not to curse them, that we de-
mand the enforcement of the law.

This crusade is not to settle the right
or wrong of prostitution, but to settle
whether or not we will have the law con-
cerning it carried out. That this law has
been and is being broken every day is
beyond contradiction. That our police
are as well acquainted with it as I am
goes without saying. That they have
not put a stop to it, and on the contrary
that it has been of late on the increase,
is a self-evident truth.

The point is, are the citizens of Vic-
toria prepared to pay a number of men
to enforce law who ignore their duty?
I cannot believe that all our men on
that force willfully violate the oath they
have taken. I say if they do, it is in-
terfered with by anyone else, super-
ior or what not, we should have no
business in this city to say to the public
whether or not they want law enforced in
this community. And if we have men
who will not do our bidding, then dis-
miss them at once and appoint men who
will.

I am after the dismissal of no man
who will do his duty, but I ask the citi-
zens of Victoria if this unmolested vi-
olation of law shall go on?

I have discussed the economic, moral
and political arguments which are in-
volved in the liquor question on former
occasions in this pulpit. But I do not
enter into the problem of this present
crusade. We have a law which
says liquor shall not be sold on Sunday.
Do you want that law enforced? Will
you men whose duty it is to see that
the law is enforced, allow it to be
habitually broken before you will make
a plea for British law? I am an
Englishman born and have never lived
anywhere but under the British flag. As
such I protest against this violation of
British law, and I ask the heartiest co-
operation of every loyal subject to be true
to the land we love. There is life in
the old land yet, and virtue in her.
Remember we have behind us in this
struggle the mightiest human power on
earth, the British nation. And the
British nation is but another name for
the people of this people. I come to ask
you, as you love your families, to love
your country, as you love your God, to
love your Queen, as you love your God,
and fight this compact of evil that has
defied our laws. Let us load the
same old guns that abolished slavery,
that swept down despotism from the
earth, and let us belch their thunder at
the works of this convicting crew and
hurl their influence into the bottomless
pits of the past, only again to be reach-
ed by the plummet-line of history. And
let the hot shot we fire be the awak-
ened conscience of the people and its
demand for the voice of public opinion
demanding obedience to British law.

But you are asking "where will all
this lead us?" Well, it means that we
demand through our council an investi-
gation of our police department from
the commission down. We have made
charges; make me prove them. I ask,
or show me up to be other than I
profess. If the motion for an investi-
gation, notice of which has been given,
does not carry, then call a public mass
meeting and demand it.

Second, we should do well as a city
to take a leaf out of our neighbor's book.
I refer to the amendment recently pas-
sed by the Nanaimo city council relative
to public morals in that city. It is a
prudent thing for that town to have put
on record in this province such a
by-law on city ethics. I say we can
in assembled meeting petition our coun-
cil to do this, and have laws which in-
clude the men who line their pockets
with the gold accruing from vice, who
are the men that really protect it.
Moreover, we can all sign the petition
which is now in circulation to have our
police commissioners made elective in-
stead of appointed by political favor,
that the people may say each year who
shall have the enforcement of law in
charge, and the control of our police
officers.

It may be well to remind the electors
that although at present our council has
not the control of the actions of our po-
lice, they have the paying of their po-
licies and can make it \$5 a month if
they so choose. So that if we are so
disposed we can demand our rights in
spite of political appointment.

And then in direct effect it is worth
our while to protest against the viola-
tion of law. Chinatown is practically
locked up, other vices to which we re-
ferred have been abandoned or trade is
very dull. Under efficient control one
half our present force is ample to en-
force the laws of this city, of this I am
convinced.

Let us be faithful, let us be patient,
let us be vigilant, and right shall reign.
For the battle is not to the strong
alone, but it is to the vigilant, the ac-
tive, the brave."

J. F. Knapp, of the San Francisco Call,
is at the New England.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial New
in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily.
—The infant son of Harry Cole, pro-
prietor of the Leland House, died yester-
day afternoon after a short illness.
The funeral occurs to-morrow, Satur-
day, at 2:30 p.m.

—Edmund Christie was given in
charge to Sergeant Hawton and Con-
stable Walker this morning, charged
with stealing a gold watch and chain
from Fred Schneider.

—Manager Stewart, of Messrs. Bain-
bridge & Company's mine at Alberni,
had his hand very badly cut a few days
ago. He may have to come to Vic-
toria for treatment.

—At the recent intermediate exami-
nation in law the following candidates
were successful: Messrs. James Mur-
phy, A. S. Potts and C. K. Courtney of
Victoria, and Mr. J. P. M. Gray, of
New Westminster.

—Albert Meunzenmeyer was remanded
for another week by Chief Justice Davie
this morning. Sheriff White left
Portland last night and should be here
this morning. The case will therefore
be called early next week.

—George Riley, the fireman from the
steamer Umattila, who attempted to
commit suicide by jumping from the
outer wharf on Sunday morning, and
has been in the city lock-up since, will
be sent to San Francisco this evening.
He is very much better to-day.

—W. E. Oliver was presented to the
full court this morning by Hon. A. N.
Richards, treasurer of the Law Society,
and he was then sworn in as a barrister.

—Mr. Oliver, who is a Scotch ad-
vocate of Edinburgh, has been entered
on the rolls here for the last six months
and will practice in this province.

—Mr. Herbert Carmichael delivered
another lecture in the mining course
series, at the Board of Trade rooms
last evening. The lecturer showed by
experiment how water was formed
from hydrogen and oxygen. Other
chemical combinations were also ex-
plained.

—Daniel McIntyre and Frederick Mc-
Intyre, of Vancouver, and George E.
Atkinson, of the State of Washington,
have incorporated the Union Logging
Company of Vancouver. The object of
the company is to do a general contriv-
ing, logging, trading, towing and ship-
ping business. The capital stock is
placed at \$15,000, divided into 150
shares of \$100 each.

—A great deal of trouble is being ex-
perienced in taking the machinery re-
cently shipped from here for the Duke
of York Mining company into the mine
at Alberni. The road is in a terrible
condition, eight oxen being unable to
haul in a sleigh loaded with a bale of
timber. The company sent a number of
Japs down to work the mine and the
white miners are indignant.

—The grand master of the L. O. O. F.
W. E. Holmes, will leave on Wednesday
morning on the Princess Louise to in-
stitute a new Rebekah lodge at Ladner's
Company, by Vancouver. It is expected
that the new lodge will be installed
at Ladner's Company. He will also
visit the new lodge at Ladner's Com-
pany and Vancouver lodges on Thursday
and Friday evenings, and Mission City
lodge on Saturday evening of the same
week.

—Sergeant Langley, of the provincial po-
lice force, returned this afternoon from
Alberni, where he conducted the trial
of Harry Jensen, charged with stealing
a number of fur skins from Harry Han-
sen. Jensen was sentenced to six
months in the penitentiary for the
theft of the skins. Sergeant Langley
brought him down to Nanaimo, where he
will serve his term.

—A Kingston dispatch says: "Last
week Mrs. J. E. Starr, wife of the Rev.
J. Starr, sent a large hornets' nest
to Sir Mackenzie Bowell. On the out-
side of the box was a card bearing
words congratulating the premier upon
being 'King Hornet.' He wrote her in
reply, a very impressive letter marked
'private.' Among other things he wrote
that 'that hornets' nest was the most
eloquent thing he ever received.'"

—There died at Ashcroft last week
Mrs. English, the mother of the En-
glish boys, four of whom met tragic
deaths. Eugene was drowned while at-
tempting to swim the Chilcotin river
six years ago. The other three were
killed by a vigilance committee in Ariz-
ona, and Buck was shot after holding
up a stage in California last year. Doe,
the eldest son, who is 60 years of age,
is living in British Columbia, owning a
fine farm. Mrs. English was a native
of St. Louis.

—The fire wardens last evening pro-
ceeded with the investigation of the
charges preferred by Graham Campbell
against Chief Deasy of the fire depart-
ment. The committee sat until after
midnight, but only heard three wit-
nesses, Assistant Chief Conlin, Engi-
neer Charles Bush and Frank Hinds.
After hearing these witnesses an ad-
journment will be taken until next
Wednesday evening, when it is under-
stood, only of this committee will pro-
pose all-day sittings. As there are
nearly forty witnesses it would take a
long time to complete the inquiry at
evening sessions.

From Saturday's Daily.
—Mrs. Dr. Milne rejoices at the pos-
sibility of the first pansies of the season.
This will be news to those people in
eastern Canada who are condemned to
get around on snow shoes for a couple
of months yet.

—The funeral of the infant son of
Mr. H. T. Cole, of the Leland House,
took place to-day at 2:30 p.m. from the
parents' residence, 213 Douglas street,
and later from St. John's church. The
Rev. Percival Jones officiated at both
the church and the cemetery.

—In the report of the legislative pro-
ceedings published yesterday, Mr. Wil-
liams by a typographical error was
made to say, speaking on the county
court act: "The act, as it is, gives ample
protection for the honest debtor, and it
is better for the creditor so far as the
dishonest creditor is concerned." It

should read: "so far as the dishonest
debtor is concerned."

—Yesterday afternoon Mr. G. W. A.
Lange received a telegram informing
him of the sudden death of his son, Dr.
W. G. Lange, at St. Louis, Missouri.
The deceased lived in Victoria till 1880,
when he left to study dentistry. The
cause of his death was heart failure.

—The residents of Metehosin are pe-
titioning the postmaster-general to
grant them a twice-a-week mail service
in place of the present weekly service.
The petition, which was numerous-
ly signed, will at once be sent to Otta-
wa. Messrs. Prior and Earle, the mem-
bers for the district, will also be asked
to interview the postmaster-general re-
garding the matter.

—Joseph Phillips Shann, who was
employed for several years as draughts-
man at the Albion Iron Works, died
yesterday. He was a native of Leeds,
England, aged 46 years. Deceased had
been seriously ill for over a year. He
has no relatives in this country, but
leaves a host of friends, who regret his
early demise. The funeral will take
place at 2:15 to-morrow from Hayward's
undertaking parlors and later from
Christ Church Cathedral.

—The following are the marks of
those pupils of Cedar Hill school who
made an average of 50 per cent. or up-
wards during the month of January:
Fifth class—Archie McKee 82.7, John
Holmes 79.7, Harry Gurtley 75, Mary
Holmes 68.3, Christie McKee 61, Julia
Glendinning 60, Laura Miller 59.
Fourth class—Frank Todd 70, Mabel
Miller 64.7, Rose Knight 61, Ethel Ir-
vin 56.5, Nellie Russell 54.7, Mary
Knight 52, Clara Merriman 50. Aver-
age attendance for the month, 38.7.

—For several days the police have
been waiting a chance to get into a cou-
ple of buildings on Fisgard street, where
it was known a fan tan game was in
progress. Yesterday a Chinaman gave
them the desired information, but when
they went under Chief Sheppard made
their descent upon the place the birds
had flown. It seems that all the games
now running in Chinatown are conduct-
ed by one man, but he keeps them so
closely guarded that it is next to impos-
sible for the police to get into them.

—There was a very large attendance
at the funeral of the late Mrs. John
Hagerty, which took place yesterday
afternoon, and the casket was covered
with floral offerings sent by sympathiz-
ing friends. Mrs. Hagerty had made
scores of friends by her kindness to the
poor and afflicted, who deeply feel the
loss they have sustained in her death.
Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the ser-
vices at the residence. The pall-bear-
ers were: Messrs. John Nicholles, J.
Stewart, Yates, D. E. Campbell, A. Lind-
say, C. E. Bell, John P. Eila, D. W.
Watson and F. Shakespeare.

—Last night's meeting of the Sir Wil-
liam Wallace Society was largely at-
tended. The programme was an excel-
lent one. Mr. Jameson giving a Gaelic
and an English song, Mr. Giles a so-
lection on the piano, J. Adams, M. P.,
P. P., an address, Mr. Douglas a song,
James Deans a recitation, J. Munro a
selection on the bagpipes and Mr. W.
Anderson danced the Highland fling.
At a special business meeting held im-
mediately after the entertainment Mr.
Hanna was elected treasurer in place of
Mr. Webb, resigned. The auditor's re-
port was received and other important
business transacted.

—A largely attended meeting of the
St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society
was held last evening. Mr. Lyman P.
Duff was received as a member. A
committee was appointed to revise the
constitution and by-laws of the society.
The letter of Mr. James Wilson and fam-
ily in their bereavement by the death of
Mrs. Wilson. A most cordial invitation
was extended to the president, members
and their friends to a social to be held
during the present month. Mr. A. Tol-
mie received the thanks of the society
for his donation of a valuable Scotch
picture.

—The police of Washington and Ore-
gon have been looking for the past week
for Mrs. A. B. Cody, who disappeared
from her home in Tacoma on January
31st. She was suffering from mental
trouble caused by sickness and it is
feared that she committed suicide. Her
husband has offered a reward of \$100,
which will be paid to any person find-
ing or restoring her or her body to him.

—The description of the missing
lad: Mrs. A. B. Cody, 5 feet 3 inches
tall, 30 years of age, weight 110 pounds,
dark hair, pale face, grey blue eyes,
wears rough brown serge dress with
reddish tinge, large sleeves, Astrachan
cape, black felt fedora hat turned up.
Wears plain band holding ring on the
third finger of left hand.

From Monday's Daily.
—Two women, Jennie Smith and Ida
Weoley, got into a fight on Johnson
Street yesterday evening. This morn-
ing they were fined \$5 each in default
of 14 days.

—A hackdriver was called upon this
morning to answer to the charge of as-
saulting a woman, who he claimed paid
to pay her fare. The case will be
gone into to-morrow.

—George Hughes, an old offender,
was this morning sent to jail for a
month for vagrancy. A drunk ball
was ejected and a second drunk was
convicted and discharged.

—Gin Yvit, a member of the Seattle
Chinese swell set, visited Victoria last
week and was married in true Oriental
style. There was quite a little flutter
among the Chinese of Seattle when the
bride and groom returned, a brass band
being out to meet them.

—During the month of January the
Salvation Army shelter home supplied
2078 meals and 730 beds. Work was
provided for 342 men. Since the home
was opened in May last there has been
a steady increase in the number of ap-
plicants for relief.

—The funeral of the late Joseph Phil-
lip Shann took place from Hayward's
undertaking parlors at 2:15 yesterday
afternoon and at 2:30 from Christ
Church Cathedral. There was a large
attendance of the friends of the de-
ceased. Right Rev. Bishop Perrin of-
ficiated at the cathedral and the grave.

The pall bearers were C. T. Brown,
Geo. Ramsay, W. H. Collier, Wm.
Jenkins, W. H. Stuart, Ed. Dickinson.

—The Provincial Land Surveyors of
British Columbia held their annual
meeting at Vancouver on Saturday. Of-
ficers were elected as follows: President,
J. F. Gaden, Vancouver; vice-presi-
dent, R. E. Palmer, Vancouver; secre-
tary-treasurer, J. H. McGregor, Victo-
ria; executive committee, Messrs. H. M.
Burwell, Vancouver; E. B. Hermon,
Vancouver, and W. S. Drewry, Victo-
ria. In the evening the association held
their annual dinner.

—Messrs. Burnes, Ashcroft, Allen,
Bridge Creek, T. G. Earl, Lytton, and
F. W. Foster, Clinton, waited on Hon.
G. B. Martin, chief commissioner of
lands and works, to oppose the contem-
plated scheme of running traction en-
gines on the Cariboo road. The deni-
station were introduced to the other
members of the government. After dis-
cussing the matter for some time the
executive promised to give the matter
careful consideration.

—Walter Lawry, the four old son of
Mr. and Mrs. Lawry of 13 Humboldt
street, has been missing since Saturday.
He was down on McIntosh's landing
about three o'clock, and this led to the
rumor that he had been drowned. But
Capt. McIntosh says he took the boy up
to Government street and started him
home. Two hours later he was seen on
the doorstep of St. Andrew's Presby-
terian church, and later near the Brun-
swick hotel. This morning a young man
called on Mrs. Lawry and said he be-
lieved he could find the child. It is be-
lieved that somebody is holding him for
a reward. The police are working on
the case.

—J. L. Crowell, who was mate on the
bark Topgallant, now loading at Seat-
tle, was there threatened with arrest
for libel, so he drew his pay on
Thursday and left for parts unknown.
One of his wives has been living at 56
Pandora street in this city. Deserted
by Crowell some time ago, she and a
pair of twins less than a month old have
been cared for by the Salvation Army
officers and the Friendly Help society.
Crowell left a wife and three daughters
at West Dennis, Mass. He came to the
coast about ten years ago and at Seat-
tle married a Mrs. Dingley. It is also
said that he married again at Oakland,
Cal. He met the Mrs. Crowell living
here in Vancouver, and after a court-
ship of six months married her, al-
though he had not been divorced from
his Seattle wife.

SAYS IT WAS A JOKE

Doctor Morrison, of Victoria
Causes a Sensation at
Port Angeles.

He Had Some Coal Lands to Sell
to a San Francisco
Syndicate.

Dr. Richard Morrison, of this city, ac-
companied by Mr. Ayres, of San Fran-
cisco, recently paid a visit to Port An-
geles, and according to the Port Angeles
papers, caused quite a sensation there.
Like many other Victorians Dr. Morri-
son owns land in the vicinity of the am-
bitious little city on the Straits. Un-
like most of the Victoria holders of Port
Angeles realty, the doctor believes that
his property is valuable; in fact he says
there are good indications of coal on it,
and it was on this account that he ex-
pected to sell it to a San Francisco syn-
dicate represented by Mr. Ayres.

The doctor during his visit to Port An-
geles attended a meeting of taxpayers
and property owners, in the Board of
Trade rooms. Here is what the Port
Angeles Democrat-Leader says occur-
red:

"A highly dramatic incident occurred
at the Board of Trade rooms after the
adjournment of Tuesday evening. A por-
tly gentleman stopped up to Mr. Arri-
gan and introduced himself as Dr. Mor-
rison of Victoria and requested a few
minutes' conversation. Mr. Carrigan
took him to the desk in the rear part of
the room and they talked but a few
short time when Carrigan sprang out of
his chair and in a loud voice denounced
the gentleman as a scoundrel, and in
the presence of six or eight men who
happened to be in the room, accused the
benevolent-looking doctor of attempting
to bribe him.

"Dr. Morrison remonstrated that such
was not the case and attempted to leave
the room, but the door was locked and
he was compelled to listen to a severe
arraignment by Carrigan, which was to
the effect that Morrison claimed he had
with him a party from San Francisco
presenting a coal-mining syndicate;
that he had represented that there was
coal on his land in Clallam county; that
if he sold to this man he would clear
\$40,000 and that if Carrigan would say
that the shaft he had sunk was on his
(Morrison's) land he would pay him
\$5000 spot cash. Carrigan told him he
was a rascal and a scoundrel and that
he proposed to expose his dastardly at-
tempt to bribe him.

"It could easily be seen that Morrison
was badly cut up; in fact he was, to
put it mildly, pretty thoroughly scared.
He protested he meant nothing, wrong
and only wanted to go home, but every-
man in the room took a hand and they
jumped on him flat-footed. It is safe
to say Dr. Morrison, of Victoria, felt
much relieved when he got into his lit-
tle trundle bed that night and promised
never to do it again."

Dr. Morrison says it was all a huge
joke, that he was just chaffing Carrigan.

"Are you on intimate terms with your
neighbors?" he asked them. "Why,
they know dreadful secrets of ours that
we never heard of even."—Harper's
Bazar.

Robbins—What do those young men
mean by waving their hands and work-
ing their fingers so excitedly?
Robbins—Why, they are students
from the deaf and dumb institute giv-
ing their college cry.—Puck.

MARY HARE BURNED

She Ran on a Rock Near Read
Island and Burned to the
Water's Edge.

Schooner Sapphire's Lumber Cargo
Jettisoned—Libel Against the
City of Peabla.

Last Wednesday morning the steamer
Mary Hare left the Sidney wharf for
her regular trip for the V. & S. railway
company in charge of Capt. Welsh, the
engineer being her owner, Captain
Michael Hare. She was timed to re-
turn on Thursday evening, and when
nothing was heard of her some concern
was felt for her safety. Just as Ma-
jor Patterson was telephoning Sta-
tion Agent White at Sidney to send
a boat to look for her, a telegram
was received from Captain Hare at
Cheminus in which he reported the
steamer arrived to the water's edge.
The noon train to town and gave the par-
ticulars of the mishap. Wednesday
evening the Mary Hare reached Ganges
Harbor and remained there all night.
She went to Read Island on Thursday
morning to get cordwood for fuel.
While going in near shore to load the
wood she struck a rock. Arrangements
were made to raise her with the high
tide in the evening. The captain and
the crew went to a farm house for sup-
per. When they returned to the steamer
she was a mass of flames. Nothing
could be done to save her and she was
burnt to the water's edge. The cap-
tain and crew lost all their personal
effects. They secured a small boat and
rowed across to Cheminus, where they
took the train for the city. While some
portions of the Hare's machinery may
be saved, she is practically a total loss.
She was comparatively a new vessel,
having been built at Stevens' shipyard
about two years ago. Last May she
was fitted up to run among the islands
in connection with the V. & S. railway.
Her value is about \$8500. The loss is
partly covered by insurance.

The United States commission at
Seattle began taking evidence on Sat-
urday in the big salvage suit of the Puget
Sound Towboat company against the