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Guelph, June 3, 1874. d&wtf

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

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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 Proprietor

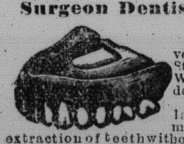
M. P. DELOUCHE
WIRE WORKER,
Pearl street, off King street. Every description of wire work made to order at the lowest terms. Any orders left at W. H. Macon's seed store, Market Square, or at R. Murray's fruit depot, Wyndham street, will be thankfully received and promptly attended to. Terms strictly 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 d1y

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.
☞ 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.

THOS. WORSWICK
MANUFACTURER OF
MACHINISTS' TOOLS
Complete, with best modern attachments.
STEAM ENGINES
Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap Portable and Stationery Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power.
Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention.
THOS WORSWICK
Guelph, Ont
Dec 17, 1873 d&w1y

ICE CREAM AND
COOL DRINKS
—AT—
Mrs. WINSTANLEY'S Grocery Store, south side of the Dundas Bridge, Guelph.
Guelph, June 6th, 1874 d3m

## 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

LOST—Between the residence of Chas. Davidson and Dooley's Corner, Waterloo Road, to-day, a pair of gold spectacles, in a brown case with lap torn off. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at this office. dtf j20

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

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

NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP.
The undersigned beg to notify the public that they have entered into partnership and have purchased the Business recently carried on by Mr. Jas. Barclay, Builder, and are prepared to do all Carpentering and Building on short notice. They trust by strict attention to business to merit a share of the public patronage. Jobbing a speciality. Lumber and Cedar always on hand, and for sale.
DANIELS & BUCHAN,
Near the Gas Works.
Guelph, July 21, 1874. d6t

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

Y. M. C. A.

Lecture on Comets

A Lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Davidson, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association,
IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
On Friday Ev'g first, 24th inst.
Subject, "Cometary Worlds." Admission free. Collection at the close.
Lecture to begin at 8 o'clock.
All are invited.
GEO. ALLCHIN,
General Secretary.
Guelph, July 22, 1874 d3t

PIC-NIC.
THE ANNUAL PIC-NIC
OF THE
Guelph Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School
Will be held on the Grounds of H. W. PETERSON, Esq.,
On Thursday, 23rd Inst.
Tickets, adults 25c; Children under 12 years of age, 15c.; to be had at the gate.
A. O. BUCHAM, Sec.
Guelph, July 16, 1874. dd

CONFECTIONERY STORE.
ICE CREAM & SODA WATER
The subscriber, in thanking the public for the generous patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, would inform them that he has just received a choice and well selected assortment of
CONFECTION'RY
Equal to anything ever before offered in Guelph.
CAKES
of all kinds constantly on hand. Wedding cakes supplied at short notice.
☞ A fresh lot of those superb BREATH PILLS just received.
WM. WALDROND,
Next door to Petrie's Drug Store.

NOTICE
All parties having claims against the late firm of Hearn & Kennedy are requested to present the same for payment to William Hearn, who is authorized to receive payment of all accounts and debts due to the late firm.
WILLIAM HEARN,
ALBERT KENNEDY.
Guelph, July 3, 1874. j24dwlm

JOHN KIRKHAM,
GUNSMITH,
Quebec street, Guelph, opposite the Churches.
Guns, Pistols, and Sporting Materials always on hand. Repairing as usual.
NOTICE.—All parties having left guns at my place for repairs are requested to call for the same at once, or they will be sold to pay expenses.
Guelph, July 16, 1874. dwtf

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. dwim

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.



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WEDNESDAY EVN'G, JULY 22, 1874.


## Town and County News

PIC-NIC.—Chalmers' Church Sabbath School Pic-Nic will take place on the grounds of Mr. P. Gow, on to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon.

PIC-NIC.—The Wesleyan Sabbath School Pic-Nic will be held in Mr. Peterson's Grove to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon. See advt.

TO THE PENITENTIARY.—The young man named Wyllie, whose burning of a barn in Sarawak we noticed some weeks ago, has been sentenced to three years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

TEACHERS.—Attention is called to Mr. John Anderson's advertisement of educational works. A discount of 20 per cent. is allowed on all goods purchased by teachers now attending the examination.

MOWING MACHINE ACCIDENT.—A boy aged eight years, son of Mr. Andrew Clark, Erin, had his right foot cut off by a mowing machine, on the 16th inst. Under the treatment of Dr. Corbett of Orangeville, he is progressing favorably.

COPYING PRESSES.—We notice at Mr John Anderson's, bookseller, several Copying Presses, which have been made in Guelph, by Messrs. Maddock and Cline. They are fully equally in workmanship and adaptability to any imported ones, and will no doubt find a ready sale.

JUST SO.—The St. Mary's *Argus*, speaking of the treatment of the Volunteers while in Guelph, says that "A prominent officer of the force, of the Conservative persuasion, stated to us that they were never better treated than they were by the people of Guelph—though they are Grits."

ANOTHER VICTIM.—We learn that Mr. John Hewer, tavern-keeper, lost a valuable cow on Tuesday morning. She had been pastured in a field near Presant's mill, and on Monday evening was driven home as usual, but on the following morning was found dead. Death is supposed to have resulted from eating Paris Green.

STRAWBERRY BUSINESS.—Mr. W. J. Scrimger, who lives near Galt, has done a large strawberry business this season. He has disposed of about 330 bushels or 10,500 quarts, and this quantity drew him on an average 8c per quart—footing up the snug little sum of $840. After all expenses have been paid, he will have cleared close upon $700,—and all off three acres of ground.

CROPS IN NICHOL.—Your correspondent took a run through this fine township about a month ago, paying particular attention to the looks of the crops. Winter wheat—of which there is not a great deal sown—looks rather poor. Spring wheat, on the contrary, looks really well, and promises to be a heavy crop. The same remark applies to the other cereals. Turnips look well, and hay is also very good; but the potatoes here, as in too many other places, are infested with the pest known as the Potatoe Bug.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—About ten days ago, as Mrs. McIntosh, of the 1st Concession of Puslinch, near Crieff, was in the field loading hay she met with a severe accident. She was standing on the load, while her husband was reaching up the hay to her from the ground. Suddenly the horses made a start, throwing Mrs. McIntosh forward; and in her endeavours to break the fall by throwing out her arms, they were both broken above the wrists. Her spine was also injured by the sudden shock. Under the care of Dr. Orton she is progressing favorably.

VISIT OF G. W. R. OFFICIALS.—We learn that a trip along the line from Hamilton, will be made by some of the officials of the Great Western Railway, to-morrow (Thursday) for the purpose of meeting with business men of the towns on the line and conferring with them on matters of mutual interest. The delegates will listen to any suggestions offered that may have a tendency to facilitate business accommodations, secure the greater convenience of travellers, and prove more beneficial in the interest of the public at large. We understand the delegates will arrive here on the afternoon of Thursday.

TAILORS' PIC-NIC.—The annual pic-nic of the employees in the tailoring department of Mr. Wm. Stewart, was held yesterday at the far-famed and pleasant resort—Puslinch Lake. The pic-nicers, after being joined by several invited guests, got well on their way by eight o'clock, and reached the Lake somewhere in the neighborhood of ten o'clock. A splendid time was spent, as the day was everything that could be desired, and the lake calm and smooth. Swinging, boating, fishing, bowling, quoiting, and, of course, partaking of the excellent and abundant refreshments provided by the ladies, made the day a busy one. They arrived home shortly after ten o'clock, everyone well pleased with the day's amusement.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—The examination of teachers for County Certificates is being held during this week, at the Drill Shed, in which five rows of tables have been fitted up for the purpose. The examiners are Revs. Messrs. Torrance and Kilgour, of Guelph; Mr. McCaig, of Galt; Mr. Cochrane, Eramosa; Mr. T. Smellie of Windsor, who takes the place of Mr. Fordyce the latter gentleman being in the old country. The number of applicants for certificates is as follows:—1st class—1 male; 2nd class, 24 males, 7 females; 3rd class, 44 males, 65 females. There were two applicants rejected on account of being under age, 16 years being the limit for females and 18 years for males.

A TELEGRAM from Montreal says it is officially announced that the Local Government has decided not to dissolve the Local House during the present year. The Hon. Mr. Chapleau propose, however, as a matter of prudence and policy, to address his constituents in Terrebone County, on various occasions during the summer months on the political questions of the day.

### The Assault on ex-Attorney-General Clarke in St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Minn, July 21.—On the arrival of the train conveying ex-Attorney-General Clarke, of Manitoba, at Hudson, a surgeon examined him and reported that one of his ribs was broken, and that he had received other severe injuries; Mr. Clarke proceeded on his journey. Fears are entertained of a serious result, as he had hemorrhage yesterday and is in very poor health.

Alderman Glenn, of Minneapolis, was one of the backers of Hay in the assault, and will probably be arrested. The other assailants have not been indentified.

The feeling in this city is very bitter against the perpetrators of this brutal and unjustifiable outrage, and the police are severely blamed for neglecting to protect Mr. Clarke after the assault on him last evening.

### Literary Matters in Guelph.

*To the Editor of the Mercury.*

DEAR SIR,—As the representative of a large class of young men who would receive much benefit by the formation of a Literary Society in our town, I would like to ask, through you, if any action is likely to be taken during the coming winter, in this matter? Of late, the Y. M. C. A. Literary Class seems to have overlooked the object for which it was intended. I doubt not the members of the Association may have good reasons for their course; but as some place of profitable entertainment is needed for us during the winter evenings, I think some preparations should be making. Will some of our fellow young men express their opinions?

In this connection, I think the subject of winter evening classes for mechanics should receive some attention from the members of our School Board.

Begging pardon of Father Time for thus "taking him by the forelock," and thanking you for your valuable space,

I remain,
Yours, with all respect,
TYRO.

### POLICE COURT.

(*Before the Police Magistrate.*)
July 22.

Wm. Hynes, for being drunk on Macdonnell street, was fined $5 and costs.

James Mulligan and James Ray, charged by C. C. Kelly with beating John Gorman, were fined $5 each and costs. Mr. John Carroll appeared for Mulligan.

### BASE BALL ITEMS.

LAW VS. PRACTICE.

If ever the injunction "Physician, heal thyself" were needed, certainly it should be given now to our local doctors, after the game yesterday. We think they need more practice—and more patience. We had thought the lawyers had practice enough, and their score shows a good deal of it. But ha! we see in the score itself a suggestion of something! we sniff as it were the battle afar off! Did not the Esculapians know that so much runing of their opponents would result in—practice to themselves? But the lawyers gave the physicians a nasty dose. They seem to travel on their Merrit, and in this way the defeat of the physicians was very Cutten. We commend a squint at the score. We believe the defeat to the doctors resulted partly from their putting such a thin, spare man for short stop.

THE SCORE

| LAWYERS | O | R | DOCTORS | O | R |
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| McLean, c | 1 | 12 | Macdonald, p | 1 | 4 |
| O'Connor, p | 2 | 12 | Lowrey, c | 1 | 5 |
| Palmer, s s | 1 | 12 | Keating, 1b | 3 | 4 |
| Cutten, 1b | 4 | 8 | Grange, 2 b | 3 | 2 |
| Oliver, 2b | 3 | 11 | Gordon, 3b | 4 | 2 |
| Macdonald W, 3b | 4 | 9 | McGuire, s s | 5 | 2 |
| Merit, cf | 2 | 13 | Brock, r f | 6 | 1 |
| McCaul, lf | 5 | 9 | Carthew, l f | 1 | 4 |
| MacdonaldA H, rf | 5 | 9 | McGregor, c f | 3 | 3 |
| | 27 | 95 | | 27 | 27 |

RUNS EACH INNINGS.

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| Lawyers | 12 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 10 | —9 | 95 |
| Doctors | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | —27 |

Umpire, W. Jones, Maple Leaf. Scorers: Lawyers, John W. Carroll; Doctors, Mr. Spurin. Time of game, 4 hours.

The second nine of the Silver Creek play a match with the Rockwood Academy Club this afternoon, at Rockwood.

### Elora Correspondence.

On Sunday next, July 26th, Knox Church will be opened, when Rev. J. G. Robb, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, will preach in the morning at half-past ten, and again in the evening at half-past six. Rev. J. B. Fraser, M. D., missionary elect to China, will preach at half-past two. On Monday evening a soiree will be held, when the above gentlemen and the following will address the meeting.—Rev. Messrs. Ball and Wardrope, of Guelph; Rev. Thos. Cobb, Wesleyan minister of Elora; and D. McDougall, Esq., of Berlin. The choir will be under the leadership of Mr. McWhirter. Tea will be served in the basement of the church, at 6 o'clock p. m. The proceeds will be devoted to paying off the debt of the church.

It is said that there is midge in the club spring wheat, but it is difficult as yet to tell whether it is bad or not. Other kinds of spring wheat are not far enough advanced yet to be injured.

Mr. James Barnett, Nichol, put Paris Green on his potato vines about twelve days ago, and now the bugs have disappeared and his potatoes looks [illegible] He mixes about one pound of Paris Green to ten pounds of flour.

### Winterbourne Items.

On Saturday afternoon last the "Red, White and Blue" Club of Conestogo played against the newly organized club of this village, on the grounds of the latter, resulting in a victory for Conestogo by thirteen runs. We believe the name of the Winterbourne Club is to be the "Clipper," though it is not yet positively decided.

A concert is proposed to be held by the Club at an early date, the proceeds to assist in purchasing a suitable uniform. We hope the inhabitants of Winterbourne and vicinity will take note, and patronize the entertainment well.

A terrific thunderstorm visited Ottawa and Hull on Sunday night. Several houses and telegraph poles were struck, and the crops in the surrounding country were considerably damaged. In Hull the women became panic striken, and ran about the streets in their terror.

THE Governor-General is not expected in Toronto till Friday morning.

A new telegraph company, to work in connection with the new Atlantic cable, is being organized in New York.

### How a Canadian M. P. Played Banco.

The New York *Sun* of last week contains a smartly written sensation in in which a member of the Ontario Legislature is one of the principal characters. Our readers will, no doubt, recognize through the thin disguise of nomenclature one of our neighboring M.P.'s, who happened to be in Gotham at the time mentioned.

The *Sun* says that on Tuesday evening one of the reporters was met by a tall, sandy-whiskered individual, who looked very much like the victim of a swindle known as banco. The stranger turned out to be James Springfield, of Toronto. He had been in the city for a few days, and after dinner on Tuesday had walked down Broadway. At Houston Street he was accosted by a well-dressed young man with "How are you, Mr. Henderson? How are the people of New Haven?" Mr. Springfield told the young gentleman that he was mistaken, and added, "I am James Springfield of Toronto, a member of the Dominion Parliament." The polite young man made profound apologies for his mistake, and walked away. A few steps further on another man, not so flashily dressed, with hard cruel features, a smooth face, and the free and easy manner of a thorough confidence operator, approached, and turning, seemed suddenly to recognize an old friend in Mr. Springfield. He grasped the hand of the old gentleman and shook it so warmly that the shaken hardly knew what to make of it. "I'm George Roberts, of Toronto," says he. "You remember you bought a horse from my father about three years ago. How did he suit you? When did you come to town?" For once it seems the Banco man told the truth. Mr. Springfield had bought a horse of one Roberts about three years ago. He unquestionably had met a fellow Canadian, and his heart warmed to him at once. "Mr. Springfield had come to the Metropolis to engage German hands for the Dominion. Would the son of his old friend join him in a glass of beer?"

After drinking the beer, Mr. Roberts said to Mr. Springfield: "I sometimes invest a few shillings in a lottery slip, and the last one I bought drew a prize of $100. Will you go with me while I draw the money? It is only a little way down the street."

Mr. Springfield consented, and the two went to an unpretentious-looking brick house, with a sign on the inside door, indicating that the occupant was a dealer in real estate. The proprietor was upstairs, and on going up Mr. Roberts and his friend found a short, stout man behind a desk, to whom the former handed his lottery ticket. "Lucky," was the real estate dealer's only comment, and he drew a roll of greenbacks and counted out $100 to Mr. Roberts. The prize had grown to $101, and the odd dollar was paid to Mr. Roberts by a ticket for the next drawing. "Or perhaps you would like to try your luck at the new game?" said the estate dealer, as he drew a card from a table on which was a banco lay out. Mr. Roberts tried his luck and speedily had his hundred dollars on the table. "Thirty dollars more and you can win $250," said the real estate dealer. Mr. Roberts having his last cent on the table, turned to Mr. Springfield and begged him to lend him $30. The good-natured gentleman had not bet a cent in all his life, and was backward in lending the money even to save his old friend's son, but at length he put it up. Another cast of the dice, and the real estate man said that the players must put up $100 to take a chance at $500. Mr. Springfield put out his hand to grasp the money he already had on the board, but the real estate man told him to hold back. "The game has won," said he. "The only chance you have to get your money back will be to put up another hundred." Mr. Springfield hesitated, but Mr. Roberts insisted, and begged so hard he handed over all his money at last. Forty dollars was in British gold. The dice were cast, and the real estate man cried out in triumph, "By Jove, I've won," and raked in the money.

Mr. Springfield threatened to take action against the swindlers, and they in turn threatened to have him arrested for disorderly conduct, and he was about to go out, when the real estate man offered him $25 if he would sign a receipt for the remainder of the money. He took the money and signed the receipt; but the next day took proceedings against the swindlers and recovered the full amount.

### The Yachi Foam.

On Tuesday, the Steamer City of Toronto left that city for Niagara, having on board three coffins for the bodies which had been found on Monday afternoon. On arrival one of the bodies, which was waiting at the slip, was immediately recognized as that of Mr. Vernon. It was dressed in a pea jacket, blue vest, checked pants, low shoes and coloured socks, and had been found about three miles from the mouth of Niagara River about three o'clock on Monday, floating on the water. The gold watch found on the body had stopped at 10.30. The other two were found about fifty yards apart, below the eddy formed by the current of the river at its efflux into the lake. When the bodies were opened they were found much swollen and discoloured, and as decomposition had set in, the strong effluvia emitted made it utterly impossible to remain near them for more than a few minutes, hence identification was difficult. Two of the bodies were dressed in blue suits, while the other had on merely a blue shirt. One was recognized as that of Mr. P.C. Henderson; another with difficulty was finally identified by the sorrowing father as that of Charles Anderson; while the third was known to be that of Mr. Murray. This swelling of the bodies precluded the use of any, excepting one, of the caskets taken from Toronto, in which was placed the body last picked up, that of Mr. Vernon. It is even doubtful whether it will be possible to take bodies to Toronto for interment. A reward of fifty dollars has been offered for the recovery of other bodies, and it is hoped that in a few days all of them will be found.

FATAL ACCIDENT. — Recently while Neil McTaggart, a respectable farmer residing on the 4th concession of Huron township, was watering his horses, and was standing between them, a boy fired off a pistol which so frightened the animals that they started off, knocking Mr. McTaggart to the ground and trampling upon him. He was able to walk home, but died the next day from the severe injuries received.

## BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

### The Tilton Beecher Scandal.

New York, July 21st.—Theodore Tilton went before the Investigating Committee last night and made a lengthy statement. He says that in October 2nd 1855, he was married by Henry Ward Beecher, who, thirteen years afterwards, dishonored the marriage by the criminal seduction of Mrs. Tilton. That a fifteen years' firm friendship made the crime one of uncommon wrongfulness and perfidy. That about nine years ago Mr. Beecher formed a friendship with Mrs. Tilton, for whose native delicacy and religious sensibility he felt and expressed a high admiration; that he visited her from time to time until 1870, winning her affectionate love, whereby after a long moral resistance from her and repeated assaults on her mind by argument, he accomplished possession of her person, maintaining with her for some time, the relation called criminal intercourse, this relation being regarded by her during that period as not criminal or morally wrong, such had been the power of his arguments as a clergyman to satify her religious scruples against such violation of virtue and honor. That at a visit of Mrs. Tilton to Mr. Beecher's house on October 10th, 1868, an act of criminal commerce took place, followed by another at Tilton's house on the subseqent Saturday evening, and similar acts between the autumn of 1868 and the spring of 1870. That in 1868, during Mr. Tilton's absence, Mr. Beecher's calls on Mrs. Tilton were very frequent, and suddenly became less on Tilton's return. That Mrs. Tilton had encouraged Mr. Beecher's visits that she might converse with him about the rumors against her moral purity, always refusing his amorous pleas, until the autumn of 1868. That Mr. Tilton's suspicions were aroused by Mr. Beecher improperly caressing Mrs. Tilton in his own library in Mr. Tilton's presence; and on one occasion he had returned unexpectedly to his own house and found the door of his bedchamber locked, and on his wife opening it, he had seen Mr. Beecher, apparently much confused. That on July 3rd, 1870, Mrs. Tilton made a confession of the criminal facts before mentioned, and said Mr. Beecher had told her he loved her better than any other woman. That Mrs. Tilton went to the country, and her husband condoned her guilt, feeling that she had been misled. That six months after, Beecher and Tilton met, and on the former finding that the matter had been published by Mrs. Tilton, obtained from her a paper to clear himself before a council of ministers.

Mrs. Tilton and Mr. Beecher are now preparing a statement to be submitted to the Committee on Thursday, which will satisfactorily explain all correspondence between them and all other matters contained in Mr. Tilton's statement.

New York, July 22.—Mr. Tilton, in his statement to the Beecher investigating committee, says that Mr. Beecher requested Mr. Moulton to call at his residence, which he did. A long interview ensued, in which Mr. Beecher expressed to Mr. Moulton great contrition and remorse for his previous criminality with Mrs. Tilton, taking to himself shame for having misused his sacred office as a clergyman to corrupt her mind; expressing a determination to kill himself in case of exposure; and begging Mr. Moulton to take a pen and receive from his lips an apology to be conveyed to Mr. Tilton in the hope that such an appeal would secure Mr. Tilton's forgiveness. The apology which Mr. Beecher dictated to Mr. Moulton was as follows:—In trust with F. D. Moulton. My dear friend Moulton, I ask through you Theodore Tilton's forgiveness, and humble myself before him, as I do before my God. He would have been a better man in my circumstances than I have been; I can ask nothing except that he will remember all the other breasts that would ache. I will not plead for myself. I even wish that I were dead; but others must live to suffer. I will die before any one but myself shall be exculpated. All my thoughts are running out towards my friends and toward the poor child lying there and praying with her folded hands. She is guiltless, sinned against, bearing the transgression of another. Her forgiveness I have. I humbly pray to God to put it into the heart of her husband to forgive me. I trusted this to Moulton; in confidence, signed—H. W. BEECHER." In the above document the last sentence and signature are in the hand writing of the Rev. H. W. Beecher.

The following is the letter from Mrs. Tilton to Mr. Tilton, "July 4th, 1871. Oh! my dear husband, may you never need the discipline of being misled by a good woman as I was by a good man! I would mourn greatly if my life was to be made known to my father. His head would be bowed indeed to the grave. Do not think that my ill health is on account of my sin and its discovery; my sins and life record I have carried to my Saviour. No, my prostration is owing to the suffering I have caused you."

In a letter from Mr. Beecher to Mr. Moulton, Mr. Beecher says:—"If my destruction would place Mr. Tilton all right, that should not stand in the way. I am willing to stoop down, and no one can offer more than that; that I do offer. Sacrifice me without hesitation if you can clearly see your way to his happiness and safety thereby. I look upon death as sweeter by far than any friend I have in the world. Life would pleasant if I could see that rebuilt which is shattered; but to live on the sharp and ragged edge of anxiety, remorse, fear, dispair, and yet to put on an appearance of serenity and happiness, cannot be endured much longer.

Mr. Tilton produces a letter from Mrs. Tilton prior to her corruption by Mr. Beecher, to show that a Christian wife, loving her husband to the extreme degree as set forth in these letters, could only have been swerved from the path of rectitude by artful and powerful persuasions, clothed in the phrases of religion, and enforced by strong appeals from her chief Christian teacher and guide. Mr. Tilton says that in January, 1871, Mr. Beecher communicated to Mr. Tilton through Mr. Moulton, an earnest wish that he (Mr. Tilton) would take his family to Europe and reside there for a term of years at Mr. Beecher's expense. Similar offers have been since repeated. The charge that Mr. Tilton ever attempted to levy black mail on Mr. Beecher, is false; on the contrary, Mr. Tilton has always resented every attempt by Mr. Beecher to put him under pecuniary obligation. Mr. Tilton says that one evening, about two weeks after the publication of Mr. Tilton's