

fifths of the criminal cases which he tried, were caused by intoxicating liquors.)

"The seventh count accuses him as the instigator of suicide, and other crimes of the deepest and darkest die.

"It was but last week that we had an account, by telegraph, of a man in Boston who, under the influence of strong drink, cut the throats of his son and daughter with an axe, afterwards set fire to the house, and then cut his own throat. There is scarcely a newspaper but records some case of suicide caused by strong drink. A. B. poisoned himself on such a day, or cut his throat, or drowned himself. These are, in too many instances, the last act in the drama of drunkenness.

"In the eighth count, the Prisoner is accused of persisting in keeping a number of places open for his sale, in his different forms, to the great destruction and annoyance of the human family, especially the rising generation; and, for the trial of these crimes, you are summoned this evening. Lest you might think any statements which I have ventured to put forth, on this occasion, are merely parts of the chicanery of my profession, I am prepared to bring forward such witnesses as will prove every count in the indictment; and it will be for you to decide as to whether the Prisoner at the Bar is guilty or not. Gentlemen, you are called to perform a most important duty, and on your decision now will depend, in a great measure, the future happiness and prosperity of the human family. Feeling confident that you will fulfill the important duty you are called upon to perform, I shall at once proceed to call the witnesses. Crier, call George Johnston."

Crier—"George Johnston, George Johnston, come forth and prosecute, as you are bound to do this day, or forfeit your recognizance."

(On Mr. Johnston entering the witness-box,)

Clerk of the Crown—"Witness, hearken to your oath"—"The evidence you shall give the Court and Jury on this trial, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth—so say you."

*George Johnston*, baker—Examined by Mr. Cole—States that it was in Scotland he first became acquainted with the Prisoner, who was a pinching, deceitful, enticing fellow, and had a hard grip of witness for 10 years. Was in a tavern in Falkirk, where a shoemaker, while under the influence of liquor, killed Mr. Osborne. Saw the shoemaker hanged for it, and heard his last speech on the gallows, which was, "that intoxicating liquors, and Sabbath-breaking brought him to that untimely end." At a Port in Scotland, while under the influence of the Prisoner, witness fell down among barrels, into the hold of an emigrant ship, and when he came to his senses, he found himself bruised, his head badly hurt, and the ship 250 miles at sea on her way to Quebec. Since he came to Quebec, he was in company with the Prisoner. Taking a near cut from a tavern to the canteen, when he fell into a deep drain which was carelessly left open by the Corporation, and the first place he became sensible of this misfortune, was sitting in Doctor Douglas's shop,