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REV. GORDON DICKIE ON LOCAL OPTION

He Sees the Gradual Spread of the Prohibited District in St. John Until the Whole City is "Dry"

There was a good attendance at the temperance meeting held by Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T., yesterday afternoon. E. N. Stockford, president, and J. A. Belyea, assisted in the exercises. The Exmouth street quartette sang two selections. Rev. Gordon Dickie, who was the speaker, drew two pictures of self-forgiveness. One was of the drunkard carousing in the saloon, while at home his wife and children were living in abject poverty. The other was of Miss Helen Keller, deaf, dumb and blind, whose life was made bearable only by forgetting self, and her self sacrifice. The first was that of a deluded person deceived by the use of strong drink. The second resulted in a happy life.

The sale and use of liquor was condemned, and people were now looking to some means of exterminating it. Temperance reform was no longer in a theoretical stage. Hard headed, matter of fact business men were beginning to use their common sense in going away with this evil. Educative influence had been at work for a long time and had borne fruit. To-day the aggressive work against the traffic was greater and more effective than it had ever been. The work of education must still be kept up until the sentiment was so great that the evil would be dispensed with. Work such as had been done in getting petitions in the different wards would have a good immediate effect. The prohibited district would gradually grow, and ere long the city would be cleared of the saloon.

The speaker closed an eloquent address by summing up the forces at work and the chances of success.

Hon. Robt. Maxwell will address next Sunday's meeting.

DISPELLING THE DREAM

The Newly Wedded One—The happiest moments of my life were spent at the Falls. The Divorced One (sincerely)—Vagabond or Soult!

FALLING OFF IN THE PILOTAGE RECEIPTS

The St. John Pilot Commissioners' books show the following return of vessels arriving at this port during the year ended Dec. 31:

British.	Foreign.
Eighty-five schooners.	One brig and sixty schooners.
One brig.	One brig and brigantine.
No ships.	Eleven barks and barkentines.
Three barks and barkentines.	Twenty-seven steamships.
One hundred and ninety-eight steamships.	Total, 200.
Amount of pilotage, \$26,431.85.	Amount of pilotage, \$6,764.41.
Total, 287.	Total, 245 schooners.
Amount of pilotage received, \$26,431.85.	One ship.
	Fourteen barks and barkentines.
	Two hundred and twenty-five steamships.
	Total, 487.
	Total pilotage received, \$33,196.30.
	The total receipts for 1907 were \$38,077.21. This shows a decrease of \$4,880.91.
	There are now twenty-three pilots registered in St. John and one at Musquash.
	The pilot commissioners' report was transferred to the pilot fund account.
	Out of this account, pensions amounting to \$2,110.52 and of this sum of \$264.41 were paid to three pilots and pensions amounting to \$1,431.25 were paid to eleven widows and two children. The pilot fund now amounts to \$6,164.08.

Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F., has installed: H. V. McKinnon, N. G.; F. E. Sinclair, V. G.; J. A. Murdoch, R. S.; J. L. Wilson, F. S.; D. B. Dolg, treasurer; J. Thompson, C.; C. N. Skinner, W.; Dr. A. D. Smith, con.; D. Sinclair, R. S. N. G.; C. W. Fowler, L. S. N. G.; A. Hastings, R. S. V. G.; Dr. Christie, L. S. V. G.; T. P. White, R. S. S.; J. S. Gibbon, L. S. S.; T. McManis, L. G.

REV. R. P. McKIM ON STORY OF EPIPHANY

Eloquent Sermon in St. Luke's Church Last Evening.

In St. Luke's church last evening the rector, the Rev. R. P. McKim, preached the first of a series of Epiphany sermons, dealing with the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In graphic manner he told the story of the heroes who carried the gospel to the world, beginning at Jerusalem, tracing the progress to Samaria, to Antioch and to Rome, then through the nations of Europe.

Touchingly the story of the early martyrs was told: Simon, Polyarp, Pothinus, Hlandina, Perpetua, missionary heroes of the cross; Irenaeus, Uphilas, Patricius, Augustin, Boniface, Angar and their triumphant work for Jesus Christ. Mr. McKim proposed to continue the Epiphany story during the next three Sunday evenings. The East and Asia will be spoken of on next Sunday.

SCHOONER THICKLY ICE-COATED IN BLIZZARD

Nova Scotia schooner Bluenose, Captain McNamara, arrived in port on Saturday from Elizabethport (N. J.), with a cargo of fertilizer. The schooner was ten days on the passage. She put into Portsmouth (N. H.) and sailed again last Wednesday and ran into a regular blizzard with the temperature below zero. The rigging and deck were covered with ice. Her around ropes were as big as barrels near the deck. Those on board say the cold was intense and the crew had a hard time of it working about the deck of the vessel. The schooner is now berthed in the slip near the Provincial Chemical Company's office, Water street, and many visitors went to see her yesterday.

W. H. Collins of Gloucester (Mass.) passed through the city on Saturday on the way home after a visit to Cape Canso to the scene of the wreck of the Gloucester fishing schooner Vera, which occurred on the night of Dec. 20. The Vera was of 100 tons and carried twenty men, all of whom were saved. She was owned by Buones Ayres. The schooner, Mr. Collins was acting for the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company.

MASTERS AND MATES TO HAVE A SOCIETY

The project of organization of an association of masters and mates holding certificates for steamers sailing out of this port, was discussed at a meeting held in the store of Corey & Estey, 141 Main street.

GENESIS

First, out of man's seed, sprang Euter. Through them we have many sons.

It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. But this is the great God of the daily change who is the maker of men.

But at length Euter was made con- fessor of the powers, and boy, by force activity, it was bagging these. And that was the beginning of Gentility.

One of the promoters of the association said last night that there would likely be a large organization, 150 or more members. They would include the river service.

Through them, God is striving to incarnate Himself again in human life. Through them we have many sons.

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STRENGTH FOR THE COMMON DAY

Rev. J. J. McCaskill Preached on the Truly Religious Man in St. Matthew's Church Last Night.

In St. Matthew's Presbyterian church last evening the pastor preached on Strength for the Common Day, saying in part:

There are many gods that will enable us to perform the special acts at which all applaud. A man can fly up like the eagle or, the sky-rocket with his exalted strength, under the influence of great enthusiasm when it is easy to assume the heroic attitude. He can run for a time and many a great deed has been done when the sky is fair, friends kind, the gods smiling and the world young.

"Let us," we say under the influence of your enthusiasm, "expel evil from our life, click away from our profession, pettiness from our heart, dishonesty from our business, graft from our politics. Let us subdue the obstacles that baffled our fathers and put away the plagues that consume our children. Let us water the waste places, plow the desert moors, carry this food to those that are hungry, this light to those in darkness, this life to those in death."

But the soul is marred by a word or a look. The heat of the day is intense; the lack of sympathy is discouraging, the amount of indifference great, the strength of selfishness astonishing. The soul is sensitive. Gloom and despair tread on the heels of the bright morning, the clouds return after the sunshine and the enthusiast becomes lame as he runs, crippled as he wrestles; he never gets his second wind but instead joins those whose presence chills as a cold, clammy day. Life has too many agreeable and solid comforts for him to bear in his wiser days the yoke which the enthusiasm of his youth gaily undertook.

"What is truth?" asked the smug, middle-aged, jesting, snick, contented, powerful, and so on, unswayed, and now I only feel safe with my feet on the ground and my mind on practical things.

There are many gods which can sustain for a time the enthusiasm of life. For that purpose the god of wine is almost as useful as the god of grace. Men have laid down their lives without a murmur fired by the thought of sudden duty but they were wholly inadequate to the common place things of soiled life, they were impossible in their families or as friends and neighbors but martyrs in their death.

Through them, God is striving to incarnate Himself again in human life. Through them we have many sons. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. But this is the great God of the daily change who is the maker of men.

GOOD HOME MADE KIDNEY RECIPE

Directions to Make a Fine Mixture Which Relieves Kidney or Bladder Trouble and Said to Overcome Rheumatism.

To make up enough of the "Dandelion treatment," which is claimed to be relieving nearly every sufferer who uses it for backache, kidney complaint, sore weak bladder and rheumatism; get from any good prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-ounce Compound Kargon and three ounces Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime.

Those who have tried it claim that it acts gently but thoroughly on the kidneys, relieving backache and bladder trouble, and urinary difficulties before you realize it. Many cases of rheumatism are known to have been relieved within a few days, the pain and swelling diminishing with each dose.

This simple recipe is said to strengthen and cleanse the eliminative tissue of the kidneys so that they can filter and strain from the blood and system the poisons, acids and waste matter, which cause not only rheumatism, but numerous other diseases. Every man or woman here who feels that their kidneys are not healthy and active or who suffers from any urinary trouble whatever, should not hesitate to make up this mixture, as it is certain to do much good, and may save you from much misery and suffering after a while.

A SCOTCH PROGRAMME FOR MEETING TONIGHT

The meeting of the Young People's Association of St. David's church tonight will be an interesting one. It will be under the auspices of the historical committee of which Miss Pearl MacMurray and Miss Edith A. Nelson are convenors. The programme will deal with Scottish history and will be as follows: Bagpipe solo, Lawrence McLaren; paper on William Wallace, by William Cummings; song, Battle of Stirling Bridge, S. J. McGowan; reading, Andrew Malcolm, The Parting of Marion and Douglas; piano solo, Scotch variations, Mrs. J. M. Barnes; Scottish solo, Harry Shaw; paper, Robert Bruce, Miss Helen A. MacMurray; Scots Wha Hae, S. J. McGowan; paper, Mary Queen of Scots, Miss Ethel Shaw; solo, Mary of Argyll, Miss Margaret Milligan.

Resolved That Women Should Be Granted the Suffrage was the subject of debate by the students of the St. John Law School on Saturday evening.

The leader for the affirmative, J. Starr Tait, was supported by Messrs. Belyea, Adair, Teed and Hazen. Horace Porter led on the negative side and was supported by H. W. Lunney. H. O. McInerney, who was the judge, gave a decision in favor of the negative.

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JUDGE RITCHIE TALKS OF BOYS AND GIRLS SEEN ON STREETS

He Delivers Excellent Address Before the Every Day Club—Many Fathers Do No Realize Their Responsibility.

In an address founded on the old proverb "the ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," Hon. R. J. Ritchie, in the Every Day Club last evening, strongly condemned the practice of girls and boys walking the streets after dark and said that, as regards their sons and daughters, many of the fathers and mothers of this city did not realize their responsibility.

In 1908 his honor stated there had been more cases of drunkenness by boys in St. John than in any year during the past eighteen years. He made an earnest appeal to young men to sign the pledge.

The hall was crowded and many who wished to be present, including some of those on the programme, were unable to gain admission. B. L. Sheppard presided. The proceedings opened with the following programme: Vocal selection by the Orion quartette; recitation, Mr. Watson; solo, E. Mitchell; solo, Miss L. Cole; solo, W. Rees. Mrs. Cather and Mrs. Colwell acted as accompanists.

The chairman made reference to improvements being made in the city's new quarters and mentioned the need of pictures for the walls.

Judge Ritchie said he proposed to take one of the old proverbs, "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," as his subject. It was necessary to everyone, he said, and none more so than to the children of whom he feared there were many who had little application of the ounce of prevention to prevent the pound of cure. There were two classes in the community, the old and the young, and the proverb applied to each.

Did fathers and mothers realize their responsibility, not only to look after their children but after each particular boy and girl? Were there girls and boys in the street when they should be at home? Sixty years ago people were required to be indoors in January at 7 o'clock. How was it now? Men, women and children were in the streets at all hours. What would be the mothers of these days say if their girls were going down King street at 10 p. m.?

Boys were still worse. If they were taught what was expected of them a little before would not be in custody. The boy of the period owned the schools and the streets. Mothers should take heed and never allow their girls out without an escort at night and should keep the boys at home. He hoped that at the end of this year there would not be a bad record. In 1908 he had more cases of drunkenness by boys in knickerbockers than in the eighteen years before on the beach. He would improve fathers and mothers for their own sake and for the sake of their church and country to pay more attention to their boys and girls.

The proverb also applied with equal force to grown men. He would like to make a strong appeal to every young man to apply the ounce of prevention to himself. It was a great help to have a pledge. It was claimed that it looked like slavery but in his experience it was a great help. Many preferred to be moderate drinkers but did it ever occur to them who filled the gaps when the drunkard dropped out. The constable in charge of the jail prisoners had told him that twenty-seven out of those men had died because of excessive use of ardent liquors. In the last year seven unfortunates had gone from the streets in January. If only they realized the danger no strong appeal would be necessary, they would apply the ounce of prevention of their own free will and take the pledge and keep it.

THE NEW THEOLOGY

B. J. Dowling Reviews the Sermon of the Rev. J. J. McCaskill.

In the Christadelphian hall last night B. J. Dowling reviewed Rev. J. J. McCaskill's sermon on the miraculous birth of Christ. Mr. Dowling said that the new theology was wrong in regarding the New Testament as merely a unique record of religious experience and not as a history. He said that the new theologians divided the scriptures into two divisions and preached the one which best suited their fancy.

Mr. Dowling went on to prove that the writers of the gospels were inspired by the infallible spirit of God and that what they related of the birth of Christ was therefore absolutely true. He also quoted liberally from the Old Testament prophecies and claimed that these could not be applied to Jesus if He were other than the Son of God.

OBITUARY

Richard D. Lewis

Richard D. Lewis died on Sunday at 7 St. James street after illness of eleven weeks' duration. Mr. Lewis, who was seventy-three years of age, had been for twenty-five years a resident of St. John and had been employed with Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., the London House and Macaulay Bros. & Co. He is survived by his wife; one son, John R. Lewis, in the States and one daughter, Mrs. Geo. Porter, of this city. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. George F. Dustin

Mrs. George F. Dustin, daughter of the late John Shaw, died on Sunday at her home in Denver (Col.) on the 5th inst. Mrs. Dustin had lived in Denver for about five years. Before her husband she is survived by three sisters and six brothers. Their names are: Miss Tessie, of Fitchburg (Mass.), and the Misses Helen and Evelyn, of Boston; William H. Coleman, of this city; John L. and Frank, of Hampton; Joseph H. and James E., of Fitchburg, and Thomas M., of Jefferson (Mass.). Mr. Dustin will accompany his wife's body home and the funeral will take place on the arrival of the C. P. R. train at Hampton this afternoon.

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