

dered man. This opinion may prove erroneous, but the microscope has often acted the part of an accuser, in bringing to light proofs of criminal acts, which might otherwise have escaped detection. The following incident is in point:

The value of this peculiar discriminating power of the microscope was remarkably illustrated in a very curious case tried at Norwich. A female child, about nine years old, was found one morning lying upon the ground, in a small plantation, quite dead; the cause of the death being at once denoted by a large and deep gash in the throat, severing both of the carotid arteries, the trachea, and the esophagus. Suspicion immediately fell upon the mother of the murdered girl, who had been seen by more than one person leading her daughter toward the plantation on the morning of the day upon which the crime was presumed to have been committed.

Upon being taken into custody, the woman behaved with the utmost coolness—at once admitting having taken the child to the plantation where the body was found; but averred, that having arrived there, the girl ran about gathering wild flowers; that she subsequently lost sight of her, and, after a long search, returned home without her. Upon being searched, there was found in the woman's possession a large and sharp knife, which was subjected to a minute and careful examination. Nothing, however, was found upon it, with the exception of hair adhering to the handle, so exceedingly small as scarcely to be visible. The examination being conducted in the presence of the prisoner, and the officer remarking,

"Here is a bit of fur or hair on the handle of your knife."

The woman immediately replied:

"Yes; I dare say there is, and very likely some stains of blood, for, as I came home, I found a rabbit caught in a snare, and cut its throat with a knife."

The knife was sent to London, and with the particles of hair, subjected to a microscopic examination. No traces of blood could at first be detected upon the weapon, which appeared to have been washed; but upon separating the horn handle from its iron lining, it was found that between the two a fluid had penetrated, which turned out to be blood, certainly, not the blood of a rabbit, but bearing every resemblance to that of the human body. Then came the examination of the hair, which added powerfully to the presumption of the prisoner's guilt. Without knowing anything of the facts of the case, the microscopist immediately declared the hair to be that of a squirrel—in this he could not be mistaken, for the fur of one animal differs so entirely from that of another, not only in its size, color, etc., but in its actual construction, that it is altogether impossible to mistake it when under the microscope. Now round the neck of the child, at the time of the murder, there was a tippet or "victorine," over which the knife by whoever held, must have glided; and this victorine was made of squirrel's fur! The strong circumstantial evidence of the guilt of the prisoner was deemed by the jury sufficient for a conviction, and while awaiting execution the wretched woman fully confessed her crime.

A GENTLEMAN.

There have been many definitions of a gentleman, but the prettiest and most poetic is

that given by a lady:—A gentleman is a human being combining a woman's tenderness with a man's courage."

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

OFFICIAL.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 13th, 1857.

The Grand Division S. of T. of the Province of Nova Scotia will meet in Quarterly Session at Chester, Lunenburg Coun. on Wednesday, 15th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of which officers and representatives will please take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

As the representatives appointed to attend the meeting of the National Division at Providence are expected to make a report of the proceedings of that body, it is hoped there will be a large representation from the Subordinate divisions.

The Session being held earlier than usual, the Grand Scribe would earnestly request the D. G. W. P.'s to be punctual in forwarding the returns and *per capita tax*.

The D. G. W. P.'s will please forward their quarterly Reports to the G. W. P., at Pictou, without delay.

The following appropriations have been made towards the expenses of representatives to the National Division:—

Rising Sun Division, (paid)	£0 10 0
Chedabucto Division, do	1 0 6
Athenæum Division, additional, do	10 0
Margaretville Division, do	1 0 0

Divisions intending to contribute towards this object will please forward their appropriations without delay.

The following resolution passed unanimously at the Quarterly Session of G. D., held at Nietaux, on 23rd April:—

"Resolved—That those who have acted as Agents for the late *Athenæum* Newspaper be requested to ascertain and collect all sums, or arrearages due on the said paper in their respective agencies, and to forward the same to the Grand Scribe at their earliest convenience."

The attention of all parties indebted to the late *Athenæum* paper is requested to the above resolution. PAT'K MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe.

The Grand Scribe acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts on account of the *Abstainer*:—

Howard Division, 25, on account	£1 11 3
Jas. A. Tory, Esq., Guysboro', 30	3 15 0
J. W. Dauphine, Lunenburg, bal.	2 6
William Phillips, Halifax, balance	2 6
Victoria Mines Division	17 6
Gen. Williams Club T. W., 10	5 0
Father Mathew Division, additional	2 6

Thomas Holder and J. S. Thompson, Halifax, have paid their subscriptions for one year from 15th October, 1856.

Additional copies ordered since last issue: EASTVILLE, UPPER STEWACKE—Eliakim Archibald, new, 8.

LOWER STEWACKE—Father Mathew Division, 1.

TEMPERANCE WATCHMEN.

OFFICIAL.

NEW GLASGOW, May 28, 1857.

Clubs will please remember that the Annual Convention will take place at Durham,

Pictou, on the *Third Tuesday* (21st) of July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The several Committees appointed at last semi-Annual Convention are hereby reminded that their Reports will be called for at the opening of the Convention.

Clubs are requested to express their opinions upon the subjects referred to them by last Convention previous to the time of meeting; and to instruct their representatives accordingly.

As the Ritual and Constitution of the Order will come up for revision, it is expected that Clubs shall have instructed their delegates respecting the alterations or amendments they deem necessary.

It is hoped that every Club will see the propriety and the duty of being represented in Convention. All delegates must be duly certified.

A full attendance is particularly requested.

S. O.'s that have not yet sent in their Returns and *per capita tax* for quarter ending March 31st are requested to do so without delay.

D. McDONALD,
Sec. Pro. Con. Com.

Form of Application for a Charter for a Division of the Sons of Temperance.

The undersigned, inhabitants of ———, believing the Order of the Sons of Temperance to be well calculated to extend the blessings of Total Abstinence, and promote the general welfare of mankind, respectfully petition

THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

to grant them a Charter to open a new Division, to be called the ——— Division, No. —, Sons of Temperance of the Province of Nova Scotia, to be located in ———, and under your jurisdiction.

We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to be governed by the rules and usages of said Grand Division, and also by those of the National Division of North America.

Enclosed is the Charter fee, \$5, Books, &c., \$2. Address Mr. P. MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe of Grand Division, Halifax.

FORM OF PETITION FOR NEW CLUB

TEN SIGNATURES ARE NECESSARY TO FORM A CLUB.

To the Temperance Watchmen Club of ———.

WE, the undersigned residents of ———, being desirous to promote the good cause of Temperance, and believing your organization efficient, respectfully request your honorable body to visit us on ———, and assist us in establishing a Temperance Watchmen Club in this place.

As in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at

When a Club has instituted a new Club, the acting S. C. will immediately report to Central Com. the name of Club, date of institution, the number initiated at opening, and the name of Officers.

S. P. C. COM.

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