introduced the protective policy three years later. From 1878 to 1896 Mr. Charlton was one of the most tireless and sometimes among the most extreme and violent opponents of the Conservative ministry. Perhaps the only time when he supported Sir John A. Macdonald against his own party was when he voted against the resolution condemning the execution of Riel. Mr. Charlton had more than any other man to do with the adoption by his party of the commercial union programme. He was a native of New York, and always had large interests in that state. He was a frequent visitor to Washington, and was in the close confidence of politicians there, as he frequently admitted. His speeches on both sides of the line on this question were good Conservative campaign material in after years.

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When the change of government took place, Mr. Charlton was not made a minister, but he was given the status of a minister on the Joint High Commission which proposed to settle reciprocity and all other questions between Canada and the United States. Mr. Charlton had first gone to Washington to impress upon the statesmen there the advantage which they would gain by reciprocity. As it proved the commission could accomplish nothing.

In later years Mr. Charlton gave less attention to party matters and devoted himself largely to moral reform legislation. This included laws relating to seduction, the age of consent, and Lord's Day observance. In the last twelve years of his service in parliament

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the Boer treatment of the outlanders. This speech is included in a volume of Mr. Charlton's addresses which

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part in the evangelical campaign, have expressed their

complishing much good. Therefore the press, which

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PROPOSED ELECTORAL REFORM LEGISLATION.

has worked earnestly, patiently and fearlessly to prevent corrupt practices in elections within the sphere of In one recent contest, at least, public life. the League was instrumental in obtaining an arrangement between parties until there was no bribery fund and practically no corrupt conduct. The Westmorland League has the active or passive sympathy of the best element of both parties, and its principles have been ally accepted by the political leaders in Westmon It may be suggested that some assent to these les because it would not look well to reject them, but if there is a public sentiment in Westmorland which makes it impolitic for a party leader to refuse his assent to a purity programme this sentiment is itself a as all admit in moments of candor, desires the welfar

significant sign of the times.

But it has been found that the league has not all the machinery that is required for the operation of the purity programme when it is accepted. Suppose that both parties accept the agreement that there shall be no corruption practices in a certain county, and that votes are bought in spite of the compact, no party will admit the responsibility, but neither will take action against the offenders. The seat may not be protested admit the responsibility, but neither will take action against the offenders. The seat may not be protested and so there is no one to institute proceedings, collect the evidence, and press the matter to a conviction. It is complaint is often carelessly made by certain critics, the evidence, and press the matter to a conviction. It is of course, possible for the league itself to do all the work, pay all the expenses and take all the risks. But the Westmorland promoters of this movement do not think they ought to be forced to go this far. They have no machinery for the detection of offenders, no men whose means and leisure are such that they can be sides, they believe that offenders against election laws should be prosecuted by the public the same as other law breakers.

It is sometimes charged that the daily newspapers give more space to prize fights than to religious news. This complaint is often carelessly made by certain critics, the law lawys seem to notice the prize fights, but appear to neglect that part of the paper which reports religious and moral movements. As a matter of fact the papers have no machinery for the detection of offenders, no men whose means and leisure are such that they conally more interested in serious questions than they are in sport, or in the contents of the society column. It might perhaps be said with safety that they are as law breakers.

To make up the deficiency, and to place this class of legislation on a footing which they consider the proper one, the league has had a bill prepared which has been submitted to the Attorney General and is receiving his attention. The bill "respecting inquiries as to corrupt "practices at elections of members of the legislative As-"sembly." does not fix penalties for bribery excent or fer "sembly," does not fix penalties for bribery except so far as the disfranchisement clause applies. It merely provides for judicial inquiry into elections, and reaches in Toronto. This is a movement in favor of naval and General to follow it to an appropriate conclusion.

The law as it is provides penalties for these offences, and furnishes the machinery for prosecution after the charge is made. It is the purpose of the proposed law to bring matters to this provides of the proposed law to bring matters to this of the proposed law to bring matters to the proposed law to be proposed

The bill proposes that within sixty days after a provincial election twenty-five qualified electors of the district may send a petition to the Lieutenant Governor, league of defence. Rev. Canon McNab, seconded the motion. Other speakers were Mr. B. E. Walker, the have extensively prevailed in that election, and asking for a commission of inquiry. A deposit of \$1,000 must be made with the petition. Thereupon the governor shall appoint one or more judges of the Supreme Court a commission to hold an investigation, with power to less in introducing instruction in the schools in conferingly provided in that the commission of inquiry. A deposit of \$1,000 must be made with the petition. Thereupon the governor shall appoint one or more judges of the Supreme Court a commission to hold an investigation, with power to

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ial—"is an expression of his feeling towards us."

The eyes of the congregation instinctively turned to the beautiful work of art. While they gazed in admiration, the sun burst from behind a cloud and the light shone full upon the stained glass. The window had been peculiarly constructed, and as a card held up to the light may reveal another design within, so the window now fiashed a different story. Clearly outlined upon the beautiful network of glass was the lifelike figure of the old janitor. Roughly clad, and standing on a step-ladder, with cleaning cloth in hand, the image of John Broom smiled in at them, as they had known him in the years gone by. While to others he had changed, in his own mind he was still John Broom, the janitor, and wished to be so remembered.

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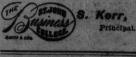
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