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TALES OF THE TOWN.

IN DEFEATING the University by-law, I think that the ratepayers hardly realized the full significance of their act. Fifty thousand dollars could hardly be contributed to a more worthy or important object than that of aiding the establishment of a university in Victoria.

Victoria is *par excellence* of all places in British Columbia the spot for the local habitation of the Provincial University. Its pre-eminence commercially, its comparative age, its unique location, its equable climate, and last, but not least, the fact that it is the seat of government—all these things render it almost out of the question that the university should be located elsewhere than at Victoria.

The advantages to the city would be simply enormous, assuming the university started on a broad and liberal basis. Students would throng in not merely from all parts of the Province, but from the Puget Sound district as well, for Americans, when it comes to a question of procuring the best education for their children, always select the best institution within reasonable distance, even if it should happen to be Canadian.

What does the presence of a strong university mean in a city disregarding its commercial value? It means an immeasurable development of the intellectual growth of its inhabitants, a desire to hear and read of everything new in literary and scientific circles. It means a higher standard of political morality, particularly in municipal matters, elevation in its tone of theatrical entertainments, an impetus to the reception and absorption of new ideas in matters of art.

A poem in stone such as the university building at Toronto would, I

imagine, go far to interdicting the erection of any more such barracks of brick as at present disgrace the business quarters of the city. But the greatest consideration of all is the vicinity of the university to the Legislature of the Province. High intellectual environment is always the *sine qua non* of ripe and statesmanlike legislation. Put even such men as Gladstone and Salisbury in a Legislature located in Kootenay and you would still have the most bovine kind of legislation as the result. Else how is it that the cities of Toronto and Boston are on the whole the best governed cities of America, and the habitats of the highest order of local legislation and judiciary? The fact that a powerful university influence and spirit pervades both these cities cannot be a mere coincidence. Given a strong university at Victoria, and I venture to predict that in 10 years' time it will be found not only that her commercial supremacy of this great Province is assured, but that she will be the Boston of the Pacific Coast.

I understand that the citizens of Victoria will probably have the opportunity of reversing their judgment on this question. If so, the man who votes for the by-law votes for better city and provincial legislation; he votes for the beginning of a new order of things; he votes for the suppression of the low and the vile, and when the university rises in mortar and stone, he will gladly admit it to be the chiefest jewel in Victoria's Crown.

I see there has another phase cropped up in the school question, which, to my mind, is nothing more or less than a fight between the Victoria City Council and the Government people across the Bay. Without at all entering into the discussion between this pair of bodies of wiseacres, I am reminded of the Irishman who was called to arbitrate between the Englishman and the Scotchman on the pronunciation of the word "either." One said "eether," the

other said "eyther." Pat said "it's nayther, for its ayther;" and I am thus inclined to think that neither the government nor the city takes the trouble to study this vastly important question in all its bearings. One party wants to get ahead of the other, and, in the endeavor, too blindly anxious to see that this should be no political tool, or party weapon. Each will oppose the other on principle, regardless of consequences.

I see, too, that both the morning and evening papers follow their respective sides with the same blind pertinacity. Mr. Robson is wrong, always was wrong and always will be wrong, says one. Mr. Robson and his government are right and could not be otherwise, say the other, and on these lines the fight is fought, while the children look on at the exemplary conduct of those they are commanded to respect and honor.

Speaking of newspapers, I am often set thinking, as I take up the Colonist over my matutinal egg, or the Times, as I toast my toes at the fireside in the evening. In the country where I received my first impressions of the newspaper, I was always taught to reverence the editor as a spectacled man of awful wisdom, seated in his chair surrounded by all the literary authorities classic, legal and religious, dispensing this wisdom with a lavish hand, or rather pen, and directing the affairs of state with unimpeachable justice. When I was first introduced to one of these individuals, my ideal was realized, not altogether, though I found a man of rare ability and experience, and in his charge I was placed for three years as apprentice. He handed me over to a sub-editor, or the managing reporter, and I was duly installed as a sort of editorial and reportorial messenger boy for one year. The next year I was advanced a step by being allowed to learn type-setting, and the next year I was made a junior reporter. In these

three years I was subjected to rigorous discipline and careful training. I never saw anything to lower my ideal of the editor. That great man's room was always to me a place of such sanctity that I took off my shoes, figuratively speaking, before entering. I am afraid that my ideal is shattered in the productions I see in the editorial columns of our local papers. This department I have always considered sacred to the education of the public in matters of the general weal, or great matters of state, or, when possible, the sober discussion of great movements, experiments or inventions. In a word, anything more dignified than a back-door squabble between our morning and evening contemporaries on some paltry matter about which the public don't care a red cent.

Mayor Grant will now be addressed with the prefix "ex"; he has retired from the field of municipal legislation in which he has worked for so long, and although the city may yet get what is called a more godly man to fill the Mayor's chair, it will never have a larger-hearted or more whole-souled man than John Grant. He, like all of us, has faults, but he had many virtues which aspirants to the office he held had not even begun to think of cultivating. His crowning fault was that impulsive readiness to put his hand in his pocket at the first and every request. I have often remonstrated with him about this evil, and he would say, with cheerful carelessness, "Oh, if it's not a deserving case it's all right. Do good when you can, old man." John was always doing good when others only preached it. I speak of Mr. Grant as I found him. I have never had any communication with him as Mayor.

I took up the Times Monday evening and the first words that caught my eye were "Opposed to Dancing." I read the article—I beg pardon, sermon—for sermon it was. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter had been talking about the dance. They don't dance themselves; they used to, but now all their time is taken up with something else. I'll take Mr. Hunter's ten reasons of a lady opposed to dancing.

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4. A lady will not be out late with a man she does not know, or whom she is ashamed of introducing to her parents and friends.

5. Ministers and "good" people generally often disapprove foolishly and prejudicially of beneficial amusements—a drive on Sunday, for instance, a

hearty laugh even, or reading the newspaper.

6. Dancing has a bad name.—To the pure all things are pure.

7. Dancing is generally accompanied by drinking.—Mr. Hunter's remarks refer to twelfth rate theatres, music halls and saloon concert frequenters, among whom I hope he did not wish to include the highly respectable congregation he had the privilege of addressing.

8. It is no temptation to "young men" unless there is encouragement from the "young women." The foregoing paragraph will fit in here, Mr. Hunter.

9. Dancing promotes healthy thought from the pleasurable recreation it affords, and often, as I have led a young

lady to her seat after having had the privilege of a dance with her, I have earnestly but silently asked for assistance to preserve the pure and holy in-

fluence her companionship has brought me.

10. This falls flat as I combat the other nine objections.

I regret that I cannot agree with these reverend gentlemen that dancing is disastrous to good morals. That passage in Ezekiel, 7th chapter, to the poor girl who is said to have thrice dreamt that peculiar dream, doesn't strike me as appropriate, unless the girl had been a thorough outcast. I should like to have names, dates and place of this occurrence. Not that I doubt the reverend gentleman's word spoken from the pulpit, and over the Holy Bible, but a great number of these sermon narratives are beautifully vague generally. Perhaps there is some delicacy in making them public.

It is often a matter of wonder to me what a "professing Christian" really is. In business I see so many of these professing Christians do things that I

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wouldn't attempt. My tenets of religion are to be honest, honorable, to pay my debts, to be truthful, help a brother in distress, to consider woman-kind sacred and pure, and to help in the endeavor to raise a fallen sister or brother, never letting them know, particularly the sister, that I think she is less worthy of my help. These are the the fundamental principles of the religious training I received, and, without being egotistical, I think I have carried them out fairly well. I dance, and find a deal of the purest pleasure in it. I take a lady into the dance with the same feeling as I expect other men to take my sisters. They all dance, and have danced for several seasons, and I can vouch for their pure-mindedness and wholly unalloyed pleasure and innocence of wrong in the dance. There is a terrible retribution awaiting the man who attempts to spoil that innocence, and I should expect similar treatment were I to forget myself. But no gentleman does.

I do not know whether or not I have ever done anything to bring down upon my head the wrath of the hackmen and drivers of vehicles generally in this city. One thing is certain, that there seems to be a conspiracy among these people to maim, or perhaps kill me. On three separate and distinct occasions this week attempts have been made to run over me, and nightly in my sleep I see visions of mad hackmen, incapable drivers of Assyrian steeds, rushing headlong, dashing to the earth in their path weak women, helpless children, and men of mature years like myself, who do not feel it just dignified to run foot-races at every crossing. I ask for information, has the pedestrian the right of way?

PERE GRINATOR.

MISS STEPHEN'S RESIGNATION

Miss Stephen, the accomplished organist of the First Presbyterian Church, has resigned her position, after the lengthy service of 11 years. In these days of changes and squabbles with choirs in the churches, it is refreshing to hear of an organist having held a position for such a length of time. Miss Stephen has filled the position with credit to herself and to the church, and while a great deal of praise is due the choir-master of the First Presbyte-

rian Church for the excellency of the musical service, it must not be forgotten that much of it could not have been accomplished but from the able seconding received from Miss Stephen. As a musician, Miss Stephen holds a place in the front rank in this city. Her ability as an organist is excelled as a pianist. In addition, Miss Stephen has a splendid contralto voice, although seldom heard in concerts. The First Presbyterian Church hardly realizes the extent of the loss, and they will find it hard to get another player to suit.

We understand several applications for the position of organist at the First Presbyterian Church have been received by the managing board, but nothing definite has yet been done toward the appointment.

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[THE HOME JOURNAL would be pleased to receive the dates of parties and the names of persons attending social gatherings. To insure publication, this information would have to reach this office not later than Thursday noon.]

The Y. P. A. of St. Andrew's Church held their usual fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night. Being Christmas week, the executive arranged that the meeting should take the form of a social. Mr. Burnette, the new organist, opened the proceedings with selections on the piano, which were well received by the audience, whose close attention was compelled by his skilful and delicate manipulation of the instrument. Solos were given by Miss Jameson and Miss Christie, and Messrs. Martin and Robertson, all of which were artistically rendered, and consequently well received. Recitations by Miss Gordon and Miss Lawson and Mr. Allen made pleasant breaks in the programme of song, and a quintette by Misses Christie and Spring and Messrs. Martin and Patrick was warmly applauded, the sweetly blending voices making a very pretty effect. At the termination of the concert the chairman, Mr. Gregory, announced that Tuesday, the 5th prox., the date of next meeting, would be devoted to Burns and Scotch music, Mr. Allan to read an essay on Burns. Mr. Allan is a warm admirer of Scotland's national bard, so the essay should be an excellent one.

A most enjoyable party was given by Mrs. E. B. Carmicheal, of 117 Menzies street, the other evening to commemorate the birthday of her daughter. Dancing, games, music, singing and recitations contributed to the pleasures of the evening. The party was serenaded by a number of characters in the most grotesque costumes, who played some choice selections on banjo, flute, bones and rattles. After participating in the hospitality of the hostess they favored the company with some songs and musical selections, and departed leaving pleasant recollections of their welcome visit.

A serenading party of six or

more young gentlemen will pay visits to friends this evening. The orchestra is said to be good and the members are excellent company. They have several new songs, recitations etc., for their hosts.

The many friends of Mr. Walter Morrow, who welcomed him at his accustomed place of business not more than a week ago, are sorry to learn that he has since taken a relapse, from which he is, however, recovering nicely, although it will be some days before he will be able to be out again.

Invitations were issued last Friday by Mrs. Erb to an "At home" Thursday evening, December 31st, at the family residence, 283 Douglas Street. Dancing will be the feature of the evening.

Mr. Geo. A. Morphy, a junior member of the legal profession, will eat his Christmas turkey with friends in Port Townsend.

Mr. J. A. Johnson, who lately returned with his bride from a visit east, has taken up his residence at 100 Quadra Street.

The Iolantha Club are making elaborate preparations for the ball and supper they are going to give next Tuesday evening (29th) in the Harmony Hall. An enjoyable evening is assured to all who accept the hospitality of the Iolantha.

There will be a social in the schoolroom of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church, Thursday evening, the 31st inst., under the auspices of the Sunday School.

The charity concert given at the opening of the market hall was highly successful, much money being raised for the benefit of the Jubilee hospital.

There will be a children's service in Christ Church Cathedral next Monday evening at 6:30. A special musical programme has

been in preparation by the children under the direction of Mr. Wollaston. After the service the usual Christmas festival will be held in the school house, and a good time is in store for the young.

The concert given by the pupils of the Conservatory of Music, in the R. E. church, last Wednesday evening was a pronounced success. Miss MacGregor on account of a bad cold was unable to sing, which caused much disappointment.

Mr. Alf. Blackburn of Toronto, now in the city, will spend Christmas with the Rev. Mr. Baer, of Nanaimo.

The Hebrews of this city will celebrate on the 25th day of December, the feast of "chanuka" and will continue to celebrate the same for eight days. Special services will be held in Temple Emanuel on Sunday eve when the school children of the synagogue will perform the whole services. A good programme has been arranged by Rev. Dr. Philo and all are welcome.

Mr. F. Bourne, practical piano tuner, of this city, has written an article on the preservation of the piano. After the usual cautions to be found in most piano catalogues, he says some things tersely and as an authority. The article is well calculated to be valuable to the owners of pianos, as it contains such expressions of common sense as follows:

"The piano is a musical instrument, and a work of art at the same time, and requires care and good treatment. The piano is not unlike the human organism, and, as it is in many parts very delicately and finely made, it needs careful handling, and, when out of order only a competent regulator and tuner should be employed."

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PEN PICTURES OF PROMINENT MEN.

A. R. BAKER, D. D. S.

Albert Richard Baker, the popular young dentist, is a native of Victoria, B. C. born on the 14th day of July, 1870. His early education was received at the public schools, and in 1887 he graduated with honors from the High School of this city. Having decided to adopt the profession of dentistry as his life work, he commenced practical study under the preceptorship of Lewis Hall, D. D. S., a biography of whom appeared in these columns last week. He remained in the office of this gentleman for about one year, when he moved to Philadelphia, entering the Dental College of that city in 1888. Receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in February, 1891, he returned to his native town, where he immediately began the practice of his profession. He

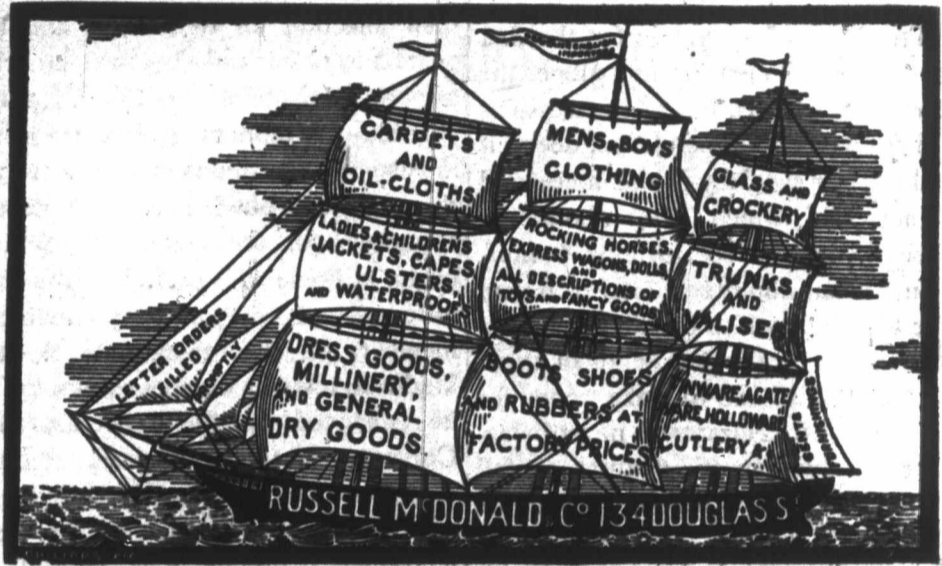
was successful from the first, and soon acquired an extensive practice. Dr. Baker, although comparatively a young man, is entitled to be classed among the first members of his profession. As an operator, he has few superiors. In "reparative" dentistry also he is entitled to rank among the most expert, although his greatest ability lies in that most difficult and delicate branch of dental surgery known as crown and bridge work. Dr. Baker is very popular in the circle of society in which he moves, his genial, pleasant manner making him a welcome addition to social gatherings. Dr. Baker has always kept thoroughly posted on all matters pertaining to his profession, and uses the very latest methods and apparatus known to science.

RICHARD MORRISON, M. D.

The well-known physician and surgeon, Richard Morrison, first saw the light forty years ago in Wellington County, Canada. The father of our subject was a very prominent man in Wellington County, he having been reeve of Arthur Township for ten years. His early mental training was received at the public schools of that province, and when 17 years of age entered the celebrated Academy of Rockwood, near Guelph. Here he pursued his studies with great diligence and assiduity for two years, when he graduated. We next find him teaching school in Wellington County, imparting knowledge to the youth of his district with such success that he became one of the most respected and popular teachers in the county. For ten years he followed this laudable occupation, becoming more and more interested in his work. The great ambition of his life, however, had been to study medicine; and in 1879 we find him in the city of Detroit, Michigan, U. S. A., attending the Detroit Medical College—that famous school of medicine from which so many of the world's greatest physicians have graduated. In 1882 he received the degree of M. D., and returning home, he arrived in Victoria, B. C., during the month of May, 1883. Here he began the practice of his chosen profession. His ability was soon recognized, and in a short time he was the possessor of a large and rapidly increasing practice. He was appointed Coroner for the district of Victoria, April 26th, 1890, and has filled this

position ever since with honor to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the people. Dr. Morrison also served the people of Victoria on the School Board during the years 1888-89. As a surgeon, Dr. Morrison stands among the foremost members of the profession. He is one of those men for whom the mysteries of disease possess an irresistible fascination. Of a strong analytical mind, which quickly masters the different phases of an ailment, he is, in fact, one who seems to have been designed by nature to administer to the

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE HOME JOURNAL in for the first time wishing its readers not alone the mere compliments, but all the blessings and enjoyments of the season, deems it well to refer specially to the household element, of which He, whom the Christian world so joyfully honors, should be an important part. It is very true that He had no dwelling place except in the hearts and hands of those who were disposed to make room for the despised Nazarene, nevertheless there are few domestic pictures so full of simple beauty as that of the humble cottage in Bethany to which He occasionally retired when wearied with the harassments and buffetings to which He was subjected. The description in the narrative is of the simplest, albeit the imagination need not be severely taxed to fill in the details, and to convince one's self that He was a lover of home. The remarkable instance given of His subjection to His parents demonstrates the high respect and regard He had for parental authority, while the many instances are given of His love and solicitude for the little ones. The aged and infirm, the sick and afflicted were the constant subjects of His ministrations, and all the way through, even after He had made the portentous announcement "it is finished!" He saw to it that those who followed him wanted not food, indeed, He specially enjoined those who were nearest Him to feed both His sheep and His lambs. The readers of THE HOME JOURNAL, whatever their creeds happen to be, may well think over these aspects of the life of Him to whom at this season the entire world pays special tribute, and will find even in this prosperous city of Victoria many to whom they can extend the open hand of generosity and charity, for the objects

of both are plentiful and easy to be discovered.

Christmas is especially the time during which the young very naturally expect and are justly entitled to special consideration. It was not in His full fledged stature that the world's redeemer came to this earth; but as an infant, and as He passed through the various stages of life, from infancy to manhood, He, whom all adore, may very fitly be claimed by the juveniles as having been one of themselves. Parents worthy of the name—and there are but few who are not—will, as far as possible, practically demonstrate their affection for those who are the dearest to them, and they in return will not be slow to reciprocate by—if that be possible—in more numerous and more intense manifestations of their love, as shown in their obedience. This much accomplished, the charity which has begun at home will extend to the less fortunate and comparatively friendless members of the community loving kindness, towards whom it cannot fail to be enhanced by the reflection that Christmas is the anniversary of Him who, when he comes to His kingdom, will say to the benefactors of their fellowmen, "inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

THE EDITOR.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

A FEW evenings ago, in the business quarter of the city—

"Between the dark and the daylight,
When the night clouds began to lower,"
a group of men, mechanics and others, about to cease from the "day's occupations" and go to their homes, were approached by a gentleman in faultless apparel and puffing a cigar with a business-like air, who demanded from each one present the sum of four bits in exchange for a concert ticket, "for sweet charity's sake," he explained. Two or three whose appearance suggested easy circumstances invested, while a like number with sharper features and sharper habiliments gave the very sufficient reason for not doing so that they had not the wherewithal. The man with the tickets waxed eloquent in denunciation of working men who had work and who wouldn't give four bits to feed hungry

children and helpless women in mid-winter.

Following up a puff of unusual volume, with a round oath or two, as a preface to the accusation, he said: "I can get more money from the prostitutes and gamblers of the city in this cause than from mechanics and Christians. Yes, sir," said he with vigor, "every time I can get \$5 from a courtesan or a blackleg easier than bits from a mechanic or a Christian. Now, I leave it to the crowd if it isn't so." To which the crowd readily assented with the exception of the impecunious toilers aforesaid. As to whether mechanics and Christians, as might be inferred from this man's classification, must needs be separate and distinct individuals we venture no opinion. We repeat his expression here as nearly in his own words as the proprieties will permit for another purpose.

What we propose to deal with is the assertion that disreputable characters are more generous to suffering humanity than those who gain a livelihood by honest toil or who make a profession of Christian conviction. We have heard the accusation before. So often has it been repeated that we have almost at times come to look at it in the spirit of the saying that "what everybody says must be true;" and the question arises, if it be true, why? We are convinced that mechanical skill or industrious habits do not of themselves tend to make a man mean with his money or indifferent to the sufferings of his fellow-creatures; and although we firmly believe that there is such a thing as a mean Christian, we do not believe it to be because of his convictions, but in spite of them, and because of his natural propensities. Yet our experience has been sufficiently extensive to lead us to admit that those who live by vice and dishonesty are quite often more recklessly generous than those who "provide things honest in the sight of all men"

And we know something of the reason why. Men are never very generous with anything they do not possess, and men of limited income who weigh justice with mercy find a necessity for practising a careful economy even in their charities. Mechanics and Chris-

tians who are also men can hardly be blamed for preferring to try to provide for present necessities and prospective old age rather than trusting to luck; and they find, if they deal honestly with all men, that the conditions under which they must make the provision are such as to leave only a very small margin for generosity. Mechanics and Christians who live by their labor must sell it in a market to which the laborers of three-fourths of the world may be admitted free, and spend what their labor brings in a market in which the goods of the whole world have 35 per cent. and profits on it added to their cost by a tariff tax.

And whenever the mechanic or Christian seeks access to natural opportunities for the production of good things at home, or a site for a home near a factory, or shop where he may assist others in such production, he must go to some idler and pay or pledge the profits of his industry to the idler's use for years for the privilege—must pay the profits to a fellow-worm for the use of the earth which God created for the use of mankind. Although mechanics and Christians may not know the economic reasons, their experience teaches them that to disregard their effects is to bring disaster; and many of them of noble and generous impulses are compelled to practice a parsimony distasteful to them in all the relations of life, but particularly so when called upon to help misfortune and suffering.

It may be said that soiled doves or crooks are subject to these same conditions and yet are the more generous. To say so is, in the words of Shakespeare, "To lie like truth." We admit that those who are comparatively young in vice, while its profits are large and before the canker of sin has eaten out the soul and obliterated its finer sensibilities, are more recklessly liberal in charities as in all their expenditures for the reason that they have at the time plenty to be liberal with, and that the future is to them a blank, and for the further reason that there goes with wrongdoing in every form an uneasy consciousness of responsibility that begets spasmodic impulses to do something signally good for the purpose of balancing the evil account.

All mankind, professing Christians

included, are subject to this influence. From its promptings, wealth which has been accumulated by crushing life and hope out of men is donated to build hospitals for the cure of such. Christians subscribe princely sums which they have gathered by extortion and oppression from Christians to send missionaries to convert the heathen Chinese. And the possessors of wealth inherited from the devotees of lechery and debauch, seek to make propitiation by erecting memorial windows ornamented with sad pictures of Christ in fashionable churches. But what proceeds from the gnawings of conscience or from efforts to restore a tarnished respectability are not to be attributed to generosity.

If you would know the true value of this kind of generosity, go to the old harlot whose soul is deadened by sin and whose person, no longer attractive, fails to bring her the revenues of earlier sin; or to the gambler in his age, his eye dimmed with excess and every trace of earlier manhood gone, and you will realize the falsity and hollowness of the accusations of the man with tickets. If his contention were true, all we have to do to bring mechanics and Christians up to the proper standard of generosity is to induce them to become gamblers and prostitutes, but, in this case, you would have a living witness of the folly of "doing evil that good may come."

"A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," and men who have reached years of discretion and being possessed of common sense, need not grumble, if when they use such arguments, they are suspected of being associates in the pleasures or partakers in the profits with those whom such arguments are intended to excuse. It is high time, that the "mechanics and Christians" of Victoria aroused themselves to the situation and met such accusations with the overwhelming logic of truth; that they refused to permit public officials, entrusted with the guardianship of public morals, to insult virtue with the hypocritical application of the question, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone;" that they investigated the causes which compel industry and faithfulness to practice parsimony even to meanness where impulse and conviction alike urge to

generosity, and that with the unsparing hand of truth they plucked these tares from the wheatfield of our national inheritance.

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THE WITCH OF PLUM HOLLOW.

(Written for the Home Journal.)

IN A RURAL DISTRICT, not far from the town of Brockville, Ontario, lived a woman, known from the Atlantic to the Pacific as "The Witch of Plum Hollow. This remarkable woman's life was one bundle of contradictions. She used to relate that she was born near the town of Belturbet, Ireland, of noble parentage, but, forgetting her high social position, she followed the dictates of her heart, and eloped with her father's coachman. Her husband died not long afterwards, and she made a second choice—this time unhappily. A separation soon followed, and she determined to make use of a gift bestowed upon her by Heaven at the time of her birth—that of being able to foretell the future. She asserted likewise that she had solved the mysteries of astrology, and an old worm-eaten chest was pointed out to the visitor to her cabin, as containing the documents from which she derived the knowledge of her mysterious art. Her home was an old log cabin, and the searcher after the future was conducted up an old creaking stair, and, upon stating the time of his or her birth, the past, present and future of their lives was revealed in all the moods and tenses. Most remarkable things did she relate, and people upon quitting her abode, said, truly she surpasses Moll White of Sir Roger de Coverly fame, or the more ancient beldame of the broomstick, viz., the Witch of Endor. She was visited by high and low alike, and the walls of her cabin were adorned with the names of people from all over the American continent—not the least of which was that of a prominent Wall street man.

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L. C.

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THE DRAMA.

AS far as houses are concerned, at the Imperial this week has been a repetition of the last. During the first two nights, *M'liss*, a dramatization of one of Bret Harte's novels, was presented in a most acceptable manner. Miss Dalgleish played the title role in her usual style. The *Bummer Smith* of Mr. Belmour was good, as was also the broken theatrical manager of Mr. Benett. Miss Marshall played Mrs. Smith, the adventuress, very acceptly. This was scarcely the role in which Miss Marshall should have made her first appearance, but after all, the character was sufficient to demonstrate this lady's artistic merit; and Mr. Rice is to be congratulated upon having secured such a clever lady to take the place of Miss Belmour. Mr. Armstrong was as usual equal to his part, as was also Mr. Summerfield. Every climax scene received a curtain call, the jail breaking scene being particularly effective. Mr. Gilbert made this scene so realistic that the audience could not help thinking that Mr. Gilbert had escaped from prison before. The other parts were well taken.

The company played to a good house on Wednesday, and began the evening's amusement with the one-act farce, the *Rough Diamond* which put the audience in a humor to receive *Muldoon's Pic-nic*, the greatest of Irish comedies, in two acts. Miss Dalgleish appeared as *Kitty Muldoon* and played the part in a most charming fashion. Miss Marshall acted as Mrs. *Muldoon* in which she represented the old Irish woman to perfection. Mr. Gray as *Mulcahy* kept the audience in roars of laughter as also did Mr. Belmour as *Muldoon*. Both brought down the house. Messrs. Armstrong, Bennett and Summerfield, in their respective parts, added not a little to the successful rendition of this farcial Irish comedy. *Muldoon's Pic-nic* will be repeated to-night (Thursday) with the *Rough Diamond* as

a curtain-riser. Friday and Saturday night *Solomon Isaacs* will be produced.

The bill for next week will be: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, *Camille*; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the *Octoroon*.

The orchestra of the Imperial has been enlarged by the addition of a bass viol. Mr. Cross promises an extra musical programme, for Christmas.

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

Miss Wheeler of the Imperial, contemplates visiting San Francisco, in the course of a week or so.

Mr. Oliver Ward, late of *Cor-drays*, has arrived and will look after the Imperial stage.

The *Careton Opera Company* sang to good houses at the *Victoria*, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Mr. John E. Rice of the *Imperial Stock Company* has again been unjustly assailed by the *Dramatic Star*. During the time Mr. Rice has been on this circuit he has made many friends, and the editor of the *Star* should not permit himself to be led into the abuse of Mr. Rice, because *Nip and Tuck*, in which the former is interested, got roasted at every turn. The editor of the *Dramatic Star*, Mr. Rice says, should know better than to make the statement that the *Star* was in existence before he became smitten with the theatrical business. While the editor of the *Star* was conducting an ordinary fair coffee house in Los Angeles, Mr. Rice was managing the *Spanish Student*, and *Mexican Orchestra*. Previous to that, he had controlled organizations in the east, and reference to eastern dramatic papers would inform the *Star* man on this point.

PEN PICTURES OF PROMINENT MEN.

S. PERRY MILLS, ESQ.

Samuel Perry Mills, the eminent barrister, is an Englishman, born in the world's metropolis—London

—18th September, 1853. His grandfather was a merchant in *Philpot Lane*, City of London, and resided at *Muswell Hill*, *Tottenham*. It appears that the mother of our subject was a *Calvert*, and a direct descendant of *Frederick*, the last Earl of *Baltimore*, *Sir George Calvert* being the Secretary of State to *James I.* of England, whose son *Cecill* was the founder of *Maryland*, in the United States, and afterwards created Earl of *Baltimore*. From his mother's side Mr. Mills inherits that strong judicial mind and capacity for public affairs which forms such a striking part of his character. There were many barristers in this branch of the family, who were afterwards driven from the Bar of England by religious persecution, and later on, assisted in forming one of the schools which made conveyancing a distinct branch of the law. Mr. Mills' early education was received at the hands of a clergyman of the Church of England, after which he entered the City of London school. It was the wish of his father that he should enter the Navy, but he refused to do so, and, acting on his own responsibility entered the office of a firm of solicitors in the city of London. A few years after attaining his majority he left England for *British Columbia*, arriving in *Victoria*, during the month of June, 1877. From 1877 until 1882 he devoted his energies entirely to the study of the law, and on the 30th day of June, 1882, was admitted as a solicitor and called to the bar the same day, he having successfully passed the barrister's examination. His career since that time has been a continuous success. In 1883 he was appointed a public notary for this province, and the same year was appointed Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal under the *Provincial Assessment Act*. This position he has held ever since, discharging the duties of that responsible office to the entire satisfaction of the public and honor to himself. On the 7th of October, 1876, Mr.

Mills was united in marriage to Matilda, the sixth daughter of Henry Donald, Esq., of Highbury Crescent, London. Four children was the result of this union, the youngest of whom bears the name of Leonard Calvert Mills, after Leonard Calvert, who was the first Governor of Maryland. As a barrister, Mr. Mills stands at the head of the profession in Canada. He is one of the most convincing and eloquent orators that ever addressed a jury. Whenever it is known that he is to plead before a court, a crowded room is sure to result. His grasp of all legal matters is thorough, and his knowledge of human nature, of which he is a close student, aids him not a little in his practice. Mr. Mills has made a special study of divorce, criminal and sheriff's law, and his almost unbroken record of successes in these lines attest his thorough mastery of legal knowledge. He is at present devoting himself to the especial study of constitutional questions that must eventually arise under the B. N. A. Act. Mr. Mills is a widely read man, a brilliant conversationalist, and, with all, a thorough gentleman. He is affable and courteous to all, and, although like all men of superior mental development, rather reserved, he has a large circle of warm personal friends, one of whom said to the writer a short time ago, "it is impossible to know him and not love him. Mr. Mills is generally a very quiet, but independent, man to those who do not know him, but is brimful of good humor and fun to those who know him well." The Seabird marder case, tried at Nanaimo, proved him to be one of the finest cross-examiners at the Bar in the Province. He was highly complimented by the presiding judge. In his able and successful defence of Mrs. Rutledge, charged with murder, he was highly commended by all parties; both his addresses were openly and loudly applauded in the Court. One of his latest successes is the Greer case. It is believed that Mr. Mills will in the not distant future enter politics.

MUSIC.

THE social importance of the piano is, beyond question, far greater than that of any other musical instrument. "One of the most marked changes in the habits of society," writes Thalberg in his valuable study, "as civilization advances, is with respect to the character of its amusements."

Formerly, nearly all such amusements were away from home and in public; now, with the more educated portion of society, the greater part is at home and within the family circle, music on the piano contributing the principal portion of it. In the more fashionable circles of society, private concerts increase year by year, and in them the piano is the principal feature. Many a man engaged in commercial and other active pursuits, finds the chief charm of his drawing-room in the intellectual enjoyment offered by the piano. In many parts of Europe, the piano is the greatest solace of the studious and solitary. By the use of the piano, many who never visit the opera or concerts become thoroughly acquainted with the choicest dramatic and orchestral compositions.

It may here be suggested that the most wearisome as also the most worthless kind of practice is that gone through by the children who are without talent or even inclination for music. "When," said a little girl of this species to her mother, "when, mamma, shall I play well enough not to have to play any more?" But a genuine taste for the piano is increasing more rapidly than the population; and one can already see a time when, in all well appointed houses, it will be thought necessary to have in the drawing-room not one, but two pianos; for how otherwise are some of the finest piano duets to be played?

Mr. Gladstone declared some years ago in one of his ingenious speeches that the invention of the

violin was as much a work of genius as that of the steam engine. The contrast between the two things invented was more striking when, in opposition to a heavy and formidable locomotive, the harmless and portable violin was put; but the piano, regard being had for the complexity of its construction, the wideness of its utility and the powerfulness of its effect, is a much more wonderful piece of mechanism than the violin. The piano, too, possesses in common with the steam engine, this noticeable particularity, that people are by no means agreed as to who invented it.

Italy, Germany and France claim equally, the honor of having invented the piano, and it is now generally assigned to Bartolomeo Cristoforo, sometimes called Christofali, a native of Padua, who perfected his discovery, according to some authorities, in 1711.

The Germans, on their side, assert the piano was invented in the year 1717 by C. A. Ahroeter, a German organist, to be afterwards improved by Silbermann Stein and others.

The great Mozart, however, seems to have taken kindly to the piano almost from the first; and in 1711; when it is true the piano had already been some years before the world, he wrote from Augesburg to his father a letter in which he expressed particular admiration for the pianos manufactured by a maker named Stein of that city, who with Spachth, of Ratisbon, was the best maker of the day in Germany. "Stein," writes Mozart, "does not sell his pianos for less than 300 florins. That is a good deal of money, but the labor and zeal which his work represents cannot be paid too highly. Many years later, in 1763, poor Schroeter published a long letter asserting his claim to the invention which was now being represented in Germany as the work of various manufacturers.

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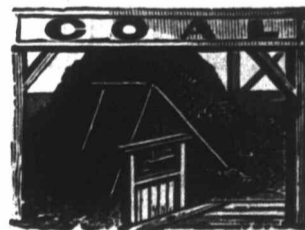
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CHRISTMAS.

We take the following remarks upon Christmas from the British Columbia Commercial Journal:—

What, it may be asked, has a journal devoted to finance and commerce to say about Christmas? It will be said that it is all very well for the clergy in their pulpits and the editors of the ordinary newspapers, whose scope is so extended and whose field is so comprehensive, and who, moreover, are always glad of something to break the comparative monotony of their daily routine, to devote some of their space to a talk about the great festival of Christianity. For our part, we protest against being left out. We may possibly make few pretensions to piety; we may hold our own individual views as to minor questions of theology and sectarianism; but we cannot forget the old, old story of the angel messengers, nor can we affect to ignore the fact that there was at one time a babe born in Bethlehem whose birth and its surroundings were different to those of any other. We have, all of us, heard from our childhood that as He grew up, though He might in many other respects have been like other boys, He lived a life like to that of no other; that He spake as no other boy or man ever did, that He suffered and died under the most painful and ignominious circumstances, yet that today, though more than eighteen centuries have passed, He is still held in hallowed remembrance by the truest and best men and women of the world.

This same Jesus is really and truly believed in by hundreds and thousands as the one who has saved them from their sins and the attendant consequences, has given them a hope for the hereafter, for their happiness in which it is their duty to strive. Whatever there may be in all this, it has nevertheless raised the aspirations of all those who have been brought under what are termed Christian influences and the example which the Man of Galilee set in his solicitude for the welfare of others has been the means of making whole-souled men out of many, who, whatever their natural good qualities, might never have been led to believe in the all comprehensive brotherhood of humanity. The proclamations of the Decalogue given amid the thunderings of Sinai have never been made so effective as by the example of their observance set by Him, who presumed to honor God as His father, and as he went about doing good daily emphasized the fact that even the meanest and lowest of the community were His brethren.

Christianity, as it exists, has done much for commerce. It has been the means of creating confidence in one another, and a measure of consideration for those who were not the most successful in their avocations, and, moreover, has opened up and given a stability to communities that are renowned the world over for what may be termed the business probity of their people. For these and many other reasons we would join our tribute to that of the shepherds and the wisemen and, re-echoing the angel's message of Peace and Good-will, would say we wish to all a Happy Christmas.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

Statement of the result of the business of the bank for the half-year ended 31st October, 1891:—

Balance of profit and loss account, 30th April, 1891	\$439,728 30
Profits for the half-year ended 31st October, 1891, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	666,642 98
	<u>\$1,106,371 28</u>
Dividend 5 per cent., payable 1st December, 1891	600,000 00

Balance of profit and loss carried forward

NOTE.—Market price of Bank of Montreal Stock 31st October, 1891, 227 per cent. (equal to \$454 per share).

GENERAL STATEMENT—31st October, 1891.

Liabilities.

Capital stock	\$12,000,000 00
Reserve	\$6,000,000 00
Balance of profits carried forward	506,371 23
	<u>\$6,506,371 23</u>
Unclaimed dividends. Half-yearly Dividend, payable 1st Dec., 1891	600,000 00
	<u>\$7,111,158 08</u>
	<u>\$19,111,158 08</u>
Notes of the bank in circulation	\$5,397,602 00
Deposits not bearing interest	7,649,536 30
Deposits bearing interest	19,324,509 49
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	3,497 50
	<u>\$32,375,145 38</u>
	<u>\$51,486,303 46</u>

Assets.

Gold and silver coin current	\$2,038,150 12
Government demand notes	2,011,607 75
Deposit with Dominion Gov't required by Act of Par'm't for security of general bank note circulation	135,000 00
Due by Agencies of this bank and other banks in foreign countries	11,913,565 98
Due by Agencies of this bank and other banks in Great Britain	3,022,054 25
	<u>\$14,985,620 23</u>
Government bonds, India stock, etc.	1,308,000 00
Notes and Cheques of other banks	1,200,093 86
	<u>\$21,628,471 96</u>
Bank premises at Montreal and branches	600,000 00
Current loans and discounts, (rebate interest reserved) and other securities and assets	\$28,714,729 33
Debts secured by mortgage or otherwise ..	432,934 65
Overdue debts not specially secured (loss provided for)	110,167 52
	<u>\$29,257,831 50</u>
	<u>\$51,486,303 46</u>

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BANK OF MONTREAL,
MONTREAL, 31st October, 1891.

CANNOT beet root be successfully grown in British Columbia? The sugar produced from it and the industry connected with its production are increasing in favor almost everywhere. Sugar of this description is, with all the augmented production, about two shillings per cwt. dearer in the English market.

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