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OTTAWA, July 25th, 1874

New Advertisements
Special Notice—Noble's Book
Gowan's Opera House—Agnes Wallace
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The Ottawa Times
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1874.

Additional information has been obtained from a recent survey in respect to Bayfield Harbor. A change in the plans will be thereby necessitated, and in consequence a few days' delay will be occasioned.
A "Clergyman" writing in another column, throws out a good and well-timed suggestion regarding collections for charitable purposes, which we earnestly commend to the consideration of our churches of all denominations. Another correspondent has suggested to us privately that the "Hospital Sunday" system which has been so largely and successfully resorted to in England, is greatly preferable to holding bazaars for a similar purpose. Whatever may be said of the results of bazaars in the aggregate, they are approximately as bad, and they leave no scope for that greatest of all Christian virtues—giving for the sake of the cause. In view of the enormous sums of money raised in Great Britain on the plan suggested by our correspondent, and the number of poor people to whom aid is extended by those means, and remembering that while our people are as a rule just as able—and we hope as willing—to give for charitable purposes as the people of the mother country, there is not one tenth of the distress to be relieved, we cannot help thinking that the system would be found to be most, and even more than meet, the necessities of the case.

THE WHELLANS LIBEL CASE.

Prosecutions for libel, especially where directed against newspapers, are not regarded with much benefit to the parties concerned. A suit in the courts against a man's defamer, even if it be won, and if proper punishment be meted out to the slanderer, necessarily exposes the prosecutor's private character to a scrutiny which few, however pure their lives have been, would care to submit to. The aggravated party in a libel suit arises from the very fact that a disadvantage, and the same disadvantage faces him to the end of the chapter. Even the most complete justice which it is in the power of the law to render him is but a largely recommended or that of which it has been stamped to rob him. If a child not yet able to weigh the criminal importance of the deed is found guilty of stealing a paltry dollar's worth of somebody's property, he is sent to goal for a month with hard labour, from which, if he were not a confirmed thief before, he is sure to emerge one. If a man, driven almost to despair, perchance owing to pressure from creditors who never had any business to let him run into debt, puts his hand into his employer's till and duties his gets with his fifty francs, he is sentenced to the penitentiary, there to be kept from men with the mark of the felon upon his brow, branded as a scoundrel, and excluded for ever from the society of his former associates and companions. But when the ruthless, villainous hand of the villainous and audacious rascal has been placed on either his pocket or his purse, and the domestic felicity shocked and shattered, the heart of the wife, mother, daughter, racked and broken, when the most sacred feelings have been trifled with, and the most wretched falsehoods promulgated, we are met with the impudent and insolent rejoinder that it was done in the public interest. Such was the plea offered by Mr. Pattison in justification of the outrageous and sensational libels published in the paper of which he is the responsible manager, against the character of a man whose greater, if not his only sin was that he was an employee of the "Ottawa Government." "We don't know you," said Mr. Pattison, "and what's more we care nothing about you; it was not done to injure you but to pitch into Mackellar." Now, we are jealous of the liberties of the press as we think we ought to be—perhaps a little more than we ought to be. We prize that liberty which permits us to acquire into the motives as well as the intentions of public men, and to discuss their qualifications and disabilities for public office, which can be conferred only by the vote of the people; but there is a vast difference between liberty and license. The conditions under which the press of Canada has grown to its present respectable proportions have not excluded its equally responsible conduct, and as a matter of fact sufficient defence is not and never has been paid, even in the most judiciously edited newspapers, to the distinction which should ever be made between liberty and license. Newspaper men are too frequently contented themselves, entreatingly, personally, into the battles between the two parties, inheriting thereby in their editorial capacity the violent likes and dislikes which are not proper to them, and making the vehicles for venting the spleen which is always bred to a greater or less extent of individual animosity. It is a personal style of journalism that to correct it, and the taste of the multitude of

readers, however much it may approve of decency and impersonality as an abstract principle, is ever ready more or less tacitly to acquiesce in and support an opposite course in their favourite newspaper organ. The profession of journalism is supposed to require in those who follow it some amount of education and literary experience, great mental discernment, sound judgment, and elevated ideal of public morality. To this prevailing impression is due the world over, and in regard to the majority of professional journalists this impression is fully justified by the facts. Their duty is not to allow any downward tendency in public taste, but to turn that tendency in the opposite direction by the elevated tone of their writings. Unfortunately for Canada, this state of things has not been attained. Newspapers are either in the hands of men whose experience in journalism is limited, and whose judgment is made subservient to and not controlled by personal animosities, or they are controlled from outside by men having only petty personal purposes to serve, who are ready to pay the highest price for the writer who is most prolix of scurrilous and abuse. Any attempt at the expression of an independent opinion is completely out of the question, and where independent opinion is expressed upon the altar of party advocacy—an altar which the very tone of opposing and competing journals erects in the editorial sanctum, whether the editor wishes it or no—the scope of the writer being circumscribed within the narrowest possible limits, the tone of his productions becomes necessarily, although probably unconsciously to himself, low.

CITY AND VICINITY

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Correspondence
Collections for Charities
To the Editor of THE TIMES:
Six—It has, as you may know, been the custom of Charities in the Ottawa country, and some of the friendly societies amongst us, to give an occasional collection in aid of the funds of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The night of the 1st of October, in London, and other parts of England, for two years past, all denominations have agreed in appointing what has been termed a "Hospital Sunday," devoting all the offerings received on that day towards relieving the various Ho-pitals for the relief of the sick and afflicted.
Would it not be well if the several Christian churches in Ottawa would agree to do the same thing? Such a plan would certainly be productive of great benefit to the charities of Ottawa, and it is a matter which is much crippled in their benevolent operations from the want of funds; and it met with general acceptance it could be very easily accomplished.
Let Ottawa bestir itself, and set an example to other cities in the Dominion of the co-operation of all Christian congregations in good works. A CHURCHMAN.
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