

**LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.**

**C. O. F.**—Meeting of Court Charlottetown, No 576, tonight at 8 o'clock. Initiation.

**ORIENT DIVISION, S. of T.**—An important meeting of Orient Division, will be held this (Friday) evening, the 29th inst., in Masonic Temple. Members are respectfully requested to attend at 8 o'clock.—By order.

**BOSTON COMEDY COMPANY**—That favorite actor and manager, Mr. H. Price Webber will be in Charlottetown on Thanksgiving night with the Boston Comedy Company, including the popular actress Edwina Grey.

**TEACHERS INSTITUTE.**—At the adjourned meeting of the Teachers Institute yesterday afternoon it was decided to send delegates to the meeting to be held tomorrow for the purpose of organizing a Local Council of Women. Miss Scott, Miss Finlayson and Miss Farmer were the delegates chosen to represent the Institute.

**I. O. G. T.**—At the regular meeting of Charlottetown Lodge held last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: J D Seaman, C T; Fannie McLeod, V T; E H Duchemin, Secy; Florrie Winchester, F S; R H Jenkins, Treas; E H Leard, Chap; E Rice, Marshal; Gertrude Boshell, Guard; W N Tanton, Sentinel; Mary Ross, Asst Secy; Edith McGregor, D M; G F Hutcherson, P C T.

**PAINFUL ACCIDENT.**—The Summerside correspondent of the Guardian says: Mrs. John A. Matheson, of Campbellton, met with a very painful accident on Wednesday. While out driving her horse took fright and ran away, upsetting the carriage and throwing her out. Her face was badly cut and bruised and her shoulder sprained. It is feared that she has also sustained internal injuries although to what extent it is impossible yet to ascertain. Yesterday evening she was reported doing well, and it is hoped that she will shortly have fully recovered.

**THE BOSTON BOAT.**—The steamer Halifax arrived from Boston via Halifax and Hawkesbury about half past eight o'clock last evening. Her inward passengers were: Mr and Mrs W F Carter, Geo Newman, Harry Newman, Miss J W Meham, Miss L B Meham, Miss Jenkins, Miss L Jobb, David Irving and wife, Miss C A Stickney, Mrs S Farquharson, Miss Mary Connaught, Miss Cook, Mrs E Rackham, Miss Murphy, L Bruce, Geo L Collins, F E Ross, Watson Stewart, Jno A Smith, B Furlong, Alex Campbell, Wm Nicholson, H W Montgomery, F L Edmunston. Her outward passengers were: Mrs Curtin, Miss Lantry, Nellie Lantry, Mrs McIntyre, Miss Caven, Miss M Martin, Miss Constance Kelly, Miss McKenzie, Miss F Ross.

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**ST. DUNSTAN'S CATHEDRAL.**

**Father Hopper's Forceful Address Last Evening—Total Abstinence Recommended.**

Rev. Father Hopper, of the Paulist Fathers, delivered a very forceful address on intemperance in St. Dunstan's Cathedral last evening. Father Hopper, in opening, pointed out that the way which led to happiness here and hereafter was the way of virtue, and the way which led to misery here and perdition hereafter was the way of vice. Drunkenness is the cause of much misery in this world, said he, and it is also the cause of misery in the world to come. "It is the mother of all vices," according to a great saint, and no one is safe from its ravages. It strikes the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the man and the woman. As Gladstone says it is more harmful than war, pestilence or famine. Take away drunkenness, said he, and you take away half the crime that is committed. Father Hopper then dealt with individual instances wherein drunkenness was at the bottom of great crimes, giving some facts regarding its baneful effects that had come under his own observation. He looked upon the practice of treating as the cause of much of the drunkenness. A man may drink a glass of liquor without experiencing any bad effect, but when he drinks with others he is in great danger of drinking to excess. Treating at the bar, at weddings and on other occasions was strongly deprecated. But the saloon was the principal cause of drunkenness, and the business as it is carried on by some of those engaged in it must be condemned. He urged those who were in the business to abandon it at once, and asked those who were not in it to keep out of it. He advised all to keep away from the saloon and its contaminating influences, and to give the money which was spent in the liquor shop towards the support of their families and the betterment of their homes. Alcohol, he pointed out on medical authority, was only a stimulant; it was not a medicine or a food. The use of intoxicating liquors was not necessary for the preservation of health. Alcohol was of no permanent benefit to the working man; indeed the man who keeps away from it will do more work than the man who uses it. In conclusion Father Hopper put in a strong plea for total abstinence. Over indulgence in intoxicating liquors, as he had already pointed out, was a great source of evil, and he thought it was high time that an improvement along this line were effected. Total abstinence was the best preventative against the evils to which he had made reference, and its practice was commended in the interests of the individual, the home, the country and the church. Father Hopper's address occupied about an hour in its delivery, and it was listened to with the closest attention by the large congregation present.

**DARK DAYS IN SPAIN.**

**It is Recognized That War With the United States May be Forthcoming.**

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The Times publishes a long despatch received by mail from Madrid, which says that the general situation presents a picture of almost unrelieved gloom. It adds that the prospects of the American Minister's note leading to a mutually satisfactory arrangement are anything but bright.

Official circles in emphatically declaring against American mediation, fully recognize that the rejection of the proffered good offices of the United States may lead successively to a recognition of the insurgents as belligerents, the rupture of diplomatic relations, and finally war.

It would be a dangerous error to suppose that this position is one of bluff. The Spaniards know very well that they would be beaten in the long run but nevertheless the idea of a war with the United States does not frighten them.

If Cuba must be lost, as they believe it would be if mediation was admitted, then it would be better lost through war than by pusillanimous submission to an aggressive foreign power. It is hopeless to reason with them on this point.

The old Castilian pride rejects disdainfully all arguments founded on expediency. Any foreign Minister who should compromise the national honor would produce an outburst of popular indignation which would probably sweep away the Cabinet, the dynasty and the monarchy.

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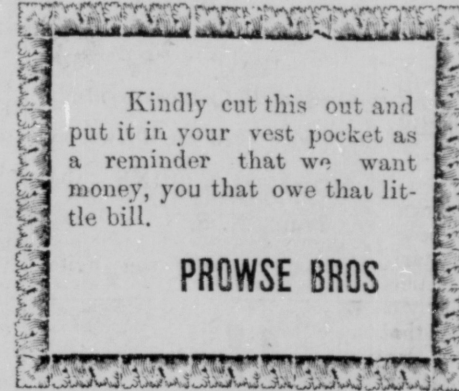
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