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 New Moon, 28th day 8 54 after
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scott Act Prosecutions.

SIR,—On Tuesday, the 7th inst., the following letter was handed to the editor of the Guardian, who then promised to publish it, but subsequently declined, and returned it to me by mail.

Will you kindly give it space in the next issue of THE EXAMINER, and oblige

Yours truly,

JAMES R. McEWEN,
 Mount Stewart, March 14, 1892.

To the Editor of The Guardian.

SIR,—Of the letters signed respectively "Elmira Coffin" and "Thomas D. Coffin," published in your issue of 29th January last, I had almost made up my mind to take no notice. But lest my silence should be misconstrued, I now think it better to reply.

The origin of this matter, as you are aware, is traceable to an editorial which appeared in the Morning Guardian of Nov. 10th, 1891. In speaking of the deplorable state of affairs at Mount Stewart, you charge that "the only magistrates who are disposed to try Scott Act cases live outside the village and across the county line," etc. On enquiry being made as to your authority for making such a statement, Mrs. Coffin comes boldly forward as your informant, endorsed all that had been said, and in a letter over her own signature, published in your issue of Dec. 15th, she alleges that the unprecedented state of the liquor traffic was principally owing to the delinquency of the magistrates. She charges myself in particular with having refused to act, and concludes her letter as follows: "I may add that at the time Mr. McEwen refused to see the liquor traffic after a great deal of trouble" (evidently referring to the work of the late committee). "The liquor people, of course, hearing of his refusal, and in consequence liquor-selling was soon in full blast again" (evidently meaning the then present state of the traffic). To show that such was the nature of her representations to the editor of the Guardian, we have only to turn up an editorial article in the same number of his paper. It reads as follows: "The trouble at Mount Stewart continues to fester, as regards the enforcement of the temperance law. Evidently there is something rotten in Denmark. The magistrates are not as they should be. Any justice of the peace who can be so careless of his trust and so weak as to manifest sympathy with law breakers is a disgrace to the judiciary, and if there be such at Mount Stewart his dismissal should be instant," etc. Thus ends her first letter and its accompaniments. By and by we shall see how her last one closes. Let us examine it. Mrs. Coffin tries hard to prove my announcement "that I have never referred to take up a case of Scott Act or any other case when properly laid before me with just grounds for action," to be untruthful. I may remark here that we are arguing from different standpoints. She is speaking of an informal conversation. I am speaking of an official act, viz., taking up a case when properly laid before me. Whatever may have been said in her house four years ago does not affect my position; but that no complaint was laid before me at the time she refers to requires no other proof than her own statement. She first repeats that positive declaration of hers, "that I did refuse to act," etc., and then with almost the next breath she says, "no mention being made of fees or preliminary papers." What more evidence that no complaint was laid before me is required? Did anyone ever know of a complaint being properly laid before a magistrate without the enforcement of the temperance law? In which quite eclipses a startling statement, which quite eclipses the former one. She says: "I never sent the prosecutor to Mr. McEwen, but on the contrary Mr. McEwen asked the prosecutor for the job." Just note these statements and mark the contrast. In her first letter she tried to make it appear that the so-called refusal was connected with the traffic of the year 1891. She now dates it March, 1888, and states that two years afterwards, when the committee commenced operations I asked the prosecutor for the job. Strange inconsistency! Mrs. Coffin also states, and it is certified by her statements, "I never accompanied the local prosecutor to Mr. McEwen's office to lay information, etc." I will give her an instance,—I affirm that on the 10th day of Dec., 1890, Mrs. Elmira did accompany the said prosecutor to my office and demanded an action for a second offence against Scott Act Coffin. I told her, as I had previously told the prosecutor, that under the circumstances I would not take the action for a second offence. (There were not just grounds for a second offence.) I advised them to call it a first offence, but Mrs. Coffin, who was the chief speaker on that occasion, said "No; we are going to make it a second offence." I tried hard to persuade her to change her purpose and to take a first offence, but she was inexorable and said, "We are bound to make it a second offence." "You," said she, "are only working for us, and if you don't go to another way we want you we will go to another magistrate." (This is only a part of what took place, but I think it will suffice.) I offered no objection to their going to another magistrate, and it appears they did go. How they fared the sequel will show. On the 23rd day of the same month the said prosecutor came to me again and asked me to take up the same case as a first offence. Just what I advised at the first. He named several magistrates to whom he said he had been, and they all had refused to take up the case as a second offence. "Will you," said he, "take it up now as a first offence." Space forbids following it further at present. Mrs. Coffin next claims, "that the point at issue between us is, did Mr. McEwen refuse to act as a Magistrate in Scott Act prosecutions?" Now, suppose we were to

give her the full benefit of all she claims, viz.: that in March, 1888, I did refuse to act, and in September, 1890, I asked the prosecutor for the job (which, however, was not the case) what in the name of common sense had all that to do with the state of the liquor traffic in the year 1891. She does not attempt to say that during the year 1891, whilst the traffic was raging, that either she or the prosecutor ever asked me to act. As I stated in my last letter, since the fifth day of January, 1891, I have not been asked to take up a case against a liquor seller, and from that time until the article above referred to appeared in the Guardian, although for the greater part of the time drunkenness with all its consequent vices prevailed to an alarming extent. Judging by their actions no one would imagine that such an organization as a temperance committee or a society for the suppression of the liquor traffic existed at Mount Stewart. This she does not attempt to contradict. But basing her charge on something she claims to have been said in her house in March, 1888, (four years ago) she says: "The point at issue is, did Mr. McEwen refuse to act," etc. This is a mere side issue. I may remark here that during the months of October and November in that year, viz., 1888, we had quite a spurt of Scott Act work. Our court book shows eleven convictions obtained during these two months Mr. Henderson was prosecutor. How does this coincide with Mrs. Coffin's statement?

But to come to the point. The real point at issue in this matter is, were the charges made by Mrs. Coffin against the magistrates of Mount Stewart, as set forth in the columns of the Guardian, founded on fact or were they without foundation. This is the question; and for the answer we need only to consult her own writings. We have already quoted the last paragraph of her first letter. How does she conclude her last one? She (in effect), says: "I am defeated. I thought to have fixed the blame on the magistrates, but I now give it up," and unlike the Scotch piper recently referred to in a lecture, she closes the letter by playing a retreat. Mark; she is to be responsible for the present state of affairs, the magistrates or the committee, I leave Mr. McEwen and the local prosecutor, T. D. Coffin, to settle that point between them." Had she done so at the beginning, this unseemly controversy would have been avoided, and her position to-day would be more enviable.

As regards the supplementary epistle signed "Thomas D. Coffin," it is very encouraging. The idea of a man who at that time could not fill up his own information now being able to instruct magistrates with regard to the lawful fees of a constable is a sign of rapid progress.

And his reference to the golden egg is just to the point. I have heard of an immense bird which in the olden time flew over the eastern part of this island, and in passing over a certain village it laid an egg. The egg was so large that the villagers had no means of storing it, and to use the narrator's own words, "We just got a ladder and cut a hole on the top and we were dipping out of it." But our friend can boast of a better egg; yes, a golden egg out of which he has already dipped one hundred and fifty dollars, and he appears to think that there is still some in the shell, for just a few days prior to writing his golden epistle he was looking for an improved machine in order to have another dip.

Mr. Coffin would now favour the public with a report showing the various good uses to which he appropriated the contents of the golden egg, I am sure it would be very interesting.

JAS R. McEWEN,
 Mount Stewart, March, 1892.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 16.—Mrs. Ellen Johnson, of Nova Scotia, was arrested upon a charge of stealing about \$100 from a cottage in which she was employed, lived over a certain village it laid an egg. The egg was so large that the villagers had no means of storing it, and to use the narrator's own words, "We just got a ladder and cut a hole on the top and we were dipping out of it." But our friend can boast of a better egg; yes, a golden egg out of which he has already dipped one hundred and fifty dollars, and he appears to think that there is still some in the shell, for just a few days prior to writing his golden epistle he was looking for an improved machine in order to have another dip.

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