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THIS PAPER GOES TO PRESS EVERY FRIDAY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK.

A GOOD POINT IN THE TREATY.

In the proposed extradition treaty between Great Britian and the United States the provision is made that a fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered if the offence great objection which existed in the previously proposed treaty, and is founded on reason and justice. There are not, it is true, many really political offences, requiring a man to flee his country, committed in either England or America today. It is not a political crime when a conspirator burns a public building. It is arson, and would be so construed by either power. So if a conspirator takes a life, it is murder. There is no probability of any friction arising between the nations on this point.

It would be a very dangerous precedent for the United States to recognize the justice of extradition for political offences. It has been the boast of that nation that it is the re'ugee of the down-trodden and oppressed from all parts of the earth. Some not as sweeping statements. countries, where freedom is not even a name, have very peculiar ways of dealing with their subjects. In Russia, for instance, almost anybody is liable to find himself sent to Siberia without knowing the reason why, and it is considered a very good country from which to emigrate by people who value their liberty. If the United States were to include political offences in its treaty with England, the other powers would urge that the same clause be inserted in treaties with them, and then there would be "trouble" in earnest. There would be continual demands for the surrender of men whose crime in Europe would be a virtue in America, and who had merely exercised, ately free speech.

"political offence" in America.

The treaty covers enough ground, without attempting too much. It seems to be founded on justice and common sense. It is not retroactive, and this is the spirit of from the fort, and dined merrily in the British law. It will undoubtedly be ratified, and will quite as certainly lead to a better state of affairs in both countries.

OTHER VIEWS OF THE CREED.

The New York Presbyterians are still having a somewhat heated discussion over the revision of Westminister creed, with special reference to the doctrine of the damnation of all but the "elect." This week, to counteract the remarkable utterances of Dr. Paxton, to which reference was made in the last issue of Progress, some able advocates of revision have given utterance to their sentiments. They are quite as positive in their opinions as the learned divine who thought that the church with a revised creed would be like the dog which swallowed its tag and did not know where it was going. One of the speakers has been Rev. Howard Crossy.

Dr. Crossy is a man who in the course of a very active life has been roundly abused by both the church and the laity of New York. The ultra-good men have thought him too liberal in some things, while the ultra-bad men have threatened his life because of his opposition to the liquor traffic and other evils. His orthodoxy has never been called in question. His belief is that the Westminster confession contains at least one statement purposes. The old settlers who think it which is clearly and diametrically apposed used to be a good deal colder probably had to the word of God. This is the section no thermometers, or had the kind that

to the unsearchable counsel of His own will. whereby He extendeth or witholdeth mercy as He pleaseth, for the glory of His sovereign power over His creatures, to pass by, and to ordain them to glorious justice.

He does not think that this agrees with the statements of the New Testament that God "desires all men to be saved," etc., and he believes that anything which con-

conform, and which is the rule of faith of that church today.

A still more striking speech was that made by Dr. VAN DYKE. Among other things he said:

The Heavenly Father spreads a feast for all; is it for us to say that He refuses to let the poor sinner eat of the crumbs which fall from His table? And for what reason? To satisfy our logic? It is but measuring the mind of the Almighty with the wisdom of the seventeenth century. The doctrine is unscriptural. The doctrine of ante natal perdition makes the Bible a mass of contradictions. It is unevangelical. It is in alliance today with the anti-Christian forces of modern thought. We must be driven into Pantheism and Materialism unless we stand fast and say, "Our wills are ours." Reprobation is a "horrible" doctrine. The adjective is not mine, but Calvin's, who pushed it to its logical conclusion and taught the damnation of infants.

I don't weep for the tears shed over the destruction of part of the confession, but for the tears of the mothers who have been taught to believe that their harmless new-born babes were torn from their breasts to be plunged into everlasting perdition; I weep for the unhappy creatures in mad houses, whose light of reason has been put out by the heresy of ante-natal perdition.

intend to keep on disbelieving, ignoring and denying the doctrine of reprobation. I intend to teach that there are no infants in hell, no limits to God's love; that there is salvation open to all mankind, and that no man is punished but for his own sin. Is that Calvanism? Before God, I don't know or care! It is Christianity!

It is not recorded that the members of the presbytery applauded these remarks. Probably they did not. The occasion was too solemn, the subject too serious for such a thing. The utterances, coming as they do from a man in the position of the is of a political character. This removes a speaker, show very clearly the intense depth of feeling on the vital question of the old creed or a changed creed. They show, too, that there are men who appreciate the tendency of the old belief to recruit the ranks of materialism, and who are anxious to avert the danger. "The wisdom of the seventeenth century," is not the doctrine to build up the church of today.

Years ago, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman of St. John told the writer that the Westminster confession was "a mass arrant nonsense." It is not believed that he ever made this statement from his pulpit, or at the synod. He has, however, lived to find men, whose names are household words among the Presbyterians of America, come to the front with equally strong, if

It looks as though the committee on revision would carry their point, despite of Dr. PAXTON and the defensive minority. That means, sooner or later, the revision of the creed in every presbytery of America.

The rising generation is likely to have a new idea of the Almighty's purposes. The world and the cause of Christianity may be none the worse for it.

IT IS COLD ENOUGH.

Just as people are begining to conclude that our climate must be changing, the man with the scrap book comes to the front to tell them that they are all wrong. This time he writes to the Toronto Empire in such a strain as to give an impression or tried to exercise, the right of moder- that the really mild and enjoyable winters of Canada occurred before any of us were Such a treaty would never pass the born. For instance, as far back as 1606-07 United States senate. If it did, there LESCARBOT, the historian, relates that would be a new cause, and a just one, for POUTRINCOURT and his company at Port Royal amused themselves with singing and music on the Annapolis river, on the 14th of January, "and that in the same month we went to see wheat fields two leagues

In answer to this it might be said that Lescarbot, like the writers of immigration literature in these days, was given to romancing, just as a certain New Brunswick writer states in a text book that the farmers in this province frequently begin ploughing on the 17th of March. We have, however, the word of S. de Champ-LAIN that when he arrived at Quebec, on May 7th, 1613, "the trees were in full leaf and the fields dotted with flowers." Col. CHAMPLAIN was a very pious man for those times, and it is likely that he spoke the truth. Ten years later all kinds of grain were sown at Quebec on the 16th of April. In 1647 there was no cold worth mentioning up to the 11th of March.

So it seems that, Gulf Stream or not, they had all kinds of seasons in old times just as we have today, and that there were mild winters then just as there are now. Nature has kept her average for the last 250 years at least, and it is likely to keep it up for a while longer. That there is less snow is due doubtless to the clearing away of the forests, but that there is less cold, taken year in an year out, remains to be proven. We have had it away down below zero, even during this mild winter, and that is cold enough for all practical register about ten degrees below the cold The rest of mankind, God was pleased, according facts. We probably have as cold weather as our ancestors had, but we are better acclimated and better prepared to keep ourselves warm. It is cold enough for us, dishonor and wrath for their sin, to the praise of His anyway, even if it is not as mortally cold as it was for them.

NELLIE BLY has succeeded in getting around the world in 72 days and some hours, beating all previous records. Well, flicts with these statements is "an insult to what of it? She started with that idea, equipped with plenty of money and bur-It must be admitted that this is pretty dened with no baggage. She went as a hard on the Westminister Confession, which newspaper representative, and had excephas been called the Magna charta of the tional facilities. She has shown how Presbyterian church, to which all clergy- quickly the trip can be made, if anybody men of that church have been compelled to wants to make it in the same way, as no- Yes, we will wait and see.



GOLDEN EAGLE

MOST ALL GROCERS.

body does, unless he or she be a crank or is paid for it. Ordinary people who want to go around the earth will prefer to take their time and get the worth of their money. The feat of NELLIE BLY is simply a big advertisement for a windy New York newspaper. It doesn't prove much of anything, except that money talks and the

SUNDRY HITS AND HINTS.

La grippe isn't so fresh as it was a week or two This has been a great winter for the curlers. Also

There are only 28 days in Feburay, but sometimes

a "cold Friday" is one of them. McGinty has been dropped, and wisely. There

wasn't anything funny about him.

Can anybody tell who wrote the Leary telegram, which Leary says he did not send? Yes, my son, somebody can tell-if he will.

Mr. Thaddeus Stevens may be an amusing cuss in the eyes of our Fredericton correspondent, but he has "got there," yellow valise and all.

The Religious Intelligencer warns its readers that la grippe "fastens itself with special violence upon drinking men." It probably means the policeman's

Some 200 and odd able bodied members have been loafing around Ottawa for the last two weeks. Their pay goes on just the same. Isn't it about time they

There isn't so much talk about elections as there was. The victors don't like to exult over fallen foes, and the vanquished don't appear to feel much

And now the proposition is to double the duty on imported meats of all kinds. This may be all right for the farmers, but it means dearer beef, if not tougher beef, for the rest of us.

Twelve lawyers scooped nearly \$118,000 out of the Dominion government last year, wholly outside of the Department of justice. The law is a great shark with a big mouth for boodle.

Nellie Bly had to take southern route to avoid the snow blockades between San Francisco and New York. The American papers are not having much to say about the Canadian winter now-a-days.

A Minneapolis clergyman is of the opinion tha

the Monday newspaper might as well be prepared Saturday night. So it could. The trouble would be to find any one to buy such a paper Monday morn-

It is said that a lobster which has been boiled after its death can be detected by the fact that the tail is not curled up to the body. There is an easier way of detecting an oyster which has been put into a

Joe Howard writes a good deal of nonsense, but his head is level when he says that the use of the words manageress, authoress, editoress, should be discontinued. A manager is one who manages, no matter what the sex may be.

It is said that there is nothing which interests Gladstone more than America, its politicians and its people. It is a matter for thought what the career of the grand old man would have been had he been born under the stars and stripes. Wanted-By a man of experience and quick at

figures, a situation as representative in the New Brunswick legislature. County remote from St. John preferred. Address "David," care of A. G. Blair, Fredericton. All communications confidential.

It is nearly time to hear some talk about the civic elections. Now is the time to consider who are the best men to be in the council. If the consideration of it is postponed too long, the old order of things will prevail in the wards where it is most desirable there should be changes.

The fact that part of a Telegraph editorial is the same language, word for word, as used by the N. Y. Herald, might be considered a remarkable coincidence, had both papers used it on the same day. As the Herald used it Sunday and the Telegraph the next Wednesday, the coincidence is not

The Ontario millers want the duty on flour increased \$1 a barrel, and Sir John recommends that they "bring pressure" on the members to accomplish it. If the magnificent wheat fields of the Northwest and the present high duty cannot enable the millers to hold their own, they had better go into some other business. There is no reason why everybody else should be taxed for their benefit.

The N. Y. Press thinks that the shutting out of will have the result of encouraging annexation to the United States. "It will deprive Canadians of one of the great benefits they now derive from the United States by geographical location without political connection." That is one view of the matter which, it is probable, is not shared by Mr. Wood, of Westmorland.

Sixteen newspapers shared nearly \$200,000 of Ottawa cheques among them last year. The Montreal Gazette headed the list with a bill of over \$7,000, while the Sydney Advocate (whatever that is) was at the bottom with \$561. The Halifax Herald and Mail got nearly \$3,000, and so did the Toronto Mail, which is now charged with an annexation plot. The St. John Sun got only \$1,400, while the modest Moncton Times was content with nearly \$1,300. "Wait till our side gets in, and see what our figures will be," say the opposition papers. I noticed many of the ladies had to keep wraps on.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The question is, Was the Messiah a success as Samson? In some respects I think it was greater, for this time the success was made by our own home talent, without having to go outside for soloists, and certainly the choruses were much better. Perhaps it was that Mr. Morley conducted, or perhaps the members of the society are more familiar with the music, but the fact remains. Of course the soloists in the autumn concert were considered a great attraction, and I am sorry to say that people in St. John do not encourage native talent to any great extent. It is a pity, and the Oratorio society deserves a great deal of credit for the way it has come through all its troubles and adversities.

The soprano solos were taken by Mrs. W. S. Carter and I think all lovers of good music will long remember her singing of the air "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!" It was decidedly her best effort. The recitatives were given very well, the best being "And Suddenly There was With the Angel." Miss Hea lacked expression in most of her solos. Her best attempt was "He shall Feed-It was a Halifax man who turned a respectable | His flock like a Shepherd." That was really good.

roung servant girl out of his house because she had | Father Davenport has been suffering with the la grippe, and it is a source of wonder with his friends how he could manage to sing at all, but he did. Certainly in oratorio singing Father Davenport is at his best. No one could fail to be impressed with the deep feeling he infused into his numbers. Especially to be noticed was the recitative "Comfort Ye My People," and the following air, "Every Valley," and also the fine air, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of Iron;" I hardly know which deserves the most praise.

Of Mr. Mayes one can only say that the society could not have got a better man in the city to sing the bass parts. All his solos were good, "And who shall abide" being perhaps the best. Mr. Mayes has a tendency to hurry in some part, that might be avoided. I must not omit to mention the bass air, "Why do the nations." It was finely sung, the only fault being in the singer's pronounciation, which at times was a little indistinct.

The choruses were, with one or two exceptions, given very smoothly, the attack being better than usual. There are quite a number of new tenor voices, which is an improvement.

The leads were well taken up with the basses and sopranos, but there was a want of promptness in the altos at times. The chorus, "And he shall purify," did not go very well. The sopranos were weak, and the tenors and the runs were not togeher. This chorus, if not sung evenly, is not a success by any means. "And the glory of the Lord" went very well, the only hitch being in one of the alto leads. that seemed to be ahead of time. The best chorus in the first part was "For unto us a child is born," the attack being almost faultless in every part. The time throughout was excellent. Another good chorus was the "Glory to God in the highest." This is a very difficult chorus to begin. The interval between the E natural of the last bar of the solo and the F sharp of the first bar of the chorus has always been an awkward place for the trebles, but they overcame the difficulty very well this time. The passion choruses were not sung quite as evenly as those of the first parts. "Behold the Lamb of God" went very well, but there was a tendency to hurry the dotted notes at the top of page 46 (Boosy edition) in the chorus, "Surely he has borne our griefs," which took away some of the good effect. The Adagio was the best part of the "All we like sheep have gone astray," the sustained parts being held very evenly. "Lift up your heads," and "Let all the angels of God" went finely, and an extra word of praise is due to the chorus, "The Lord gave the word." It is one of the most effective bits of writing in the work.

The "Hallelujah" always goes well, and I was glad to see the audience stand while it was being sung. It is an old custom that should never be neglected. For the last part only one chorus was given. "Worthy is the Lamb" is familiar to almost every choir member in the city, and it is enough to say that it has never been given better here than it was Tuesday evening. The last three bars of the "Amen chorus" were sung at the conclusion.

I join with others in congratulating Mr. Morley on the success of the Messiah, for without his clever leadership and kindness in undertaking the conductor's place, where would the Oratorio society be? The Philharmonic club did some very good work. It was rather unfortunate that Mr. White's violin string should break just before the aria "The People that Walked." And what was the matter with the bass viol that it had to be taken off?

The two best pieces of orchestrion were the accompaniments to the solos "And who shall abide" and "Why do the Nations." In the former the passages with "For He is like a Refiner's fire" were

The orchestra part of "He shall feed His flock" was very smoothly and evenly performed, but I cannot say the same of the "Pastoral Symphony." The parts were not together and it sounded draggy. I don't think the flute was in very good tune either. companies the tenor recitative "All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn." One can almost hear the people laughing and shaking their heads. The other accompaniments were very fairly played

with the exception of "He was despised and rejected." That was not so good as it might have been. In the choruses the club was of great assist-Miss Bowden and Mr. Ford should also be

thanked for their great help. The only fault to be found with Miss Bowden was that she made the piano a little too plainly heard in some of the accompaniments for the solos. The organ is a great assistance in the sustained passages.

I think the society is to be congratulated on having such a good audience, on such a cold night. It must have been rather uncomfortable on the stage. I must not conclude without a word of praise for

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the librarian of the society, Mr. Alfred Porter. Every member of the Oratorio society tells how hard he has worked to make the concerts a success, and there is no small amount of labor to be got through with when one is doing the business part of

getting up a big concert. I attended the organ recital given by Mr. Morley and Mr. J. S. Ford, assisted by the Stone church choir. To say the recital was an unqualified success would be too much. The music was too heavy. Mr. Ford's organ solo, "Festival March," by P. Winey, was nothing above the ordinary. It was

followed by a quartette, which means very careful singing to show its beauty. The parts were not by any means well balanced, the alto and bass overpowering the soprano and tenor at times. Mr. Morley's playing of the theme and variations

by Hayden was the first really good number. Mr. Daniel sang "Jerusalem" by Parker, with good effect, his enunciation being particularly good, but why did he select select such a common-place song? The fugue, by Bach, was decidedly Mr. Ford's best performance. His execution of "Cataline was too blurry, not crisp enough. The arrangement of "Jesus lover of my soul," by Mr. Morley, will prove an addition to some of our choirs, if the composor has it published. "With verdure clad" was sung

Mr. Ford's execution in his own composition was particularly good, but, in my estimation, the best solos of the evening were "Zadock the Priest" and

very sweetly by Mrs. W. S. Carter. There is an

absence of affectation in that lady's singing which is

the "March Teuebre," by Chopin. The last chorus was very fairly sung, but where were the sopranos? The other parts seemed to

Dorothy is progressing finely. The attendance,

which at first was not all that could be desired, is quite good. I should think all young lovers of pretty music would take a great interest in this opera. The committee of management say that they have had a good deal of hard work, but are getting along nicely now.

By the way, does any one realize the immense amount of expense and worry there is connected with anything of that kind? If they did, I should think they would do all they could to give the brave little committee of Dorothy a helping hand, and not try to discourage them by not attending rehearsals and letting everything else interfere with the opera.

The musical club which was organized the first of the year, will hold its next meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 6, at the residence of Mrs. Barton Gandy, Wright street. The object of this club is to spend the evenings in singing and playing the works of different composers. The first evening was devoted to Mendellsohn, and next Thursday different English composers will be selected. I was told that Mr. Morley was to be represented among the mem-

A very pleasant practice for the Messiah took rlace at Mrs. Barclay Robinson's, Wright street, on Sunday evening after church service.

Mr. Ford has taken the Church of England Institute lecture room for teaching music. I hear that Mr. Swanton is rehearsing the Bells

of Corneville in Sioux city, Iowa. I hope he will meet with as much success as our own amateurs had when it was given in St. John about three years I am glad to recommend a new song by Mr. R.

Radiant Morn." It is suited to a mezzo sopranno voice, and the words, which are those of a favorite hymn, seems to suit the music remarkably well. The surpliced choir for Trinity church are expected to sing for the first time on Easter Sunday. The surplices and cassocks are being made by the

Percy Strand (organist of Trinity church) "The

The Messiah had an audience of about 520, which left the society not a loser financially. The following comparative table, showing the strength of the chorus in the different oratorios that have been given

ladies of the congregation.

in St. John, will be of interest: Athalie. Samson. Messiah, Soprano..... 28 Alto..... Tenor.....

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

A Mild Wail.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: You will kindly bowstring one of your compositors and mail me his burial certificate. I refer to the gentleman who set up my "Gold Pen" drivel, published last week. He deliberately ruined an evangelical pleasantry of mine, with which I have been struggling for lo! these many weeks. I wrote: "The man at last grew moody and sank he into," etc. (See now, don't you?) -and the int. comp. completely spoiled the whole business by omitting that little word "he." I think this matter should be set right before my constituents, for-for-well-forsooth!

Better send a diagram of your joke next time.—Ed. Progress.

PERTINENT PERSONALS.

The Belfast Republican says of Mr. John Macaulay, who died there so suddenly a few days ago:

Mr. Macaulay was born in St. John, N. B., of Scotch parentage, and has two brothers who conduct a large dry goods business in that city. The deceased qualified himself for a druggist, and was in business for a time with a partner, in Annapolis, and later had a drug store of his own in Lunenburg, N. S. For five years he was employed in the drug store of Mr. Sweet, of Bangor, and about one year ago came to Belfast to enter the employ of Mr. R. H. Moody. His family came here last summer. Mr. Moody says Mr. Macaulay was one of the best druggists that ever came to Belfast, obliging, accurate and faithful in the performance of his duties. He leaves a wife and three children, the youngest but two and a half years old. The case is a particularly sad one, and Mrs. Macaulay has the sympathy

Arthur W. Masters, who has covered the country from St. John's, Newfoundland, to St. Stephen in the interest of the Equitable Life Assurance society, and made a record second to no other special agent in the provinces, has been promoted, and is now superintendent of the Equitable's agencies in the maritime provinces. He is now in Nova Scotia, hard at work, as usual. Masters has written over \$650,000 of insurances for the Equitable in a little over two years.

CHATS WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

A CONSTANT READER. You have forgotten to

send your name with your letter. INSURANCE. The statement that was made last week that Mr. W. C. Everett's life was insured was, we regret to say, an error. The policy lapsed some

FRANK R. You can get any number of Progress to sell provided you send the name of some responsible person who knows you. The best way is to solicit your customers before you send your order, and then you will run no risk. Several boys who sell Progress in outside towns dispose of from 35 to 175 copies. They collect every week or month, according to to the convenience of their customers, and remit to this office before the 10th of every

Where She Gets It. "That is a delicious steak, Mrs. Brown,

so tender and juicy. Where can I get "Well, I got this at Frodsham's, that

new meat shop on Union street. He certainly keeps splendid meats of all kinds."--Wednesday Evening-Feb. 12th. The first grand dress carnival in the

Victoria rink takes place Wednesday evening, February 12. The prizes of \$10 will be an incentive for good costumes. The announcement elsewhere gives full par-

OUT AT SEA-At the Mechanics' Institute, Mondag und Tuesday evenings, Feb. 10th and 11th. Magnificent scenic effect.