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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 Britain and the United States the provision is made that a fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered if the offence is of a political character. This removes a great objection which existed in the previously proposed treaty, and is founded on reason and justice.

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 refuge of the down-trodden and oppressed from all parts of the earth.

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OTHER VIEWS OF THE CREED.

The New York Presbyterians are still having a somewhat heated discussion over the revision of Westminster creed, with special reference to the doctrine of the damnation of all but the "elect."

Dr. Crosby 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.

The rest of mankind, God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of His own will, whereby He extendeth or withholdeth mercy as He pleaseth, for the glory of His sovereign power over His creatures, to pass by, and to ordain them to dishonor and wrath for their sin, to the praise of His glorious justice.

It must be admitted that this is pretty hard on the Westminster Confession, which has been called the Magna charta of the Presbyterian church, to which all clergymen of that church have been compelled to

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; it is 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.

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.

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 speaker, show very clearly the intense depth of feeling on the vital question of the old creed or a changed creed.

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 not as sweeping statements.

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IT IS COLD ENOUGH.

Just as people are beginning 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 that the really mild and enjoyable winters of Canada occurred before any of us were born.

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.

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.

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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.

SUNDRY HITS AND HINTS.

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

There are only 28 days in February, but sometimes a "cold Friday" is one of them. McGinty has been dropped, and wisely. There wasn't anything funny about him.

It was a Halifax man who turned a respectable young servant girl out of his house because she had la grippe. Name?

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 grip.

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 got to work?

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 like discussing the matter.

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 booty.

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 that 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 morning.

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 stew after death.

Joe Howard writes a good deal of nonsense, but his head is level when he says that the use of the words manager, authoress, editors, 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. Country 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.

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The N. Y. Press thinks that the shutting out of American dressed meats from the Canadian markets will have the result of encouraging annexation to the United States.

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IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The question is, Was the Messiah a success as a whole? 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.

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 His flock like a Shepherd." That was really good. 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 pronunciation, 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 together. 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 tenors, but they overcame the difficulty very well this time. The passion choruses were not sung quite as evenly as those of the first part. "Behold the Lamb of God" went very well, but there was a tendency to hurry the dotted notes at the top of page 46 (Boosey 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 orchestration 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 grand.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

A Mild Wall.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: You will kindly forward me a copy of your issue of the 27th inst. containing the article on the death of Mr. Macanlay.

Mr. Macanlay 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. H. H. Moody. His family came here last summer. Mr. Moody says Mr. Macanlay 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. Macanlay has the sympathy of the entire community.

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

PERTINENT PERSONALS.

The Belfast Republican says of Mr. John Macanlay, who died there so suddenly a few days ago: Mr. Macanlay was born in St. John, N.B., of Scotch parentage, and has two brothers who conduct a large dry goods business in that city.

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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 \$500,000 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 time ago.

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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 particulars.

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