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ELECT BETTER MEN.

It is understood that several members of the common council believe, with Pro-GRESS, that the aldermen should be elected by the citizens at large, instead of by separate ward elections, as at present. It is quite unnecessary to say that others, who would stand no possible chance of reaching the council under such a system, prefer to come out on their own account, year after year, and be elected by their list of subjects is by no means as remarkown particular "crowd," which is often able as some which might on some occawholly indifferent as to their fitness to re- sions be found in the Boston Saturday present the citizens at large.

So long, therefore, as the council contains a majority of men who know that they have not the confidence of the people, so suffice. The tendency is more and more long will it oppose any change in the sys- toward the practical application of christiantem of civic elections. Such a measure ity to everyday life, and the clergyman who should originate with the council, and be can most successfully make this application by it presented to the legislature, but for is the one who does the most good. A be hoped for until the council is built of he preaches. If he aims only at senbetter timber than is in its composition sationalism, he may amuse men, but not today.

They would endorse such a measure today, of picturing a scene after the TALMAGE if the question were submitted to a popular | idea is as cheap and easy as the old style vote. earnest workers were to take the matter in depth nor sincerity in the speaker. hand and present it to the legislature as which too many of the best citizens feel, the right kind of men at the board. It is scarcely worth while to reiterate the his position should command is a matter manifest advantages of having aldermen for grave doubt. It may be safely asserted who represent the ratepayers of the city that his methods are not those which, in rather than the interests of this ward or the interests of a healthful religious sentithat. They would, of necessity, be a better class of men, because they would be is a safer and more useful line which lies the choice of all classes and sections, but the great benefit would be felt in the re- dust sermons of the past. moval of that sectionalism which is now proving so common and so expensive. The ordinary alderman now feels bound to secure all he can for his particular ward, and where something is done for one district a corresponding something must be done for another part of the city. It was bad enough before the union but it is infinitely worse now. Works are undertaken for which there is no immediate need, and because this ward has so much done for it, that ward must have as much more. In this way the city's expenses are largely increased, and the citizens are saddled with wholly unecessary bills.

handsomely. If he be, as asserted, a "humbug," it is because the public have made him so. He is to the religious world what BARNUM is to the amusement world -a man of wonderful enterprise, who can gauge the popular taste and cater to it, whether it be a healthy one or not.

There may be ministers who condemn TALMAGE who would be quite willing to take his place if they had the opportunity and ability. A good many have striven in that direction, but as they have never risen above mediocrity, no notice has been taken of them. Any preacher who seeks simply to increase his popularity and draw a crowd is an imitator of the Brooklyn clergyman, and is in many instances not nearly as good a christian in his heart. There is a strong temptation for one to acquire fame-by legitimate ways, if possible, but to-acquire it. It is the old story of "get money-honestly if you can,

but get it." Whether the tendency of the day is toward more or less sensationalism, remains to be seen. No just judgment can be formed from isolated, though conspicuous, instances. In some places there is a keen competition among clergymen to draw the crowd, and the most attractive, even if sensational, subjects are chosen. An exchange notes the fact that in Boston, on a recent Sunday, "one clergyman preached upon lotteries, another on the prophets, another took work and play for his topic, another discoursed upon sleeping during sermon time, another upon the wellequipped horseman, another upon clubs, another upon Dan McGinty and another are very strongly opposed to it. They on Fads. Anything and everything, save and except Christ Crucified." And this

night and Sunday morning papers. Yet it must be remembered that in these days the preaching of dry doctrine will not

turn tham from their errors, but if he has

The time for such legislation was when the happy faculty of being at once interestthe act of union was made. The people ing and persuasive, he goes far toward the would have endorsed it, beyond a doubt. | fulfilling of his vocation. The lurid style



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evil would remedy itself after a little. The public are pretty good critics, and soon learn to distinguish between the men who come to the point and the men who waste the city's time in unnecessary talk. The result would be that in subsequent elections the merely ornamental "orators" would be asked to give place to better men. The public would have their measure a good deal better than they can get it now.

There is, of course, the item of expense of alterations to be considered, but that would be small in comparison with the benefits to be derived from the improvements. A little curtailment of the needless appropriations now made to pacify rival wards would soon make a fund to pay the the reason stated, nothing of the kind can great deal depends upon the way in which bills. The chamber should be enlarged, and the sooner the better.

WRONG REASONING.

Last year New York spent \$1,000,000 for champagne, and while the rich were drinking it and carousing, 1,500 poor people in their midst starved to death, and thousands of other suffered for bare

SUNDRY HITS AND HINTS.

How are you fixed for aldermen in your ward? February has gone out like a lamb, but March has 31 chances to get even with it. What a lot of swearing and smashing of furniture there will be two months from today.

They say that the hearings in the Walton case have been more edifying than the average minstrel

"Because it is March first." Some of the school trustees might invent a conundrum to fit this answer.

There isn't much said about local politics just now, but there will be lots of fun when the time

Society has yet to devise an effectual way to punish the barbarians who insist on talking at a oncert.

It you want anything done in your ward, you can get it, or the promise of it, any time between now nd election day. Five men have paid \$2 each to learn that the ountry market is not a smoking-room. They will

know better next time. The only certain thing about the Walton case, from he outset, was that that 'the St. John detectives

would not get any of the reward. Halifax may not be the most immoral city in Canda, but the shady side of life comes to the front other points of superiority.

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The system of ward elections is a bad one. It should go. The most feasible way to get rid of it is to elect only the best available men to the council.

And the time to begin is NOW.

SENSATIONALISM IN THE PULPIT.

An editorial in PROGRESS embodying the substance of the New York Sun's charges against Rev. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, apinterest among the readers of this paper. It may be safely asserted that the majority of those readers are not in sympathy with the preacher's methods, however much they ing the Gospel.

Mr. TALMAGE appears to be simply an citizens, who now never venture into the provided free. In St. John the rate is \$2.50, and exaggeration of a type of ministers that close and uncomfortable chamber, would the poor fellow has to go and hunt for a sample has been developed in the last generation attend if they could do so without discomroom outside, at a charge of \$1 per day extra, and or so. In the old times the clergymen, fort, and nothing would contribute more to sometimes can't get one all. Something that is wanted more than sample rooms excite a deeper and more general interest like the newspaper, were content to do even, is a modern hotel, where you can get a room in civic affairs. their work on certain recognized lines, outwithout having to climb four or five big flights of side of which only rare ability, such as that The newspaper reports give only a parstairs. In summer American travellers pass possessed by WHITFIELD dared to venture. tial idea of what is done. The citizens through St. John. They don't stay here, because there is no hotel accommodation for them. They Later in an age and in a country when the may know the actual business that is transare told their room is on the fourth flat, and no desire for notoriety amounted almost to acted, but they get no idea of how the elevator, and they leave the next morning. Frea vice, and where the craving was for aldermen transact it. They should see quently there is no decent room to be had at all in the leading hotels. and hear for themselves how their reprenovelty in things both temporal and spiri-St. John is improving. To keep pace with the tual, some of them were tempted to pass sentatives behave, and they can then better increasing travel, you must have a first-class hotel, beyond the old time limits and advertise judge whether they are well or badly re-VERAX. and it will pay well. St. John, Feb. 24. their sermons as a merchant would his presented. [Perhaps our correspondent is hardly The only possible objection to a large wares. BEECHER having led the way, it fair in saying that Americans pass by in audience is that some of the more windy was easy for TALMAGE to follow, and carry summer because the hotels do not suit. himself further in pulpit gymnastics than aldermen might be tempted to talk even Usually it is because they (the hotels) are any preacher had dared to do before him. more than they do now, and indefinitely He has found it to pay him, and pay him prolong debates of trifling import. This tull .-- ED. PROGRESS.]

of temperance oratory with its horrible The result could be accomplished, de- examples of drink's doings. It is simply a spite the common council, if two or three trick of the tongue which requires neither To be useful a preacher must not only coming from the people. The apathy be sincere, but he must impress others with the belief that he is so. Then he may however, forbids the hope of any such effort | deal with the topics that touch most closely in the immediate future. The only practical the affairs of life, and his work will not be way to accomplish the end is by putting in vain. Whether TALMAGE is exerting anything like the influence for good which

ment, should be followed by others. There between his declamations and the dry-as-

THEY REPUDIATED IT.

Several members of the treasury board were very prompt in their repudiation of report at the last meeting of the council. Those who did not stand up and speak against the section voted againt it, so that any who favored it in committee repented before the time of action came. There were one or two absent, however. Among these was Ald. BUSBY himself, who apparently "funked" at the last moment, and waited until the vote was taken before he entered the chamber. PROGRESS is pleased to find that the best men at the board refused to have anything to do with the attempt to introduce special legislation. No alderman who is fit for his place and tries to do his duty has any reason for opposing this paper.

ENLARGE THE CHAMBER.

When St. John and Portland were united, there was some talk of enlarging the common chamber by taking in the adjoining pears to have excited a good deal of apartments. Of late nothing has been heard of this, although as matters now are the room is altogether too small for the requirements of so large a city. Not only is more room wanted for the aldermen, but it may wish him success in his work of preach- is equally important that there should be better accommodation for the public. Many

necessaries .- Ex.

If 1.500 people starved to death in New York, which seems exceedingly improbable, would they not have starved all the same if the champagne had not been drunk? The \$8,000,000 would have saved them if it had been applied to them, but had there been no champagne in America, they wouldn't have got the money. It would be just as rational to say that people starved while millions of dollars were spent on expensive churches, high-priced preachers and other luxuries. It is not because money is spent by the rich on this or that that the poor suffer from want, but because the scheme has not yet been devised which will keep progress and poverty from stalking side by side in such cities as New York. Trinity church corporation, alone, has wealth enough to make every pauper in the metropolis happy, if it were distributed, but like the money spent on champagne it seeks other outlets. Champagne is an unnecessary extravagance, it is true, but to saddle it with the star-Ald. BUSBY's advertising clause in their vation of 1,500 people is neither logical nor wise.

> It is possible that in some future age the law of nations and of common sense will be so amended that a thief will be considered a thief and be punished as such whereever he goes. Under the present system cases occasionally occur in which an undoubted thief becomes a hero simply because he is one side or the other of a parallel of latitude and there is some legal quibble about his arrest.

> In reply to a question by a member of parliament, Mr. SCHRIEBER states that passes on the Intercolonial are issued to editors of newspapers, ministers of provincial governments and railway men. So long as these limits are observed, there is not likely to be much abuse of the pass system.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

They Want Sample Rooms.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: Your article on 'Sample Rooms" is to the point. I should like to see something of the kind started here, and would give the scheme substantial support. In most towns or cities the hotel people supply

this want. Take Halifax, for instance. There a traveller pays \$2 per day, and a sample room is

oftener there than any place else.

The Nova Scotia judges had a regular common uncil row on the bench, the other day, and it was l about a question of judicial propriety.

Only two candidates for the mayoralty in the field o far. Come, gentlemen, this won't do. Bring along your applicants for the \$1,600 salary.

Another sign of spring-George Moffatt gave an organ recital at Chaloner's corner last Tuesday. It will soon be time for Chief Kerr's buttonhole bouquet.

It may be possible for the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick to sit down on Past Grand Chaplain Macdougall, but it can't flatten him out worth a

The "Behring Sea question" continues to be discussed by the American papers, though it isn't of half as much general interest as the seeing beer question

The announcement that Whittier has received \$1,000 for his last poem is likely to encourage poets, and a new set of pigeon-holes may be required in PROGRESS office.

season so far advanced that this was a pretty green country. He has found that the people are not so green as they look.

"Before leaving St. John Marshall Cameron called for the bill and settled it," says the Charlottetown Patriot. Yes, his own bill, but he did not settle that of Mrs. Weeks. She paid for herself.

So the question of lighting the city by electricity is settled at last. If the council had accepted the Calkin tender at the outset, the work of fitting up yould have been well advanced by this time.

A Nova Scotian claims that a small seed left between the pages of a closed book has grown to a than the quartette, "Their sun shall never go down." plant. There must have been some dirt there, for it to take root. Perhaps the book was a modern realistic novel.

PERTINENT PERSONALS.

Mr. Bliss Carman has been appointed to a position on the staff of the New York Independent. While Mr. Carman is to be congratulated, as also is the Independent, for men of his calibre are not to be had wholesale or for the asking, and moreover, in securing his services, it does much to increase its interest for Canadians. Mr. Carman's position is that formerly occupied by the late John Eliot Bowen, whose lamented death, a few weeks ago, was a severe blow to American letters. Mr. Bowen was a man of deep learning and fine ability, well known as the translator of the poems of Carmen

QUATRAINS.

This One Thing. Who seeks one thing in life, That one thing will attain; But who divides his strife, Will seek all things in vain.

Praise. Shun thou men's praise; 'twill blind thy heart, All thy faults blot,

And soon persuade thee that thou art What thou art not.

> Service. "Credo" will never meet

Our Master's last demand. If idle be the feet And unemployed the hand. Aim High and Claim Much.

Too low he aims that aims not At all his soul can know; Too little he claims that claims not

SEND FOR CATALOGUE.

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

How many things there are going on in the musical portion of St. John, even if it is Lent. The band oncert (which I cannot notice this week) and the organ recital and sacred concert in the Leinster street Baptist church, which I attended, as a matter of course. I must say I have heard better concerts. but then I also have heard worse, and I fancy one always has to take the bitter with the sweet in this class of entertainment as well as in every other. I enjoyed Mr. Ford's part in the concert very much. Especially fine was his rendering of Handel's 'Cuckoo and Nightingale'' concerto, which he gave by request. Another number which "took my youthful fancy," was the "Andantino," by Schubert. I was rather amused, in one of the effective pauses, to hear a young lady exclaim, "Oh, dear, what a pity he has lost his place.'

Miss Fowler seemed to be very nervous when she began her solo, "The King of Love," and on that account did not follow her music very closely at Detective Grose appears to have thought the first, but gained confidence as she proceeded. I did not like the "Prayer of the Wanderer" at all.

Mr. Daniel gave "Nazareth," and sang it fairly vell. I fancy he had a cold, for I could not catch the words as distinctly as usual. I suppose it really don't make a great deal of difference, but is a Christmas song quite appropriate for the beginning of Lent? I recognize the fact that the Baptist peo ple do not observe the latter season, but still it did not seem quite the thing to hear "Nazareth" this time of year.

Miss Hitchens sang a pretty song by Cowen, "The Angel Came," but I could not make out the words of it, and I never heard anything more out of tune The solo from the Stabat Mater was taken by Miss Hancock, who has a very sweet and true voice, but it is not brilliant or intense enough for Rossin's music. Mrs. Dick and an invisible chorus sang "Tell me ye winged winds" and Mr. Fowler gave Fopliff's setting of "Consider the Lilies." I am

sorry to say he was rather out of tune in some parts of the song. Mr. Ford concluded the evening entertainment

with an "Offertoire" of his own, which I enjoyed heartily.

I hear some talk of the concert in connection with the Church of England Institute lecture course coming off soon. It will be sacred, of course. Looking over some old papers I came across this little copy of verses, written to teach correct pronunciation.

("There was a composer named A iber Who seldom was sombre or sauber, Yet he still held alouffe From the opera Bouffe, And he lived past life's golden Octauber.

The noble composer named Frauz, Did his best German songs to enhauz; He now lives in Halle Way down in a valle As old age begins to advanz.

The Danish musician named Gade Though aged, is rugged and hade; Much tune he reviels, And his first name is Neils, In his teaching he never is tade.

The ancient composer named Lulli, Knocked all the old Frenchmen quite sulli, They called him Baptiste, Which name I insiste, Does not sound as English as "Bulli."

If my friend Mr. C. Sharp had taken the trouble to read just what I said regarding the composition of "Jerusalem," he could have saved his time and not wasted the valuable space he did, in writing such a lot of nonsense about three-four and six-eight time being used in church music. I wrote that I thought a sacred song with a refrain in waltz or six-eight time (such as one hears in every little drawing room ballad like "Going to Market," or "Dream Faces") decidedly out of place in a church, but I also added "that there were some very beautiful songs written in that time, but that in my opinion 'Jerusalem' was not one of them." I don't think that anyone but my brilliant opponent C. Sharp would have written in the way he did last week, and I am sorry for his poor taste in thinking that Henry Parker, who is a good enough composer in his way, could give the public a song that would compare favourably with one by the writer of that greatest of modern operas, Faust. I admit that Gounod's later songs are not up to the high street.

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standard of his first compositions, but "Nazereth," written during his residence in London, is acknow. ledged to be one of his best songs; and when one pretends to say that Henry Parker has written some thing that equals it, well it sounds rather ridiculous, to say the least of it. As for C Sharp's remarks about tempo, who but himself would think of turning "How lovely are the messengers," (the part of the Sinfonia of the "Lobegesang" he quotes into a waltz. One might as well say : "Do not admit twofour time into church music because it is used in a polka," but a polka tempo is somewhat different from that generally used in a two-four tempo for a hymn tune. Does C. Sharp recognize any devotional spirit in the music? or is all three-four time a waltz to him? If so what an instructive sight it would be to see him trying to dance a waltz to the "Let us break their bonds asunder" chorus in the Messiah, which is written in three-four tempo.

I again say that I consider "Jerusalem" a common place song with a refrain strongly reminding one of one of the above named class of ballads, good enough in their way, but unfit for church use. And further more I can quote over a dozen airias and choruses from the Creation, Judas Maccabeus, Seasons, Messiah, etc., in the six-eight and threefour tempo, but I cannot say that one of them would make me think of a waltz or "Jerusalem."

I am sorry that I have not a programme to prove what I said about hearing the four different organists play "Cataline." It is unfortunate for me, but by next week I expect to be able to publish the different marks for expression, etc., that occur in the score, and if I have been wrong I am quite ready to acknowledge it.

The long room of the Mechanics' Institute has been secured by the committee of management of Dorothy for holding their rehearsals in. Quite a number braved the storm Thursday evening, a week ago, to attend the first practice there.

I understand that after this week the Dorothy people intend taking Thursday evening for their chorus practice.

Monday evening, 10th March, the Oratorio society holds its annual meeting. The society has invested in a square piano for its own use.

A lengthy and very good programme was carried out by the Choral club, at its last musical evening, which was held at Mrs. Chas. Macdonald's, King street, East, on Tuesday last. - Mozart and Wagner were the composers represented. Mr. Lindsay read an e-say on the first-named writer, and Mr. Alfred Porter took the latter for his subject. Both readings were listened to with much pleasure. I will merely give the programme, as people outside would scarcely take the interest I do in this excellent club :

cellent club : Bridal chorus, from "Lohengrin"..... Duet, from "Don Giovanni"..... Mrs. Gandy and Mr. Davis Male quartette—"Pilgrim's Chant".....Tannhauser Sonata Mozart......Miss Chant".....Miss E. Goddard Air—"Marriage of Figaro".....Miss Henderson Ladies' chorus, from "Marriage of Figaro"... Fowler' song—"Magic Flute".....Mr. Cruikshank March—"Tannhauser"......Philharmonic club Duet—"Marriage of Figaro"...... Mrs. Girvan and Mrs. Jardine Minuet—"Don Giovanni".....Mr. Percy Bourne Duet—"Magic Flute"......

Mrs. Chas. Macdonald, Miss Hea, Mr. A. M. Smith and Mr. Alfred Porter were the committee for Tuesday evening. I forgot to say that the first part of the evening was filled in by practising the cantata by Farmer, Christ and His Soldiers. The Choral club will hold its next meeting at Miss Lizzie Smith's, Elliott Row, March 18th, the committee is Mrs. Thomas Patton, Miss Smith, Miss Goddard, Mr. George Ewing and Mr. Fred Smith. Mr. Bourne will act as chairman and the music will be all French.

Sylva.

All that God will bestow.

Unrecognized.

How many a deed that's lost among the years, How many a word to which no praise was given. How many a song that pleases not our ears Is written in the golden roll of Heaven!

Fate Conquered.

When adverse Fate's last blow Is spent, and we still live, Her stores she'll open throw, And all we ask for give. MATTHEW RICHEY KNIGHT. Benton, N. B.

The Philharmonic club has added Miss Helen Furlong to its number. This little lady, although very young, plays her second violin with quite an

amount of skill and taste.

Why don't the members of the Philharmonic club try Grieg's dainty melody in G, entitled "Spring?" They would find it worth the trouble of learning. I would also like to hear them play Becthoven's "Turkish Dance," which is very effective on an TARBET. orchestra.

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