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G. G. MARTIN AND THE BICYCLISTS.

To the Editor of The Planet:

As there seems to be some misapprehension among many of my supporters as to my position regarding granting concessions to bicyclists to use the sidewalks, I beg to arise to explain. I said in my address to the electors that any concession I would support would be "stringent." And I say here and now that I shall support no by-law granting the privileges of the sidewalks to bicyclists unless the absolute security of the citizens is conserved and protected, and especially that of aged men, women and children. Personally, I would not allow a bicyclist upon the sidewalks under any conditions, but I do not wish to pit my own little opinion and prejudice against hundreds of good, worthy, estimable citizens—male and female—who are of a different opinion, and whose use of the bicycle has become just as much a necessity to them as horses and carriages are to those in better circumstances. The bicycle is the handy horse of the busy business man, mechanic, shop girl and laborer, and sure some consideration must be given to these worthy people who contribute to the taxes and wealth of the city. The bicycle business has gone through a greater evolution than the present horse from his five-toed ancestor. First, it was a fad enjoyed by the upper 400 at great expense. Then, like all fashions and fads, it percolated down to colored and white servants and washerwomen and even squaws and the heathen Chinee, and especially young children. The glamour of the fashion and fad soon died away, and the broken down bicycle seeds were never replaced by any of the classes just mentioned. But the iron horse was not fated to die. An army of mechanics, laborers and girls, and in many business and professional men, have long distances to travel to their work, discovered in this dumb, speedy little machine a veritable friend and necessity, and as a fact, the bicycle is now almost as fast as a horse. Take three years ago in Chatham, and you would see on King street in the parks twenty-five machines for every one seen this summer. Why? Just because the fad having died a natural death—replaced in place—the bicycle is now used only by those grown up and healthy, sensible people, who really need it and use it as their rich neighbors do their horses. Now that the little Tommy-foot scorcher are either sold or out of commission, why not give the present users of this useful little swift dog a chance? Now, as there will be no misunderstanding as to my position, I shall define it here: I am willing to fairly hear and candidly discuss a proposition in favor of the bicyclists on these lines, viz., every bicyclist allowed any sidewalk privileges to be out a yearly license of say \$5.00, to have a good sized glass lamp in front of his machine, with its number in large figures painted on the lamp; the lamp to be lighted after dark; the bicyclist to dismount and stand upon meeting more than two persons; to dismount while passing any two pedestrians; to be heavily fined and lose license permanently upon the first infringement of the by-law. I would advocate the retention of all license fees of bicyclists in a fund to be used for future use for sidewalks or other wise for their benefit as to street improvements. All bicycles to be registered according to number and name of owner in the city clerk's office. Now, there is no use conjuring up big lions and tigers in the path of such a by-law. It is time enough to shake hands with the devil and bid him a happy New Year when you meet him. The bicyclists will be no on their good behavior. In no case will they be allowed in the business portions of King street. If the bicyclists carried on for one day the way they did two or three years ago, I would advocate sending all the fools and their wives many—to penitentiary for life, rather than grant them extra conditions. But things have vastly changed since and I am simply willing to give them a fair and candid hearing and unless the safety of our people is assured, I shall not assist granting any concessions whatever.

GEO. G. MARTIN.

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MOST DEFECTS

Professor MacDonald Gives out Some Scientific Points on 'Child Study to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Arthur MacDonald, specialist in the United States Bureau of Education, has submitted to Congress "a plan for the study of man," in view of bills pending, to establish a laboratory for the study of the pauper, criminal, and defective classes. Such bills have been introduced by Senators Hoar, Nelson, Bacon, McComas, Quay, Penrose, Money, and Representative Henry of Connecticut.

The general purpose of these bills is a sociological and scientific study of the abnormal classes. The word "laboratory" is used not only as including the use of instruments of precision, but the gathering of sociological data, especially as found in institutions for the abnormal classes; an investigation of anarchistic criminals, mob influence and the like phenomena. The causes of social evils are to be sought out, with a view to lessening or preventing them.

STUDIED FOR YEARS. Professor MacDonald has for years made a study of abnormal conditions. He has invented several instruments with which experiments have been conducted upon children in the public schools.

In advancing suggestions Professor MacDonald says:—"It would be important to find what physical and mental characteristics are common to criminal children, and whether such characteristics are due more to the child's nature or to his environment. Only thorough and patient study of large numbers of children can answer such questions. It is generally believed, but not proved, that crime is mostly due to surroundings; if this can be determined, then there is great hope of lessening it, for it is much easier to change the surroundings of a child than to change its nature."

ABOUT CHILD NATURE. "It would be desirable to find what physical and mental traits are common to unruly school children and children in reformatories. If there is nothing peculiar as compared with children in general, this is important to know. In like manner it would be interesting to know what characteristics, if any, are in common between the feeble-minded in our institutions and dull children in our

schools. The time has come when it is important to study a child with as much exactness as we investigate the chemical elements of atoms, or measure the mountains on the moon."

Professor MacDonald submits conclusions reached after a study of 20,000 Washington school children. As citizens of this city come from all sections of the United States, Professor MacDonald thinks his results have a general application to the country as a whole. Some of the points determined by this investigation are:

GIRLS ARE BRIGHTER. All boys and girls show the same percentage of brightness, but the girls have 5 per cent. less dullness, and so in general may be a little brighter than the boys, but this may be due to the fact that girls reach maturity sooner than boys.

Boys and girls of American parentage are brighter than children of foreign parentage, and children of foreign and American parentage. Children of professional and mercantile classes are superior to those of laboring classes.

Boys of nonlaboring classes show a much higher per cent. of sickness and nervousness than boys of the laboring classes.

Boys are much more lazy than girls, and dull boys have the highest percentage of laziness.

BOYS ARE MORE EXPOSED. Boys in general show a much higher per cent. of defects than girls," Professor MacDonald declares. "Many reasons might be given, but it may be said that boys are exposed to more danger from accident and to more temptations than girls. The belief that boys are in other forms, thus in prison and reformatories there are four or five of the male sex to one of the female sex. But it would seem that when there are defects in the female they are more significant and serious than in the male. Children of American born parents are taller and heavier than those of other nationalities. One reason for this may be that American children are better adapted by heredity, and education to their own country. This want of adaptability is illustrated by the fact that foreigners in a new country generally commit more crime relative to their number than natives."

GROWTH DEGENERATES. "It would seem that first-born children excel later born children in height and weight. This may be due to the great vigor of the mother at the birth of the first child. As a rule, the first child is born at an advanced age, and the mother of the last twenty 30 per cent. were the younger sons."

"In England it was found that growth degenerates as we go lower in the social scale, there being a difference of even five inches in height between the best and worst families in the community."

"An investigation of 10,000 children in Switzerland showed that children born in summer are taller for their age than those born in winter."

In mentioning physical peculiarities of children Professor MacDonald says: "Recent investigation tends to show that right-handedness is natural, and that left-handedness is a defect. It increases with growth, also that left-handedness is a defect, more right-handed than the others. It is a general opinion that criminals have not only more left-handed people among them, but they are also more expert with both hands than people in general."

PARENTS CREATE FEARS. "A study of American children shows that fears are those of lightning, thunder, reptiles, strangers, the dark, death, domestic animals, disease, wild animals, water, ghosts, insects, rats, etc. In an eastern state, none was afraid of high winds, but in the West this was one of the main things to dread. In a certain state forty-six children were in fear of being burned alive. A majority of the children dread ghosts."

"It would seem that fear is the real cause of most blushing, which is perhaps a relic of ancient sex fear. There is little conformity in the way children blush. Girls blush much more than boys and when they become women this tendency remains later in life than with men."

"Conscience does not seem to be very powerful in children before the age of ten. Proaching or advice unsought, for does not seem to do much good, while suggestion does."

"The influence of companions is greatest between the ages of ten and fifteen. This influence is next to that of home."

Theatrical

GRAND DAUGHTER OF A KING.

Local theatre-goers will have an opportunity of seeing how well the grand-daughter of a king can act when the revival of "Caste" is presented in this city at the Grand Opera House, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. The lady of the noble ancestry is the Countess de Castelvachio, whose father, Count de Castelvachio, was the son of Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland. Louis, it will be remembered, was a brother of the illustrious Napoleon. So much interest has always been manifested in anything pertaining to the great Emperor that there will undoubtedly be a wide-spread curiosity to see his grand-niece, the Countess de Castelvachio, when she appears in this city. She will play the role of the Marquise in the revival of "Caste." The drunken old father will be impersonated by that prince of character comedians, Robert V. Ferguson, who has shared the honors with Katheryn Kidder last Spring in the revival of "The Country Girl." Mary Scott, the beautiful Californian actress, will play Esther.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:
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Yours truly,
A. J. DOLSEN.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for the office of commissioner for your division and trust that my actions in the council in the past has met with your approval, therefore I respectfully ask your vote and influence on election day, and if elected will do my utmost to further the best interests of the County. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain,
Yours,
JAMES CHINNICK.

TO THE ELECTORS OF RALEIGH AND DOVER.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for County Councillor in your division, and as it is impossible for me to call on every one, I take this means to reach you and ask you for your vote and influence. If elected will look after your interests to the best of my ability. Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year, I am,
Yours truly,
S. L. WELLWOOD.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DOVER.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for the office of councillor for the Township of Dover, for the year 1903. Therefore, I respectfully ask your vote and influence on election day; and if elected, will do my utmost to further the best interests of the township.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hoping you may see many of them, I remain,
Yours truly,
GEORGE KING.

TO THE ELECTORS OF DISTRICT NO. 3.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I have entered the contest for commissioner, and if my past service in municipal work has met with your approval I would solicit your vote and influence.
Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am,
Yours truly,
THOS. HAYS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF RALEIGH.
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for the Reeve-ship for the ensuing year and re-

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