

on the streets of New York who is not an adherent of the Tammany Democracy.

This is all wrong. For rapid transit, for school buildings and teachers, for police and street cleaning it does not matter what State or National party a man may favor.

In this view the new Citizen's Movement in New York is one of great interest. It is too early to say how wisely it will be conducted, or what will be the outcome. But the spirit and purpose of the movement is one that all good men must approve, to manage local matters on the simple basis of justice and right, for the highest good of the local population without regard to partisan combinations in State or Na-

tion. The New York *Herald* well says in a recent issue:

"Let the men whose brain and brawn have made New York govern New York. That will be an immense step toward the good—more to be desired than a census ten times as large. Bigger bigness is of no value—rather undesirable than otherwise—unless it comes with culture, probity and patriotism. And now that we have made New York the second city of the world in point of size let us make it the first in point of civic virtue. We must no longer be ruled by graduates of the Tombs and nurselings of the grog-shop. We want sheriffs who can keep out of jail, aldermen who can avoid Sing Sing, rulers who can read and write. Wall street must be disinfected from the atmosphere of roguery which has long blighted it. We must have homes for the poor, faithful labor for honest hands, churches which are places of devotion, not ecclesiastical club houses, and, more than all, simplicity and sincerity of conduct, upon which alone rest the foundations of true society.

"Babylon, Athens, Rome, Venice, Paris, London, New York—New York, the latest and perhaps the greatest of all in that proud catalogue of human effort and achievement. Truly we have builded a great city. Now let us see if we cannot make it a good city."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Summer Supplies.

"Who is going to supply during our pastor's vacation?" "I wish we could get Dr. —." "So do I, but then he never preaches for less than \$40 a Sunday and we cannot give more than \$10 or \$15." "Well, I don't suppose we can blame him. The souls of rich people are as important as those of poor people; \$15 sermons don't have the flavor of those that cost twice and three times as much, and flavor now-a-days is everything." "That is true, and I have no doubt we shall get just as much Gospel, but then it would be rather pleasant to hear a famous man once in a while."

And so on in the thousand little communities that find temptation in hot weather even a little more trying than in the winter, and look longingly for the help that comes from the sturdy preachers of our larger churches. It is one of those things that every man must decide for himself; but, brother, with a good salary and a large church, do you think that after all you would lose very much if you should decline the invitation to the — Avenue Church next Sunday and delight the hearts of the — ville people with one of those helpful discourses that have endeared you to the people in — Square? We know that large salaries always

imply large expenses, and even with your \$—000 a year you find it no easy task to make ends meet, but it will not take quite so much nerve force to preach to the smaller congregation and you will go back in the fall better fitted for your larger work. And, besides, the greater congregation gets the best the year round: suppose the lesser should receive a little of that best for once?

"Brother ministers, are we not in danger?" Said one of the most popular preachers in one of our larger cities, "next to the architects the ministers have the best job in the country." His life belied the harshness of his words, for it would be hard to find a more devoted pastor or one who strove more for the spiritual growth of his people. What he meant was that faithful ministers have their full share of the pecuniary blessing of life. Some out of a hard experience will differ from him, yet it is often urged by men of business that the men who lead in the pulpit have fully as sharp an eye to the "main chance" as any broker on "Change. We do not desire to condemn, but is it not possible that they find a fair support for their statement in the fact that with rare exception it is impossible for a small church to secure the services of a noted preacher, even when on his vacation?