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CITY GOVERNMENT AND PROGRESS

One of the critics of civic government by commission has said that all persons who advocate a commission believe that it would cure all the evils or shortcomings that are complained of. As some of the people who believe in government by commission—that is, by commissioners elected by the taxpayers just as the aldermen are now elected but with additional safeguards—reasonable beings, they do not expect that any mere change in the form of government would result in any miraculous transformation of civic conditions, or would prove to be a sort of patent medicine cure-all.

THE SCHOOL CITY

A plan has been worked out in New York for the organization of children in the public schools into a miniature municipality or "school city." The children were organized into a perfectly miniature municipality governed exactly like large cities with a mayor, aldermen, police, street cleaning and health departments. The officers were elected or appointed as they are in New York and they performed their duties under the rules of the several departments of the municipal government of the city. The plan not only involves the question of discipline and control within the school, and of keeping school buildings and grounds in sanitary condition, but is of the greatest value in teaching by doing the duties of citizenship.

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THE SCHOOL AND CITIZENSHIP

A traveler reports that he noticed a sign in China indicating that English would be taught there up to the letter G. This may suffice in China, but for full-fledged Canadian citizenship it is necessary to carry the children beyond that stage—to teach them the three R's, not as an end in itself, but as a means of expression in the wide art of life. There is something very quieting in the excesses witnessed in this city at the ushering in of the new year, not so much in the fact of excess as in the form taken by the surplus energy of the crowd. Wanton destruction of property is always depressing, and particularly so when it is undertaken without any special grievance to redress or any wrong to right—simply at the sight of means to do ill deeds. No city can afford to have any portion of its population in circumstances that tend to barbarism. The ancients regarded even the play of the people as educative: "The spirit of law must be imparted to them in their play," said Plato, "and the spirit of order instead of disorder will attend them in all their actions, and make them grow, and if they are any part of the state which has fallen down, will raise that up again."

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FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE A UNION UPON PARCHEMENT By Daniel O'Connell

I WILL never be guilty of the crime of despairing of my country. And today, after two centuries of suffering, here I stand amidst you in this hall, repeating the same complaints, demanding the same justice which was claimed by our fathers; but no longer with the humble voice of the suppliant, but with the sentiment of our force and the conviction that Ireland will henceforth find means to do, without you, what you shall have refused to do for her. I make no compromise with you; I want the same rights for us that you enjoy; the same municipal system for Ireland as for England and Scotland. Otherwise, what is a union with you? A union upon parchment! Well, we will tear this parchment to pieces and the empire will be sundered.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS To the Editor of The Telegraph. Sir,—I have read with great interest the letter from Appreciator in today's issue entitled Music in St. John. I am the Methodist minister in Oranmore, and I can endorse from my experience all Appreciator says.

A NEW COMPANY. Arthur H. Hilyard of Dalhousie, George A. Hilyard of St. John, Gilbert G. Murdoch of St. John, and W. H. Harrison and J. A. Powell solicitors, are applying for incorporation as the Hilyard Dock and Construction Company, Ltd., with capital of \$250,000.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher The housewife, tired of the beastly grind, turned loose some thoughts that were in her mind, when her husband came from his toil at night; she said the world didn't use her right. "I'm MONOT- always doing the same old chores, I'm always sweeping the same old floors, I'm always washing the same old frocks, and darning holes in the same old socks. I'm sick and tired of this wretched life! There is no joy for a poor man's wife!" The wife of the rich man sighed and said: "Gee whiz! A dame might as well be dead! I'm always doing my social chores, I'm always wearing by stately bores; I'm always choosing the proper gown, I'm always motoring through the town! I'm always doing the same old things! I wish, I wish I had ten-foot wings! I'd fly away to some lowly cot, and do a stunt with a coffee-pot!" We all grow tired of the work we do, and sigh and rant till the air is blue. But it does no good, and it takes no hay, and the wise man chases such troubles away. The world improves with each passing year, because each man in his little sphere, takes off his jacket and grins and sings, and keeps on doing the same old things.

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