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What the Languer Hears Other People Talking About and His Views on Things in General.

Sir Thomas Gratton Emond, a young Irish M. P., lectured in St. John on Home Rule for Ireland on Saturday last. Home Rule, as proposed by Mr. Gladstone, might prove a blessing for Ireland and again it might not. Sir Thomas has a perfect right to favor it if he pleases, and others have an equal right to oppose it. Ours is a free country—a country in which all have equal rights, and while there is much of treason and sedition in the talk of the exponents of home rule, even while conducting what is called a constitutional agitation for home rule, the opponents of home rule do not object.

The time has arrived however for Canadians to put both feet down and say we will have no more of this home rule agitation in our politics. It is not in the interests of either the peace or good government of Canada for the electors to allow the question of home rule to be introduced either into Parliament or election contests. The question is for the people of Great Britain and Ireland to settle and that without the assistance of Canadians. We have far too many important concerns of our own to settle to attempt to settle the question of home rule as well. I feel that I am justified in saying that outside the pale of Roman Catholic churches there is not a corporal guard of Canadians who are in favor of home rule for Ireland. I am aware that the Canadian Parliament of Canada has on more than one occasion passed votes favoring home rule, but these votes count for nothing. Many of those who voted in parliament for home rule did so with a view of making themselves "solid" with the Irish Catholics in their constituencies, and not because they believed what the resolutions made them say they believed. It is a fact that the Roman Catholic vote is usually thrown solidly on one side. In nearly every constituency in this broad dominion of ours the protestant vote is about equally divided between the two great political parties. Outside of Quebec this is not the case with the Catholic vote. In nine out of ten constituencies the Catholic vote is a solid one. The result of this is that politicians are apt to sink their own opinions and with them their self-respect as well to secure the Catholic vote. A minority by voting solidly is thus able to influence the voice of parliament.

The absurdity of introducing the Irish home rule question into Canadian politics was shown very clearly in the Queens election. A small section of the people of several gentlemen from St. John, had the effect of reversing the figures of last year. The facts are that this district in 1887 gave a majority for Mr. Baird, while in the late election, Mr. King got the majority. The people were told that the conservative party were opposed in Canada as in England to home rule for Ireland, and consequently they cast their votes against the conservative candidate. They voted in favor of home rule or thought they did. Home rule for Ireland is of more consequence to them than good laws well administered in Canada. It should be otherwise. Plainly their first duty is to the country of their adoption, and next to the land of their nativity. I earnestly hope that in future we will have none of this importuning of issues that have no business here. I hope also that we will have an end of the religious questions in politics. The people should not ask the question what a man's religion is, but what kind of a man. It is found that he is not the right man for the place throw him up and select another who is suitable. There are persons who think a man's religion disqualifies him for some important post. This is rubbish. If the man is a man, his religion, no matter to what sect he may belong will make him a better man. But, if on the contrary, he be a narrow minded, bigoted individual, religion will tend to further contract his views, and to increase his bigotry. Honesty among office holders is what we most need, and this is not to be secured by selecting men to fill posts because they are this, that or the other in religion. It is to be secured by employing the selection of the best possible man. Even though he were a Buddhist or a Hottentot.

The Queens County election is over, and Mr. Baird will retain his seat. No bye election in this province in some years has attracted such wide-spread interest as that held last Wednesday in Queens. Mr. Baird had been rather harshly dealt with by the liberal newspapers for holding the seat during the last session of parliament, but the majority of the people of the county seems to be satisfied with him as a representative. At all events he has been re-elected, and in the ordinary course of events will represent the county during the continuance of the present party. Although the campaign has not been a long one, it has been exceedingly bitter, and any amount of hard language has been used. The defeated candidate, Mr. King, is an active, energetic man who, previous to the last general election represented the county. He did not get enough votes to re-elect him, and as a natural consequence the conservative party are elated, inasmuch as Queens County has been a

liberal county ever since confederation. There were a good many people who thought the result would have been otherwise, but those who have watched the change of sentiment throughout the county foresee that Mr. King's defeat was inevitable.

FOR MUSICIANS.

Odd Items in the Musical Line From Different Parts of the Country.

The musical entertainment given by the members of St. Jude's Band of Mercy in Carleton on Friday evening of last week was repeated on Tuesday evening last, to a far larger audience than on the first occasion, and as a consequence the sum realized towards the erection of the drinking fountain in Carleton was considerably augmented. This affair was played by good as the first, and, if anything, better.

The concert given by the Fredericton Brass Band in the Celestial City on Thursday evening of last week was a pronounced success. The Band played four excellent selections, which were very highly spoken of by the critics present. Speaking of the performance of the Band the editor of the Capital, who is somewhat of a musician and considered a good critic, says: "The Band played the overture 'Rivalry' (Petts), a classic composition, exceedingly well. Mr. H. Williamson has developed much ability as a conductor, the Band responding sympathetically to his baton in time and in the piano and forte passages. Mr. W. Carvill, a young soloist, played a solo on the double bass very creditably. Mr. James Biggs played an alto-horn solo with much taste, and Mr. H. O'Neill displayed his musical skill in a brilliant cornet solo." The same writer speaks in glowing terms of the singing of St. John's two vocalists who assisted in the concert—Miss Coburn and Mr. Lantulum. Miss Coburn sang "The Last Rose of Summer," and "I Dreamt Elsie," the encore to the first piece being "Kathleen Mavourneen." Mr. Lantulum sang Mozart's "Who threads the path of Duty" responding to an encore in the "Three Fishers." He is described as "St. John's basso profundo." The other singers were Mrs. John Black, who sang "The Three Wishes," and Mr. W. Adams, in a character song, "The Drum Major." In the "Visions of Paradise" waltzes Mr. H. Williamson's cornet playing and the solos on the slide trombone by Mr. Risteen, baritone by Mr. Strickland, and euphonium by Mr. J. O'Brien were remarkably good. While praising Miss Coburn's singing, the Capital man indulged in a little criticism on her first piece in this line: "This young lady has a magnificent clear voice, and, properly cultivated, capable to enable the fortunate owner to rise to eminence as a vocalist; but her performance on this occasion (the first song) certainly was greatly marred by the preponderance of trills, grace, notes, turns, and the like. Her style was altogether too florid, and she made a great mistake in not strictly adhering to the music." Of the second piece, however, he says "she greatly excelled her previous efforts." By interpreting the music as written by the composer, and the avoidance of "overdoing" the solo, Miss Coburn gave unmistakable evidence that her popularity in St. John was well deserved. She will kindly bear in mind that she appeared before a kindly, yet critical and cultured audience, and we trust that our observations will have the effect intended, and will not be deemed unfriendly.

A pleasant entertainment was given in the school room of Leinster st. Baptist church on Tuesday evening. Besides several readings, etc., there was a chorus by the choir; solo by Miss Curry; duet by Miss Rogers and Miss Curry; quartette by Miss Wilson, Miss Vadenburg, Mr. Wm. Roberts and Mr. John Salmon.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of this city celebrated their tenth anniversary on Thursday evening in their rooms on Canterbury street. Besides refreshments there were musical exercises, readings, speeches, etc. The evening was very pleasantly spent. A collection was taken in aid of the fund for the relief of the poor.

Many people who attend large dinner parties, when called upon to speak or sing often remark that they "are too full for utterance," but those who attended the dinner given to the visiting curlers in the Victoria Hotel on Wednesday evening last could not say this of any one present. Whether the participants were "full" or not is a debatable question; but certain it is that they gave utterance (and plenty of it) in both speech and song. It would have done the hearts of some of our old Scotchmen good to have heard the merry ring of male voices at that assembly in Old Scotia's patriotic songs, those relating to the "roarin' game" being engaged in in a particularly hearty manner.

On Thursday evening there was a concert at the Lunatic Asylum for the edification of the inmates. Prof. Gubb, Mrs. G. H. Perley, Mrs. Carite, Miss Haliday, Messrs. Geo. Coster, John Wilson, and Geo. Cleveland took part. The principal feature of the entertainment was a selection from the "Bells of Corneville."

Popular Science.

A thread has been produced from the common nettle so fine that a length of sixty miles weighs only 2½ pounds.

German experiments have shown that cast-iron pillars remain nearly upright and sustain their load in very hot fires, while those of wrought iron bend to such a degree as to be valueless as supports.

An attempt to infuse new vigor into the degenerating potato by crossing the cultivated varieties with the wild plant has been for two or three seasons in progress at Reading, England, and has proven very successful thus far. The hybrid plants produce a good yield of tubers of excellent form and quality.

The old idea that sufferers from heart disease should avoid physical exertion has been dispelled by Prof. Oertel, who has successfully employed regulated exercise in the treatment of some forms. In a large proportion of cases, the nutrition of the cardiac muscle, as of the muscular system generally, is thus improved.

Wax a piece of buttonhole twist about 2½ feet long. Tie each end strongly to a small peg, and thrust the pegged-down crevice between the two ends of your southern or western window, stretching the silk tight as possible. It will surprise you with the sweetness and variety of the tones the wind will bring from it.

The Royal Society of London furnishes some interesting examples of the longevity of men distinguished for scientific work. The average age of the fourteen fellows who died during the year was seventy-five years, the youngest, Dr. Wilson Fox, being fifty-six, and the oldest, Admiral Denham and Dr. Richard Quain, being eighty-seven.

Attention has just been called in a scientific paper to two races of men that must soon become extinct. It is confidently predicted that at the present rate of decrease the Maoris of New Zealand, now reduced to less than 45,000 men, from 100,000 in Capt. Cook's days, must have disappeared by the year 2000. The Laplanders are estimated not to exceed 30,000 in numbers, and are gradually becoming fewer.

Literary Notes.

The Publishers' Weekly devotes its current number to a presentation of the question of International Copyright as regarded from many points of view.

Mr. William Evarist Benjamin, of 74 Broadway, New York, publishes a catalogue of rare and curious books, autographs and other literary bric-a-brac. The list is decidedly attractive.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie's book, *Triumph of Democracy*, has already reached its eighth edition in this country. Forty thousand copies of the cloth edition have been sold in England, and the Scribners have decided to bring out here also an edition in cloth, as well as another in paper.

The latest Independent contained an article by Maurice Thompson, entitled *Greek as a Fertilizer*. Mr. Thompson's advice to anyone who proposes to adopt a literary career is to master the Greek language. He says: "Read the Greek Masters not to imitate them, but to remember them as one remembers the mountains one has seen or the seas one has sailed over. Simple as a daisy, wide as the sky, strong as a storm, Greek poetry is an inexhaustible well-spring of suggestion to the fresh and vigorous imagination. It is the very flower of art."

Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co. have now ready *Early Adventures in Persia, Susiana and Babylonia*, by Sir Henry Layard, G. C. B. The work is in two volumes and has a colored frontispiece, illustrations and maps. The same firm have also ready an American Edition of Max Muller's latest book, *Biographies of the Heads of the House of Habsburg*. In the preface to this promising volume the author says: "Our words are not rough, unburnt stones, left at our door by a glacial moraine; they are blocks that have been brought to light by immense labor, that have been carved, shaped, measured, and weighed again and again, before they became what we find them to be. Our poets make poems out of words, but every word, if carefully examined, will turn out to be itself a petrified poem."

A Boston correspondent sends the Epoch the following: "One slang term drives out another, just as one species of animal will often destroy and abolish an inferior variety. From this point of view, it is matter for general congratulation that the word 'smart' in its new English application, seems destined to take the place of 'well.' The latter is a word so hideous, irrational and vulgar, that its use has always been deplored by lovers of good English. 'Smart,' however grotesque in its new application, is at least a southern term to begin with, a recognized adjective in good and regular standing. The word in its latest sense originated, I believe, in the 'smart' set in London, during the last season there, and was imported by returning Anglo-Americans early in the fall of 1887. It is already securely established in New York, and is not unknown in Boston. To attend all the smart parties, to know the smart people and belong to the smart set, is the latest expression of an old and never-dying ambition."

A sentimental writer says: "There is always something picturesque about an old mill." No doubt there is to the poetical mind, but to the prize fighter and the "fancy" there is something decidedly more interesting in the "mill" that is just about to come off.

A merry-looking fellow, who had evidently been keeping Christmas "not wisely but too well," was overheard singing the following somewhat inarticulate refrain:—

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