

Mr. Punch and the Lords.

Without profound insight into the political situation, "Punch" suggests a plan for adjusting the relations between the two Houses of Parliament so as to secure comfortable working. The plan is explained in an article by "A. A. M." who observes:

"Our reputation as a nation of sportsmen would be gone for ever if once our faith in the House of Lords as an impartial revising body were shattered. The urgent business before us now is that reform of the House of Commons to which more than one noble speaker in the Upper House has called attention."

To avoid deadlocks between the two Houses, Mr. Punch's remedy, "delightful in its simplicity," is this: Alter the composition of the House of Commons, so as to bring it into line with the House of Lords.

This "reformed and impartial" House of Commons, it is suggested, might be constituted thus:—The House of Commons should consist of 555 members; 250 to be nominated and 300 to be elected, together with five life members.

The nominated members should be chosen as follows:
 Elected by the House of Lords... 100
 Specially nominated by Lord Halsbury (counting four each on a Division)... 50
 Nominated by Lord Rothschild... 30
 Nominated by Lord Burton... 30
 Nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury... 20
 Nominated by Lords Curzon, Milner, and Cromer (six each)... 18
 Nominated by Lord Rosebery... 1
 Nominated by Lord Crewe... 1

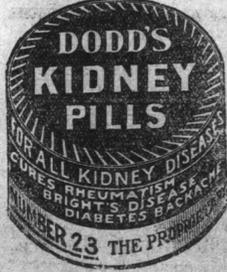
These 250 impartial members should sit in the House of Commons for a period of 20 years—that is to say, for two Parliaments. Every ten years 200 members will be elected as follows:—

One hundred specially qualified members, commanding the confidence of the country, will be elected by the House of Commons. These will be chosen from:—
 (a) Municipal Reform aldermen.
 (b) Defeated Unionist candidates.
 (c) The Stock Exchange.
 (d) The Trade.
 (e) Brighton.

Two hundred will be elected by the constituencies in the ordinary way, a Redistribution Bill having first been passed by the House of Lords, by which England will be divided into 197 constituencies—Scotland, Ireland and Wales returning one member a piece.

Five Life Members will be chosen by some high and impartial authority (e.g., the Duke of Norfolk). These would be moderate and independent men, belonging to no party. The first five might be:—

The Editor of the "Times."
 The Secretary of the Navy League.
 The Secretary of the National Service League.
 The Secretary of the Property Defence League.
 Lord Torphichen (if he'll be good).
 "We venture to say," adds Mr. Punch, "that a House of Commons constituted on these lines would receive the approbation of all right thinking men in the country. It would also act in harmony with the House of Lords—that House which for its impartiality is the pride of every true sportsman in Britain and the admiration of the whole world. Were the House constituted thus, there would be no putting party before country; indeed, no considerations of party at all."



New Rifle Range.

During the past two weeks work on the new rifle range being erected on the South Side Hill has been rapidly progressing, the two concrete walls near the targets being almost finished. It was difficult to get materials up over the hill, and a good deal of blasting had to be done to get the work through. The targets will be of the most modern make and will disappear in a trench instead of running transversely as in the old range. Many more can shoot together than at the old butts, and there should be a big increase of members in the Rifle Club as a result of the erection of this new range.

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SHANNAHAN ON POPULARITY AND SNOBOCRACY.

Popularity—being popular is, I think, the strangest thing in the world. No one can buy it. For you will see men who never gave a cent away in their lives basking in the sunshine of popularity. You'll meet a man, a perfect stranger to you, and you immediately feel a liking for him, while on the other hand you come in contact with another whom you dislike at the start. Why it is so you know not. If you were asked the reason you could not give it.

Having a nice smooth way of your own, giving soft, slippery talk, inquiring about the health of one's great grandmother, is not the key to popularity. You may get as far as to be called a nice man, but to reach the summit of popularity, the balloon of soft talk cannot always be depended upon. Acting fair and square towards your neighbor does not always do the trick, for we often see the dodger walking ahead of the upright man in the procession of life. Being industrious and minding your own business is not always the bait to tempt the crowd to stop up all night to cheer you to the echo. On the contrary, you will often find the man who minds his own business left to mind it. No one disturbs him and no one approaches him to chip in to drive down to the races or to splash for a trout excursion. We see men who work and drag all the days of their life, and go to church on Sunday. They have the name of having money and they are talked about as being selfish. But it is not their fault, that is the way they were built. They had nothing to do in shaping their manners. They were born as they are, and have to remain so. But they are not popular, and never will be, and would lose all the money they ever made in trying to be elected for the Municipal Council. Take the man who you see heading the poll for years and years. Ask yourself what there is about him that makes him so popular. No doubt he is a first rate man, but there are others just as good, just as smart and intelligent. You look and look for the reason, but you fail to find it. Nevertheless there is something about him that you cannot explain. Some great writers say that everyone can make himself or herself popular, and if

Shannahan were to even express a doubt, regarding this contention, he would be looked upon as a cheeky old man. Nevertheless after my long experience in this valley of bog and holes I must say that popularity is to me a stunner. As the niggers say, "I gab it up."

But now I come to the man who has gained popularity in our own town and who is so foolish as to imagine that he can hold it without a struggle. You get no renewal of the lease of popularity, and once you lose the confidence of your friends, the confidence, mind you, that they placed in you, you may be treated leniently by them, but get a renewal of that genuine, whole-souled confidence—never while grass grows and water runs.

Therefore it is well for us all to remember that there is such a thing as losing popularity. If we are on the "high horse" we should remember that there are good men who have to travel on foot. If we see them trudging along the road of life foot-sore and weary, we should be ready to give them a lift over the stile, for this is a strange old world and we never know when we may require a push ourselves.

In this little small community of ours there is too much drawing of the line—too much of the snobocracy. His Excellency the Governor set a pace for the snobs of this town when he threw open the doors of Government House the other day to the people. That was the greatest kick in the ribs that snobocracy ever got in this town, and that was one of the acts, that and the interview Tucker and myself had with him, that will make the name of Governor Williams a household word and one to be respected not in an official manner, but in that whole-souled fashion which makes life worth living, for Governors cannot live barred up in state, and a whole-souled Governor, one of the people, delights in being beloved in the good old fashioned way by the people.

Thanks be God the day of bowing and scraping is fast disappearing in Newfoundland and the time is approaching when a man will be recognized as a man—simply that and nothing more.

TIM SHANNAHAN.

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CAPE REPORT.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-Day.
 Wind west, light, weather dull and cold. The S. S. Kamford passed in at 6 a.m.; a barq., two three-masted schrs. were off Cape Ballard the same time bound in; the barq. is probably the Devonian sighted here yesterday. Bar. 29.30; ther. 34.

Pearson's Fresh Air Fund.

Editor Evening Telegram.
 Dear Sir,—Will you permit me to ask your readers to help me in the Fresh Air Fund, which exists for the purpose of giving the children, from the worst slums of the great cities of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, holidays in the country. Last year as the result of special appeals in my own newspapers and periodicals, and of kindly assistance given to the F. A. F. by Editors and owners of other papers in placing such an appeal as this before their readers, the F. A. F. was enabled to send no fewer than two hundred and thirty-six thousand two hundred waifs away from the slums of our big towns and cities for a day's pure air and sunshine in the country, where there needy little guests were given two good meals and plenty of healthy and stimulating amusement.

The worst and most neglected cases—four thousand and fifty in number—were treated in a special division and were despatched to holiday homes and taken care of for a whole fortnight; and I cannot easily over-emphasise the importance of this departure of the Fresh Air Fund.

A unique feature of the Fresh Air Fund is that no charge whatever is made for expenses in connection with it. There are no salaries of officials, no rent has to be paid, none of the thousand and one expenses, such as printer's bills and postage stamps which eat up so large a proportion of the revenue of most charities, is charged against the amount subscribed to the Fresh Air Fund. The Journals with which I am connected defray the whole of these costs, and every penny received goes intact to the benefit of the poorest of poor children. Thus, if anybody sends us the sum of ninepence, he or she can be absolutely certain one little one will be rescued for a day at least, from the gloomy and grimy surroundings in which he ordinarily lives and moves, while a remittance of ten shillings ensures that a sick or half-starved mite will have a whole fortnight's holiday, attendance, relief and change. There is something peculiarly sad and poignant about the plight of the un-wanted and the unloved child of the slums, and I feel instinctively that I have but to summon up the image of its natural loneliness and unhappiness to make the hearts of your readers—who may have lost a little one, or have bright and healthy children of their own—beat very tenderly and generously in regard to the Fresh Air Fund. I remember, for instance, one of my workers telling me, how one day she visited an unsavoury district in the East End of London, taking with her a present for a little girl who had no parents and seemed to have no friends, but lived on sufferance with some relatives, picking up a precarious meal where and how she could.

Before handing over the present (it was a dress) she chanced to say to the little one, quite at random, "Now Madge, here is the gift I promised you, but tell me first what you would like best." The little one looked wistfully at her for a moment and then said very softly and very shyly: "I would like to sit on your knee for a minute and pretend that I was your little girl."

And there are practically 300,000 Madges in our slums to-day, waiting in much the same plight, with the same pathetic wistfulness and eagerness, for men and women they do not know to help the Fresh Air Fund secure them a day's sympathy and respite. I do therefore beg your readers to help the Fresh Air Fund with a subscription now and at once; and further to interest their own children in so humane and satisfying a social service to others, and persuade them also to become little Fresh Air Missionaries. The address of the Honorary Secretary of the Fresh Air Fund is 23 St. Bride Street, London, E.C.

I am, dear Sir,
 Yours faithfully,
 C. ARTHUR PEARSON.
 23 St. Bride Street, London, E. C.

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NINE FOR DRUNKENNESS.—The police made nine arrests for drunkenness Saturday night. Six were released Sunday morning on making a deposit of one dollar.

HIS FLESH IS HORRIBLY BURN'T.—His druggist sold a cheap, acid corn cure; what he should have bought was Putnam's Corn Extractor; it's purely vegetable, and acts in 24 hours. Insist on only "Putnam's."

LAI'D TO REST.—The funeral of the late Miss Margaret Daly took place from the residence of Mr. Fred Burnham at 2.30 p.m. to-day and was largely attended.

PAINTERS FOR GRAND FALLS.—Four painters went out to Grand Falls by the express yesterday to engage at the work of painting 32 houses for the A. N. D. Co. They have a whole summer's work.

HONORARY MEMBER.—At a recent meeting of the C. E. T. S. Sir E. P. Morris was unanimously elected an honorary member of the newly-formed club. This is done in recognition of the valuable services that the Premier has done for the C. E. T. S.

AT SYNOD HALL.—The C. E. T. S. are reminded of the meeting in the Synod Hall this evening.