THE WORLD'S LETTER BAG.

A Music Hall For Toronto.

Editor World: The thanks of our citizens are due you for your editorial on the above in The World of this morning.

Thousands of our citizens never have a chance to hear the best concerts given here, being completely shut out by the high prices which have to be charged to make any musical enterprise on a large scale pay expenses, especially in case an orchestra and large chorus such as the Philharmonic have to provide, when such works as "Redemption" are produced before the public. I have tried over and over again to interest our mayors and members of the corporation in the cause of a music hall for the people, but beyond expressions of sympathy nothing has come of it. Why should not our workingmen and their families be enabled to come within the influence of good music and every other refining agency and why should they not be able to listen to such artists as Albani? The only chance afforded for thousands at one time to hear the great oratorios here was at the last musical festival, and the immense audience attending was proof positive that the masses will respond when they are taken into account. On that occasion the largest building in the city was used, costing a large sum to fit up, but the scheme paid, and the people's response caused this result. They will do it again even if the festival is in the same place. But another place should be provided and your idea is the very one that if put into effect will settle the question as to where the festival to be given in 1893 will be held. I notice that the son of the Prince of Wales is to be here that year, would it not be a good thing to have another "Albert Hall" opened by a festival to commemorate his visit and to meet the requirements of Toronto at the same time? Could our Government not give a site upon the grounds of old Upper Canada College on condition that the city and our wealthy citizens erect the building with organ and every equipment necessary? In every city and town of the Old Country and in Australia city halls with organs in them are provided for the people. Why should Toronto and Canada be so far behind in this respect? I feel sure that if the editors of our papers will advocate the cause that public interest will be taken in the matter. We are almost at a standstill here musically, but a music hall would be a great impetus to greater things than we have yet accomplished.

F. H. TORRINGTON.

Senator McMillan's Clap-Trap and John Charlton's Treason.

Editor World: I notice in to-day's despatches that Senator James McMillan of Detroit has succeeded at last in getting his name into print by a buncombe resolution regarding the necessity of increasing the number of U.S. gunboats on the lakes. He professes to be exceedingly anxious about the safety of the cities, etc., on the American side of the lakes lest British gunboats should ascend the St. Lawrence and make their way to the upper lakes and destroy property. The whole thing is a piece of buncombe on Mr. James McMillan's part. He is good at that sort of thing. By careful manipulation and judicious investments of money where it would do most good among the newspaper men he has at length attained to the Senatorship for Michigan without passing through the intermediate grades. But he is a wire-puller and a schemer of the first water and knows how to attract attention to himself. So far he has not cut much of a figure as a politician at Washington, and it was necessary to do something lest the people should utterly forget that such a man existed. Hence this gunboat scare.

James McMillan was born and raised in Hamilton, Ont., which is very much to his credit. His father was William McMillan, at one time in the tailoring business, but for many years in charge of the fuel-purchasing department of the Great Western Railway. He was a man of sterling probity and a staunch loyalist. He would not hesitate now were he alive, to lay his son James across his knee and spank him for such a silly exhibition as he has made of himself, and no explanation of the political exigencies of the case would have mitigated the trouncing in the least.

It is hard to say which is the most deserving of contempt—the man who shows his hostility to the land of his birth and the country which fostered him and gave him the start in life, as in the case of James McMillan, or the traitor and adventurer, like John Charlton, who has made Canada his home, made himself wealthy among us, and now endeavors to sell us to a foreign and hostile power.

If John Charlton is a disappointed and disgruntled politician and his party has made a failure of it he and others are to blame for going back on their own principles. Had he and others who advocated protection to home industries, through a reasonable and necessary increase in the duties in 1878, stood to their guns, the Reform party would have remained in office, because the country would have supported them.

But Charlton and Paterson bowed their necks to the party yoke and smothered their convictions. Cartwright and George Brown brow-beat the party into the half-hearted course which they advised, and ruin was the result.

Therefore John Charlton is a disappointed man and he and others will not hesitate to be traitors. He will do well to locate in Tonawanda and try his hand at U.S. politics.

T. M. BARTON.

Hamilton, April 18, 1892.

Our Volunteer Force.

Editor World: Having noticed the remarks of the Adjutant-General in reference to the volunteer force of this country, and which I am sorry to say there is too much truth in, it occurred to me that where the force was a success every encouragement should be offered to ensure their success. To say that the volunteer force in Toronto is a success I think the Adjutant-General would endorse this statement, and in order to encourage the officers keeping the force up to this standard a parade ground should be established in some central place in Toronto, somewhat similar to the Champ de Mars in Montreal. Reading every once in a while of the different battalions going through battalion movements on some of the back streets of the city, seems rather queer, to say the least of it.

I also notice that the Government lands at different points are being disposed of on nominal leases, in other words being frittered away. Would it not be wiser for them, the Government, to sell some of these lands that they have no use for at the moment and purchase lands that would be of use to the present generation and volunteer force as spoken of above?

I will leave these suggestions in the hands of the officers of the Toronto force, but will add this by way of encouragement, that we in the country feel proud of the Toronto volunteers and would like to see the Government do something practical for them.

AN OLD VOLUNTEER.

Brockville, April 18.

Reformers' Mass Meeting.

The Young Liberals have arranged for a mass meeting in the Auditorium on Tuesday evening next, when the star speakers will be Hon. A. S. Hardy, Joseph Tait, N. G. Bigelow and a quartet of young Liberals, Neil McCrimmon, N. W. Rowell, Stewart Lyon and Frank Pedley. A special meeting of the club has been called for Monday evening next to complete arrangements and transact other business.

Another Death in the Street.

A young woman of 25, named Margaret Barrett, dropped dead in Robert-street at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. She has been boarding for a little while with Miss Ann Hosick at 69 Robert-street. Dr. Geikie decided that death had been due to heart failure, and Coroner Johnson, on being notified, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Y.M.C.A. Notes.

This afternoon at 4.30 Mr. F. H. Killick, swimming instructor Y.M.C.A., Detroit, will lecture to young men on "Perils of Water and How to Overcome Them."

To-night at 8 o'clock there will be a service of song, solos, quartets, etc.

At the gospel meeting to-morrow evening at 8.30 Rev. H. C. Dixon will deliver an address to young men on "More Harvest Men Wanted."

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THE PLATT ESTATE.

Commencement of a Trial of Local Interest—A Quarter of a Million Dollars Involved.

An order was made yesterday, the Attorney General consenting, for the discharge of Nathan Vansickle of Sydney village from the Hamilton jail. Vansickle was convicted of selling liquor without a license and fined $50 and costs. This he did not pay and was sent to jail.

Before Chancellor Boyd the case of Masten v. Masten occupied the greater part of yesterday. The action was brought by the wife and next friend of a lunatic to set aside a conveyance of certain lands by the lunatic to the defendant, his brother, on the ground of want of capacity and want of consideration. Judgment was given declaring the conveyance subject to redemption and referring it to the master to find the amount that should be repaid in that event.

Late in the afternoon the trial of the action of Platt v. Allen was commenced. The action is brought by the children to set aside the will of their father, the late Samuel Platt, and the codicils thereto, on the ground that the testator was not at the time of the making thereof of sound mind. Samuel Platt died in August, 1891, leaving an estate valued at $238,000. $1200 per year was to be paid to the wife of his son Samuel Platt as long as she lived apart from her husband, for the support and education of their children, $1200 per year alimony was to be paid to his widow during her life, and the estate was left to the four infant children of his son Samuel.

The family resided on the west side of Jarvis-street in this city, and the first trouble between the deceased and his wife arose in 1872, when he refused her money to take a change of air ordered by her physician. From that time till 1877 the deceased lived with his family, but on anything but intimate terms. He refused to sit at the table or take his meals with the family, and had a table of his own; he always wiped his own dishes before receiving a helping, and would partake of no food till other members of the family had eaten same, on the ground that they were trying to poison him. He kept a knife and revolver about him so that they would not murder him. He left his home in 1877 after being assaulted by his son William, and never returned. For this assault he had his own son up in the Police Court and had him bound over to keep the peace. His wife sued for alimony and was awarded $1200 per year and the house and furniture. Mrs. Platt died in Sept. 1891, only surviving her husband by about three months.

The family of the deceased consists of three sons, John, William and Samuel, and two daughters, Mrs. Jane Creasor, now a widow, and Miss Georgina Platt, since married to Dr. J. O. Orr.

The counsel in the case are S. H. Blake, Q.C., Walter Cassels, Q.C., and W. H. Blake for the plaintiff; B. B. Osler, Q.C., and Dr. John Hoskin, Q.C., for the infants of Samuel Platt; Charles Moss, Q.C., A. R. Creelman, Q.C., W. Aytoun-Finlay and H. J. Wright for the defendants. The trial will likely occupy some time.

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