

..The Planet..

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SHOULD PROCTOR BE BLAMED.

The gunboat incident seems to be inciting Planet readers to renew the old-time denunciations of General Proctor. As to his conduct military critics differ. It is certain he was either a coward or a clever tactician—which, the world will never know. General Harrison advanced from Ohio and drove Proctor out of Michigan. Harrison's force was so far superior to Proctor's that a pitched battle was out of the question. But Proctor might have obstructed the Americans in crossing the Detroit River, or, better still, he had every chance against them right here in Chatham. He accepted no chances, but gratified the desire of the Indians for blood by letting them fight at Moravian-town. Now, Western Ontario, with the exception of a few settlers around here and along Lake Erie, was a wilderness at that time. Harrison had to get all his supplies from Detroit. Hence, Proctor's defenders claim it showed good tactics on his part to draw the Americans away from their base, knowing what would happen. As might have been foreseen, the invasion of Ontario was abortive. Harrison couldn't keep his army fed and finally had to retreat. This resulted without loss to Proctor, whereas if he had given little Harrison was strong enough to have crushed him without trouble.

THE EDUCATION QUESTION.

Year by year the demand for a radical change in our Educational System becomes more pressing. The meeting of the Ontario Educational Association held in Toronto last week accentuated the fact that the dissatisfaction is widespread and thoroughly non-political. The first great need is to put the system in closer touch with the teachers and trustees of the province. The one-man idea has proved a failure. In this respect the Opposition in the Legislature have proposed a reasonable reform.

Enunciating the policy of his party on this question Mr. Whitney has, on more than one occasion, suggested that the High, Public and Separate school teachers, with the professors of colleges, shall be represented on a Consultative Committee, whose duty it will be to advise and assist the Minister with regard to questions of administration and detail. This, while not depriving the Minister of his responsibility, will bring him in touch with experts, and will substitute rational management for the desultory plan now pursued. If we mistake not, English educational affairs are under somewhat similar expert supervision. Passing from the centre of the system to its details, Mr. Whitney propounds reforms in the Public schools. The curriculum here must be suited to the needs of that vast number of pupils whose education commences and ends in these institutions; and with the remodeling of the system many of them useless, must be lessened, while care must be taken to prevent the frequent changes of text-books, and to secure for the pupils such books at the lowest possible price. These are steps in the right direction. They strike at evils against which the people of Ontario have long protested, and they make for the efficiency of the schools in which so many of our people are taught. The High school system, Mr. Whitney proposes, shall be made what it is intended to be, instead of being so largely given over to the manufacturing of school teachers.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MUSIC

The following editorial appeared in The Hamilton Herald on Saturday last:

It is announced that the Roman Catholic Congregation of Rites has been considering the subject of reforms in church music, and that probably radical changes will be introduced in the musical services before long. The plain Gregorian chant will, it is said, be substituted for the more florid music which has been in vogue, and the aid of female singers in church choirs will be discouraged, if not prohibited.

Whether the proposed changes are to be obligatory or optional, whether universal or local, is not yet known. If they are to apply to Canada the change will be awaited with interest by many protestants, as well as by all Catholics.

In the long history of the Catholic church several such efforts to reform the musical service have been made. Perhaps the most important change was enforced about the middle of the sixteenth century, after the Council of Trent had condemned the style of music then prevailing. At that time the great musical reformer was Palestrina, who was commissioned by the pope to compose church music which would serve as a standard for ecclesiastical composition. As a result of his efforts he has been universally regarded to this day as the greatest of all composers of ecclesiastical music.

But it is human nature to tire even of the best things. In music, as in everything else, people like variety and change, and even the authority of the Roman Catholic Church has not been sufficient to prevent the gradual introduction of inferior music in the church service. There is a periodic need of reform. At present the chief cause of complaint seems to be the introduction of secular music into the service—a practice which,

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It is claimed, detracts from the solemnity and devotional spirit which should prevail in God's house. Should the proposed changes be made in our Hamilton churches the musical part of the services may lose somewhat in variety, but they will gain in dignity and impressiveness. Those who have heard the plain Gregorian chant sung by a well-trained choir of men and boys in a European cathedral will agree in this opinion that there is no form of music more solemn and impressive than this. Simple as it is, it expresses the devotional spirit perfectly and powerfully.

In Illinois a Lunatic Herald is published by a self-confessed lunatic. The self-confession is an entirely new feature in the newspaper business.

Before the historical society raises that gun boat they should recollect that by the treaty between Great Britain and the United States no war vessels are permitted on inland waters.

W. L. Saunders, writing in the April number of The Engineering Magazine says: It is a well known fact that the tremendous business built up by Mr. Carnegie is mainly the result of his enterprise and nerve in cutting down labor, scrapping his plant, no matter what it has cost him, provided he is able to replace it with improved labor-saving machinery. At one time in the Carnegie works there were 800 men employed in a department which produced 1,200 tons of metal per day. Improvements were made and the result is now that 1,500 tons per day is the product of 85 men. All this has resulted in a steadily increased production at a reduced labor cost.

Democrats opposed to Tammany have called a mass meeting to be held in New York this week. The call recites that "the record of the city administration under control of Tammany Hall during the last three years is so notoriously extravagant, mercenary and corrupt, that a crisis has arisen when it becomes an imperative duty to take positive action towards preventing that organization from acquiring a new lease of power." It is suggested also that Tammany is not so strong as it appears, and could be defeated by a united effort. "Stripped of patronage and all its subjugating influences, and deprived of the tribute now exacted from corrupt favors and unpeppable vice, this ruling faction can survive a following of less than one-seventh of the 370,000 Democratic voters of Greater New York." Honest Democrats are asked to rescue the city from a reign of "shame and extortion."

WHAT THE JURY SYSTEM DOES FOR US.

Ottawa Citizen.

The verdict of the jury in the Komptville manslaughter case will excite general surprise, especially in the face of the strong charge against the prisoners delivered by Chancellor Boyd. That four drunken roughs can expel a man's office, create a disturbance and when an effort is made to expel them, turn upon the man and beat him to death, and subsequently be declared not guilty of manslaughter, can only be regarded as a gross miscarriage of justice. So strong was the feeling against the prisoners in the lower where the crime was committed that a petition for clemency circulated in their favor failed to secure any considerable number of signatures. Yet these men are turned loose upon the community without any punishment whatever.

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FATA MORGANA.

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—Charlotte Becker in Harper's Bazar.

BURYING A CHINAMAN.

Catafalques Left in the Streets of Peking For Weeks.

It is in his funeral services that the Chinaman indulges his propensity for extravagance and oddity to the utmost. A rich Chinaman in Peking recently expended \$150,000 on the funeral of his mother and laid up for himself immense stores of credit on the other side of the Styx. Forty millions of dollars' worth of paper cash, it is said, is burned every year in China at the graves of ancestors, and an incredible amount of paper cash can be bought for a cent. Yet lavish as the Chinaman is in his expenditure upon the dead, he will often leave a coffin waiting for a year or for ten years in an exposed position by the roadside until the necromancers shall tell him the propitious hour and place to bury his dead. In some cases he buries the remains, or at least what is left of them after years of dissolution, in earthen pots where thousands can be stowed away in a very small inclosure.

The funeral processions in the streets of the great cities of China are often exceedingly inconvenient to the passing traveler. All traffic must make way for the car of death, and in the narrow streets of the southern cities a stranger must crowd himself into the narrowest possible compass, squeezing into a doorway or obliterating himself as far as possible against a wall in order to make room for the funeral train.

In Peking, where the streets are wider, the catafalque is often built in the middle of the roadway and is left there for days and weeks, till the top of the coffin is so high that it is necessary to pass over it, and the various open air vendors who do their business on the sidewalk. The absurdity and inconvenience of thus giving the dead the right of way never seems to strike the average Pekingese.

This is all of a piece with the national love of funeral display and heartless crocodile tears, as they seem, at least to western eyes, to be the rule. For a great funeral all the beggars and rag-muffins and impudent small boys in the vicinity are hired. They are decked out in tawdry clothes, or perhaps their rags are not soiled in any way, but they are at least given banners to carry and are hired to wail and sob as if their hearts were breaking. The dull, indifferent, stolid faces of the men and the roguish, mischievous smiles of the boys' faces belie their wails and give a very unreal air of hypocritical sorrow to the average Chinese funeral, though doubtless there is much genuine sorrow and as many real heartaches as in other lands.

When the coffin is borne in the funeral procession, it is often covered up with all sorts of grotesque pasteboard counterfeits of the things which the departed is likely to want in his future journey in the land beyond. A mock horse and a mock horse are often thus carried, a paper cow to furnish milk and meat, paper fowls to lay eggs for him and paper servants to do his bidding. Oftentimes, too, a tempting array of real viands is carried in the procession, a roast pig, a dozen roast ducks, bread and rice and fruit. They are not left to rot, but are eaten by the poor, and the grave's mouth for a little while and the spirits have sniffed the delicious odors they are divided up among the sorrowing relatives and friends, who have much to eat as many of them have not enjoyed for days. —Cosmopolitan.

"Jingo" is Persian. "If you turn up the Persian dictionary," writes the correspondent in India, "you will find the word 'jang-joo' (pronounced jang-joo) from 'jang' (war or strife) and 'joo' (one who follows after), the meaning of the full word being 'aggressive, offensive, religious, contentious, quarrelsome.' Unfortunately I have not got a Persian dictionary, but if I may take this information on trust it throws valuable light on a moot point of etymology. The word 'jingo' in English, pronounced 'joo-joo' in Persian has obviously become 'jingo' in English, in which form it still means 'aggressive, offensive, contentious, quarrelsome.' The fact that the word 'jingo' was the original 'joo' (sometimes, no doubt, written Joe) and that this Joe (or Joe), in the sense of a follower of war or strife, has become merged in the English 'jingo' is a curious and interesting scientific discovery. —London Truth.

Champion Meanness.
A man stepped briskly up to the glit-tering counter in a London shop. "Wasn't this bought here?" he inquired of the assistant, who came to attend on him, at the same time exposing to view a gold snuffbox. The shopman examined it and replied: "Yes, sir; that was made to the order of Mr. Thomson last week."

"Well, I'm the man to whom he made a present of it; so, as you wouldn't have sold it if it had been for me, I've come to ask if you are prepared to allow me a commission on the sale." —London Answers.

Ride Up and Down.
Doctor—I suppose when you go to work you ride.
Patient—Yes, sir; I ride up and down.
Doctor—Ah, that's the cause of your trouble. Sedentary habit. Stop riding.
Patient—But I'd never be at work if I didn't ride up and down. I'm an elevator man.

There is one trip we all have to take—the trip to the cemetery, and we can't always ride in the rear coach.—Aitchison Globe.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 39, of Chap. 128, R. S. O. 1897, that all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Richard Hughson, deceased, who died on or about the 17th day of February, 1901, are required to send by post prepaid, or deliver to the undersigned solicitor for John L. Hughson, administrator of the estate of said deceased, or to the administrator, on or before the first day of May, 1901, their Christian names and surnames, and addresses with full particulars in writing of their claims and a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly verified by statutory declaration.

And take notice that after the said first day of May, 1901, said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said administrator will not be liable for said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him on his said solicitor at the time of such distribution.

J. D. RANKIN, Chatham, Solicitor for JOHN L. HUGHSON, Administrator.

Dated at Chatham, April 1st, 1901. 1-8-15-22.