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## TALES OF THE TOWN.

" 1 must have liberty.
Withal as large a charter as the windTo blow on whom I please."
IF anybody should set out to write on the subject "The Abolition of the Pulpit" the aulacious writer would probably at first be considered a dangerous man, an assailant of the whole church institution or even of Christianity itselt, so closely identified in the minds of many is the place where the minister stands with the subject matter of his discourse. But it might be interesting to find out how far the pulpit has actually been abolished in this country. In many of the churches there is not much left of it. The plattorm is left, to be sure, but it does not occupy the elerated position that was common to oldtime sanctuaries As for the desk, that bas been greatly reduced in size. In some of the ort.adox churches the minister has only a small stand on which to place his Bible, etc. When he comes to preach hidsermon he advances to the front of this. It is a fact that there is not much of the pnlpit left and pulpit orator will soon be a misnomer.

Not long ago an incident occurred in a Victoria chureh on a Sunday morning that tells the story of why it is that so many men grow up in the well-dress rowdyism which will allow him to cling to a street car seat and allow a delicate woman to stand and hold a bouncing baby of nearly her own weight. It was a fashionable, well-dressed church where pews cost up in the bundreds, and where capitalists and prominont citizens delight in basking in the warm spiritual sunshine of a religion that shows
them a way to heaven past al the dark obstacles of their life of wealth gathering. The church was crowded to the doors, and charity to the new-comers, and those within the fold as well, would have advised the planting of the "standing room only" sign at the portais. A well-drassed man and wife entered with a bright little boy.
"Here's a seat; come, John, quick," exclaimed the wife in an andible whisper, espying a small space of unoccupied cushion. "Harry, John, or some one will get it."
The woman plunged into the seat in an ecstasy of delight at having secured something that others might want, sat down on a little lady and shoved vigorously until she had made room for her husband to get a hold to crowd a place for himself. The mother then motioned for the boy to come and wedge limself in between her and his paternal ancestor. The lad protested that there was not room, and his modesty would not allow him to make the attempt.
Chairs were being carried in and the father commanded him to "grab a chair and put it down and sit on it," and he felt compelled to do so, though the ushers protested against chairs being placed near the door. When service began seats had been found tor most of the people. A few ladies yet stood by the door. The boy rose to tender his seat to one of them. His mother whispered vociferously over the space that separated them: "Sit down George, sit down," and his father motioned a similar command.
The poor boy in confusion sat down blushing from shame;
questioning whether to obey his parents or his conscience. Finally he got up and coming to his father, said :
"There are ladies there without any plaee to sit down and I can't sit there and let them stand up."
His parents still refused their consent, but the little boy conld not stand it any longer and went back and insisted on one of the ladies taking the seat.

A mistaken opinion as to the object for which a newspaper is conducted appears to prevail in the minds of many people in this city. On this point I desire to emphasize the remark of an eastern writer, that the newspaper. business is a purely commercial enterprise. I do not believe that newspapers are published for the good of the public-that is to say, I do not believe that philanthropy enters into the question in the slightest degree. The newspaper business is carried in much the same way as any other businesslet us say, the shne business, for instance, by way of example. The man who sells shoes is anxious to got all the trade he can. He tries to buy a better article than his competitor, and he tries to sell it cheaper. By so doing be gains trade and many dollars. The newspaper editor aims to be more enterprising than his rival. He tries to get more and better rews and special articles in advance of his neighbor, and in that way gives his newspaper a standing for enterprise and ability.

The labor conterence, from which so much was expected towards ameliorating the condition of the horny-handed sons of toil, unfortunately terminated somewhat abruptly. Quite
naturally the Colonist acquits the Government of any responsibility for the unsatisfactory result of the meeting between the Provincial ministers and the labor delegates ; of course the Times sees much in the Government to condemn, and assures the public that the duly authorized representatives of orgauized labor were without fault. The writer of this column, not being under special obligation to either the Government or the labor element, can afford to express an unprejudiced opinion concerning the meeting.
To begin with, I am on record as having opposed the appointment of Mr. Gray, for the good reason that by no stretch of imag. ination can one conceive a capitalist becoming acceptable to or ganized labor. While I did not go so far as to accuse Mr. Gray of being ignorant of the fact that the Foresters are not an organized labor body, yet subsequent develop. ments appear to coufirm the conclusion that his impertect knowledge of the question led him into this error. The deputy commissioner was a business man, and as such could not be expected to devote much attention to labor matters ; while he was sitting in his counting-house, burning the midnight oil over the latest foreign market quotations, the laborer was studying the great social problems of the day. Consequently it was unjust to Mr. Gray to appoint him to a position in which he would meet every hour men who had a theoretical and practical knowledge of the subject which concerned them.

As to the appointment of delegates to meet the Government, I believe that the workingmen were very much to blame in some of their selections. For instance, what could be expected from a man like Keith, of Nanaimo, whose dense ignorance is a reproach to our free school system. His repeated references to "conciluation " disgusted more than
one of the intelligent delegates present. Another ill-advised selection was that of one Howell, who is an employer of labor; of course, not on so large a scale as the Dunsmuirs, but nevertheless an employer of labor, and as such disqualified to represent the workingmen. The greatest care should have been observed in selecting delegates to the meeting. Sincere workers in the ranks of labor should have been chosen-solid, intelligent men, of the Arthur Dutton stamp.

Under the circumstances, there is nothing sururising in the failure of the delegates to come to satisfactory terms with the Government. The latter started in too late to confer with the men who are most interested in labor statistics, and the delegates unreasonably demanded more than Messrs. Davie and Baker could at this stage of the deliberations give them, without striking at the root of "that freedom which is, and should be, the pride of all Anglo-Saxon speaking people." The appointment of officials for any position within its gift rightfully belongs to the government, as under our form of goverument the official is responsible to the head of his department, who in turn is responsible to the people. This principle, however, does not throw any obstacle in the way of appointing duly qualified persons to fill positions.

With regard to the seventh clause, I am firmly convinced that organized labor was quite within its right in demanding "the government to insert a clause in all contracts let by them to the effect that all the trade rules in the locality in which the contracts are let be observed." The adoption of this principle would often bring order out of chaos.

I have not the time requisite to discuss the various demands made upon the gevernment and the replies thereto ; but in conclusion I
would offer it as a suggestion to Mr. Davie that he instruct Col, Baker before attempting further legislation bearing upon the condition of the down-trodden son of toil to consult someone converi sant with the aspirations and requirements of the laboring man.
It is apparent to all that the stage is in a very unsettled state, and it is hard to tell whether when it settles down it will be on a higher or a lower plane than it has occupied before. It has passed through a fever of mechanical realism, from which it is hardly yet convalescent, and now shows all the symptoms of a severe attack of social realism. There is no doubt that it will recover from the former unimpaired in strength and vigor, and will be able to purge its system of tanks, saw. mills, pile-drivers, fire-engines and all similar cystic evils ; but it it becomes thoroughly impregnated with the poison of modern French realism, will it then ever be able to recover its normal, healthy tone? Improper relations between men and women ought not to furnish the only dramatic theme tor play-rights, but it plays like "The Fringe of Society" succeed aud are given to ouly crowded houses, it argues a demand on the part of the public for that style of drama, and to what subjects can the writers turn then, for writers have to suit the public taste or else tail? No thoughtful mother would want her young daughter to see "The Fringe of Society," and it would be certainly wrong in her it she did; just as wrong as to present her with the latest erotic publications which come from, or are inspired by, the same trans-Atlantic source.

Vice, and especially social vice, is made hideous enough in real life, and when its face is made attractive, as it is in the modern plays of the realistic school, it is easy for the young to forget what misery lorks behind its smiling and seductive exterior. The
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stage should be an educator, and it is, but whether it is going to suffer from the sporadic diseases which now threaten it and lose its value as a teacher, is the question which nobody can answer. If we let ourselves become accustomed to plays of the kind above described, the finer sensibilities will become dulled, and then the public will refuse its patronage to the cleaner and more wholesome productions.
There are few people who do not recollect with pleasure the enjoyment they derived from a perusal of Sir Walter Scott's great novel, Rob Roy MceGregor. An impression seems to prevail that in the dramatization of this justly celebrated story all the characters speak broad Scotch, but such is not the case ; in fact all speak English except three of the principals. This drama, requiring the services of almost one hundred people in its production, will be presented by niembers of the Thetre Royal Dramatic Company, of Glasgow, Scotland, assisted by local talent, at the Victoria theatre, Friday, December 8. The presentation will be under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

It sometimes becomes my unpleasaut duty to speak of the inefficiency of our police force. The other day a gentleman who required the immediate services of a police officer on Government street, rang the Delivery Co's call for one, and after waiting some time a messenger boy came along and told them there was no police. man at the station. The gentleman then went down to the station, and on his arrival there was told THE policeman had gone out for luncheon. When the policeman returned he was too late to accomplish the object for which he was sought. It appears to me that some arrangement should be made whereby a policeman could be found at the time he is required.

Pere Grinator.

## ALBION C. C. CONCERT.

In point of attendance the concert in connection with the Albion Cricket Club Wedresday evening was a little discouraging, although it was generally stated that a much larger nnmber of tickets had been disposed of than there were seats filled, in addition to which Rhea was a great counter attraction. Ot the concert itself as a musical event, it was very good and very indifferent, the first when the singer was good and the second when he or she was the reverse. The event had been advertised, not openly, but by and among the friends of the clab on the strength of the appearance of the Arion Club, or a portion of that body. A colleetion of gentlemen connected with it appeared under the name of the "Strollers.' It would have been just as well, instead of designating a spade by the term an oblong instrument ot agriculture, for the club to have appeared under its proper name. Its change of appellation for the occasion does not lessen one bit its lame excuse for its ungrateful refusal to sing at the lacrosse club concert. Of course it is the Club's own business where or under what circumstances it sings, so that perhaps any reference to the incident in question is out of place. The numbers sung Wednesday evening were all selected from the last concert of the Arion Club, and witb the exception that they perhaps were more agreeably sounding with possibly tewer and better selected voices, there was not much cbange. Mr. Russell took the tenor solo, but whether suffering from the effects of the dreadfully bad weather, or not, his voice sounded chusky in the lower register, and metallic in the higher. He manifested an improvement in a duet with Mr. Rowlands, in whose company he seemed to gather confidence and give more play to the chest. Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes" received very acceptable treat-
ment, the expression and shading being a beautiful picture in part singing, an effect which was totally spoiled in the subsequent and closing number, "The Soldier's Chorus," in which the basses and baritones manifested a strong desire to shout, thereby greatly detracting from the ringing vim and musical enthusiasm which this selection always awakens. That "esteemed professional singer," Mr. Clement Rowlands, was on the plattorm, and, to borrow a phrase recently used, he was "extremely out of place." The influence and magnetism of that grand voice, so powerful, so supremely controlled, yet so full of pathos, deep passion and so rich in music, was indeed out of place after hearing half trained "amateur" voices of indifferent timbre. The hall was filled with that voice, but there was not a suspicion of shouting, every note not only clear and correct, but infused with the soulfulness that is music. Mrs. Schwengers, Miss Hutcheson and Miss Jameson sang appreciably, and Miss Leech rendered a pianoforte soio with tasteful finish.

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A social dance and supper will be given by Court Vancouver, No. 5755, Ancient Order of Foresters, on Tuesday evening, at the Philharmonic Hall.

There will be a fashionable full choral wedding at Christ Church cathedral on Wednesday ; both of the righ contracting parties are popular in social circles.

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The First Presbyterian church choir are daily expecting the music from Scotland for their annual Burns' concert, on or about January 25, 1893. They intend making this concert more attractive and enjoyable than ever, and that is saying a good deal.

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The Colonist，in its last two Sunday issues，has furnished its readers with notices of what Bill Nyd＇s imagination in his American home pictured out as having oc－ curred while visiting in England． Doubtless these manufactured jokes and vulgarities must have brought down many a laugh and broad grin，and more especially to that class who patronize the Colo－ nist by getting a cheap sight of it when posted at Campbell＇s Corner when looking over the shoulders of others thus similarly engaged．

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The great fire of London lasted four ays and nights, reducing to ashes fivexths of the whole city within the walls, e population of which was estimated to e about 200,000 . It had been much repced by the great plague of 1665 . The ea burned over was about 436 acres, ing about one-third of that laid waste the fire in Rome. London was rebuilt fthin the next few years on a much imoved plan. The destruction of Moscow pears to have been complete except the remlin, the city having been set fire to its own inhabitants the night of Sepmber 14 , after which they abandoned it the French troops, who looted it and obably took littie thought for the 11,000 ounded men who were left behind when e Russian army evacuated the place. few years earlier Moscow had conined about 9,000 houses, of which oneth were sione, 314 manufactories and orkshops, and nearly as many churches. The Chicago ine d svastated an area of 100 acres. or nearly three and a third uare miles. destroyed 17,450 buildings, d rendered homeless 08,500 perans he number of killed was estimated at out 200. The value was estimated at rned up was ascertained the property out $\$ 192,000,020$ the day preceding the e, and the deduction from this for lvage wus variously estimated at from If from one $10,000,000$, The lose was not operty ine-third of the whole value of as received in Insurance, much of the operty having been insured in home mpanies, the assets of which were reteed to zero by the calamity. In a year ter the fire a large part of the burned strict had been rebullt; and the volume business was much larger than before e event.

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