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OUR MANAGING MEN.

A week hence and the city must select a third of the men who will constitute the city council next year, and the mayor, and the indifference of the people is really remarkable. The masses are not deeply concerned with regard to the municipal election, and until the ratepayers become more interested they can have no ground for complaint if their affairs are not managed to their liking. "There is now an imperative call to financiers, captains of industry, leading engineers, and capable administrators to give some of their time to the public service. Every man in the city is under moral obligation to give the best of his services for the common good." So remarks the Toronto News. It is a noble sentiment, one which will be generally admitted, but one not so generally reduced to practice. Good men—good in business, in all the essentials that mark them out for distinction—do not offer their services, and they are so seldom invited to make sacrifices by their fellowmen. The old requisition paper is missing, and many a man, who is not aching for notoriety, would feel disposed to accept of a nomination when it followed a distinct call to the public service. What is more, the good man, the man of administrative capacity, would be more in evidence if the business of the people were done by a commis-

GOSPEL ON WHEEL

The Whig received, some days ago, a package of literature from the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, and the inclination was to put it to one side. Why? It was supposed to be a discussion of "shop" issues, purely referring to life insurance. But an examination of the literature revealed many matters of the greatest interest. Those insurance men are deeply engaged in the public good, for the sake of the great interests which they represent as well as for the interests of the people. They are not absolutely unselfish, but they realize that there is a most intimate connection between that which concerns them and the people. Of all the papers which were read before the association none was more interesting than "The Gospel of Health on Wheels." It was the story of an experiment in which the state of Louisiana engaged, with the best results. The state Board of Health conceived the rational idea of a general inspection, with two objects in view, (1) of discovering the unsanitary conditions that prevailed, and (2) of applying the remedy in a drastic and effectual manner. Two cars were borrowed from the railway companies, without cost, and a Pullman car was rented at a nominal figure. The cars carried the exhibits of pure food and facts pertaining to contagious and transmissible diseases, especially tuberculosis, typhoid fever, diphtheria, small-pox, malaria, and hookworm disease. Models showing the various aspects of water supply and purification, the disposal of sewage, the details of milk-production and distribution, working models illustrating methods of ventilation, types of bubble fountains and models of household sanitary appliances were a part of the equipment. A moving picture machine gave views of the pesky fly, the man who learned and the daily programme consisted of inspections of the dairies, markets, bakeries, stores where drugs and foods were sold, hotels, restaurants, boarding houses, lunch counters, ice-cream parlors, schools, court houses, public buildings, and railway stations. The reports on all were candid, critical, caustic. Seven thousand miles were travelled, and two hundred and fifty towns were visited. Result—there never was such a cleaning up in the state. News of the "Health on Wheels" travelled fast, and the inspectors had hardly begun their work when this announcement was made by one daily paper: "When the Health Train reaches — on Sunday its occupants will see a spotless town; at least this will be the case if the combined efforts of the city council and Progressive Union can bring about that result." It is not necessary to go into details, but from this educational effort there has resulted improvement in the care of all classes of public buildings; the appointment of health boards and officers, where heretofore there were none; a sense of responsibility for pure milk, unadulterated food stuffs, pure water and improved sanitary conveniences, not left before, a greater appreciation on the part of teachers of the value of practical lessons in hygiene, and an effort through volunteer organizations to remedy defects of environment. Is there anything suggestive in this? Ontario has a board of health which is composed of experts. The people get the advantage of their learning and experience, occasionally, when they are sent for to assist in solving some local health problem. How much more good could they accomplish if they had the opportunity to demonstrate the value of their knowledge by bringing it to bear on local conditions. Here is scope for the exercise of such power as the provincial board possesses, and wonders would certainly follow object lessons such as it could teach.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hugh John Macdonald has been appointed police magistrate of Winnipeg. Is that the best the party can do for the old chief's son? The works committee is to be congratulated upon the choice it has made of a city engineer. The council will never have occasion to regret the confirmation of that nomination. The Erie canal is costing \$5,000,000 less than the estimated sum. Wonderful. One gets the idea that the chief engineer is not the only one who has been out in his calculations. The Hydro-Electric Commission will cease on May 1st. It gives up the ghost, by command of Sir James Whitney. As a political institution the power department will not succeed as the commission has done.

QUIET IN GANANOQUE

NO STIR OVER THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The Ratepayers Will Have Several By-laws to Vote Upon—Death of Miss Mary E. Boyle, of Leeds.

Gananoque, Dec. 18.—Miss Mary Elizabeth Boyle, daughter of the late Laurence Boyle, of Leeds township, passed away, suddenly, on Saturday morning, after an illness of only a few hours' duration, at the home of her brother, James Boyle, near Thousand Island Junction, aged forty-nine years. The funeral took place, this morning, to St. John's church, where requiem mass was sung by Rev. Father John P. Kehoe, and the remains were interred at Gananoque vault. From present indications, Gananoque voters will have another handful of ballots to manipulate at the municipal elections, January 1st, when, in addition to the regular ballots, a vote on the by-law to take over Gananoque public library and make it free; another on a by-law for increasing shop license fees to \$500, and also a referendum to decide by popular verdict the most satisfactory site for the proposed new post office, will be taken.

There is none of the usual stir in municipal lines, no names being so far given out as probable candidates. George George disposed of a considerable quantity of his live equipment on Saturday afternoon. Mr. George, it is understood, purposes going west at an early date. Plans and specifications for the dredging of Gananoque river, up to the lower dam, and the St. Lawrence approaches of the local wharves have been presented, and it is probable the work will be started next spring. Mr. and Mrs. R. Hogg moved, during the past week, into the residence attached to the West Ward grocery, which they have taken charge of. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dorcy have leased the handsome residence on Victoria avenue, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. R. Hinton. Mr. and Mrs. William Platt, who located in Brockville a few months ago, have returned to town and taken up their residence on Garden street.

"MY AIN COUNTRY."

Story of How Author Was Inspired to Write This Hymn.

This hymn was written by Miss Mary Augusta Lee, one Sabbath day, in 1860, at Bowmount, Croton Falls, N.Y., and published in the New York Observer, Dec., 1861.

She had been reading the story of John Macduff, who with his wife left Scotland for the United States, and accumulated property by toil and thrift in the great west. In her leisure after the necessity for hard work was past, Mrs. Macduff grew homesick and pined for her "ain country." Her husband, at her request, came east and settled with her in sight of the Atlantic, where she could see the waters that washed the shores of Scotland. But still she pined and finally, to save her life, John Macduff took her back to the heather hills of the motherland, where she soon recovered her health and her spirit.

The author, Miss Lee, was born in Croton Falls, N.Y., in 1838, and was of Scotch descent. She was cared for by her grandfather and a Scottish nurse. Her mother died when Mary was an infant. In 1870 she became the wife of a Mr. Demarest, and her married life was spent in Paterson, New Jersey, until their removal to Pasadena, California, in hope of restoring her failing health. She died at Los Angeles, in January, 1888.

The tune is an air written by Mrs. Fone T. Hanna, wife of a banker in Denver, Col. It is written in Scottish style, and was harmonized for choral use by Hubert P. Main, in 1873. Its plaintive sweetness properly suits the words that inspire it. The tone and metre of the hymn were natural to the young author's inheritance, a memory of her grandfather's home land melodies with which he once crooned "Little Mary" to sleep. The original hymn had but two verses; in 1881 Mrs. Demarest wrote an additional verse at the request of Mr. Main, of Biglow & Main, the publishers taken from "The Story of Hymns and Tunes," by Thos. Brown and Ezekiah Butterworth.

"My Ain Country."

I am far frae my hame, an' I'm wearin' aftenwhiles,
For the lang lang hame bringin' an',
The Father's welcome smiles;
I'll ne'er be fu' content, until my e'en do see,<
The gowden gates o' heaven, an' my ain country.

The earth is fleck'd wi' flow'rs, morn',
Tinted, fresh, and gay,
The birdies warble blithly, for my
Father made them sae;
But these sights an' the sun's will a' nae thing to me.
When I hear the angels singing in my ain country.

I've His guide word of promise that some
gladsome day the King,
To his ain royal Palace His banished
hame will bring;
We'en an' an' hearts running owre we
shall see
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Hame as I wait,
For the sounin' o' His foota' this
side the gowden gate;
God gie His grace to ilka ane wha
listens noo to me,
That we may a' gang in gladness to our
ain country.

Lines added by the late Margaret Drysdale, of Edinburgh, Scotland:
An' when I am lanesome an' my heart
is yearnin' sair
Fae meet the freens I love sae weel
that here I'll ne'er see mair,
Tis sweet to ken in yon fair land they're
lookin' out for me,
Tae gie a richt glad welcome tae oor
ain country.

Then wi' iika gift expanded that we're
endowed wi' noo,
We'll bless an' praise the source o' a'
tha' beautiful an' true;
For death can never change us, twill only
set us free,
Fae be wi' Christ for ever in our
ain country.

Twenty-three missionaries have
reached Pekin from Tai-Yun-Fu.
William C. Reiek, of New York, has
purchased a majority of the stock
of the New York Sun.

Ompah Notes.
Ompah, Dec. 16.—Miss Ethel Wil-
son and Mrs. Edward Watson made a
trip to Lavanit. Mr. and Mrs. G.
Moore have returned home from
visiting in Matawatchewan. George Paey
is very low. G. Kilport and H. El-
tiott are on the sick list. Visitors:
Mrs. W. Tomes and Mrs. J. Tate, at
Mrs. George Kelpot's; James Moore
at M. Moore's, on Sunday last.

Sharpton Notes.
Sharpton, Dec. 16.—Ha' presses are
at work in this vicinity. Visitors:
Mr. and Mrs. M. McKeown, Strath-
cona, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Ray and
daughter, Cedilla, Centreville, visited
relatives here recently. Miss Annie
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