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CO-OPERATION-WHERE ART THOU?

Residents who live in the territory which Birmingham desired to annex at Monday's special election in no uncer-tain tones have signified their intention to remain as they are. And thus we see how each individual in this country

is given full protection for his own opinion on a matter. Seriously speaking, it is really too bad that the elec-tion did not receive the major support of all concerned. The proposition had real merits, and its acceptance would not have worked a hardship upon any person concerned, we believe. Both Birmingham and the surrounding terri-tory is going to witness a rapid growth, and will demand many public conveniences and comforts.

Birmingham, of course, will be able to obtain these things because it is an incorporated municipality, and has certain powers of legislation. The adjacent territory will, certain powers of legislation. The adjacent territory will, in the future (as it has in the past and does now) look to Birmingham for sewers, water, police and fire protection. It is not unreasonable to presume that Birmingham can extend its own comforts and conveniences a good deal better if real co-operation exists between itself and the adjacent territory. And the acceptance of last Monday's annexation proposition, which would enable Birmingham to get more water, would have been a mighty fine expression of the outside residents appreciation of what Birmingham has done in the past.

The village commission, still bent on obtaining an adequate, water supply, will hold another election on the

adequate, water supply, will hold another election on the question of annexation, perhaps late in November or early in December of this year. Undoubtedly, the plan will meet with the approval of the voters.

Most assuredly, it should!

A GOOD ORDINANCE

The passage of the new village ordinance prohibiting The passage of the new village orunance promoting the burning of waste paper and other combustible rubbish within the fire limits of Birmingham is a splendid safeguard for the well-being of Birmingham life and property. The village commission deserves, a good deal of gratitude from local residents for the passage of the new ordinance, which is but one of many constructive acts on the part of the present personnel of Birmingham's law-makers.

The law should be loved a little because it is felt to be just; feared a little because it is severe; hated a little because it is to a certain degree out of sympathy with the prevalent temper of the day; and respected because it is felt to be a necessity.—Emile Fourget.

A REAL TEST OF CITIZENSHIP

From now until September 9 the people of Birmingham and vicinity, along with the rest of Michigan, will be given a chance to study the merits of the various candidates who will—by printed and spoken word—endeavor to endear themselves to an often fickle constitutency. From Governor to coroner, offices will have to be filled when the people water. Begardless of the property of the when the people vote. Regardless of how you cast your ballot, you ought to attend the polls. The call of the ballot box is just as much of an American institution as the call to arms in time of war. And the wise response to the ballot box will (and is the only thing that will) often prevent an impending war. It is, indeed, easy to live up to the exactions of printed legislation; it is no great credit to keep out of iall: made of us always arend our lives out. to keep out of jail; most of us always spend our lives outside of the confines of prisons. But the man or woman really worthwhile is the one who lives up to a MORAL law—and a count of election ballots often discloses how few who do accomplish this. The RIGHT things that we do with only our conscience to goad us on are the ONLY things that count up in our favor as far as the big things of life are concerned.

I know the beds of Eastern princes, and the luxurious ouches of Occidental plutocrats, but under the rafters of a farmhouse, where the mud-wasp's nest answers for a Rembrandt and the cobweb takes the place of a Murillo, there is a feather-bed into which one softly sinks until his every inch is soothed and fitted, and settling down and farther down falls into sweet unconsciousness, while the soreech-owl is calling from the moonlit oak and frost is falling upon the asters. Stocks may fluctuate and panic seize the town, but there is one man who is in peace.— Robert T. Morris.

REALISM VS. ROMANTICISM

The average person's judgment of any piece of fiction depends largely upon what has entered into his own experience. If a story presents unfair types, or abounds in sentiment foreign to his ideals, he often brands it as "untrue to life." But "life" displays an extensive and varied

A "realistic" novel or a "romantic" novel may be "true to life" or otherwise, depending upon the author's knowledge and skill in applying theory to practice. Realism and Romanticism are like two well-known scholos of medicine—they accomplish the same, results in different ways. If we relied solely upon the mental conception implied by the words, we would perhaps, as a whole, prefer "realism." To call a story "romantic," however, is not necessarily to label it as un-huraan.

In discussing the relative merits of the two schools, it must be remembered that story-telling is an art, and that to embody flesh and blood in 'cold print is a task even more difficult than putting atmosphere into pigment or drawing inspiration from the strings of a piano. The actual words of any character are sometimes less effective, and hence less "true" (in print) than imaginary ones supplied by the author. If actual happenings as related in "realistic" novel or a "romantic" novel may be

a book do not create the same impression in the mind of the reader that they do in real life, then they cannot pro-perly be termed "true to life." This much may be said in favor of "romantic" methods.

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It is to be regretted that most writers of the so-called "realistic" school appear to see only the sordid part of existence. Their characters are impelled by selfishness and hypocrisy and the higher virtues and motives seem entirely absent. They resemble the boy whom Dickens said had seen "life," adding that he had looked at through the dirty windows of a saloon.

Kindness, generosity, forgiveness, faith, hope, courage —these are not mere words. There are good people on

Kindness, generosity lorgiveness, faith, hope, courage—these are not mere words. There are good people on earth—intensely good people who are not in any sense hypocrites. Furthermore, even a hypocrite is not only what he "is"—as the realists describe him; he is also what we think him to be.

WHEN I AM CLOSE TO GOD

When I am all alone—away from all turmoil and the hum Of striving in the noisy world to gain a level, where I can, with undimmed eye, scan the vast area of life. When, in this solitude with naught but sacred musings to console My bruised and scarred and tortured inner-self; When I can, with the sublime brush of Truth, paint In the mind's eye, pictures rare—and, gazing.

I am combroted and soothed—
Who says that I am not quite close to God?

If I were weary from my daily toil, and wandered home And sat beside the hearth, and dreamed a dream of holi-

ness
And good; and, if my heart, so heavy just before, should
In some mystic way begin to throb and surge within my
bosom,
And my eye should behold in everything I see,
Perfection and a serene harmony—

Perfection and a serene harmony-Am I not quite close to God?

And so I seek the solitude; there are so many Varied creeds so many different kinds of men That I do flee from them when sad I feel, And, in the shelter and seclusion of my soul I turn And—Lo, God comes to me!

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago The "Zooks" are the ball club of Piety Hill.

coming base without water —seemed very coming base. The running of water all night some persons a chance to dig trenches through their gardens irrigate till morning. Master Jimmie Wooster is visiting with his brother Levi, at Clyde, Michigan.

Married: At John Benjamin's by Rev. J. N. Brown, og. Wednesday. August 17, 1881, Mr. Stephen Ben-jamin to Mrs. Almire Kemp.

Wesley Goodwin is enjoying to

Messrs. Randall and Mudge chreshed for Cooper Pickering in Southfield last Saturday afternoon only 800 bushels of oats or at the rate of 1,600 bushels a day.

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The Ladies Aid Society of the M. Church meets with Mrs. Wooste

and Miss Nona Bassett were m ried Wednesday evening by R Ling of Royal Oak at the M. parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. McKinn immediately began housekeepii Here's congratulations.

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