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The sermon that is simply good, that is charged only with the commonplaces of religion and morality, and never rises in eloquence or a high range of thought or feeling, might almost as well go unpreached. It accomplishes little beyond disgusting its hearers with going to church. The obvious common things that may be said about any given text of Scripture are exactly the things that ought never to be said in the pulpit, for in these things the pulpit is no wiser than the pew. One of the great reasons for the lack of popular attraction to the pulpit lies in the fact that brains enough are not put into sermons. The thinking in a sermon must be superior to the average thinking of an audience to produce any effect upon it, and if in these days, any man—no matter how gifted he may be—imagines that he may halt in his enterprise of earnest and profound preparation for his preaching, without damage to himself or his work, he is sadly mistaken. His slipshod stuff will be detected every time, and pass to his discredit. The best thinking that the best men can do, the best English they can command, and the most impressive delivery of which they are the masters, are called for, every time they appear before those who have sufficiently loved and trusted them to place them in their high office.—*Scribner's Monthly.*

At a conference of republican delegates from the several counties composing the 11th congressional district, held in Hazleton the other day, Col. G. C. Jackson, of Montour county, and W. A. M. Grier, of Luzerne county, were declared the choice of the district for delegates to the National convention, with S. Y. Thompson and Gen. Lilley as alternates. Hon. John Leisenring was recommended for elector.

On the question of instructions, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the preference of this Congressional conference is in favor of James G. Blaine, of Maine, as the Republican candidate for President, but having the utmost confidence in the integrity and good judgment of the delegates selected to-day, we impose upon them no instructions on the subject, believing that they will act for the best interests of the party.

Our old and esteemed friend "Castelar," has been contributing to the republican papers of the county articles on the Presidential question, containing as all the articles from his pen do, much good solid sense and sound wisdom. In one of them he suggests among other names to be submitted to the Chicago convention that of Hon. G. A. Grow. We most heartily second "Castelar," believing as we do that none of the able statesmen mentioned in connection with the Presidency could fill the position more acceptably or bring to the discharge of its duties more ability or statesmanship. The convention which is to meet in Harrisburg next month would certainly honor itself by presenting his name to the national convention.

The Fusion legislature of Maine have determined to "move" from Augusta, the capital of Maine, and set up business at Portland or some other locality where proper buildings can be secured for the purposes of a State government. The actual purpose of this move probably is to get away a little further from the seat of authority. "Governor" Smith, and those who still adhere to the Fusion cause evidently have financial resources, but they will soon tire of spending their own funds or those of their friends.

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