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BATS ON THE BOWERY.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage Mingles with New York's Disreputables.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, of Washington, visited the Bowery of New York city the other day and found it very quiet and well-behaved, not much like the place that he visited ten years ago and on whose iniquities he preached sermons. Dr. Talmage, in company with a friend, dropped into the Bowery mission annex restaurant, where five cents buys a feast. On a high stool fenced around by a sort of bird cage which may sometimes be seen in a zoo sat a clerk giving out five and ten-cent meal tickets to long lines of dirty, red-nosed men.

Dr. Talmage stepped quietly to the end of the line. In front of him was a "gentleman" who had just finished a "three-weeks" term at the island. Behind him came a gray-haired veteran of the sidewalk, just discharged from the alcoholic ward at Bellevue. The doctor bought a ten-cent ticket and sat down between two of the most dilapidated tramps ever seen outside of a cartoon.

"He went de limit," said the waiter; "all dat his ticket called for, an' then wanted more."

Easily and naturally Dr. Talmage came in touch with those about him. Before they were aware of the fact they were engaged in a pleasant flow of conversation. Easily and with tact he drew from them many stories of their experiences.

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AMBITION OF LIBRARIAN YOUNG.

Hopes to Make Congressional Collection Finest in World.

John Russell Young, the new librarian of congress, is ambitious to make the congressional library equal to the British museum.

"If my life is spared and I have the hearty cooperation of congress," he said, "I hope to make the library the most magnificent thing of the kind in the world. The building here in Washington is the greatest building and it should contain the most magnificent and complete collection of books."

Mr. Young believes that many Americans who have spent their life in making private collections of books or works of art at their death will leave them to the congressional library if they are sure they will be properly preserved.

"I hope," he said, "to see the library assume something of the nature of the British museum, and it will be if we can awaken the patriotic sentiments of the American people. That building should be the repository of every great work of art and every book treasure that can possibly be had. The British museum and National Library have been added to from time to time by the gifts of rich men and by bequests made by men who have left to the government the result of their life's labors. There are many large private libraries in the United States that eventually should find a permanent home in this building at the capital of the nation. We will designate such collections by the proper name and give them sufficient distinctive shelves for their arrangement, and here they will remain during all the coming years for succeeding generations to read and study."

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ARCHITECTS.

Secretary Gage Puts Into Force an Act Providing Competitive System.

The secretary of the treasury has issued regulations carrying into effect the act of congress approved February 20, 1895, and known as the Tarsney act. This act authorizes the secretary to obtain plans and specifications for public buildings and by competition between architects and citizens of the United States. Under these regulations at least five architects of good professional standing will be requested by the secretary to submit competitive plans, specifications and drawings for each building to be erected, the merits of which will be investigated by a commission consisting of the supervising architect of the treasury and two architects or experts in construction who will report to the secretary for his approval. The architect whose designs are accepted will receive in compensation for his full professional services, including local supervision of said building, a fee computed at the rate of five per centum upon all sums up to \$500,000, 3 1/2 per cent on the next \$500,000 or any part thereof and 2 1/2 per cent upon any excess beyond \$1,000,000.

The department, however, reserves the right to reject any and all plans. The supervising architect's office will furnish all data as to cost and general requirements of the buildings placed in competition and the successful architect will be awarded a commission to prepare complete plans, drawings and specifications and legally supervise the building work in an competition, the department will provide a competent superintendent of construction whose qualifications shall be passed upon by the architect.

Upon the award of the contract to the architect, all designs of unsuccessful competitors will be returned to them and no use will be made of any of the drawings not accepted or of any parts that may be original, without consent of the author thereof. It is learned that the first buildings to be erected upon these competitive plans will be at Camden, N. J., and Norfolk, Va.

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