# THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

as if some spirit of darkness, had got into them, and The system of manners which they enforce upon

their members, renders them of the same temper and amplexion as their priesthood. Dancing is proscrib-amongst, them ; and those school-masters and shot-mistresses who admit daucing masters into their schools, and those: parents who employ them for their, children, are, for that offence, excluded from the suciety. Snuff-taking is condemned as a sensual pleaare; and Joshua Silvester himself, when he planted his battery against tobacco, and poured his Avolley of hely shot from Mount Helicon' against the pipes, was not more inveterate than Wesley 'against'smoking. he official publication of the sect) informe us that following Nosh and his network of the sect. The Editors of the Methodist Magazine (which is he blood of 'animals, and that the prohibition has heen sanctioned and enforced anew in the New Testament. - Acts xv. 20. If a professor, therefore, will est black puddings, he does it at his peril. A oustom,' they say, ' has long prevailed in this coun-uy, of drinking wine while at dinner; this is downright pampering : it vitiates the taste, and destoys healthful appetite. The custom ought to be proscribed among all religious people immediately."\_\_\_\_ the Conference of 1807, ' that our rule respecting the exclusion of Barbers who shave or dress their customers, on the Lord's Day, is not sufficienty explicit and positive, what is the decision of the Conference on this important point ?? And the important point is decided in these words: 4 Let it be fully understood that no such person is to be suffered to remain in any of our societies. We charge all our Superintendents to execute this rule in every place without partiality, and without delay."--The sisters are 'exhorted to dress as becometh those who profess to walk with God, and their husbands are charged to use all the influences of love and piety in that behalf.' But what if the husband should wish his wife to dress like the vain women of the world ?' whom is she then to study to please, and which is she then to obey, her husband, or her helper? Wesley has answered the mestion, and left directions that band tickers are not be given to married women who dress in the fathion, and plead that they do it in conformity to their husband's wish. The theatre is an abomination, and though Te Deum was not actually sung in any of the tabemacles for the destruction of Covent Gardien and Drury Lane, many a triumphant hint was given that those conflagrations were to be considered as divine judgments. Singing indeed when restricted to hymns and psalms, is highly encouraged; but an anthema is pronounced against complex tunes and anthems."

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WHAT IT COSTS TO BOMBARD A. CITY .- That war is in expensive occupation the British Government and People are beginning to understand by means of augmented taxes; and the opening of the fire of the Allies suggests a calculation as to the cost of the iron balls which have been thrown into Sebastopol by the five hundred cannon which have vomited them in what fontschakoff called "an infernal fire." The accounts by the Asia represent that each of these guns fired one hundred and twenty rounds a day, which gives a total for the five hundred of sixty thousand rounds. This fire had been continued for thirteen days, making an aggregate of seven hundred and eighty thousand missiles rained upon the city. The weight of the shot fired from the guns of the Allies varies probably from uneteen to one hundred and forty nonnds, and shells from fifteen to one hundred and ten pounds and forty five pounds would probably be a low estimate for an average. This would give a daily delivery of iron to the Russians, amount to two millions seven hundred thousands pounds, and a total for the thirteen days of thirty five million one hundred thousand pounds-the prime cost of which, in the rough, at the average price of pig iron in England for the last year, was not less than three hundred and thirteen thousand three hundred and eighty dollars. This is, of course, without any regard to the enormous cost of transportation to the Crimea. If the carinon balls fired from the Allied lines, duting the thirteen days, were rolled in rail bars, weighing sixty pounds to the yard, the bars would extend three hundred and thirty-two miles; or if laid as a railroad, would suffice for a single track road from New fork to Albany, with all the necessary turn outs. The charge of powder for each gun would probably average about six pounds, which would show an expenditure for the thirteen days of four millions six hundred and eighty thousand pounds of powder. Such powder is worth here eighteen cents a pound, but in England would not probably, cost more than fifteen cents, at which price the powder cost seven hundred and two housand dollars. - N. Y. Courier & Enquirer. A captain of the royal navy, one of the old school, being at a ball at Portsmouth, had been accepted by a beautiful partner, a lady of rank, who, in the most delicate manner possible, hinted to him the propriety of putting on a pair of gloves. "Oh !" was the ele-gant reply, " never mind me, ma'am I shall wash my hands when I've done dencing "? hands when I've done dancing."

THE LATE CZAR'S BREECHES."-Imagine onlybut it is difficult to put a case sufficiently absurdimagine only the late Lord Londonderry's old ileather breeches received by his Regiment of Life Guards as a precious relic, to the solemn sound of a Te Deum and the loyal strains of "God, save the Queen !" Imagine the hearts of the soldiers to beat high at the sight of the venerable deposite—their faces to flush with martial ardour-each warrier instinctively to clutch the hilt of his good sword, or to press the trigger of his carbine-resolved to do or die'in defence of the article abovementioned. An English pantomirnewriter dare not introduce such an incident upon the stage, for there are some improbabilities too voilent for the digestion even of a Christmas audience. The scene, however, has been acted in broad daylight, parily at Potsdam, and parily at Branenburg. The King of Prussia and the 6th Regiment of Chirassiers-unwilling sharers in the Tomfoolery, no doubt -were the active agents in the transaction. A deputation from the regiment, now stationed at Brandenburg was told off for the solemn duty, and proceeded to Potsdam to receive the old clothes of the late Czar. The King handed them over to sub-officers chosen from the regiment for their trustworthiness, and then the deputation returned with the bundle to Brandenburg. They found the regiment under arms at the railway station ready to receive the graceful donation with all due enthusiasm. The old clothes were shaken out-given to the winds as one may say -and straightway the regiment present arms, and the band struck up the Russian national hymn. Nor was this all; the 6th Prussian Cuirassiers were next formed into a square, that the soldiers might have the benefit of hearing an oration from their Colonel upon the honour which had been conferred on them by their being selected as the recipients of so holy a relic. Our correspondent most unfortunately has not furnished us with even an epitome of the arguments and considerations urged by the military orator in his treatment of so lofty a theme. The German race generally labour under a peculiar inaptitude for appreciating a rediculous situation; but one would have supposed such an occasion would have been too trying even for their simplicity. What can one say about old clothes ?-" Soldiers of the 6th Cuirassiers, -brave companions in neutrality,-be diligent in brushing these venerable relics, and occasionally air them." We are at the end of our eloguence, but We are at the end of our eloquence, but a Northern German would, no doubt, be able to divigate into space upon so touching a theme, and to connect, the old clothes with the loftiest emotions of his imperfect nature. - Times.

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