

shun him as they would the tiger and the hyæna—or as they would the pestilential air of an infected city, where some frightful malady is sweeping off its victims by thousands. There is something poisonous and contaminating in the very breath of the slanderer. The ignoble wretch who is guilty of the foul crime of slander—he who wantonly and maliciously assails the character of his fellow-man—ought to receive the contempt, the hatred, and the curses of the world.

THE ARTS OF MEMORY.

THE arts of memory have at all times excited the attention of the studious; they open a world of undivulged mysteries, where every one seems to form some discovery of his own, rather exciting his astonishment than enlarging his comprehension. Le Sage, a modern philosopher, incapable of acquiring languages, and deficient in all those studies which depend on the exercise of the memory, it became the object of his subsequent exertions to supply this deficiency by the order and method he observed in arranging every new fact or idea he obtained; so that in reality, with a very bad memory it appears that he was still enabled to recall at will any idea or any knowledge that he had stored up. The late Wm. Hutton, a man of an original cast of mind, as an experiment in memory, opened a book, which he had divided into 365 columns, according to the days of the year: he resolved to try to recollect an anecdote for every column, as insignificant and remote as he was able, rejecting all under ten years of age, and, to his surprise, he filled those spaces for small reminiscences within ten columns.—*D'Israeli.*

THE CHINESE EMPIRE.

THE London Morning Chronicle says:—"It is calculated that this empire contains at least half as much wealth and industry as the remainder of the globe. The great body of the people are much wealthier, and more advanced in knowledge than the inhabitants of any other Asiatic country, and the advantages which their soil and climate give them in the production of valuable articles of export, and the effective demand which their wealth and taste for luxury create for the products of other countries, are such as to render them capable of becoming better customers than the same number of people in the far larger half of Europe and America."

GIVING THE DEVIL HIS DUE.—Swift, in preaching an assize sermon, was severe upon the lawyers for pleading against their consciences. After dinner, a young counsel said some severe things upon the clergy, and added that he did not doubt, were the devil to die, a parson might be found to preach his funeral sermon. "Yes," says Swift, "I would, and would give the devil his due, as I did his children this morning!"

CIVIL INTELLIGENCE.

CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

LIST OF BILLS ASSENTED TO IN HER MAJESTY'S NAME BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

An Act to repeal an Ordinance of Lower Canada, intituled, "An Ordinance concerning Bankrupts and the administration and distribution of their Estates and Effects," and to make provision for the same object throughout the Province of Canada.

"To abolish imprisonment in Execution for Debt, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

"To regulate the inspection and measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature.

"To facilitate the proof of the Laws of Upper and Lower Canada, and to declare protests of Notaries Public Evidence in certain cases in Upper Canada.

"To regulate and facilitate the study of Anatomy.

"To continue for a limited time the duties imposed on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock imported into this Province.

"To provide for the calling and orderly holding of Public Meetings in this Province, and for the better preservation of the public peace thereat.

"Further to provide for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools, and for apportioning the fund for the support of the

same, and also to grant an indemnity for the payment of certain portions of the School monies for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and further to provide for the apportionment and distribution of the balance of the said monies for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-two and 1843.

"To repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make further provision for enabling the Provincial Government to purchase the Stock held by private persons in the Welland Canal.

"For vesting in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordinance the Estates and property therein described, for granting certain powers to the said Officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

"To exempt Public Officers from the New Commissions on the demise of the Crown.

"To prohibit the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game, within this Province at certain seasons of the year.

"For the better preservation of certain species of Fish in the Rivers and Waters of the Counties therein mentioned.

"To provide for the Summary Trial of Small Causes in Lower Canada.

"To repeal certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Administration of Justice in Lower Canada.

"For the establishment of a better Court of Appeals in Lower Canada.

"To establish the District of Gaspé and to provide for the due administration of Justice therein.

"To alter the Terms of the General Sessions of the Peace in and for the District of St. Francis.

"To amend the Ordinance providing for the Registration of Titles to Real Property, or Incumbrances thereon, in Lower Canada; and further, to extend the time allowed by the said Ordinance for the Registration of certain claims.

"For taking the Census of the inhabitants of Lower Canada and for obtaining statistical information therein mentioned.

"To alter and amend certain provisions of the Ordinance of the Governor and Council of Lower Canada of the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Ordinance for establishing an efficient system of Police in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal."

"To exempt Vehicles conveying manure from the Cities and Towns of this Province from the payment of Tolls on Turnpike Roads, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

"To detach Isle Bizarre from the Registration District of the Lake of the Two Mountains, and to annex it to the Island and County of Montreal, for the purpose of Registration.

"To empower the seigniors of the Fiefs Nazareth, Saint Augustin, and St. Joseph, in the City and County of Montreal, to commute the tenure of the Lands now held *en censive* in the said Fiefs respectively.

"To detach the township of Chatham, Gore, otherwise called the Gore of Chatham, from the County of Terrebonne, and to annex it to the County of Two Mountains.

"For the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada.

"To enable Courts of Law in that part of this Province called Upper Canada, to give relief against adverse claims made upon persons having no interest in the subject of those claims.

"To fix the period for holding the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in that part of the Province formerly Upper Canada.

"To render more summary the means of enforcing the returns of process by Sheriffs and Coroners in that part of this Province called Upper Canada.

"To afford to persons having been Boundary Line Commissioners, a more easy and less expensive mode of recovering Costs still due on Judgments rendered in that capacity.

"To prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in Upper Canada.

"To explain an Act passed in that part of this Province called Upper Canada, in the third year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to confirm and regulate certain Sales of Lands for Taxes in the Ottawa District."

"To confirm and make valid certain official Acts in the offices of Registrar, Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of the District Court, and Registrar of the Surrogate Court, in and for the District of Ottawa.

"To divide the Township of Hawkesbury, in the Ottawa District, into two Townships.

"To amend the Act relating to the Boundary Line between the Niagara and Gore District.

"To declare a debt contracted by the Committee of Magistrates of the Johnstown District, to enable them to complete the New Gaol and Court House of the said District, to be a debt payable by the District Council.

"For better defining and establishing the Eastern Boundary Line of the third concession of the Township of Cornwall in the Eastern District.

"To naturalize Cyprian Morgan and others.

"To authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Montreal to purchase, acquire, and hold the property now known as the Montreal Water Works.

"To incorporate Charles Cunningham, Richard Norman, Samuel Amory, and others, forming a Joint Stock Company for carrying on the Fishery in the Gaspé District and Gulf of St. Lawrence, and Coal Mining in the said District.

"To incorporate the Members of the Mercantile Library Association of Montreal.

"To confer certain powers on the Bishop of Montreal in the transfer of certain Lands.

"To incorporate the Education Society of the District of Quebec.

"To incorporate the Association called "La Congregation de Notre Dame de Quebec."

"To incorporate Les Dames Religieuses du Sacre Cœur de Jesus, of the Parish St. Jacques de l'Achigan, in the District of Montreal, for the purposes of Education.

"To renew and continue for a certain time, the privileges granted by a certain Act of Lower Canada therein mentioned, to Alexis Gosselin, and his Heirs and Assigns, with regard to a certain Bridge over the River Boyer, in the County of Bellechasse.

"To amend the Act incorporating the Tay Navigation Company.

"To authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, at their discretion, to admit Samuel Beasley Harrison to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof respectively.

"To authorize the Chairman of the Committee of the Canada Inland Forwarding and Insurance Company to sue for, and recover Debts due to the Company.

"To amend the Charter of the Catarqui Bridge Company.

"To alter and amend the Act of Incorporation of the Kingston Marine Railway Company.

"To authorise the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, and the Bank of the Niagara District, to open Books for the transfer of their Stock in the city of London, and to set aside aside certain portions of their Stock for that purpose.

"For incorporating and granting powers to the Upper Canada Trust and Loan Company.

"To incorporate the Kingston Mineral Wells Company.

"To retain Party Processions in certain cases.

His Excellency was pleased to reserve the following Bills for the further signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, viz:—

An Act for the better securing the Independence of the Legislative Council of this Province.

"For the better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

"For the discouragement of Secret Societies.

"To incorporate the Church Societies of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Dioceses of Quebec and Toronto.

"To incorporate certain persons carrying on Banking in the City of Montreal, under the name of the Banque du Peuple.

"To amend the Act incorporating the Bank of the Niagara District by providing for the extension of the time limited for the paying up of the Stock of the said Bank.

"To repeal certain Acts therein mentioned and to make better provision respecting the admission of Land Surveyors, and the Survey of Lands in Upper Canada.

"For vesting the Market Block in the Town of Niagara in the Council of the said town, and for other purposes.

"To alter and amend certain parts of "An Act therein mentioned relating to the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence, in so far as the same relate to the Port of Quebec."