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WHAT WE MAY SAY TO OUR READERS ABOUT THE LATE CONVENTION.

(From the American Celt.)

The Buffalo Convention, so anxiously advocated by this paper, in connection with others, and so perseveringly and ably urged upon our public by clerical and lay correspondents, has met, perfected an organization, cut out the work for its Delegates, and adjourned subject to the call of the Supreme Directory. During its deliberations it exhibited one unbroken scene of unity, and one common purpose-the adrancement of the Irish race in America, and the greater glory of the Catholic Religion. In talent, industry, and strong common sense, no purely benerelent body of equal numbers could surpass it; in true patriotism, in disinterested earnestness, in charity, it pre-eminently deserves to be placed at the head of all Irish bodies ever organized in America, and only second to some of those which shine out like beacons along the stormy battle-fields of our transatlantic politics. Its results, so far, may be thus enumerated.

I. It has been the means of demonstrating, in the most impressive manner, that there is no religious or social malfeasance in avoiding the dangers of peculiar societies, and in accepting the religious freedom and social security of more favored ones, wherever

II. It has been the means of sounding Irish public opinion in Canada and the United States, and of bringing out prominently the fact that an immense multitude of our countrymen are ready and willing to take part in Actual Settlements if assisted by the loans, or directed by the information which the agents of the Convention may be able to furnish.

III. It has been the means of making the most popular and patriotic Irishmen in every represented town or city in the United States and Canada acquainted with each other: thereby giving assurance to each Delegate of the character and competency of his colaborers.

IV. It has been the means of showing Americans of all parties that in the present troubles affecting the Irish on this soil, the Irish of Canada are interested-nobly interested-in the fate of their brethren; and that they will willingly give aid and comfort to all who do not intend to leave anostate children after them to tell posterity like the bitterns of Edom-in this place the light of the hearths went out!

V. It has been the means of giving a weight and importance to the Colonization movement which it could acquire in no other way: by making it an affair of national importance, and by securing the attention of important political personages here and in

VI. It has been the means of winning over the best services of the Press in both countries, without distinction of party, to its objects, and of thus impledge of success—abundant notoriety.

are two other results, one practical, one moral, which prore conclusively that its effects are not confined to those named.

I. It has arranged (as we stated above) and given the first impetus to a regular system of action which will now be prosecuted by the respective Delegates under the control of their Directory.

II. It has shown all who take an interest in such matters that Irishmen, under the proper inspiration, can bring their strongest prejudices face to face, and, disregarding local interests and sectional education, debate the most important questions without an angry

word or the shadow of a bad feeling. Whoever has read these pages while the Fillibuster gatherings of Boston and New York were in session, need not be told the importance of this offset of Know-Nothing calumny. Owing to those disgraceful bar-room battles, our enemies have been able to justify in part the narrow judgment which decrees us the credit of sinking deep shafts and cartying high hods-of linking State to State with thews of iron, and opening veins for commerce from Lake to River—but withholds from us the credit of Possessing the nobler capacity of self-government .--If only to put on record that Irishmen can so meet, so hold council, so part—the time of the Delegates and the money of their constituents were well spent.

The Convention, however, as we have noticed, and as will be seen more fully by the report in our last issue,) did not confine itself to this moral inmind of false views, or sit out its three or four days less get homes; and when it adjourned it had decided

While we write one hundred able and honored men | consequence of the pernicious teachings of ignorance, | enrich a master in England.

on each side of the Lakes are busy innoculating their and the want of faith, and the diffusion of learned neighbors with their own arder and founding branch gibberish, Britain is becoming a hell upon earth.

Societies. Hundreds more who have heretofore kept As men sow, so they shall reap. Pernicious teachblessing of God and the concurrence of the good After this grim and cowardly crawler follows the and inveterate crime, and then hypocritically blazonon prospering and doomed to prosper until it fulfils the object of all who have had any participation in maturing it, or who take any interest in its progress.

Yes! the 12th and three following days of Fe-Irish in America. They gave birth to facts creditable to our name and to a system which cannot fail resy. This is easily proved. Where religion neto give a new, a needed, and abiding stimulus to Trish- gleets the poor, the whole population becomes de-American character, if responded to in a becoming

The following comments of the press received up to this date show the spirit in which it writes on the labors of the Convention :-

The Boston Pilot calls it-

"The first practical movement for the benefit of our race on this side of the Atlantic."

The Instructor, of Philadelphia, in a correspondence. savs:--

"It was a strong Convention in numbers, but more especially in talent, prudence, and respectability."

The Herald of the same city says:-

"Judging from the character of the delegadesquite numerous, considering the inclemency of the season—and their knowledge of the emigrant's wants, the plans they have considered and adopted are worthy of serious consideration."

The Buffalo Catholic Sentinel says :--

"Unanimity reigned to the close of the meeting. Unanimity on the one grand point—a fervent desire to serve the temporal and spiritual interest of our people to the utmost. We confidently state that there is not a second opinion here on this subject."

The Toronto Mirror and Citizen, the Detroit Vindicator, and a very imposing array of the American press, re-echo the sentiments of the rest.

CRIME IN ENGLAND.

(From the Tablet.)

The Devil, according to St. Augustine, has certain moral attributes. Bad as he is, says the Saint, the Devil cannot get drunk. Sobriety is one of the attributes of Satan-from which it follows that drunkards are, says the Saint, worse than the Devil. Sloth is impossible to Satan. The Devil is always parting to the scheme which it expressed so well, a busy; energetic industry is one of the great features of the Satanic character. His misery will not let For these reasons alone, if we could offer no more, him rest. Nor is this all. The Devil is eminently the Convention was a complete triumph. But there intelligent. He is a historian, a chemist-familiar with geology, learned in astronomy-in short, a complete master of natural philosophy, insomuch that the Devil might, with the most distinguished success, fill a professor's chair in any one of the Godless Colleges. The Devil has impressed his moral character on the times we live in. Like the Devil, the people of Protestant Britain are amazingly industrious, and, the temples of Protestantism are, like the gaols of like him, their industry has had a Satanic origin. It China, generally closed. But, shut or open, Prois since they abandoned God and His Church that they became, they tell us, prosperous and industrious. To give the Protestants their due, it is difficult to outdo them in point of industry. But when we cast unpractised in England. The remedy we allude to our eyes upon the horrors inseparable from the industry of its factory system-its grinding and de- must be present. In all Pagan countries, accordingly, struction of soul and emaciation of body, it is no as in Protestant America, slavery does exist. Two exaggeration to say that the industry of Britain is so | thousand years ago Aristotle remarked that without for a diabolical industry. England, if she were not slavery there can be no political society, and Ariswealthy and intelligent, could not do so much mis- totle was quite right as to Pagans. Aristotle thought chief to truth-she could not compass land and sea that slavery is better than murder, and where Christo make proselytes—she could not accomplish the tianity is absent we must have either. Owing to the mission of her master. That master himself could abolition of slavery in England, which took place in not be so Satantic as he is if he were either sluggish. ignorant, or stupid.

may be termed Satonic-a temperance which is Satanic-and an intelligence which is Satanic. This They would feel grateful to the patriot who would intelligence makes men at once chemists and atheists, open a slave market, such as (according to Hallam) alike godless and well-informed. This is inevitable. Lectures on chemistry, which lead men to the use of hand, frequented, and relieve them thus from the nestrychnine, have superseded sermons on Catholic cessity of killing their sons, &c. Either you must of morality. The question, unfortunately, is not fluence, as it was not convened to disabuse the public dogma, which lead men to the frequentation of the give them a slave market or you must give them whether English criminals can be converted into solmind of false views, or sit out its three or four days Sacraments. Now, as of old, we are told—with Christianity, for no nation ever has existed without diers, but whether the Protestant poor of England as a pattern exhibition. No! it went into Dudley persuasive eloquence—that we shall become like unto one or other. This is obvious from the history of are not too depraved in mind and body for the mili-Hall with the holy purpose of devising a system by gods if we eat of the tree of knowledge, whose fruit Britain. In her days of Paganism she was a slave tary profession. A thief will not defend the prowhich the poor might be befriended, and the home- is death. Ruinous ideas are scattered broadcast by state. The moment Protestantism was thoroughly perty nor a murderer the life of a community. The pernicious teachers. Untiring efforts to assimilate rooted in England, slavery was established under the nations of antiquity were overturned by the northern upon all the preliminary steps to carry that purpose the moral character of men to that of Satan are name of transportation. The convict became a trans- barbarians, not merely because they were deficient made by titled itinerant lecturers. As an inevitable marine slave, who worked in chains in a colony to in courage, but because they were too faithless, cor-

The spirit of the present times is incarnate in our criminals. Like the age we live in, our criminals are characterised by intelligence, sobriety, and industry. Great virtues! which heresy degrades into the thralls is the melancholy and inevitable consequence of hepraved. The moral atmosphere is vitiated by the breathings of a corrupt and dissolute rabble, and moral health become impossible. No man is sound. This wanton heresy, which struts in the horrowed robes of faith, and professes to be a religion, cannot control the masses. While primitive Christianity was acceptable only to the poor, this simial religion is acceptable to none but the wealthy. It may flutter like a painted moth in the sunshine of fortune to sheds not a single gleam to cheer and illumine the deep and broad foundations on which the fabric of society reposes. This fastidious faith descends not into the dismat prison-house of the poor, where indigence pines, and wasting misery broods, where hunger groans, and ragged nudity howls and shivers .-the empty pageant of a theatre, not the martyred truth of the Catacombs. It is not reality, but a masque—not a substance, but a shadow—not a mission, but a fraud. It is distracted by contradictions, and barren in all save crime. As a consequence of Clerical neglect, swarms of lay teachers have arisen in Britain. But to suppose that mechanics' institutes, and the gibberish of science, can remedy an ignorance of Christianity, is a great error on the part of Protestant clergymen. To load the memory is not to improve the morals. The march of intellect which leads to Hell is a poor substitute for the glad tidings of the Gospel, which lead to Heaven. Lectures on geology, which teach men to laugh at the Bible, and lectures on chemistry, which teach men the uses of strychnine, may render men intelligent, industrious, and sober, but will not make them Christians. It Palmerises the people; and man, who was made in the image and likeness of God, is moulded by degrees into the image of Lucifer, as described by St. Augustine.

CESSATION OF TRANSPORTATION. (From the Same.)

"Though the gaols," says the Chinese proveb, are always shut, yet they are always crowded; and though the temples are always open, they are empty." What is true of Pagan China is quite as true of Protestant England, with this difference, however, that testant churches are empty. But all Pagan nations -and the Chinese among the rest-have a remedy for moral delinquency, which is unknown, or at least is slavery. Where true religion is absent, slavery Catholic times, the Protestant poor cannot make a few shillings of their children without strangling We see in Protestant England an industry which them. To a people whose morals are so had-who are so profoundly depraved—this is a great hardship. their Saxon ancestors, leading their little ones by the

Those whom the Protestant church was too weak to reform the Protestant Government was powerful enough to transport. As France was said to be a back-fearing that the Convention in Dudley Hall ings are followed by more pernicious practices. Thus despotism, tempered by epigrams, so the depravity would be, if not so discreditable, as useless as those the world is borrified within one short month by the of Protestantism was tempered by transportation .in Boston and the Astor House of this city-will harvest of crime which mantles Great Britain with Having drafted off ber human seculence to the colonow put their shoulders earnestly to the movement. disastrous and funeral shadow. We have first the nies, Britain turned up her eyes with the Pharisee in Even the Hierarchy, already well represented, will, fiendish felony of Sir John Paul, who, with the same the Gospel, and thanked Heaven she was not as we doubt not, lend their high names and powerful in- hand which opens a heretical Bible, despoils the wi- others. The mother country overwhelmed her transfluence to it in increased numbers. So, with the dow of her mite and the orphan of her patrimony, marine offspring with cargoes of hardened iniquity men embarked or about to embark in it, it will go clumsy figure and coarse red face of William Palmer. ed her own exemption from the immorality she had transported. But she has now changed all that .-She has vigorously set herself to execrate and sweep away Irish honesty and keep English crime at home. While avarious landlords, urged on by the invecbruary last were and are ones of great import to the and handmaids of appalling crime—crime, too, which tives and exhortations of a bigoted press, are tearing down the cabins, and driving into exile the Catholic peasantry, Protestant Britain is tenderly cherishing grim hordes of hardened villains. "We propose to keep them in prison until they are released by death," says a high authority, speaking of English criminality. The bigotry of our Irish Protestants is so rancorous that some of their journals have actually proposed that the place of Irish valor in the British army should be filled by English depravity; that the chasm opened by landlordism should be filled from those hells upon earth, the gaols of Britain, grim and choking with felony. There is a reason for this, inalight on the gilded pinnacles of lofty station, but it asmuch as the English cut-throats are usually sound Protestants, while the Irish are generally devoted Catholics.

> In point of religion the English army would be, in Protestant eyes, improved by putting red coats on all the inmates of English gaols; but this, we suspect, would be the only improvement. The nimble-Far from being Divine, it is not even human. It is footed knaves who run from a detective with winged speed would fly with equal celerity, and certainly more trepidation, from the face of Russian soldiers. It does not follow because they cut their way with centre-bits into warerooms, that they would equally cut their way with the sword into the Star Fort .-Though the light-fingered gentry fathom our pockets with dexterity, they might finger a musket with tre-mulous clumsiness. The consequences, meantime, of checking transportation may be seen in the following extract from the Civil Service Guzette:-"We have a Society for Promoting Christianity

amongst the Jews. Give us a Society for promoting Christianity amongst Christians. The most hideous atrocities occur in the blaze of open day. Men are thugged and garotted in the streets of London; the ' villanous centre-bit' of the burglar, as Mr. Tennyson aptly calls it, grates on the waking car of the trembling tenant; our ticket-of-leave men are prowling about like wolves; the Pagan virtues of fair play and fair dealing are vanishing from among us; trade has become a matter of trickery-your grocer does not care a bean-blossom though he poison you, so that before you die he may turn you to some profit by putting nux vomica in your porter, acetate of lead in your gin, hydrate of lime in your flour, sulphuric acid in your vinegar, and the bi-sulphuret of mercury in your snuff. The Times deplores the want of 'a proper spirit in our merchants and traders'-that proper spirit being the old, now obsolet, quality of common honesty. Ah! but still worse remains behind. The blood of murdered men and women cries to Heaven for vengeance. The Burdon murder-the Islington murder-the Minories murder-the Burnopfield murder—the Maidstone murder—the South-amptom murder—the Rugeley murder—on they come in grim and ghastly array; and what embarrasses the newspaper reader and perplexes him beyond all measure, is to keep these frightful occurrences distinct in his memory, so as not to confound the characters and incidents of one tragedy with those of another. Yes, say what you will, this is the age of iron.— While we have been painting the figure-head the ship has run upon a rock-already there are five feet of water in the hold."

This criminality, which they cannot transport, they propose to enlist. Honor is the soul of the army, therefore, exclaim the Protestant newspapers, the army should be well stocked with thieves! Nothing but insanity could suggest such an absurdity as substituting the ferocious wolf for the faithful dog. The writers who insult the British army by such a suggestion should know that military service-even the humble duties of a sentinel-require a high degree rupt, and perfidious for war.