THE TORONTO WORLD

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 27, 1883.

LIGHT-FINGERED PRESIDENTS.

There is one valuable thing about a governor general which does not attach to a president. He cannot steal the gubernatorial furniture. It is a reason for valuing him. In the states it seems the retiring president generally contrives to slip off with everything moveable, and his successor has to get an appropriation to buy a chair to sit on. Hayes, the economical, seems to have been an adept in this light-fingered pleasantry. This will put an end to the idea that the economical president is best. Some presidents can be too economical. Hayes for instance. In fact when Garfield came into possession of the White House he wished to invite a few friends to dinner. Mrs. Garfield had to tell him she did not have the necessary outfit. Hayes, she said, did not seem to have left even a napkin behind him. And this in spite of the fact that during his term of office $85,000 had been appropriated to upholster and rehabilitate the executive mansion.

Since then the annual amount spent in fixing up the furniture and adornments of the White House has been $25,000, or half of what our governor-general gets a year.

Therefore we say that from an economical standpoint a governor general may be considered preferable to a president, even though he be a Dufferin and has private theatricals.

THE OPERA WAR IN NEW YORK.

If the opening of the two opera houses in New York on Monday night proved a pitched battle between the rival managers, Abbey and Mapleson, the vantage ever since seems to have remained with the gallant colonel. His house has been full ever since, while Abbey's was only full on the night of the opening. It is certain that even New York cannot support two such houses as the Academy and the Metropolitan at once. When Patti gets $5000 a night from Mapleson, and Nilsson an almost equal amount from Abbey, it is at once seen that indulgence in opera going in New York is expensive. However, things may eventually turn out better for the managers, the patrons at least of the opera gain considerably. It is estimated that neither New York, London, or Paris have ever had such a magnificent season as the American capital bids fair to have this winter. But it will bankrupt the managers.

NOT GOOD LOOKING ENOUGH.

That is what they are thinking in the states about W. S. Holman, whom the great democratic organ of New York, the Sun, is booming for president next year. The Sun incautiously printed his portrait last week and the democrats have been saying ever since that they wont vote for the original. The portrait was too much for them. Perhaps it was like some of those portraits the Globe sometimes prints. It should serve as a warning to the Globe. The Sun admits the criticism, but says Holman can't help his face. This is unfortunate, seeing that Arthur is one of the finest looking men in the states. Holman might not be able to help his face, but the Sun ought to have helped that portrait. Anyway it seems to have ruined Holman's chances.

ANOTHER ENGLISH CRICKET TEAM.

It is likely that Lord Harris will bring out another team of English gentlemen cricketers to Canada next year, and play in this country and in the States. If they come out the tour will be under the same local management as in 1872, and which proved so successful all round. Lord Harris and Mr. Hornby will be the only two members of the former team who will play in the coming one.

The American presbyterian church must be making strides. At the synod lately held in New York it complimented the American Roman catholics on their liberal views. No church but a strong one could do this. It is an evidence of life. If that unhappy church in Toronto which is now dissipating its strength and making a spectacle of itself by going to law with its members could find itself in such a strong and happy position as to be able to hold out the hand of fellowship to the churches of the world, how one might rejoice? We fear it will be a long time before such a spectacle can be seen in Toronto. More's the pity. At the same time we congratulate the New York synod on the different positions which they occupy.

The Peterborough Examiner having said that Mr. Carling made very good beer, the Orillia Times takes the trouble to assert that "he is also a very good hand for disposing of the above-named or any similar beverage when charged to the government." The Northern Advance thereupon puts in a claim for Mr. Herman H. Cook, asserting that he "personally" disposes of more liquor in a month than Mr. Carling does in a year. This is a matter which ought to be at once settled by a contest before competent judges. It is too important to be left to the wild and reckless statements of irresponsible newspaper men, who probably never take anything themselves.

The Aurora Banner is apparently not in favor of the division of York county. Of the recent meeting it says: "There was a great absence of enthusiasm about the whole proceedings, and the above resolutions were declared by the warden unanimously passed, not more than ninety persons were in the hall, fully one half of whom, we are told by a responsible person who was in a position to see, did not vote either for or against the resolutions."

Although Lord Lansdowne, has so far shown every desire to do his best in his new position, we notice that many of the papers are publishing pictures of him.

The Kingston Whig has an item headed, "Worried by Sheep." Is there no law in the land which will allow a harmless dog to take a walk unmolested without being assaulted by vicious rams?

The Stratford Beacon thinks more judges are needed in Ontario, and points out that there are still pending trials arising out of the last dominion election, which took place nearly a year and a half ago.

A CONUNDRUM.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: I hope Ald. Turner, Trees or Capt. Hall will move at the next meeting of council for a return of the salaries per day of the chief of police, the police magistrate, the mayor, the city solicitor, and of the number of days these gentlemen have been at their post during the present year.

GRACCHUS.

THAT WORKINGMAN'S LICENSE.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: In a letter headed "A Workingman's License" in The World of Friday last an allusion is made to the harsh treatment of Mr. McDonald, who was fined some days before for selling liquor without a license. Why should Mr. McDonald expect to be treated more leniently than others who were similarly served, and what is the exceptional hardshess he complains of? If he had been found worthy it is probable his license would have been renewed.

AN OBSERVER.

NOT ON A DOWNY BED.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: In passing through the northern part of the city yesterday I came across the man Stafford, who fell nearly sixty feet a few weeks ago, while at work on the new St. Phillips' church. It appears the poor fellow has been beautifully left alone in his agony and poverty since the accident. With the exception of the contractor neither the minister nor any of the congregation has called to see whether he is dead or alive or starving. Very curious, is it not, when we think of the prayers and praise offered up in those places of worship? There would be no want of callers if he was laying on a bed of down and in a comfortable room.

ANTI-HUMBUG.

POLITICAL WRITING.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: The Mail has come out in a style which I do not think right. It has long told, in its own way, what ministers do with the cash of Canada, which it is all well to tell if the truth be told. But now it starts on a new tack, and tells what they do with their own funds, where they buy land and sell it, and all sorts of things. Now, if they had found out wrong, and told it, it would not be so bad; but there seems no proof that this is the case. Now, we all know that the Mail's friends at Ottawa, or most of them, buy and hold land where they like—in Canada or in the states. Let them print all if they like, but all or none—I should say none. No good will be done. Men could buy if it were wrong, which it is not, under false names. I think it is well that our chief men should hold land on both sides of the line. Let us be friends: we are not at war with the states, and do not want to be. In fact this is Peek-a-boo in a new place. We do not want him there, nor, in fact, do we want him at all.

PLAIN.

RE McCABE.

To the Editor of the World.

SIR: Let us not waste words on this subject. All that can be said has already been said in substance in your editorial and the letters of Mr. Wm. Burgess and Justice. Maria McCabe must not be hanged; if she is, her betrayer must be also; if she is imprisoned, he must be as well. Equally guilty, let them be equally punished. Public sentiment has been clearly enough defined on this point in previous discussions. It was shown in the shouts of acclamation with which the crowd received the verdict in the Colborne tragedy of a year ago when the jury acquitted Maria Spearman for shooting dead the man who had ruined her under false promises of marriage. Public feeling will no doubt be in favor of saving this erring girl from the gallows. Then let something be done at once. Act. I know nothing about the Women's Social club, being a stranger in the city; but at any rate would it not be better for some prominent man, who could reach the people more easily than any woman, to take up the matter and prepare the proposed petition. As a sex, I am sure we would gladly give the conduct of the movement to its proposer, Mr. Wm. Burgess, and will do all that we as women can to help it forward.

If we had more men who were willing, like him, to advocate the rights of women as against their own sex, we would hear fewer women clamoring for political rights which they only do under the pressure of necessity and as a means to an end.

Will Mr. Burgess kindly let us hear further from him.

A WOMAN.

Toronto, Oct. 24, 1883.

LIFT UP THE FALLEN.

To the Editor of The World.

SIR: As you have attained one of the foremost positions in the estimation of the people for the able and independent manner in which you advocate the right of the masses. I would like to say a few words on behalf of that poor girl McCabe. It seems very sad that in a christian community like this so little sympathy is shown for the poor girl. Let a petition, largely signed by our best citizens, be presented to the minister of justice or our new governor-general. Such a petition would be approved of by all good thinking people in this dominion. Look at these two pictures. On one side is the poor helpless, pennyless, friendless, outcast young girl, who having yielded to a temptation too strong for her to withstand, has been mercilessly condemned to be hanged. And on the other side we see the man, (?) her seducer, a wretched, heartless scoundrel who is, as your correspondent Justice wisely puts it, the real cause of her afflictions and suffering is allowed to go. Hang him rather than the girl.

Ah! woe is me for I was born a woman. God pity us poor women, for there is danger all around us whichever way we turn. Can we not do something ere it be too late, to save the poor girl from the fate of the gallows? Yes, from the fate of imprisonment for life, which in my humble opinion she does not deserve. Where are all our prominent writers? Ah, yes, we can do something if we only unite our efforts together and try.

Let these blessed words from the "All merciful" have some weight upon the mind of this intelligent community when he said to the woman: "Hath no man condemned thee?" "No, Lord," answered the penitent woman. "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more."

MATER FAMILIAS.

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From the Weekly (Toronto) Mail, Aug. 24.

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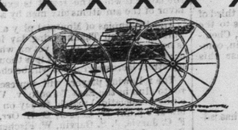

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