WORK OF THE IRISH NATIONALISTS.

The Irish Nationalists are preparing for the next campaign with great activity and fervour and are much pleased with the tone of their constituencies, especially in Ulster, where they are making arrangements to elect Tories wherever they themselves have no chance. Persistent rumors of Earl Spencer's retirement continue to be in the air, and they are regarded as evidence that the liberals are trying to enter into a compact with the Parnellites by dangling this bribe with one hand while threatening a renewal of coercion with the other There is apparently small chance of such an alliance. The nationalist papers are paying much attention to the depression in the linen industry and to schemes for its revival, which have had a good effect in Belfast. Among the strong men whom the next election will bring out is J. J. Clancy, of the *Nation*, who will contest Dublin. Tipperary next week will supply the place of Smyth, who took office recently. It was expected that John O'Connor, of Cork, who has been in prison there, and who is one of the ablest and most popular of the Nationalists, would succeed Smyth, but it has been decided otherwise. While Mr. Parnell's leadership is still unquestioned last night's event in Tipperary is a warning that there are limits to the nationalists' discipline. In order to fill the Smyth vacancy Archbishop Croke had publicly invited Mr. O'Connor to be the candidate, and Mr. Parnell had publicly given his assent. The *United Ireland* and the *Freeman's Journal* both published glowing articles about Mr. O'Connor as the next member for Tipperary. Everybody seemed to regard the question as decided until the county convention league delegates met and Mr. O'Connor had made a speech, when Patrick Ryan, of Cashel, also an ex-suspect, arose and spoke in favor of his own candidacy, saying that Tipperary, in which district lies Cashel, was capable of choosing one of its own citizens. Thereupon Mr. Ryan was nominated by a considerable majority. The National League of Templemore has encouraged the rebellion by subscribing £50 towards the election of Mr. Ryan.—*Cor. N. Y. Times.*

CHICAGO SOCIALISTS.

CHICAGO, Jan 5.—There was a large attendance at a meeting of the "Working people's International association" yesterday afternoon, including a few women. C. S. Griffin, the first speaker, stated that this world had been created for all people alike and that capitalists must take non-capitalists into co-partnership—or else, with the assistance of dynamite, leave the world. A speaker named Harsons said the chief purpose of socialism was to put all men into palaces and place on their tables the bounties of the earth. When socialism prevailed every man would be a joint stockholder of the entire earth and richer than Vanderbilt. Socialism had become a necessity and one must accept it or perish. August Spies advocated murder, because by it murder could be prevented. He who upheld the present order of society was a murderer. The mission of all governments was to maintain the robbery of the people. He offered a resolution endorsing the alleged action of the Hocking Valley miners in destroying the property of the syndicate, which was adopted. Jno. Sural, an old man, said he believed in slaughtering a few thousand capitalists. Miss Lee declared herself ready to shoulder a musket in order to kill the capitalists. Mrs. Parsons asserted her ability to throw dynamite as effectively as her husband. She closed with an expressed desire that ministers would in future advise their starving parishioners to trust in dynamite instead of to trust in God.

OBITUARY.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Thos. D. Quinn, which took place at his son-in-law's residence, 334½ St. Antoine street, on the 3rd inst. Mr. Quinn was a native of Tipperary County, Ireland, and spent the early part of his life in St. John's, Newfoundland. He has been fifty years in this country. His funeral will take place from his son-in-law's (M. X. Lefebvre) residence, 334½ St. Antoine street, on Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

The announcement of the death of Sister King, which took place in the Hotel Dieu Sunday, was received with profound regret. The good sister had charge of the St. Patrick's ward in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, and many there are who can testify to the care and attention the late Sister King bestowed on the sick and afflicted during the long period she has been connected with the institution. The Sister at the time of her death was 52 years and 7 months, having spent 32 years in the religious profession. Her funeral service will be held in the Hotel Dieu, on Wednesday morning, the 7th instant, at 8 o'clock.

Senator Muirhead died at his residence, Chatham, N.B., December 29th, after a somewhat lengthy illness, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. He was the son of the late John Muirhead, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who came to Nova Scotia in 1817, and for some years carried on business as a merchant and shipbuilder, at Pictou. Senator Muirhead was born in Pictou, April 4, 1819, and with his parents removed to Miramichi, where he was educated and where he married Miss Annie Gray. Mr. Muirhead was actively engaged in lumbering and mill owning, and his energy and remarkable business qualities had much to do with the development of the north shore of our province. He entered the legislative council in 1868, and was called to the senate of Canada in January, 1873. He leaves three sons and one daughter. In politics Mr. Muirhead was in hearty accord with that policy which best promoted the interests of the Maritime Provinces, and was, therefore, a cordial supporter of the administration of Sir John Macdonald.—*St. John Sun.*

THE LATE MR. ROBERT McCREADY.

Mr. McCready was a native of the County Tipperary, Ireland, and came to this country with his father when quite a young lad. When a comparatively young man, being some 25 years of age, he commenced business for himself as a leather merchant. He afterwards became associated with his brother, Mr. James McCready, in the boot and shoe business, which they carried on under the name of Messrs. James McCready & Co., until about six years ago, when the partnership was dissolved and the late Mr. McCready again carried on business by himself, as a wholesale boot and shoe manufacturer, which he continued till the time of his death. During the twenty years in which he was engaged in business in Montreal, the late Mr. McCready made many friends, and was well known as a man of sterling integrity and honest worth, and among those under him as a kind and indulgent employer. In the course of a successful business career he also amassed a considerable fortune. The deceased gentleman leaves a wife and four children—two sons and two daughters—to mourn his loss, to whom very general sympathy will be extended by a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement. The deceased gentleman was a warm friend of the workingman, and during the strikes among the workers in the boot and shoe factories, proved his sympathies in a practical manner by refusing to co-operate against them. He was a large shareholder of THE POST Printing and Publishing Company, and an ex-director of this paper.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Lent begins on the 18th prox. and will end on the 4th of April.

M. Felix East, postmaster of St. Augustin, was unanimously elected churchwarden of that parish.

Hon. Senator C. B. de Boucherville, M.L.C., has been appointed to the Council of Public Instruction, Catholic section, in place of Mr. P. Benoit, M.P.

A telephonic message received from Sault aux Recollets to-day said that His Lordship, Archbishop Bourget, was in the same condition. He is very weak.

Mr. Joseph Tellier Lafortune was ordained priest by his Lordship Bishop Fabre on Saturday last, and the same day he was appointed vicar at St. Eustache.

The members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association paid a visit to the Bishop's Palace on Wednesday, and were received by His Lordship Bishop Fabre. The visitors were introduced by their spiritual adviser, Rev. Father Donnelly, and met with a most cordial welcome from the Lord Bishop.

About 800 gentlemen paid a visit to His Lordship Bishop Fabre yesterday, on the occasion of the new year, amongst whom were:—His Worship Mayor Beaudry, Hon. Judges Jetté, Papineau, Mousseau, Rainville, Mathieu, Monk and Baby, Hon. J. R. Thibaudeau, Recorder DeMontigny, Police Magistrates Desnoyers and Dugas, Messrs. Pliuquet, Tassé, Lacoste, Dansereau, Perodeau, Jobin, Cusson, Simard, etc.

At the New Year's reception to the clergy at the Bishop's Palace the address to His Lordship was read by Rev. Father Dowd, curé of St. Patrick's Church. "It may seem strange," said the reverend Father, "that I come in presence and in the name of a French clergy to offer Your Lordship in the English language our wishes for the new year. But we are priests, and the Church speaks the same language to all, the language of the heart, in which we like to speak to Your Lordship." In the course of his reply, the Bishop alluded to Mgr. Bourget's illness, and asked all the priests present to add the prayer "pro infirmo" to the service of the Mass.

CATARRH.—A new treatment has been discovered whereby this hitherto incurable disease is eradicated in from one to three applications, no matter whether standing one year or forty years. Descriptive pamphlets sent free on receipt of stamp. A. H. DIXON & SON, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada. 39 tf

MORTALITY.

A WEEK'S RETURNS—MORTALITY AMONGST FRENCH-CANADIANS THE PAST YEAR.

The returns from the Protestant cemetery for the past week show that the number of bodies placed in the vault was 25. Of these 15 were of males and in the total number 10 were children. The principal causes of death were:—3 diphtheria; 1 typhoid fever; 2 scarlet fever; 2 pneumonia; 2 phthisis. The mortality among the French-Canadian inhabitants for the year, according to the Fabrique of Notre Dame, was 5,565, against 5,201 for 1883—an increase of 364. The chief cause of death among children was diphtheria. Consumption was the average disease among adults. The increase in the population more than made up for the increased death rate.

To the Editor of THE POST *and* TRUE WITNESS:

SIR,—Knowing that you and your readers will be glad to hear of the advancement of the Church, I make no apology for sending you the following:—

Although this place has been settled for over half a century, we had no Catholic Church within eight miles, and our parish church was twenty-one miles distant. Twenty years ago there were only three Catholic families here, but they have increased to about fifty at present. Under these circumstances our beloved Bishop Cleary, on his late pastoral visit through the diocese, with his ever watchful care, saw that a church and priest was needed here, and immediately sent us a priest. And as an evidence of what can be done, where priest and people work together, would say: Just three months ago our priest arrived here, acquainted with none of his parishioners, and on the 12th of October we commenced to build a church (36 by 70 feet inside), and on Christmas Day (yesterday) at six a.m., we had in it the first mass ever celebrated in Carleton Place on Christmas Day. The ladies had the church tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and we also had a choir of our young people, who never sang a note in public before, but who after a few evenings' practice with one of our ladies, rendered a few hymns very well. Of course our church is not finished, but is so that we can use it for the winter, and in spring we will get at it again and have it finished and dedicated next summer. Our priest—well, our priest is energetic yet painstaking, respected by our Protestant fellow-citizens, and reverenced and loved by his parishioners. He also attends to the parish of Ferguson's Falls (12 miles distant) where, after saying Masses here at six and eight o'clock, he had Mass at 11:30 and received a Christmas box of $80, and was met on his return here with $128 more from Carleton Place, making in all $208. It is almost unnecessary to say he is the Reverend M. O'Donohoe. Long may he remain with us.

G. A. C.

Carleton Place, December 28, 1884.

Hard to Believe.

It is hard to believe that a man was cured of a Kidney disease after his body was swollen as big as a barrel and he had been given up as incurable and lay at death's door. Yet such a cure was accomplished by Kidney-Wort in the person of M. M. Devereaux, of Ionia, Mich., who says: "After thirteen of the best doctors in Detroit had given me up, I was cured by Kidney-Wort. I want every one to know what a boon it is."

A miser living in Columbia County, N. Y., has just died and his wife quarreled with the undertaker for charging her $1.50 for putting some boards together for a coffin, which boards the miser had previously provided. In searching the house after the wife's death $35,000 in government bonds, $28,000 in bank certificates and three bushels of pennies were found. They had been so saving that they had used neither meat nor soap for twenty years.

Glass floors, of heavy blocks imbedded in iron framework, are largely replacing wood floors in Paris business houses. The French build for time. The many mirrors set in their walls are not alone for show. They are cheaper than paint or paper in the course of years.

BOOK NOTICES.

MGR. CAPEL'S REJOINDER to the Reply of Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D.D. New York and Cincinnati: Fr. Pustet & Co. Pamphlet, 25 cents.

Mgr. Capel has not been idle during his stay in the United States. Not long since he published a pamphlet entitled "Catholic; an essential and exclusive attribute of the True Church." Rev. Mr. Hopkins, an Episcopalian clergyman, wrote a reply in the way of a lengthy article in the *Church Review*. In his reply the minister had recourse to a piece of strategy,—the deliberate perversion of a statement concerning the power of jurisdiction upon which the whole question at issue turns,—to weaken the crushing force of the Monsignor's reasoning. Of this the Monsignor convicts him and expresses the "hope that the doctor in this matter is not a representative of many clergymen in the States." The pamphlet is clear and cogent, and is altogether a cutting rejoinder to Dr. Hopkins.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE, Rochester, New York.

This is a very interesting book of 120 pages, with probably five times as many illustrations of all sorts of fruits, flowers and vegetables. The drawings are splendidly executed, and taken altogether the book is a magnificent example of American taste, artistic skill, knowledge and enterprise.

NOTES ON INGERSOLL. By Rev. L. A. Lambert. Seventh edition. One hundred thousand. Buffalo, N.Y., Buffalo Catholic Publication Company. Cloth, 50 cents, paper, 25 cents.

This work has a large circulation, which is proof of its ability. Father Lambert's style of confuting the ranting infidel is peculiarly fitting and effective. He meets him on his own ground and with his own weapons. It is replete with pith, mirth and logic. For sale at D. & J. Sadlier & Co., Montreal.

CATHOLIC BELIEF: or, A Short and Simple Exposition of Catholic Doctrine. By the Very Rev. Joseph Faa di Bruno, D.D. Revised and adapted to the United States, by Rev. Louis A. Lambert, author of "Notes on Ingersoll," etc. With the Imprimateur of their Eminences, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, and an Introduction by the Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, Bishop of Buffalo.

This little book is one of the cheapest and best books for missions yet published. It is an admirable book of instruction on Christian doctrine for both Catholics and Protestants. Short, clear, simple and concise, it meets the needs of a numerous class of non-Catholics, who, yearning after Truth, unsettled in their convictions, sincere in their inquiries, and curious to know just what Catholics do believe, have neither leisure nor inclination to pore over large volumes or study elaborate dogmatical treatises. The author evinces rare ability and tact in setting forth Catholic principles in a few words, with winning simplicity and yet scholastic accuracy. He treats of all the leading dogmas of the Church, yet as his aim is to remove "from minds otherwise well disposed, misconceptions of our holy religion, and still deep-rooted prejudices against Catholic faith," he naturally addresses himself more particularly to, and dwells more lengthily on, those doctrines which Protestantism has rejected. Another feature of the work is its entire freedom from anything which might give offence to any one, without, however, compromising or disguising truth. He shows throughout a delicate consideration for those in error, and a just appreciation of the difficulties, intellectual, and social, which converts to the Faith must encounter and overcome. The book is just the one to put in the hands of a Protestant friend, confident that Catholic faith will more readily reach the soul and bring conviction to the understanding, when Catholic charity has won the heart and favorably predisposed the will, Price, 40 cts. Benziger Bros., publishers, New York, N. P.

HISTORY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S SODALITY.

This work is intended to serve as a souvenir of the recent Jubilee, and neither care nor expense has been spared to render the book worthy of the occasion. The volume commends itself by these considerations:—1. It is an opportune tribute to the Blessed Virgin on the occasion of the Tercentenary Jubilee of Her Sodality. 2. As a succinct statement of facts regarding the Sodality, it will be of service in impressing members with a duly exalted idea of their association, and in inviting postulants whom the splendid record of its three centuries can not failure to secure. 3. It will aid in the revival of interest and fervor in the work of the Sodalities, especially in Colleges and Academies. 4. It will explain to Non-Catholics the nature of an Association which is justly recognized as one of the sources of the superior spiritual life that ought to distinguish Catholics, Price 60 cents. T. B. Noonan & Co., publishers, 17 Boylston street, Boston, Mass.

ANGEL GUARDIAN ANNUAL and useful Almanac for 1885. Boston. House of the Angel Guardian.

This is the sixth year of this little annual, and it is, in many respects, the best yet issued. Besides complete calendars it contains a large amount of interest and instructive reading. Price five cents. The House of the Angel Guardian from which this little annual is issued, is conducted by the Brothers of Charity. It is an asylum for orphans, homeless and wayward boys. Persons sending a club of forty subscribers at twenty-five cents each will be registered life members of the society and receive besides a beautiful premium. Members share in a large number of spiritual benefits. Address, Bro. Joseph, Treasurer, 85 Vernon street, Boston, Mass.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD, January number. Contents:

A Shadow of Christmas, Edith W. Cook; The Falls of Wond, Agnes Repplier; Scriptural Questions—No. III, Rev. A. F. Hewit; The Hotel Bellecour During the siege, John A. O'Shea; the Tin Soldiers, Robert McPhail; Lilies Among Thorns, Maurice F. Egan; The Annunciation, Rev. Inigo Deane, S.J.; Solitary Island—Chaps. VI.-VII., Rev. John Talbot Smith; A Tired Heart, Katharine Tynan; Barbary Redwood, William Seton; Katharine—Chaps. XXI.-XXII., E. G. Martin; Influence of School-Life on Eye-sight, P. A. Callan, M.D.; New Publications. Price $4 per annum; single copies 35cts. D. & J. Sadlier & Co., Notre Dame street, Montreal]

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY AND MODERN UNBELIEF.

A plain and brief statement of the real doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, as opposed to those falsely attributed to her, by Christians who reject her authority, and by unbelievers in Revelation; that thus a contrast may be easily drawn between the "Faith once delivered to the Saints," and the conflicting Theories, and Scientific Guesses of the present Age; and serving as a Refutation to the assaults of modern Infidelity By the Right Rev. J. D. Ricards, D.D., Bishop of Retimo, and Vicar Apostolic of the Eastern Vicariate of the Cape Colony. 12mo cloth, net $1.00. This is a wonderfully able book, and treats in simple language and in a popular way, the religious theories now so fashionable outside the Catholic Church, and contrasts them with orthodox teaching. For sale at D. & J. Sadlier & Co., Notre Dame street, Montreal.

THE MONTH. December Number. Baltimore and New York: John Murphy & Co., publishers. Contents:

Primary Education, Rev. James F. Splaine; The Tercentenary of a True Reformer; Sketches of American life in British Guiana—Part the Second, Rev. Ignatius Scoles; Lines to an Oak Tree, Morwenna P. Hawker; An Englishman's Impressions of America, Editor; John Wyclif, his Life and Teaching—Part the fifth, Rev. Joseph Stevenson; The Religious Mission of the Irish Race, Rev. David Humphrys, C.C.; The Communal Elections in Belgium, and their results, Austin G. Oats; Something More About Food, Andrew T. Sibbald; Reviews; Literary Record.

DONAHOE'S MAGAZINE, Boston, Mass.

The January number of this popular periodical is full of interesting matter. Its contents are;—"The University of Notre Dame," by Arthur J. Stace; "Southern Sketches," V., by Rev. M. W. Newman; "Female Labor in England;" "Sermon of the Most Rev. Archbishop Ryan;" "A Christmas Welcome;" "Wives with Money;" "The Manager;" Irish Catholics as Bankers;" "Cromwell in Ireland;" "My First and Last Ball;" "Shandon Bells;" "The Skipper's Ghost, a Sea Story of Christmas;" "Merry Christmas Bells;" "The Third Plenary Council;" Our Young Folks—"Kiss Me, Mother;" "The Strange Adventures of Little Snowdrop;" "Dull Children;" "Useful Knowledge;" "Humorist;" "Notes of Current Topics;" "After the Battle;" "Personal;" "Notices of Recent Publications;" "Obituaries of Clergymen, Sisters, Lay People."

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEARING HOLY MASS.

This is a pious little work written by Rev. J. A. Foppe and approved by the Bishop of Natchez. It conveys salutary and useful instructions regarding the highest act of worship which the Church renders to God. Benziger Bros., Publishers, New York, N.Y.

GASKELL'S HAND-BOOK OF USEFUL INFORMATION.

We have received from the publishers a book with the above-named title. It contains Statistical Tables of Practical Value for Mechanics, Farmers, Lumbermen, Bankers, Book-keepers, Politicians, and all classes of workers in every department of human effort, and a compilation of facts for ready reference on various subjects.

No more valuable book has ever been offered, as it contains so much information of practical value in everyday life. It is elegantly bound in alligator leatherette, with gold stamp, and it will be sent to any address by mail, post paid, on receipt of 25 cents, by Geo. W. Ogilvie, publisher, 230 Lake street, Chicago, Ill.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE.

The December number is an exceedingly artistic one and shows great improvement on all previous issues. It is more than double the usual thickness and there are very many more illustrations, eight of them being full page, and four of these are pictures of Thomas Gainshorough, to whose life as an artist a readable paper is devoted. Austin Dobson writes "The 'Squire at Vauxhall," Archibald Forbes of "A Christmas-tide in the Khyber Pass, and C. F. Keary of "A Family of Adventurers: the Sforzas of Milan." There is an article on "Iron and Steel making in South Wales," one on "Calvados," and one one "Our Mission in Abyssinia." MacMillan & Co., Publishers, 112 Fourth avenue, New York.

PHRENOLOGY.—We have received a copy of the phrenological chart issued by Fowler & Wells Co. It contains a printed key giving the accepted names of the different faculties; the whole picture is very ornamental, and must prove a feature of peculiar attraction wherever it is seen; nothing like it for design and finish being elsewhere procurable. It is mounted with rings for hanging on the wall, or it may be framed and will be appropriate for the home, office, library or school. The head itself is about 12 inches wide, beautifully lithographed in colors on heavy plate paper, about 19 by 24 inches. Price $1.00. It is published and offered as a special premium for subscribers to the "Phrenological Journal" for 1885. The journal is published at $2.00 a year, with 15 cents extra required when the chart is sent. Fowler & Wells Co., publishers, 753 Broadway, New York.

BABYHOOD.—This is the title of a new periodical intended to become "a medium for the dissemination among parents of the best thought of the time on all subjects connected with early childhood." It contains the following articles: "Baby at Home in Winter," "Adulteration of Milk," "Vaccination," "Increase and Preservation of Youthful Beauty," "Nursery Cookery," "Nursery Help and Novelties," "Baby's Wardrobe," "A Mother's Note Book," "Occupations and Amusements—A Hint for Christmas," "Nursery Literature."

We wish the new venture success, and hope it will be the means of causing "our little ones" to be better cared for. Address "Babyhood," box 3,123, New York.

THE AVE MARIA, Notre Dame, Indiana.—The last number of this excellent magazine continues the beautiful life sketch "A Troubled Heart, and How it was Comforted at Last." Among other articles are "A Letter of St. Hilary of Poitiers"; "The Author of the Imitation of Christ"; "The Office of Vespers," by Mgr. Freppel; "The Litany of the Blessed Virgin," by Rt. Rev. C. P. Maes, etc. The usual timely and interesting "Catholic Notes" on religious subjects are also contained. The poetic contributions for the month are by Eleanor C. Donnelly; Harriet M. Skidmore; W. D. Kelly; E. P. Ryder; Anna T. Sadlier, and others.

THE DORCAS MAGAZINE, a periodical devoted to the interests of Women and the Home, has completed its first year's work. Its pages are filled with plain directions for making an infinite variety of useful and decorative articles, and its aim is evidently not only to help women to employ their time in a useful and pleasing manner, but also to be of service to those whom necessity compels to labor. There are thousands of women throughout the land supporting themselves by the aid of the Crochet-hook and Knitting-needle, to whom the Dorcas is invaluable. The patterns given are selected with care and taste, and the working directions, which, by the way, are printed without abbreviation, are tested by an expert to prevent mistakes. Knitting, netting, chrochet-work, all kinds of embroidery and artistic needle-work are treated in its columns. The Dorcas has found an unoccupied field and is filling it in so satisfactory a manner, that it is fast becoming a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to womanly handicraft. Each number contains more technical matter than can be purchased separately for ten times its cost to subscribers, $1.00 a year. Sample copies sent to any one in the United States or Canada, on receipt of 10 cents. Address, "Dorcas," 872 Broadway, New York City.

ELECTRA—The January number of this interesting magazine presents a select and well-filled table of contents:—Christmastide; The Three Kings of Orient; Wilful Bess; The Wing Tombs; Backward Glances; Into the Light; Reminiscenes of the Chickasaws; Santa Claus; "Them Elocution Lessons"; Daisy and I; The Letters of Lady Temple; The Boulder; Ana-Gonahill Legends, etc., etc. Published 3 Courier-Journal Building, Louisville, Ky.

THE ALLEGED TOURNAI FRAUDS.

MONTREAL FINANCIERS INTERESTED—AN OLD STORY REHASHED.

QUEBEC, Jan. 3.—It is stated that a Belgian gentleman who was lately here in connection with the bishop of Tournai case, has received information to the effect that the difficulties heretofore existing between Bishop Dumont and Bishop Durousseaux have been amicably adjusted, Bishop Dumont having assigned any rights he may have had in the stolen bonds to Bishop Durousseaux, who is authorized to take such steps as he may deem necessary to recover the same, or the proceeds thereof, from the parties in Canada who obtained them from Bernard. It is currently rumored here that the end of this case has not yet been reached, and that some startling developments may be expected. Bernard himself, having amicably adjusted his difficulties with the bishop, is expected to arrive here within a short time to assist in the proceedings which have been instituted on behalf of the bishop. It is further stated here that one of the principal defendants in the case, who resides in Montreal, is now in Europe endeavoring to bring about a settlement. What can be learned of the facts of the case are as follows:—In October, 1881, Bishop Dumont, then in possession of the bishopric of Tournai, having had some difficulty with Pope Leo XIII. was deposed and Bishop Durousseaux appointed in his place. For some time Bishop Dumont accepted the situation, but at the end of about seven months instituted proceedings to recover the moneys which formed part of the diocesan fund and which he claimed as his personal property. After some litigation an application was made to have seals affixed on the property in dispute. To avoid this the funds, amounting to about five million francs in bonds and debentures of foreign corporations and governments, were entrusted for safe-keeping to Leon Bernard, then one of the canons of the Cathedral of Tournai. The temptation being too great, Bernard fled from Belgium to London, taking with him the diocesan funds, and from London sailed for New York. After divers peregrinations, about the year 1882 Bernard arrived in Montreal where he formed the acquaintance of a firm of bankers and brokers who undertook to effect a settlement with Bishop Dumont, whereby they agreed to return 60 per cent. of the bonds stolen by Mr. Bernard, 40 per cent. being retained as commission. The attorney employed for the purpose of effecting the settlement was arrested in Belgium, but released after considerable difficulty. The 60 per cent. was seized by the Belgian Government and the 40 per cent. was disposed of for the benefit of the parties interested in Canada. In addition to the foregoing sum there were bonds and debentures amounting to about 250,000 francs which were deposited with some gentleman in Montreal, and for which they gave a receipt on Bernard, whereby they bound themselves to deliver up the bonds when requested to do so This last sum was for a time deposited in the vaults of the Exchange bank in Montreal, and towards the end of November, 1883, handed over to the brokers above referred to, against whom the present proceedings have been taken.

Young Men! Read This.

THE VOLTAIC BELT CO., of Marshall, Mich., offer to send their celebrated ELECTRO-VOLTAIC BELT and other ELECTRIC APPLIANCES on trial for thirty days, to men (young or old) afflicted with nervous debility, loss of vitality and manhood, and all kindred troubles. Also for rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis, and many other diseases. Complete restoration to health, vigor, and manhood guaranteed. No risk is incurred as thirty days trial is allowed. Write them at once for illustrated pamphlet free. 220

REDUCTION IN COAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Pennsylvania Coal Co. has issued a circular, announcing prices after January 1st. It shows a reduction of 5 cents a ton on stove from prevailing prices. The average reduction from the July circular is 25 cents a ton. The largest reduction is in manufacturing sizes, 40 cents a ton. The Lackawanna company has reduced the price of egg 15 cents a ton, and of nut 35 cents compared with July prices. The Delaware & Hudson company has reduced the price of stove 25 cents, chesnut 25 cents, and pea 15 cents compared with July.

ANGLOPHOBIA IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 6.—A strong feeling of anglophobia is being fomented in the press of this city, and as the press is under such rigid censorship it may be taken for granted that this direction to public feeling is being given for a purpose. General Hobeleff has a letter in yesterday's papers denouncing Great Britain and urging Russia to acquire India. Any attempt at an immediate acquisition of India is not probable, but the chances are that before long an effort will be made to acquire Afghanistan, and that the Czar will be proclaimed Emperor of Central Asia.

A SPENDTHRIFT'S FLIGHT.

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—In May last Fred. H. Hopkins came to Batavia from Port Hope, Canada, bringing with him $6,000 that had been left him by his father. Yesterday morning before daylight he let his baggage down from the fourth story window of Washburn House with a cord, and departed, leaving a bill of $60. He had spent the whole of his inheritance in dissipation, and pawned his gold watch for $15 with which to get out of the town.

The warship Inflexible, which has been absent from England since the bombardment of Alexandria, is expected to reach Portsmouth on Wednesday. Orders have been given that she shall return to the Mediterranean as soon as imperative necessary repairs are made.

New York city's debt is stated at over $92,000,000 and Brooklyn's at nearly $39,000,000, and the latter city's mayor complains that the great bridge does not pay.

It is said that P. T. Barnum has made a will in which he leaves $25,000 in cash to a newspaper man.

NEWS ITEMS.

The New Orleans Exhibition is $200,000 behind in its finances.

There were 4,517 fewer births than deaths in New York last year.

The steamship Cella has put into Halifax with her machinery disabled.

A major and two men of the Black Watch have been drowned in the Nile.

Quebec carters who endanger citizens' lives by furious driving are fined $40.

Earthquake shocks have been felt in New Hampshire, Virginia and Maryland.

The barque Lena, sugar laden, has been lost off the Virginia coast with eight lives.

The Toronto board of trade want only one grading of wheat for the whole of Canada.

The Bank of Nova Scotia and Merchants Bank of Halifax have declared 3½ per cent. dividends.

A Temporal Power league has been formed in Rome to agitate the restoration of the Papal domain.

Mr. Errington, the unofficial representative of Great Britain at the Vatican, has arrived at Rome.

C. W. Folger telegraphs that his health is slowly improving, and he feels a gradual approach to recovery.

General Hobeleff writes to the Russian newspapers denouncing England and urging Russia to acquire India.

Mrs. Eliza J. Ludlow, of Washington Territory, is supposed to be the first woman to serve as foreman of a jury.

An English firm has begun the manufacture of casks and barrels of steel. They are lighter than wood and more durable.

A lady in a Denver theatre the other night wore in her head six tiny humming birds which formed a half wreath about her head.

The New York fire patrol costs the insurance companies $70,000 yearly, but it is estimated to save property of ten times that value.

A runaway horse in Stockwell, Cal., ran upon a baby carriage, dragged it fifty feet and kicked it into splinters, and yet the baby escaped.

The contents of the report of the royal commission *in re* the Martel-Mercier investigation are, it is stated, to be made public in a few days.

The Quebec *Telegraph* says the liberals deposited $1,000 at St. Joseph in order to contest the election of Mr. Taschereau as M. P. for Beauce.

The New York *Sun* thinks that the opium habit is increasing rapidly in that city, and that there will soon be need of a moral and spiritual battle against it.

Superintendent Walling, of New York, is offered a pension of $1,500 should he choose to retire. He has been a member of the police force for thirty-eight years.

For school purposes in the Southern States there is being spent twice as much as there was five years ago, it is estimated, and four times as much as fifteen years ago.

The bankruptcies in Nova Scotia during the past year are estimated at 138, with liabilities of $2,089,000, compared with 89 failures in 1883, with liabilities of $1,069,000.

Mr. Moody, according to a Cincinnatian, is the acid which, touching the dormant alkali of the Christian spirit, causes it to effervesce into a revival of religion.

It is estimated that the total annual production of cigars in the United States in 1884 will be 3,000,000,000. This is nearly 250 a year for every male of twenty-one years.

Cardinal McCabe, on Sunday, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's attending divine service at Marlborough Cathedral, lunched at the Mansion House for the first time in many years.

The most successful Russian editor, Mr. Katkoff, sympathizes with the Czar. Russian bread gets cold, but never so cold as to render uncertain the side upon which it is buttered.

The *North German Gazette* says it is to the interest of Germany to encourage the importation of Russian petroleum and thus neutralize the practical monopoly enjoyed by America.

Mlle. Mazini, the great Parisian ballet-dancer, her daughter, Mlle. Martini, and her grand-daughter, Mlle. Carlini, are each twenty years of age. This is what they call a singular coincidence.

The following thrilling sentence is taken from a recently published society novel: "For a whole quarter of an hour the young man gazed thoughtfully in the flame of the extinguished candle."

Detective Reburn, of Toronto, was presented by the police commissioners with a handsome marble clock in recognition of his bravery in arresting an armed desperado, Doo Gunner, in July last, who stole valuable jewelry from the Rossin House.

The son of the man who wanted to send his boots by telegraph has turned up in Tacoma, W.T. He got mad and fired two shots at the telegraph operator because he saw his despatch lying on the table after being told that it had been sent.

The cabinet has postponed decision on the request of Earl Spencer for a renewal of the crimes act. Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Chamberlain are opposed to its renewal. Mr. Bannerman, chief secretary, was instructed to make a further report on the condition of Ireland.

The Free Methodist minister at Colorado Springs owns a cow twenty-three years old, and he challenges the country to show up her senior. This may not be the oldest cow living, but there are a great many people who believe they have seen pieces of older ones on their breakfast tables.

In Chenango County, New York, recently, seven men between the ages of twenty and thirty-five years sat down to a dinner, and, on comparing notes, it was found that not one of the seven smoked, chewed, or used tobacco in any form, never drank, went to the theatre, or played euchre. They were photographed.

The unusual prevalence of typhoid and malarial fevers at Toronto is causing considerable alarm. Several prominent physicians, on being spoken to on the subject, blame the impure city water for it, others attribute it to defective plumbing and sewer conveniences. The necessity of having a better water system at once and a trunk sewer is conceded by all.

The majority of houses in Abyssinia have a second story, or at least an attic, terminating in a thatched roof. The walls are invariably of mud. Within live the occupants, with their cattle, fowls, dogs, cats, and a North's ark of insects, which the natives foster with the greatest care by not touching soap and by using very little water. There is plenty of water, however, and the soap grows on trees, but an Ethiopian will tell you without a blush that he is necessarily washed at birth, washes himself on his marriage morn, and hopes to be washed after death. When he feels hard and uncomfortable he will anoint himself with mutton fat till his head and body glisten in the sun.