

IN CAPTIVITY.

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Upon a naked islet in the sea—
To me a homeless sea—
I stand and watch the waves roll on the sands,
For some chance waif adrift from other lands
Below the sloping sky.

The jealous sea derides me with its voice—
Its secret, sneering voice;
In vain I seek along the barren shore
The frailest boat, or plank, or splintered oar,
To brave its tyrant might.

Fast on this little birthright of my race—
Ah, me! a short lived race—
It is decreed that I shall never see
What lies beyond my narrow boundary
Before God bids me die?

II.

The day holds fast its secret from my quest—
My restless, burning quest;
The dusk, mysterious, dim broods on the scene
The sun wheels up in glorious majesty
And blinds my shrinking sight.

With gaze upraised I haunt the depth
 slurs—
 The mute, impassive stars—
 And like a young neophyte I try
 To penetrate with my bewildered eye
 The Isis veil of night.

Lost and amazed, in deepest gloom I grope—
 With outstretched hand I grope—
 Around the circle of a single
 The infinite of years yawns in my way
 And swallows up my cry.

On Saturday afternoon last the Roman Catholic Archbishop confirmed at Reafrew 83 persons—i.e., 42 boys and 41 girls.

By a fire which occurred in a tenement at Keir Terrace, Pollokshields, two children, named Thomson were burned to death. The father and mother of the children were very much injured in attempting their rescue.

ploy of Mr. A. Speedie, trackman, Bush Fishing Station, about four miles from Perth, on the "Tern," captured a fine specimen of the

Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, and Lady Campbell, have been presented with marble busts of themselves by the Conservative party of Renfrewshire. The presentation took place at Blythswood, and was made on behalf of the subscribers by Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart.

On 8th Aug. Sergeant-Major James Duff, 3d Battalion Royal Highlanders, (late Royal Perthshire Rifle), committed suicide by hanging at Perth. He had been drinking, and was confined in one of the cells of the gaol-room, where he was found about an hour after he had been put in, suspended from the necks by his handkerchief, which was attached to a bolt fixture.

Last week the number of deaths in Edinburgh was 69, as compared with 58 in the week previous, giving a death-rate of 16 per 1,000. No cases of fever were reported, and

the total deaths from zymotic diseases was 13—4 of which were in the New Town, and 9 in the Old Town, while none occurred in the southern suburbs. During the week there 146 births, of which 13 were illegitimate. *Glasgow Paper.*

During the month of July 3566 emigrants left the Clyde, as compared with 2791 for the corresponding period of last year. Of this number no less than 3111 were bound for the United States, 295 for Canada, 26 for Australia, 118 for New Zealand, and 16 for other places. Of the 3111 going to the United States, 1535 were foreigners, principally Scandinavians and Germans. All those for Canada were Scotch emigrants of the agricultural classes. The emigration to New Zealand shows a marked increase compared with the last twelve months, the average for that time only being some 50 monthly.

Those of the gentle sex who have

experienced the pain and annoyance caused by excoriated nipples and inflamed breasts can well appreciate the value of a remedy which removes the trouble. This is precisely what Dr. THOMAS' ELECTRIC OIL does, besides curing, when used internally, asthma, croup and other maladies.

FRAGMENTS.

Herr Richter, the celebrated German painter, is dead.

The first new wheat of the season has been brought to Winnipeg by the Mennonites.

The accounts from England in regard to the crops continue to be very discouraging. One thousand eight hundred tons of ore were shipped from the Hull mines to Cleveland, during the month of August.

The work of completing the interior arrangements of the Geological Museum at Ottawa, will not be completed for some weeks yet.

The amount of duty collected at the port of Toronto for August was \$521,037, an increase

The Inland Revenue receipts for the District of St. John, N.B., amounted to \$26,030, an increase of \$4,123 over the same period last year.

People having false teeth should be careful in eating corn from the cob. If they make too much of a grab the teeth are liable to stick, you know.

It is rumored in European political circles that the Russian Czar intends having universal suffrage, and of extending his dominion to the Bosphorus.

Jonathan Parsons, has been appointed Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown for the county of Halifax and Clerk of the County Court for District No. 1.

James O. Baker, a speculator of New York who went short on wheat and lost \$90,000 has applied for an injunction to prevent the payment of margins to the brokers.

The Toronto World says that the Marquis of Lorne and his suite have taken up abode at the Hotel de Ville.

liquor out of bond for their trip, one lot valued for \$1,200. Surely they are a hard drinking crowd.

Rev. H. Furton, of Roches' Point, Ont., has resigned in consequence of Bishop Sweetman having disapproved of his use of vestments and altar lights in the service of the church.

Never laugh at a countryman when you see him making blunders, as he comes into the city. When you get off at a country station you are the object of a good deal of amusement.

When you are told a story, my son, never remark: "That isn't the way I heard it," etc. Don't you know that stories are told to give pleasure to the teller and not to the hearer?

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