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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Current Topics.

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The Boer Wac. It is a superior of the investment of Wope Wac. It is a superior of the investment of Wope with the superior of the work has been a quictone. Comparatively speaking. The Boers were repulsed at Wopener and heally withdrow from the neighborhood the work of t Boers vero repulsed a two-pears and healty withdrow from the neighborhood in histo, probably through fear of having their retreat northwards out off by the British. The news from Bloemfentein has been tame and there are no indications of an immediate advance by Lord Roberts and the main army in the direction of Protoria. The chief cause of the delay and of the suspension of operations so far as the British are concerned is said to be the lack of horses. A surprise party burst on Buller's forces at Ladysmith whom the Boers auddenly unmasked six or soven guns and bombarded the town for soveral hours. Altayether the Boer forces are very much divided as are the British forces, but the advance on Protoria of a powerful army with its lines of communication well protected will result in drawing in the various Boer commandoes and concentrating them at some strong place of defence on what will probably be the British line of advance. This place sooms to be Kroensead, north of Bloewforten, awaiting the British advance. Mafe. advance. This place soums to be Irrocusted, north of Bloewichten, where the main army of the Boers is awaiting the British advance. Mafeking to the surprise of overybody still holds out, though its brave defender, Colonel Baden-Powell, is reported dead by the Boers, which report, however, has not yet been confirmed. The plucky little garrison is said to be suffering from hunger and is screly pressed by the repeated attacks of the Boers, who are apparently bent on capturing the place. Winston Churchill who has honestly faced the situation from the beginning and at all times, and who was a prisoner with the Boers, but effected a plucky escape, claims that the war is not nearly over and that a force of at least 250000 men will be necessary to enable the British to reach Frestoris: our the other hand the Times. force of at least 250000 men will be neces-sary to enable the British to reach Pretoris; on the other hand the Times draws conclusions that the Boers are becoming heartily sick of the war and are only waiting for an excuse to dis-continue it.

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It was a citions and tactices the actions and tactices the actions and tactices displayed by the British Generals in South Africa. Even Lord Roberts has not escaped, as may be seen from the tone of English Papers which are filled with the severest criticisms yet made on the generalship shown by the British commanders. The Capture of Breadwood's column comes in for some scathing comment and is laid at the floor of Lord Roberts. It is generally said that the English people are chronic grumblers; but it must be admitted that for once they have had ample reason for indulging that national failing. British Generalship has attracted the attention and criticism of the world—for its inefficiency and pronounced failures. Poor Gatacre, after one stern set-back by the Boers, inaugurated a policy of masterly inactivity that called down upon his devoted head the ire of the Army Office and led to his ignominious withdrawal from active service. The meeverly mactivity that called down upon his devoted head the ire of the Army Office and led to his ignominious withdrawal from active service. The men who have pleased the British public are those who held on to their ports at Ladysmith, Kimberley — and yet — at Matcking. On the Continent generally, millitary men fail to see much that is attractive. Inspiring or brilliant in British operations in South Africa, which still seems to be the grave of military reputations. Public opinion is also changing towards the war in the United States; where the people, never very much Pro-British are becoming more Pro-Boer. It is predicted that the Pro-Boer sentiment will increase there as the Presidential election approaches. Of course, the Irish in America are blamed largely for the growth and development of Pro-Boer sentiment, and this probably because they make no scoret of the direction in which their sympathics run. Canadians in general take the most cheerful and hopeful view of the situation, probably because of the wide-apread feelings of pride and satisfaction due to the conjouous bravery of the Canadian troops in South Africa, as well as to the national spirit of cheerfulness and hopefulness. picuous bravety of the Cauadian troops in South Africa, as well as to the national opirit of cheerfulness and hopefulness.

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aches nearestitud's beauty is the highest beauty. His essence is the ultraste measure of beauty, as of first hand poodules. There is not question here of the hearty which pleases most the human compound, but of the beauty which absolutely ranks time. While we are in the bedy we need not be bedy; we are to weak to rest sweetly in the keen appear and of the intellectual, of the spiritually but beauty is as an its home. In these valleys we for ever mistake the agreeable for the beautiful. "The tree order of going or of being led by others to the things of low," said Plate in the "Symposium," "is to use the beauties of earth as stops, along which we mount upward for the sake of the higher beauty."

ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR'S

We learn as we go to press that the condition of His Graco, Archbishop O'Connor, is favorable, and in the opinion of his physician, there are indications of improvement.

The Church in Art.

It is one of the glories of the Church that it has seconed no human gift, condemned no form of genius. Whatever individuals may have done the secone of its action and influence, its general spirit has been really Catholic. It has ever looked upon the Christian revolution as the full manifestation of the divine reason, which by word or deed seeks to make itself provall in the history of the race; not to thwart or cripple human activity, but to consocrate liquad to give it higher alms.

itself provail in the history of the race; not to thwart or cripple human activity, but so conscrate it is and to give it higher all the second of the second of the second of the second of apparont contradictions, there is harmony between Christian faith and acione. Its appeal is to reason and confidence, not to force. It preserved the ancient literature; it encouraged men of learnings and goines. During the period known as the Ronaissance, in which the modern mind first awakened, Italy led the other nations, and in Italy the Popes were the chief promoters of the new culture. It refused to permit learning to become the appanage of a caste or an aristocracy, but fostered talent, whether it was found in the prince or peasant. It made ability and not or peasant. It was a shilly and not birth the test of worth; choosing its rulers from the lowest classes of society if it discovered there is ablest most, whose teaching, open to all all was a world-wide proparts on the law and the state of the submitted in the state of the submitted the submitted in the state of the submitted the most interesting monuments of the Old World. The very light which streams into them through those windows, not unworthy to be in paradise, reminds us of other worlds, while the music which floods the fax-with drawing isles, deep and sclemn as the voice of cosan, sounds like/an echo from the infinite home of God, to which all sculls beloog. From the deep glowing windows and from the numbering look out upon the worshipping milking the light.—Blace (Falleling)

How De You Treat Your Sister.

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It is the easiest thing in the world for a boy to be polite to some other follow's sister. Then why is it some of them find it so hard to remember to be qually contreous to their sisters? Many a boy is rude to his sister without really realizing it in other words, he forgets to be polite. Then sgain he is straid of being dubbed a sissy if we should be caught paying some attention to his sister. It is a badhabit for any one to get into—that of saving one's polite ways'(crontaiders.

If she sake you a question don't answer her in a rude or carcloses manner saif you thought she did not know what she was taking about and wasn't worth listening to.

Don't teese her or make fun of her in any way to hurt her feelings. You wouldn't do that to some other girl.

You can just bank all you have on the boy that is kind and thoughtful to his own, for you may be sure he will dove lop into the right sort of a man that it bound to win the respect and affection of cvery one.

Poverty is a spur to action.
The greatest bleesing? Health.
Discontent is the want of self-rollance
He that sips of many arts drinks of

none,
The greatest troubles in life are those which do not happen.
Rect that strengthens unto virtuous deeds is one with prayer.
Manners carry the world for a moment character for all time.

The greatest burden? That borne in suence.
Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction.

"OLD-TIMER"

On the Want of Amedities in

ma Artetures on the "Birs" in the Late Badget Debate—Rawlinkeences of the Old Perliamentary Days With Ultridous to Hincks, Brown, Cameron, Macconsid, Retoes and Others.

A friend has sent me a copy of a Montreal paper containing the report of the debate on the budget in the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa on March 30. The report before me is in a partizan newspaper and is set off with a partizan newspaper and is set off with a partizan neading intimating how "An Artistic castigation was administered to "Sir Richard by Sir Charles." I have read through the report and find the disenseion was not one so much of policios as of personalities. It was said that Gladstone's budget speeches read like romances. I think myself that budget speeches offer great opportunities tract or rators, Oae can have no grander them than the

and the expenditure of its material resources for the development of connected for the development of the developm

seculity of speech that the Torics amound than "the Hydra." That was long, however, before he became "Sir Johus" in base adialists, and was radio "Sir Francis., Henry Sherwood who leng represented Torotto in the Conservative interest, was sharp-tongard and reminded mo of Hon. Geo. E. Pertir in debate. I once heard Henry John Bolton, when he represented "Glorious Old Noriolic," in the old parliament, tell hon. Francis Kineke, then inance nunister, that "that he arry rotten statement, made by a very rotten statement, made he was accounted the acted like a barden of the was accounted the case of "twisting cold-garden of the was accounted to was accounted to the was accounted to the was accounted to be used to be used to be used to be used to be said to be a said to express a brotality. One of the ocures humorists and used to be twitted on "having "weat and vlour." Oloned and he prince used to be twitted on phrase of his, said to express a brotality. One of the ocures humorists of the old House was Jacob Rymal of Wentworth, who was called "heavy horce," because he previously used to lead a stallion.

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Join Sanffield Macdonald

was an Upper Canadian, who was opposed to representation by population, but an ally of George Brown. One hight in his cups, he made an extraordinary attack on the Brown party. "You came here to our country he said "dirty, poor, and hungry; we took you by the hand, we washed you, we fed you, we clitched you and now you want to show your gratitude by depriving us of our equality in representation and dominate us as masters."

THE LATE SIR JOHN BEVERLY ROBINSON

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things

M'GEE EVER SAID IN FARLIAMENT
was in his first speech when he accused
Hon. Wm. Cayley, "John A's." finance
minister, of distributing bibles to the
orange lodges of Huron County to make
votes. "The heathen of Huron
said, "accepted the geogel, but had
sense enough to reject the specific
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who has not heard of the significant question often repeated in Canada thirty years ago and since,
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question often repeated in Canada thirty years ago and since,
"WHITHER ARE WE DESTRING?"
The occasion of it was an attack on the Brown family by the "Beauty of Carleton" alias "Bill" Powell and "John A." one night in the last united Canadian parliament meeting in Toronto. The "Colonist." a daily paper edited by George Shepard, and until that night a supporter of the conservative ministry, was so disgusted that it changed sides and came out sext morning with a crushing editorial headed "Whitter as we drifting?" I remember that night well and the attack because I was present at it. It was started on account of a criticism of George Brown on the government; but that was not to be wondered at because it was constant. The hour was nearly midnight, work members were present and they were gathered up near the speaker's chair. Only the alley was between Brown and his seasilants. I think the House was in committee of the whele on the public accounts. I was walking up and down in frent of the old Parliament Building with a friend, whom we were startled by a very loud talk inside the startled by a very loud talk inside across the alley at Brown. He was repeating an old accusation of the dispersion of the first of the reform leader, and all the Brown family. John A. Macdonald got up whipn Powell got through and repeated

the same darder file also made as attack on D'arcy Merice but the latter was not present. "He left bis country' be said by steathy, with the reark of the latter was not present. "He left bis country' be said by steathy, with the reark of the provided many of th

THE LATE MICHAEL DWYER, HALIFAX.

THE LATE MIGHAEL DWYER, Mr. Michael Dwyer, sole partner of the firm of John Tobin & Co., the largest wholesale grocers in the Markima Provinces, died and not made and the management of the firm of the management of the managemen

In time we hate that which we often fear.

A story is told of two Protestant gontlemen who were looking as the dome of St. Pater's. One read aloud the inscription that circles the dome, translating slowly as he read from Latin. The service is that circles the dome, translating slowly as he read from Latin. The service is the single slowly as he read from Latin. The continuing: "To thee will I give the keps of the kingdom of Heaven. Whatsoever thou shalf bind upon earth shall be bound in Heaven," etc. When he had finished he turned to his companion and remarked: "Why, it was to one man Christ was speaking! Thou and theel How-porcenal and direct it all is. Peter held the keys of Heaven." The two men looked each other in the oyes and saw the fissh of conviction reflected there. Both became Catholics and both attributed their convorsion to the force of the text calanty conned from its most appropriate page, the dome of the world's cathedral.

Fact or Fancy.

Men and Women.

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I have heard some women outside sod inside of userd, could note party any. Oh, I wish I ware a now hear I have never been able to satisfactorily duter muse win their hey were serime or not. It goes without segming that "mon" is a mover failing incinsified and ab-orbing ambition for women. What is the mover failing incinsified man and ab-orbing ambition for women. What is the mover failing incinsified man and ab-orbing ambition for women. What is the mover failing incinsified man and ab-orbing ambition for women. What is the mover failing incinsified in the face of the lords of creation as a repreach of the what woman conceives to be obtained which case the face of the fair greater sesumes an institute of the fair service, checks flush, lips set and hands call on which case the face of the fair sprakely, checks melse, lips est and hands call on the fair of which may be taken as indications of the superfority of "mover to do." A self respecting male does not greatly reliab hoing under such a fire; it disturbs the equilibrium of his being, and makes him feet that Providence has not been over-kind to him. He is conscious of a void nover experienced before because he realizes someway that he falls how who ideal man of one woman the fails of which and the way has a conceived in the soul on the realizes someway that he falls how who ideal man of one woman way sensation of being low-ored in the soul on which he man way and at once restable him who ideal man of the sall of the man way and the own which he has been rundly pushed. The sall of the part of it is, that the woman who have somenly women. The wirago or the Amazon is a different creature allogsther, and acts where the true woman only himts at action. This scapes to spring from the natural desire to raise man to the standard of her own ideals. It is the emotional outburst of a warm and generous nature acknowledging its own limitations and man's physical—and perhaps neatis—superiority. "If I were a man, Iwould—" is not urequestly the gage which innocent ar

But that is just where the decadence in chivalry asserts itself. Marriage has become too much of a business trausaction and has lost for personal working. Time was written beet and noblest women were yet to beet and noblest women were yet and honorable bonds with the best and to be hight who had wrough much for her sake, In those days women were won, not sold and the result was a race capable of, noble schiaroners and woman themselves are blame.—Who else?—If they allow a price to be put upon their personal beauty whether it be that of gold or of social position. Love, and love only a love and the community of life that springs from it, married bappiness, it is exist under such conditions, is at the mercy of every wind that blows. It wo examples stand boldly out to view even at write—Guintvers, the partner hood and position, bord man. Hood and position, bord man weakness. But could be have found.

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As he was in his manhood, then the

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As he was in his manhood, then (he
sang)
The twain together well might change
the world."
The other example is found in Tennyson's "Lockaley Hell."
and illustrates
the downward process:
I loved day by day,
What is fine within whee growing
coarse to sympathize with clay,
As the husband is, the wife is, shon
art maked with a clown,
And the grossness of his nature will
have weight to weigh thee down
He will hold thee, when his passion
that have speat its novel force,
Something better than his dog, a
little dearer than his horse.
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trom loving truth!
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trom loving truth!
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from honest Nature's rule!
Cursed be the gold that gilds the
straighten'd forchead of the fool.

There is a growing complaint among women of the present day that men's manners are not what they used to be. Formerly, they say, a man's chiefoest pleasure was to wait on and care for his womankind. Now that is all changed, and he allows them to wait on themselves and look after their own comfort while he looks after his own. Men are only too glad to show the respect they feel for womanhood, but if the women themselves reject it, what are the men to do? Certainly not keep on offening it, only to have it flump back at thoom.