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CATCHING UP.—It appears from figures furnished by Colonel George T. Denison in his interesting lecture in Toronto recently (before the Sons of England), that at the time of the War of 1812, the population of Canada was only 800,000 against the 8,000,000 in the United States—and yet Canada kept the Yankees in their places, though the latter were seventeen times their number. Now the United States can only boast of about ten times our number; we have nearly doubled their rate of progress in ninety years or so!

"NO BIRCH, NO BOY—NO CANE, NO CHARACTER," is the line which Dr. Jayne, Bishop of Chester, lately said he would like to set for a copy for boys to write. When distributing prizes to the Chester Shoe Brigade recently, he took occasion to enlarge on the benefits of corporal punishment as a kind of reserve fund for such an institution.

THE OTHER WAY ON.—The High Court of Allahabad has decided in the case of Gobind Rao and his wife Mussurmat Bai (aged 18), that the wife must stay at home with her husband. The girl's father wished to get her away, but the girl was willing to stay. This seems rather contrary to the decision in the Clitheroe case in England.

THE "MALA VITA" SOCIETY—appropriate name assumed defiantly by a gang of villains—is a timely set-off against the Italian indignation excited by the treatment of some Italian "scum" in New Orleans. Italians are hardly the right class of men to make a ado about the free use of dagger, pistol or any other weapon of violence against human life.

ROMAN CLAIMS TO ENGLISH CHURCH PROPERTY—so impudently put forward now-a-days by some of their advocates and so ignorantly admitted by some of their Protestant dupes—have been lately squelched by the recent discovery of a formal declaration of the Italian Bishops in England, "disclaiming any right, title, or intention" in that direction. The date is 1826.

BROTHERS, STAND TOGETHER.—It was a glorious resolution, that recently passed by the Board of Trade in favour of closer relations between the colonies and the mother country, among all the widely scattered members of the great British Empire. It is well when the "hard heads" of business men can form a policy which harmonizes so well with pure patriotic sentiment.

A WESLEYAN IRENICON forms the material of Earl Nelson's last paper in *Church Bells* on Home Reunion. It consists of a collection of candid confessions from great lights among the Methodists—including even Dr. Rigg!—of John Wesley's *High Churchmanship*. Perhaps Dr. Burns, of Hamilton, may be added to the list presently. Is this, at last, "the missing link"?

HOW TO IMPROVE A SERMON: a receipt.—Mr. Spurgeon, in his magazine, *Sword and Trowel*, retails the anecdote of a Yorkshireman who, in criticizing a sermon, is reported to have said, "If it had been cut short at beath ends, and set a-fire in t' middle, it wad a dean us mare good." A preacher so popular must be able to give some valuable hints on sermonizing—and this is one much needed.

AN EMPEROR'S NURSE does not always receive such an ovation—post mortem—as Miss Strutton received from the Imperial family of Russia lately on the occasion of her funeral. Her treatment, both in life and death, was such as not only reflected credit on the Emperor and his family, and afforded a testimony to the nurse's fidelity, but also serves as encouragement to faithful servants everywhere.

TOO MUCH IMMIGRATION.—The New Orleans "Mafia" business is leading sober, thinking Americans to wonder whether the class of rowdies and cut-throats from European countries should not be prevented from making a "cesspool" of America. Things come to a bad pass when honest citizens have to organize "vigilance committees" and execute lynch law against bands of foreign robbers and murderers.

INHERITED GULLIBILITY is said to be the quality predominant in those who show a preference for the Faith of their Fathers. How shall we characterize the credulity of those who prefer to believe anything which their fathers didn't? It is a quality which seems to belong to the class which some Yankee has called "innate cussedness." But how did it become innate? It is a "lusus nature," this perverse gullibility!

MORE ISAAC BROOKS.—The character of this noble man—as described in the *Empire* report of Colonel George T. Denison's lecture on "The War of 1812"—may well serve as a model for Canadian boys and men. We need more who are able and willing to serve Canada as aldermen, members of Parliament, magistrates or soldiers, as

need requires. There are a good many such—Denisons and others—but not too many.

OUTCROPS OF HEATHENISM.—The recent scandals among English and Irish politicians have caused such a shudder of horror throughout the empire, as well as the more immediate home-circle, that the most obdurate sceptic ought to be convinced that Christian morality is necessarily founded on Christian doctrine, and will not tolerate these exceptional reversion to the original type of heathen depravity.

"BETWEEN TWO STOOLS" is the condition of Temperance people in Charlottetown, P. E. I. The licensing system was replaced by the Scott Act; now the Scott Act has been repealed and replaced by—nothing! It remains to be seen whether nothing is not better after all than "brummagem" makeshifts—like the Scott Act. It is a golden chance to operate the law of common sense—punishing only those guilty of excess.

THE EXCEPTION PROVES THE RULE.—It is the latest fad of some who want an excuse for anarchy to attack the habit of charity or poor-relief as corrupting and degrading, producing deceit and encouraging improvidence. Those who write thus prove how little they know of the subject practically. They follow the old and vicious error of ultra Puritans—rejecting the right use of a thing, because of an occasional abuse of it. Blind guides! They strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel!

THE "LIBERTY" CRY which so often comes from Roman circles now-a-days can deceive no one whose eyes are half way open. It is transparently (to those who see) a blind and cover for an insidious advance against liberty. "They promise liberty, while they themselves are the slaves of corruption." When the Pope and his agents prate of liberty it is time for us to be on the alert for indications of some scheme against liberty of conscience in others.

MORAL FORCE EXTRAORDINARY.—Philosophers should make a note—for future editions of their wise disquisitions—of the development of moral force in Ireland, where the McCarthyites justify their sticks and stones as proper persuasives on the ground, "Shure, its moral force when the blackthorn is no thicker than your thumb, and the shtones no bigger than small praties." The Parnellites have not developed so far in that direction, and don't like it.

ROMANISM AND PURITANISM, TWINS!—It is curious (though nothing new) to see with what avidity a Puritan snatches up and passes on any nonsensical argument or slur devised by Romanists against the Holy Catholic Church in the British Empire; Puritan controversialists are simply retail dealers in Romish wholesale manufactures. A recent letter in a daily paper (signed "Smith") is evidently concocted by a Jesuit, though masquerading in Puritan guise—an old trick of theirs!

WALTZOPHOBIA is a disease which affects a good many mortals who have a susceptibility—not sufficiently checked—in a certain direction. It was natural that Byron should salute the introduction of the waltz as he did, being such as he was: and we fear he has bitten, so to speak, and communicated the virus of his evil thinking to a good many

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