

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following extract from a letter, which we received by the last Mail from a friend in Ireland, will be found amusing by our literary friends.

"Thank you for the extracts from SELDEN; what an extraordinary man he was; he seems to have been to the Ethics of the Law, in all its beauties, what St. Augustine was to the Ethics of Religion and morality, left no single point untouched that could ever come under the discussion of posterity. I think it very likely that cheap editions of parts of his works will be published by and by, as Bohn is issuing a series of reprints in this line. I think the book trade in our day is something quite marvellous, to give an instance we, have lately bought the whole of D'Israeli's works, issued at fifteen days distance from each other, by this firm, (Bohn's) and costing the sum of fourteen shillings, having been originally sold for twice that number of pounds; they have sold in the same marvellous manner as that in which they were published, which indeed is no more than the publishers deserve. To my mind D'Israeli is the man of the age, no other, excepting perhaps Gladstone, approaching him by thousands of miles. His wonderful powers of mind are only equalled by his extraordinary attainments in every possible branch of learning, science and the arts. The most extraordinary scene occurred when he went to Oxford with Lord Derby, at the time of his, the Earl's Installation, they were all assembled at dinner at the Vice-Chancellor's, and the under-Graduates were collected in crowds in the Quadrangle; all at once they raised a shout for "Dizzy," as he is always called, and they made such an awful tumult that at last he was obliged to leave the table and go out to them; they were mad with delight, and kept him bowing like a King, in answer to their cheers. The papers said he looked gently pleased, but grave and calm as usual. He is stated to have heard any private friends, and is rarely seen to speak to a person in the House; never waits about among the groups that are always mingling there, but glides quietly to his place at the exact time, without a word to any body. When he begins to speak, the word, "Dizzy is up," flies like wild-fire thro' the town and every human being in the neighborhood that can by any possibility make an entrance, comes into the House. When ——— was here in the Summer, we asked an infinity of questions about him, and she told us that he is married to a good and amiable, though common and almost vulgar woman,—his "perfect wife," as he calls her in his preface to "Scrib,"—and that among the great world she goes by the sobriquet of "Our Mary Anne," that being her name. Once at a ball at the Palace, she called out to some gentleman who was in the way, "Sir, Sir, pray stand out of the way, the Queen wants to look at D'Israeli!" I suppose Her Majesty admires his matchless beauty as much as we do. A gentleman of his acquaintance once said to him, "Mr. D. I admire every thing you have ever said or done, but I cannot think why you married Mrs. D." He answered very quietly, "Sir, I have the greatest possible respect for Mrs. D'Israeli, she raised me out of the street." (Mrs. D. was a woman of property.) Even if the Derby ministry ever came in again, it is not likely he would be able to work with it for long, having such dreadful health that the wear and tear for ten months very nearly killed him. Like all other wise men he has at last given up the miserable ghost of protection, and sees the utter impossibility of its ever being forced on the country again.

It is amusing enough to see how completely the affair of Prince Albert, of which one little month ago, every one was brim full, and running over, is buried in oblivion; his Royal Highness has descended into his usual obscurity. I cannot imagine wise and wise as he is, how he contrived to get himself into such a hobble, for that there was some truth in it seems certain. I suppose he was too careful, too good, and so fell through the over carefulness to stand upright.

Nothing now is talked of, or written about, but the war.—Nicholas is spoken of as Napoleon

used to be, as if he were a great Ogre with one eye in the middle of his forehead, and I must say that even to my quiet fancy, he did the other day, when he was ill in bed, of anger, and none of his people dared go near him, remind me very forcibly of a bear with a sore head.

I hope Mr. Oliphant's book on "The Russian shores of the Black Sea" will reach you. According to him, we need not be much afraid of the Russian Fleet army, or any thing else. He and a friend got into Sevastopol in disguise, no foreigner is allowed to enter it but by special permit of the Government, or to stay in it more than twenty-four hours. They remained in it a fortnight and saw every thing. He speaks of the whole country being in the most miserable condition, and the Government most wretchedly mismanaged. The ships of their fleet never last above two or three years owing to the bad, unseasoned wood of which they are constructed, and this not because the Government does not give the necessary sums for building, but because there is not an honest official in the whole country, and the contract for the timber passes down from one wicked official to another, till it is supplied at about the 12th part of the money paid by the Government, and consequently as bad as it can be, and so of every thing else; large supplies are continually being sent to the Caucasian army, of food, fuel, clothes &c., and they are nevertheless in the most deplorable condition, and numbers die daily for want of bare necessities, the Government supplies being sold by the officers to the people of the country, for their own advantage. The people generally and the army especially are said to hate this war, and a private letter from an officer published in the Times says that he was an eye-witness to the abominable cowardice displayed by the Russian troops at Citate. The invading army is said to be in a terrible state from disease, want of food, and every other possible evil. Some of the foreign papers now say that the Emperor is beginning to quake and would be very glad to draw back if the slightest opening were given him. The troops Louis Napoleon sends out amount to 90,000 men.

We've lately read Lord Nelson's history of England, and am much pleased with it. It is such a treat to read a calm, reasonable history, after all the lying rant of that odious Macaulay, with his detestable whiggery. Lord M. only begins at the peace of Utrecht, and it is a very much more political history than I have ever read before. His analysis of character is splendid, each leading states man being dissected with the utmost care and discrimination, and the connection between his character and actions so fully portrayed. His character of Gatham is, I think, his master-piece and surpasses anything of the kind I ever read.

Another delightful work I have now is "On the study of words" by Mr. French, the Poet. It is quite a new subject to me, and I am much interested in it; be sure to read it if you can.

Two other books exciting great attention just now are, first, "Poems by Alexander Smith," a clerk in a Glasgow counting-house, and "Balders," a poem by "Sydney Xenodys" (a non de plume only) which is certainly most splendid in style, though very faulty in principle, in my opinion; of course criticism runs very high both for and against, but they are generally considered the poets of the age.

FRANK.

The Hon. Mr. KILLALY is reported to have arrived in the *Europa*.

Mr. HOPKINS has declined to stand for the County of Malton.

The Firm of JACKSON, BRASSY & Co., have definitively declined to construct the Nova Scotia Railways.

CONORC AND PETERBORO' RAILWAY.—The Locomotive was put on board a schooner at Toronto yesterday, and will be down to-night or to-morrow. Nearly eight miles of the road is now in running order. The Engineer reports the bridge as requiring £125 repairs after the winter. It has stood the severe season admirably. Next winter we will know how to provide against similar accidents.—*Cobourg Star*.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday the 5th April, by the Rev. Mr. Howes at the residence of the Bride's Father, in the Township of Fitzroy, Mr. Thomas Bennett, of Nepean, to Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Moorehouse, of Fitzroy.

COMMERCIAL.

Bytown Market Prices, April 22.

(Revised and Corrected Regularly.)

Flour—Millers' Superfine, # bbl	39	0	@	40	0
Farmers', # 196 lbs.	35	0	@	37	0
Wheat—Fall # bushel, 60 lbs.	7	0	@	8	0
" Spring, do. do.	7	0	@	7	6
Oatmeal, # bbl, 196 lbs.	37	6	@	0	0
Rye, # bushel, 56 lbs.	3	3	@	3	6
Barley, # bushel, 48 lbs.	3	0	@	3	3
Oats, # bushel, 34 lbs.	4	0	@	4	3
Peas, # bushel, 60 lbs.	4	4	@	5	0
Beans, # bushel	5	0	@	6	0
Corn, # bushel	3	3	@	5	6
Potatoes, # bushel	3	9	@	4	0
Hay, # ton	90	0	@	105	0
Straw, # ton	50	0	@	60	0
Onions # bushel	4	0	@	5	0
Apples, # bushel	3	6	@	3	9
Butter—Fresh, # lb.	0	34	@	0	19
" Tub do.	0	8	@	0	9
Eggs, # dozen	6	0	@	1	0
Pork, # 100 lbs.	30	0	@	42	6
Beef, # 100 lbs.	25	0	@	30	0
" # lb.	6	0	@	0	0
Mutton, # lb by the quarter	0	4	@	0	5
Lams, # cwt.	0	4	@	0	5
Tallow, # lb.	0	0	@	0	7
Lard, # lb.	0	0	@	0	5
Hides, slaughtered, # 100 lbs.	20	0	@	22	6
Fowls, do. # pair	2	3	@	2	6
Turkeys, each	3	9	@	5	0
Chickens, each	1	3	@	1	8
Geese, each	1	8	@	2	0
Ducks, # pair	2	0	@	0	0
Wood—Hemlock, # cord	7	6	@	8	6
Hardwood, " "	19	0	@	12	6

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

THE Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Bytown District Lodge will be held in the Orange Hall, on Monday, the 24th instant, at half-past SEVEN o'clock, P. M., of which all Officers of the said Lodge, and others interested, are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

W. M. P. LETT,  
District Secretary.

Bytown, April 22, 1854.—(15)

MRS. MINNS

DEGS leave respectfully to announce to the inhabitants of Bytown and its vicinity, that, in addition to the other branches of the MILLINERY BUSINESS, she will keep on hand a good assortment of FASHIONABLE

Straw Bonnets, French Lace, &c., &c.

Straw, Leghorn and other Bonnets cleaned, pressed and trimmed in the best style and on the shortest notice.

Wellington street, Upper Bytown,  
March 14th, 1854.

(CIRCULAR.)

Mathie, Robertsen & Co.

DESIRE to inform their Friends and the Trade, that they have now received, via Boston and New York, a large portion of their IMPORTATIONS from GREAT BRITAIN, to be followed, at an early date, by further Shipments.

By MONDAY, the SEVENTEENTH INSTANT, their Stock of BRITISH and AMERICAN GOODS will be complete, at which time they expect to be enabled to offer an Extensive and Varied Stock, suitable for the requirements of the early Spring trade of the country.

Brookville, C. W.,  
April 10th, 1854. (15-2m.)

TO PRINTERS.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY at this Office, a PRESSMAN of steady habits, to whom constant employment will be given.