

OPINION OF THE PRESS.

(From the Nation.)

ASPECT OF THE WAR.—A mingled murmur of joy and sorrow comes from the beleaguered camp of the Allies...

(From the Tablet.)

THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE WAR.—Whatever result may follow from the labors of the diplomatists at Vienna, it is hard to suppose that negotiations, carried on with so much solemnity, and having for their object the pacification of Europe...

The great obstacle to the success of the negotiations is worse than the indecisive character of the campaign in the Crimea.

On the other hand, the undoubted success of the Russian army, in defending that fortress, must raise the military and national spirit of the Russian people to a high pitch.

The difficult question, then, is how to satisfy the military honor and retrieve the military prestige of the Western Powers by any arrangement which would leave the Russians in victorious possession of Sebastopol.

On this point, as every one expected, the Vienna Conference has just come to a stand-still. The precise terms offered on either side have not transpired, but it is said that the ladies demand something which is much less than the destruction or surrender of Sebastopol.

The ruinous consequences of the wretched official bungling in the conduct of the war are every day exhibiting themselves more plainly. Already broad and significant hints are thrown out even amongst our excellent and faithful allies that the present would be a very opportune time for limiting the naval supremacy of England.

gramatic turn, M. E. Girardin, goes so far as to hint that the dismantling of Gibraltar might be found a very convenient counterpoise to the destruction of Sebastopol.

The London Times says:—Whatever are the reasons that may be given for such a step, however it may be smoothed no one will be convinced that our withdrawal from the Crimea is not a defeat. Whatever may be thought of the prudence or necessity of the step, we certainly went to Sebastopol to capture or dismantle it, and to destroy the fleet it sheltered.

The Morning Post says:—The third condition is under consideration. It is this to which public attention has been most strongly and intently directed, as being the real test of the feelings of Russia—as being the point on which turns the question of peace or war.

PROTESTANT HOSPITALS.

(From the Times.)

Under ordinary circumstances we should preface what we are about to print with an apology for printing it at all, from the sheer horror, from the pure unmitigated filth of the statements which it must necessarily contain. But Englishmen—ay, and Englishwomen too—may well afford to stifle their delicacies of sentiment for a short space, and to read a plain account of that which their gallant countrymen have been compelled to suffer through the unparalleled neglect and mismanagement of the military, naval, and medical authorities at home and in the East.

coming in the hour of need to free our poor sick and wounded men from such indescribable pollution, from such imminent danger! The horrible smell arising from wounds, and uncleanness of all kinds was so intense that the effluvia from the necessities could not be immediately detected, as it would have been had this been the only foul spot in a building otherwise clean.

The same state of things existed in the hospital at Balaklava. Mr. Stafford found fourteen men in one room, and eleven in another, lying upon the bare floor. There was no ventilation, save through the broken windows. The orderlies and patients were swearing at each other.

One more instance, and this shall really be the last for to-day, in illustration of the results which followed to the sufferers from the middle passage and the hospital.

"They landed in a state of exhaustion; let it be called by any medical name whatever, it was chiefly exhaustion—a flickering of the lamp of life; for men in this state these medical comforts were what was most needed.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF A PATRIARCHAL CLERGYMAN.—At Kilmore, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., the Rev. John Fitzgerald, Parish Priest of the union of St. John's at the patriarchal age of 105 years.

PROSECUTION AGAINST A CATHOLIC PRIEST.—ACQUITTAL.—At the Derry Assizes last week, the grand jury found true bills for riot against the various parties charged with the attack on the Catholics in Newtownlimavaddy, on Sunday evening, the 3d of September last.

THE MAYNOOTH REPORT.—Whom has the Maynooth Report satisfied; and whom was it intended to satisfy? It is impossible to mistake the object of the assailants of the College. That it did not educate good Catholic priests was, in good truth, no part of their complaint.

they could flatter themselves it was Protestant, the assailants would find no fault with its management; as long as they see it to be Catholic they will simply reject any testimony or any sentence in its favor.—This is the key to the comments upon the Report in the Protestant press. One paper complains: "The Commissioners Report how the College may be made more efficient, not how we are to get rid of it."

RESIGNATION OF MR. FORTESCUE, M.P.—The Louth Advertiser says:—"The hon. Member for this county has resigned his office as Junior Lord of the Treasury."

AN INFORMER DETECTED.—At the recent assizes a man named Farrell was convicted of having written a threatening notice, directed to Mr. Eyre, an English gentleman, who not long since purchased the Upper-court property in this county.

"LAW AND ORDER."—We regret to learn that owing, it is said, to the existence of ill-feeling between militia and the lower classes of the population of Londonderry and its neighborhood, disturbances of a serious character are apprehended, and that in consequence application has been made for the assistance of the military from this town.—Belfast News-Letter.

A MODEL MILITIA MAN.—James Gardiner, described as a private in the militia, was brought up in custody of Police Constable 25 D, charged with being disorderly at the Catholic Church, North Annes-street, Dublin, and also with assaulting the constable.

PROGRESS OF ENLISTMENT.—At the Dublin head Police-office, last week, upwards of 50 privates of the 109th, or county of Dublin Regiment of Militia, volunteered into the 60th Rifles, and were attested on Tuesday, and almost an equal number of volunteers were attested the day following.