halted at some distance from the main thoroughfare, where a large block of bog oak lay alongside; to this the yeoman (still gagged and pinioned) was firmly tied, and then at a sharp canter. The troopers were stout and fresh: as day dawned they were safe from interruption or danger, and could distinctly see the French fleet at anchor in the bay

below them. "What a glorious sight!" excluimed Lord Edward, in ecstacy, as they proceeded. "Now, vessels of all sizes left Brest; I count only twenty-seven here; but that matters not; with Hoche and half the number embarked, long to grasp the hand of the young Conqueror of the Rhine-'The Pacificator of La | obeyed." Vendee'; no better commander could be chosen for our purpose. Uniting the talents of an able diplomatist with those of a first-rate soldier, he is just the man to render justice to all, and to command the confidence of the different political and religious parties into which will emblazon his name in the page of time, and if he doeshistory, and if he lives is certain to reach the highest military honors his country bestows."

manded in French to see the Commander-in- avoided." Commander-in-Chief and the Admiral, both to Dublin I must attempt to go, no matter embarked in the same frigate, were, with some | what the consequences. vessels of war and many transports, separated from them, and had not yet reached the | Mike. rendezvous. At length, after some preliminary inquiries made by an aide-de-camp, they were conducted below, and on entering the cabin, found themselves in the presence of a Having relations in the neighborhood, he had man in the prime of life, but of cold and cau- procured corn for the horses and breakfast for tious manners. Conscious of his own social and political position, Lord Edward advanced at the apparent result of the visit to the towards him with the self-possession of a man of rank and the warmth of an Irish gentle- rightly conjecturing that Lord Edward was man; but he was formully, even superci- not in a humour to be interrogated. liously, received, the disordered and indeed almost ludicrous condition of his own and his you procure us beds or even a waste home to companion's dress, half military, half civilian as it was, rendering them, as it appeared, perremembering that appearances were against them, Lord Edward commenced by felicitating the General on his safe arrival, and on the he's a man of the right sort and so is his wife; favorable opportunity which chance had given him of distinguishing himself, by striking a blow at English power before the arrival of his chief. But the compliments and anticipations seemed alike thrown away. Grouchy's manner remained the same-haughty, reserved, and unconfiding. At length, atter a pause in the conversation, Lord Edward fairly proceeded to business:

"I presume, General, that you will lose no time in effecting a disembarkation. The wind | man offended and hurt, "dye think I'd bring of has fallen to a calm, and there is not a regular | you where there was any danger of treachery soldier within twenty miles to oppose your progress. By at once marching on Dublin,

may adopt, should be arrive. I am only second in command, and though no doubt, in the absence of my superior, I am entitled to act on my own opinion, still, in such a very critical position as I find myself placed, I do not feel inclined to incur additional responsibility."

" But surely, sir, you will not hesitate to act. You have escaped the English fleet, which will no doubt be soon upon your track. By landing your troops and stores, you may at once dismiss your ships, and allow them to avoid an action. Your force is amply sufficient; the whole country is armed and prepared to join you." "Sir," interrupted the French General, "you

will pardon me for declining to communicate my plans, or to adopt yours. I may say, however, that it is not likely that I shall undertake with ten thousand men a task which Hoche demanded sixteen thousand to accom-

"I shall take all responsibility on myself," hastily answered Lord Edward, "and hold you harmless both to Hoche and the Directory. There was a smile of sneering incredulity

on Grouchy's lips, as he replied: "Really, sir, I must decline any further conversation with you upon the subject of my duty. I have not the honor of your personal acquaintance. It is possible that you are Lord Edward Fitzgerald, as you represent yourself to be, or (pardon me for saying it) you may be for aught I know an English spy. All the Irishmen who accompany the expedition are with the Admiral, and unless you have some means of proving your identity, you canmot reasonably expect me to have faith in your statement or confidence in your advice, the more particularly, to speak plainly, as I see on your helmet the royal arms, and on the The stairs were here and there broken; in some buttons of your clonk the crown of England."

The justice of the remark struck Lord Edward dumb. He carried no document, not even his card, to prove his identity which, up the abstracted stones to some domestic purto the present moment, it was so necessary for him to conceal. He looked blankly at Mike, and the General, ascribing his silence and confusion to guilt, seemed more confirmed than before in his unfavorable opinions. holes in the walls, which enabled the person Lord Edward explained the occurrence in their flight, which would account for the eccentricity of their costume, but the story, improbable as it was, only added to Grouchy's

"Assuming all you say to be true, sir, as regards the steps you were obliged to take for safety on your journey here, such facts tally badly with your assertion that the people are armed and prepared to rise; if such were really the case, surely the acknowledged leaders of the insurrection could have no difficulty in passing through the country without having recourse to a disguise which, disaffection being abroad, would be more likely to hazard his life than to secure it."

"There is much truth in what you say, and I shall not further seek to convince you. Hoche's arrival will soon set the matter at rest; but once again I entreat you to act vigorously; you will soon ascertain the truth of my assertions, and we shall remain as hostages in your hands until the arrival of the Commanderin-chief. Meantime, as we have ridden far may still be saved—see, the vessels below us and fared badly, we would gladly avail our are making signals as they pass; hurran ! may selves of your hospitality—we really require | Heaven be thanked!" . something to eat."

The free and easy manner of Lord Edward found no sympathy in Grouchy's breast. Rising from his seat, he coldly remarked, "that it was impossible they should remain on board, Durcy donning the cloak and helmet of his for he had determined on putting to sea again captive, mounted his horse and dashed along | that very day, and was quite uncertain as to whether he should any longer await Hoche on the Irish coast, or at once return to France." Then ringing his bell and bowing them out, his steward was ordered to provide them with

breakfast. They had scarcely finished a Lasty meal, when an officer announced that a boat was Mike, now success is certain, and our liberties alongside to take them ashore. Lord Edward are secured. And yet," he added, "forty-six asked to see the General, but he was positively refused another interview; and to his remonstrances that surely he would not be forced on shore to be thrown into the hands of his there can be no doubt of the result. How I enemies, the only answer returned was, "that the orders were peremptory and must be

"What misfortune!" cried Lord Edward, when they were left alone on the beach. "A curse seems to attend every effort made for Ireland's freedom. Here is a force sufficient twice over to attain the object, nothing to oppose their landing or their progress, and the which our suffering country is so unhappily fatal chance which has placed a coward or a divided. Ha! see! another ship is full in truitor (for he, too, may have been bought by view, and I think I can discern more still Pitt) in command mars all our projects, and further off: all's well, all's well. How sur- may utterly ruin our cause. But," after a prised you will be, Mike, to see Mon Ami moment's pause, he added gaily, with that Hoche, only twenty-six years of age; with transition from the desponding to the hopeful the appearance of a boy and the modesty of a | which was so habitual to him, "all is not yet girl; he has already achieved glorious actions, lost. Hoche may still reach our shores in

"But, in the meantime, what's to become of us? The arrival of this fleet will soon Springing from their horses, Lord Edward bring the loyalists into the neighborhood and his companions jumped into a boat, we are strangers, and will certainly be arrestwhich was laden with provisions for the fleet, ed. Better beg an asylum on board and run and pulling to the nearest ship of the line, de- the risk of a return to France if it cannot be

Chief. After some delay, they were permitted "Impossible for me. Should this armato come on board, but were left pacing the ment return without effecting anything, we deck while awaiting an introduction to the must then act for ourselves, and, were I ab-General, who had not as yet quitted his sent, what chance would there be of getting cabin. From one of the officers who joined the secret committee to move? Fools and them Lord Edward learned that the fleet had poltroons as they were, they declined the offer experienced very severe weather since their of the militia regiments to seize the Castle departure from France, and that, on the very and arrest the Lord Lieutenant. Had I been night they sailed, a seventy-four, with all on there, both should have been in our power, board, had perished; that subsequently the and a general rising been accomplished. No

"And I shall not desert you, replied

As they hastened back, almost unconsci ously, towards the hill from which they had first seen the French fleet, Darcy joined them. himself. His manner expressed astonishment French ships, but he asked no questions

"Should we remain here for the night, can

sleep in, Darcy?" "Why, thin, your lordship, it 'id be a sholl sons of suspicious character in the eyes of thing if I couldn't; doesn't my mother's third the General. Hurt for a moment, but at once | cousin, Terence Macgillieuddy, live not a mile off-he's related to Macgillicuddy of the Reeks, and has the strongest faction in the parishand maybe they won't receive ye both! aye would they, if there was a dozen of the likes iv ye."

"Then, like a good fellow, go and see about it. But, mind, be cautious; our names must not be known. I need not tell you that there are advertisements and rewards for taking me, and that being found in my company would be fatal to Master Mike."

"My lord," said Darcy, with the air of a The bank couldn't buy Terence or his wife, or one belonging to thim; and it's proud account."

"Come, come, Darcy, I could suspect no one who had a drop of your blood in their veins; but people are incautious, and if I were discovered, I should run; perhaps, more danger from the love of my friends-than from the vigilance of my enemies."

Keep," said Darcy, when about to leave them, "along the brow of this hill close by the sea; get into some hollow, where you can see without being seen; nothing can come near you from the water, for there is three hundred feet of clean rock; but mind well the land side, and if there is any danger make for that ould tower, which he can get up, and stay there till I come to yo; don't be noar the horses that are in yonder old wells, on any account; they're likely to be looked aften, and if found here, they'll think that the Frough stole

The gentlemen proceeded as directed, and not finding any sui able place of concealment continued their walk until they arrived at the tower, which they were anxious to explore in case they should afterwards be obliged to have resort to it as a place of concealment or resistance. It was one of those round towers peculiar to Ireland, about which, antiquarians have had such learned discussions with such unsatisfactory results, their origin and object remaining still undiscovered! Above one hundred feet in height, it was ascended by a circular stone staircase, and from its top, which was open, the view seamed almost boundless Although this tower had been reofless from at least the Christain, era, and the walls were exposed unprosected to the effects of the weather, still the coment resisted the attacks of time, and the building was as complete, and much more solid, than, any modern erection. cases the steps had been altogether removed, but, evidently, those defects arese from mischievous idleness, or from a desire to apply pose; although there were many such breaches in the stairs, the ascent was easily enough accomplished, either by means or portions of the broken steps which still remained, or by ascending to make his way with little risk of

danger. As the friends mounted, Lord Edward, who led the way, remarked : "This is a God-sand; nowhere could we find a place more suitable to our purposes; from hence we can, even with the naked eye, observe the the motions of the of the fleet, defend ourselves if attacked, and, if need be, sell our lives dearly. There's a prospect," he continued, as he moved along a bench or sort of gallery, which ran all round the interior of the building at a few feet from the top; ha, by Heaven! the French are under weigh, and this incapable coward is about to abandon us; but no," he added, after a moment's pause, "I wronged him. See, the leading ship is heading northward; perhaps, after all, he is right to keep the open sea, when he hesitates to effect a landing; but, oh! what a glorious sight, and what an opportunity lost; oh! for the arrival of Hoche. Do you see a ship to the south-westward-aye, two, two certainly, I see. Hurrah! Mike, the cause

(To be confinued.)

Irish Catholic Intelligence.

The Very Rev. Canon Rooney, P.P., Clortarf, is dead. The Rev. C. Mograne, P.P., Drumconrath,

died last week. The Rev. Richard Gavin, P.P., Rothdrum, Co. Wicklow, is dead.

Recently as the Rev. Cornelius Sheehan, P.P. Castlemaine, county Kerry, was proceeding to his chapel at Keel, the horse which he was driving took fright and jumped over the bridge at Glounacurra, near the "White Gate." reverend gentleman's right arm was broken, while the driver, a young lad, sustained a compound fracture of the leg and ankle. The wonder is that both men were not killed.

The ceremony of opening a new and splendid organ in the beautiful chuach of St. Patrick's, Belfast, took place recently in presence of the bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Dorrian, and a large congregation. Rev. Stephen Nicholl, O.M.I., preached the sermon. Mr. Telford, Mus. Bac., T.C.D., performed on the organ. The choir was under the direction of Mr. Burns. A large collection was realised.

At Waterford, recently his lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Power, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, made a strong appeal on behalf of the collection for the Christian Brothers, His lordship warmly culogised the labors of the Brothers, and the admirable fruits of their teaching, and exhorted the congregation to subscribe liberally. He specially called upon the poor, who can not give large sums, to maintain the existing penny a week collection from house to house.

The Very Rev. Dean O'Brien, P.P., V.G. Newcastle West, a few weeks since, gave a very able and exhaustive lecture on rhetoric to the students and pupils of the Diocesan College. Limerick, in the presence of the Lord Bishop the Most Rev. Dr. Butler, of the President of the Diocesan College, of the President of the Killaloe Diocesan College, a large number of the clergy, &c. The lecture was heard throughout with great interest, and in several passages the lecturer was interrupted with vehement applause.

The death is appounced of Rev. James Dore P.P., Feakle: His mission in the upper parish of Feakle commenced about the year 1848, and his zeal to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the tlock entrusted to his charge was redolent of the most beneficial effects. He rendered innumerable services to the poor and struggling farmers, and his memory shall long be cherished on account of his charitable deeds. At his own request the remains were conveyed to the family burial place at Ballingarry, county Limerick.

Montalembert on Irish Catholicism.

Contrast the magnificent churches which the Irish are building to-day in Ireland with those which they are helping to build in America with what they had in 1820, when-Montalembert's Lettres our le Catholicisme en-Irlande were published, and in which there is to be found the following passage: "I shall never terget the first Mass which I heard in a country chap. d. Frode to the foot of a hill, the lower part of which was clothed with a thick plantation of oak and fir, and alighted from my-horse to ascend it. I had taken only a few-steps on my way when my attention was attracted by the appearance of a man who knelt at the foot of one of the firs; several others became visible in succession in the same attitude, and the higher I ascended the larger became the numbers of these kneeling peasants. At length, on reaching the top of the hill, I save a cruciform building, badly built on stone, without cement, and covered with thatch Around it kuelt a crowd robust and vigorous men, all uncovered, though the min fell in torrents. and the mud quivered beneath them. Profound silence reigned everywhere. within the city you will find aid enough to render its capture a matter of little difficulty."

"Sir," replied Grouchy, "it is not for me to say what proceedings the General-in-Chief may adopt, should be arrive. I am only account."

they'll be to their dying day, and their chil-der's childer afther thim, to have it said that they have it said that they have it said that they have in the ward on your assembly had prostrated themselves with their faces on the earth. I made an except " effort to penetrate under the roof of this chapel, thus overflowed with worshippers. There were no seats, no decorations, not even a pavement. The floor was of earth, damp and stony, the roof dilapidated, and tallow candles burned on the altar in place of tapers. I heard the priest announce in Irish, the language of a Catholic people, that on such a day he would go, in order to save his parishcomers the trouble of a long journey to a certain 'cabin' which should for the moment The turned into the house of God—there to administer the Sacraments and receive the kumble-offerings with which his flocks supported him 2 When the Holy Sacrifice was ended, the priest mounted his horse and rode away; then each worshipper rose from his knees and went slowly homeword; some of them wandoring harvestmen, carrying their reaping hooks, turned their steps towards the nearest cottage to ask the hospitality to which they were considered to have a right; others, with their wives riding behind them en croupe, went off to their distant homes. Many remained for a much longer time in prayer, kneeling in the mud, in that silent enclosure chosen by the poor and faithful people in the times of

ancient persecutions. Catholic Missions in India.

The official calendar recently published at Madras contains full particulars of the establishments connected with the Catholic Church in India, Ceylon, Burmah and Siam, from which it appears that in 1877 there were 23 Wicars Apostolic, 21 Bishops, 1098 priests, 1,088,309 professing members of the various churches, besides 1,422 schools, containing between them 51,494 pupils. The Arch bishopric of Goa contained 766 priests, having under their charge flocks to the number of 156,162. These numbers compare with 20 Vicars Apostolic, 16 Bishops, 790 priests, having congregations of 915,590 persons and 716 schools, with 27,068 pupils, in 1866. The Journal du Commerce Marilime says that in the presecture of Pondicherry alone there were in 1866 69 priests, whose flocks numbered 112,000, and 90 schools, with 1,300 pupils; while in 1877 the numbers had increased to 85 priests, 141,250 persons professing the Catholic faith, and schools with 4,000 pupils. Of this number of Catholics in the French colony of Pondicterry, only 3,000 were Europeans. Of the 85 priests, 25 were natives of India. The number of adult converts from heathenism baptized in 1877 was 1,920, besides 1,513 children; and 87 Protestants are said to have been converted to the Catholic faith in the same period. Pondi-cherry has four separate orders of sisterhoods. The greater part of the matives professing Catholicism are said to be descended from the converts' made by the Jestit missionaries of the 17thand 18th centuries.

DISTRESS IN SHEFFIELD. A deputation waited on the Mayor of Sheffield for the purpose of inaugurating an organised effort to relieve the great distress existing amongst the working classes of Sheffield in consequence of the continued depression in trade. The distress was great last winter, and £4,000 were distributed in relief but a much greater effort will be required this year, as the distress is more urgent and general than it has been hitherto.

Irish News.

Mr. Gerald Fitzgibbon has been appointed Lord Justice of Appeal.

Mr. Bridge is about to retire from the management of Mr. Buckley's Galtee estate.

A banquet was given to Barry Sullivan in Dublin on the evening of November 23rd. CHURCH MUSIC.—A meeting was held in the new hall of the Catholic University for the

in church music. THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY .- Dr. Houghton made a genial and patriotic speech in favor of a grant of a charter to the Catholic University.

purpose of considering the question of reform

THE IRISH LANGUAGE.-The revival of th Irish language is progressing more favorably than its most sanguine friends could have anticipated. Twenty-six thousand of the "First Irish Book" have been sold.

Lately a man was cut literally to pieces by a train passing the Lansdowne-road station of the Dublin and Kingstown railway. The fragments of his remains were collected. The dress is apparently that of a respectable ar-

NEW BRIDGE AT CARRICK-ON-SUR,-A new bridge is to be erected at Carrick-in-Suir. The townspeople have petitioned the Lord Lieutenant to have a portcullis made in the bridge in order to to allow ships to pass through TENANT DEFENCE IN GALWAY .-- A meeting

was held in the chapel yard at Kilannin County Galway, to protest against some evictions that recently took place, and to form a age of 76. Tenant Defence Association. The meeting was a success. AN IRISH COLLEGE FOR AFRICAN MISSIONARIES

-The Cork Examiner has a long account of New Town. the contemplated college established near Cork, for the purpose of training missionaries for work in Africa. Permission has been ob tained from the Bishop, and Father O'Haire is pleading for assistance. IRISIS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF

Intemperance.—This society is progressing favourably. It has a guarantee fund of £2,000. The society resolved to communicate with the Commander of the Forces in Ireland regarding the sale of drink to civilians in the military canteens during prohibited hours.

LINEN MANUFACTURERS .- A deputation of linen manufacturers, of Ulster, waited on Mr Lowther a few days ago for the purpose of urging upon him the expediency of certain alterations in "the Linen and Eempen Manu-ncturers' (Iteland) Bill." Mr. Lowther received the deputation with an equivocal answer, meaning nothing.

THE FRANCHISE.-It is well known that the borough franchise in Ireland is much higher than it is in England. The Irish people naturally think this a great injustice. In the last Parliament, the question of assimilating the franchise was rejected, and now we learn that the Dublin Corporation has petitioned to | best. have the same elective rights granted to the people of Ireland.

THE COMMERCIAL DEPRESSION IN BELFAST .-- I was stated in Belfast that in one of the extensive flax mills on the Falls-road, in that town, a notice has been issued to workers, stating that they will only be employed four days in the week owing to the depressed state of trade. It is believed that similar notices will be issued in some of the other mills in that town .- Express.

ORANGE OUTRAGE .- Recently the Grangemen tore from the gable of the Catholic church at Killyman, County Tyrone, the crosses, and wrecked the church. The locality is notori ously Orange, many lodges being in the vicinlty. The reverend pastor of the church-Canon Quinn—is sympathized with by the whole people. He is a popular gentleman. The perpetrators are not discovered.

ORANGE ROWDYESS:-It is a custom on Saturday evenings for Orange bands with big drams to march through certain quarters of Selfast, playing pasty tunes, and insulting any Catholics they chance to meet; recently the ruffians groaned and yelled on passing a Catholic church, and broke the windows of a Catholie bookseller for having religious articles displayed: this took place next to the palace bar-

racks, but no arrests were made. THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN T.C.D .- The young men who misbehaved themselves at the recent inaugural meeting of the College Historical Society were up before the Board on Saturday. One of them, who was preparing to in her honor and are making, preparations for stand his Degree Examination next month, a public dinner. was punished by being required to pass another Senior Sophister Examination prior to that of his degree. A second, who was preparing for his Little-go Examination, was similarly ducted the retreat of the British forces after punished, an intermediate examination being imposed on him. Two others, in consequence of the evidence given in favor of their previous general good conduct, were let off with pecuniary fines.

By the death of Cardinal Cullen, the number of members of the Sacred College has been reduced to 59, viz: 6 Cardinal Bishops, 48 Cardinal Priests, and 9 Cardinal Deacons. Of these the three senior Cardinal Priests (Prince Schwarzenberg, named Jan. 24, 1842; Asquini, promoted Jan. 22, 1844; Carafa di Tractto, appointed July 22; 1844), are all who remain of the creations of Gregory XVI. The remaining 55 were raised to the purple by Plus IX. The reigning Pope has not yet created any Cardinals. Cardinal Cullen was the fifth member of the Sacrol College who has died since the election of Leo XIII.; the others were Brassais Saint Mare, Amat, Berardi, and Franchi:

The office of Assistant Librarian in the Local Legislature has been aboli ed, and one of the messengers appointed . do the

The latest fish story is that of four Long Branch fishermen, whose anchor line was seized by a whale which made straight for the open sea, towing the boat at tremendous speed. Aftea being dragged about a mile the rightened fishermen cut the rope and pulled hastily for shore, whilst the whale continued its seaward progress with the end of the rope. Next!

A Dog's Life.-A gentleman the other day ost a beautiful skye terrier, over 20 years old. It had been taught all manners of tricks, among other things, to wake his master at 7 o'clock every morning by biting his toes. One day the gentleman slept until 9. When he got up he looked at the clock and found it had stopped at exactly half a minute to 7. The faithful dog, true to his trust, would not wake his master until the very stroke of the bell.

A New Invention .- A citizen of Montreal has invented a machine which he has christoned the meanuphone. It is for placing in the back yards of a night where cats, especially Toms, abound in any considerable quantities. It is on the same principle as the telephone. It will catch the "me" on the bound, and sling the sound a mile away, and then be ready for the "anu," which it will treat in the same manner. Its object is to take all cater-wauling away from your back door, and enable cats dwelling several miles apart to enter able cats dwelling several miles apart to enter able portrait painters at the head of English at the paucity of the parish relief. same manner. Its object is to take all cater-

Scotland.

The haddock fishing at Eyemouth is poor The Skye lochs have suddenly and unexectedly become stocked with shoals of her-

The Marquis of Lorne retains his office as ieutenant-Colonel of the Argyll and Bute Artillery Volunteers.

The sum of £1,200 has been guaranteed towards the proposed hall in Edinburgh for

free discussion. There is a serious outbreak of pleuroneumonia on several farms in the Stewartry,

Kirkcutbrightshire. The Glasgow School of Cookery was opened for the winter session on the 5th ult. with an

increased number of students. J. Nicol Fleming, ex-director of the City of Glasgow Bank, against whom a warrant was

issued, has actually escaped to Spain. Snow fell heavily on the 9th ult., and street traffic, including the running of the tramway cars, was to some extent impeded.

A civil debtor named Peter Cook, a powerloom tender, committed suicide in Dunfermline Prison by hanging himself on the 4th

The teacher of the Gaelic School in Greenock has been sued for £50 for damages said to have been caused through his having logged a pupil.

Mr. Kenneth MacKay, miniature painter the last of the originators of the Royal Scottish Academy, has died at Edinburgh at the

On the 9th ult., during the busy part of the day, a bag containing £100 in silver was stolen from the counter of one of the banks in the

Polmadie has declined annexation to Glasgow, even though it was assured that the city ratepayers would pay half its taxes for it for tive years.

Dr. Montgomerie died at Ayr on the 1st ult., aged 68 years. He had been an invalid for some time. All who knew him esteemed him highly.

The Queen has decided that the old tapestries of Holyrood Palace, which are in a very dilapidated condition, should be restored at

the Royal tapestry works, Old Windsor. On the 3rd uft. the Tramway Company started a Sunday car between Patrick and Glasgow. It is expected that there will be a

strong protest against the innovation. William Teesdale, a billsticker, was killed in the Dumfries theatre on the 10th ult. by the explosion of a retort while he was pro-

ducing gas for the lights in the theatre. The tenantry on the Airlie estates having agreed to present Lady Blanche Ogilvy with a present on the occasion of her marriage to Captain Hozier, have forwarded to her a handsome sum of money to be used as she thinks

The shareholders of the Greenock Railway Company have agreed to sanction the excess of stocks, amounting to £15,000, fraudulently issued by the late secretary, and to permanently reduce the dividends to cover the

All the workmen in the employ of Ramage & Ferguson, shipbuilders, Leith, except a number of boilermakers and rivetters who feet are wreaths in white marble. The followbelong to the Trades Union, have accepted a reduction of seven and a half per cent. on their | Therese Titiens, who died October 3, 1877.

after a very brief illness. Mr. Falconer was membrance for reported thefts. These include the oldest Sheriff-Substitute in Scotland, having:held that office for the long period of

Legacies have been bequeathed by the fate Dr. Scott, who had for over fifty years been a medical practitioner in Perth, to various societies and institutions in Perth and elsewhere for charitable and religious purposes to the extent of £3,000.

Persons and Things.

lee that formed in the Washington mine, Lake Superior, two or three years ago, was so well congenied that it still remains ice.

Miss Rosina Heikel, the first lady doctor in Finland, has been given an encouraging start in her profession. The women of Wasa, where she settled for practice, gave a grand concert

The present Duke of Northumberland has presented to the town library of Lexington, Mass., a portrait of Lord Percy, who conthe battle in 1775. The gift was made through the Rev. E. G. Porter, of Lexington who has been the Duke's guest during the last month.

Proceedings in a California court, in regard to the widow of William C. Ralston, the "banking prince" of San Francisco, who committed suicide, show that she has squandered a fortune of \$120,000 in the three years since her husband's death, and unless guardian be appointed, will beggar her children.

Ernest Longfellow, the poet's son, and a successful painter, has some pictures on exhibition in Boston which are attracting marked attention. He is thoroughly American in his style, although his pictures are painted in Europe. In his figure pieces he is said to show the poetical talent inherited trom his father.

The Caledonian Society.

The following communication, in reply to memorial presented last week, was received from His Excellency the Governor-General: GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

OTTAWA, December 7, 1878. To the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Caledonian Society of Montreal:

Gentlemen,—In reply to your memorial, I am instructed by His Excellency to say that it will afford him great pleasure to accept the office of honorary patron to the Caledonian Society of Montreal.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen. Your obedient servant, F. DeWinton, Major R. A., Governor-General's Secretary.

Challenged.

Norman Taylor, of Boston, challenges John Hughes, of New York, John Raine, of Ottawa, or D. J. Ross, of Quebec, to run a race of twenty miles for \$250 a side. Should the challenge not be accepted, Taylor says he will claim the championship, and at once undertake to run twenty miles in two hours. -Ottawa Citizen.

Mr. Frederick Leighton, who stands in the first rank of English artists, has been elected President of the Royal Academy. The appointment of Mr. Leighton is a departure from the Miscellaneous Items.

English counterfeiters have of late turned their attention to Russian bank notes. A new bird of paradise has been found on

the west coast of New Guinea. A memorial window to Livingstone, the African explorer, is to be put in Westminster Abbey.

Marie Feehtar, daughter of the tragedian. has abandoned the operatic for the dramatic stage, and makes a charming actress.

The Prince of Wales has concluded arrangements for renting Macselench Castle, Radnorshire, and will occupy it early next year.

Miss Helen McDonald argued her own case in an infringement of her dress protector patent in the United States Court in Boston the other day. Ben Butler was on the other side.

Orson Hyde, one of the Mormon "Twelve Apostles," and for many years among the ablest and most active workers in behalf of the Latter-day Saints, died in Utah on Thanks-Madamo Roze gave her impressions of

America to a Chicago reporter: "I like it very much," she said. "Indeed, I love it, and no wonder. People have been so kind and good. We have had a delightful summer." Anna Salome Hill is a new singer, who inherits her musical genius from her grandfather, Col. Lehmanowsky, who commanded the First Napoleon's body guard, and was

known throughout Europe as a celebrated A SWEEPING OPINION.-Professor Thorold Rogers, of Oxford, speaking at a meeting held last week, said "that every man without a head upon his shoulders, every swindler, every pickpocket, and every man on the turf belonged to

the Tory party." LOFTY SUBJECT FOR A SERMON.—The dignity of the pulpit is rising. The subject of a sermon preached about a fortnight ago in a church in New York was, "The Witch of Ender-Was She a Spiritualist?" The preacher was the Dev. W. Hatfield, a Methodist Episcopal min-

The Limerick tenants of the Marquis of Conyngham have held a meeting and adopted resolutions requesting his lordship not to dispose of his property and continue their landlord. Those resident on the Kilkee property have succeeded in inducing the Marquis to

abandon the sale. The "social" papers continue to corze to the front. At Bow Street Police Court on Thursday Mr. Poland applied to Sir James Lugham, on behalf of Mr. Edgar Ray, the editor of Touchstone, for a summons against Mr. Edmund Yates, the editor of the World, for having used threatening language. Sir James Ingham

granted the summons. It is estimated that there are 114,043,940 tons of coal consumed annually in England. If the quantity of sulphur contained in this coal be supposed to be 1 per cent.-there has been no accurate determination of the per centage of sulphur-not less than 3,500,000 tons of sulphuric acid is discharged each year into the atmosphere.

THE LATE MOLLE, TUBIESS .- A handsome monument has just been srected in All Souls' Cemetery, Kensal Green, Harrow Boad, London, over the tomb of the late Mdlle. Titiens. It is of red polished granite. At the head and ing is the inscription :- "In memory of

CRIME IN EDIN RIBGH.-An Edinburgh police Mr. Alex. Falconer, Sheriff-Substitute in official of long standing has stated that the Nairnshire, died at Nairn on the 13th ult., present term was the worst within his re-£100 in silver from a bank in St. Andrew Square, pocket-picking at Hallow Fair, and elsewhere, &c. The theft from the bank was committed during the bustle of Monday, the

term-day. An interesting relic of the American war of Independence has turned up in an antiquarian bookstore in Baircuth, Bavaria. One of the officers of the Hessian troops who served in the British army kept a daily record not only of events, but also of the news and rumors of the day, and the document found in his manuscript diary from January, 1778, to March, 1779.

Everything in nature indulges in an amusement of some kind. The lightning plays, the wind whistles, the thunder rolls, the snow flies, the hills and cascades sing and dance, the waves leap, the fields smile, the vines creep and runand the buds shoot. But some of them have also their seasons of melancholy. The tempests moan, the zephyrs sigh, the brooks murmur, and the mountains look blue.

DEAR JUDGES .- I observe that the reason given for the retirement of Lord Justice Christian from the bench is his deafness. His lordship is more sensitive than his English brethren-Mr. Justice Mellor, for instance, has been deaf for years. He was one of the judges who tried Orton, and the fat defendant used to crack. jokes over "the stupidity of Mellor." Mr. Justice Lush is also nearly deaf; and as for Chief Baron Kelly, he has long since abandoned any pretence of attending to arguments or evidence. Perhaps, however, Mr. Justice Mellor's case is the the more painful.—London

An anecdote illustrating President Lincoln's quaint and ready humor is now told for the first time by an Iowa gentleman. It runs thus:-" There was a travelling lecturer before the war known as 'Green, the Reformed Gambler,' who was quite a character in his way, and at the opening of the hostilities he joined the Union army. He was so badly wounded as to be a cripple for life, and one day repaired to the White House to ask Mr. Lincoln for an appointment in the Commissary Department on the score of his injuries. He was afraid the President might not know him, and, to refresh his memory, said, I am the man who used to be known as Green, the Reformed Gambler.' 'Oh, yes, replied Mr. Lincoln, with his accustomed readiness, 'I know you. I suppose a great many more people have heard of you than would ever have heard of me if I had not been elected President of the United States; and with this the man got his appointment."

DARK BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN ENGLAND-Eighteen iron firms of Ashton, Hyde, Staleybridge, Newton, and Guidebridge have given notice of their intention to reduce the wages of skilled workmen two shillings a week and of unskilled workmen one shilling a week after November 14. Donner & Co., East India merchants, have failed. Their liabilities are \$500,000. The cotton manufacturers at Glasgow have resolved to reduce the working hours in their establishments one-third. This will affect 8,000 employees. The Bolton cotton spinners have decided to make a reduction of five per cent. in the wages of their employees. Snow storms of exceptional severity for the time of the year prevail in the North and Northwest of England and throughout Scotland. The enforcement of the Bolton masters, resolution is dependent on the concurrence of the masters owing twothirds of the spindles in the district which includes Bolton, Leigh, Tyldesley, and Atherton. Eight thousand operatives in