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The World.

The awful catastrophe has come at last. The earth has actually collided with a fiery comet. So say the men of science. The result was not universal wreck and ruin, but merely a shower of meteors, visible to the inhabitants of more than a quarter of the globe. Asia was the chief theatre of the grand display of celestial fireworks. The comet itself is said to have gone on its way, not, however, as the compacted mass of luminosity it originally was, but as a cluster, or train of disjointed fragments of impalpable brightness.

Canon Farrar has completed his American tour, and returned to England, loaded with the well-wishes of the educated people of the United States. He had the good feeling to comport himself everywhere with the simplicity and cordiality of true Christian manliness. His impressions of America are on the whole almost as favorable as America's impression of him. He rightly believes that her religious faith is the foundation of her national prosperity, that education is free, though training less thorough, than in England, and that in temperance legislation

the latter is far behind. He thinks co-education as he witnessed it in Oberlin, Ann Arbor and Syracuse, is succeeding admirably.

The Message of the President of the United States has been looked for with interest, even in Canada. Anxiety was naturally felt to see what he would say, or propose, with reference to the fisheries. As was hoped and expected he proposes a commission to settle the vexed question. Almost beyond expectation he is willing and desirous that that commission shall deal with the commercial problem as well. There is, therefore, some ground for hope that a better state of trade relations may be established between our neighbors and us, as well as that a cause of irritation and danger may be removed. The President also refers to the extradition question in terms which lead to the hope that the respective countries shall not continue to be refuges for each other's defaulters and embezzlers.

The result of the British elections is such as to leave the future in darkness. The Liberals have a considerable majority over the Conservatives, but are in a small minority against Conservatives and Parnellites united. Whether Gladstone will accept office under the circumstances remains to be seen. Probably he would be perfectly safe in doing so. Parnell commanded his followers to support the Conservatives not that he loved them more, but that his strength lies in securing if possible the balance of power. He holds this balance only on the supposition that the Conservatives would vote solid with the Parnellites, on any test question affecting the interests of either. Both these assumptions are in the last degree unlikely. The Liberals are pledged by all their past to grant to Ireland the largest measure of self-government consistent with the integrity of the empire. Beyond this many Conservatives could not, for consistency's sake, go. On the other hand Parnell and his followers could never be relied on to support the Conservatives against the Liberals on a question of policy, unless at a price to which they could never agree. Gladstone may probably resume the reins with safety, though in any case the probabilities are in favor of another general election at an early day.

The School.

Our issue of Christmas week will be particularly attractive and interesting, and we shall endeavor to mail it to subscribers two or three days in advance. We desire to bring the SCHOOL JOURNAL under the notice of as many teachers, trustees, and friends of education as possible, and shall feel indebted to subscribers who will send us the names of friends of theirs to whom we might mail free copies of the Special Holiday Number.

The Rev. Dr. McCurdy, who for seven years was Professor of Oriental Languages in Princeton College, New Jersey, and