

which was borne by the pioneers of our liberty in Reformation times :—

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CHARLES R.—Charles, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc.—To all Mayors, Bayliffs, Constables, and other Our Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, whom it may concern—*Greeting*.:—In pursuance of our Declaration of 15th March, 1671-2, We have allowed and do allow of a Roome or Roomes in the house of George Bendall, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to be a place for the use of such as do not conform to the Church of England, who are of the persuasion called Congregationall, to meet and assemble in, in order to their publick Worship and Devotion. And all and singular of Our Officers and Ministers, Ecclesiastical, Civil, and Military, whom it may concern, are to take due notice hereof: And they, and every one of them, are hereby strictly charged and required to hinder any tumult or disturbance, and to protect them in their said Meetings and Assemblies. Given at our Court at Whitehall, the fifth day of September, in the 24th year of our reign, 1672. By His Majestie's command.

ARLINGTON.

THE Manitoba craze continues. The level will be found by-and-bye, and then —. We were enthusiasts about our North-West, believing that we have a glorious possession in those thousands of miles of rich prairie lands, the future wheat-producing and cattle-raising fields of America. We have the same belief still; but the wealth must come from the soil, which is not to be developed by trading lots at fancy prices, and marking paper cities on seemly-looking maps whose best use is as wall paper. We deprecate the mad spirit of speculation where fortunes are made at the expense of others. Such enterprise can never develop a country or build up an enduring nation, and must bring disaster in its train. For honest toil, *beginning* with agriculture and its accompaniments, there is a fair field and most hopeful prospects; but beware of *mania*, of *hasting* to be rich, which still leads, as of old, many into snares and miseries, and drowns men in perdition.

THAT Mr. Gladstone's Land Act can be appreciated by some is manifest from the

following remarks of Sir C. G. Duffy, former editor of *The Nation*, which we cull from a London contemporary. He declares that the Land Act should be received gratefully, and goes on to add that "all the productive energy, if the generous enthusiasm of our people should be directed to the task of utilising it to its utmost possibility of good. If I were a bishop," says he, "I should write a pastoral; if I were a priest, I would deliver a discourse; if I were a journalist, I would make myself heard from the rostrum; if I could do no better, I would beat a drum on the highway in order to fix the attention of our people on the splendid opportunity they possess of becoming prosperous and peaceful."

FAITH'S ROLL CALL.—IV.

ABRAHAM.

As Noah, Abraham believed concerning things not seen as yet; but the brighter faith shines forth on Abraham. Noah trusted under the dark cloud of storm, of judgment, and with his house fled for refuge, escaped for his life. To Abraham was given a broader and more cheering prospect—the city which hath the foundations, the country, the heavenly, which God hath prepared for home. To Noah the world was doomed, and, as from a stranded vessel, the duty was—escape; to Abraham the world was a possession, the earnest of an inheritance, a pledge of the brighter more enduring blessings of heaven. In his seed all nations of the earth were to be blessed. Noah here had no immediate prospect but the curse about to fall in dire vengeance upon the world in its vileness; to Abraham more clearly shone the promise. All nations of the earth were to be blessed in him. Abraham's faith must have been the more joyous, though not more real than that which for years toiled, preparing the ark for the saving of his house. It is worthy of note that we are called to be the children of faithful Abraham (Gal. iii. 29). Therefore, whilst possessing the *reality* of Noah's faith, the *brightness* of Abraham's is our privilege—we may look away from judgment to the clear shining after the rain, to Jerusalem the heavenly, the home of God's elect. We do, or ought to, possess that seed in whom all nations of the earth are to be blessed; and in the strength of that faith which is the faith of the children of faithful