

ly practical are the tests to which all subjects are submitted that ideality has no place in the calculations of the busy world of to-day. An article in another page, taken from the *Church Herald*, shows plainly the tendency of this practical phase, the folly of the influences it exercises on the society of the day, and the utter subversion of morality, law, order, national honor, and religion it threatens. The senseless cry for reform in the State is to be traced directly to this feeling, such reform simply meaning revolution, while the cry for economy, meaning no thing more than the reduction of the pitance doled out to the already underpaid public servant, is as unjust as mischievous. History tells us, however, that it is not the eminently practical man that governs the world or that has in any way advanced the cause of civilization. Very little investigation is necessary to show that the sentiment (because an idea is involved) underlying this assumption of judging and measuring mankind by a commercial standard is a purely selfish and personal one, and that feeling pervades every department of the practical movement of the present day. Take, for example, the question of education: the practical philosopher must make it compulsory: "educate mankind to a certain standard and all evils will cease," is a stereotyped cry, but while education is desirable the question may be asked whether it cannot be overdone, or whether it will be the means of removing any evils. The Earl of Derby on a late occasion cautioned his hearers against "over education;" several Canadian journals have taken the matter up and laboured to prove it was an exploded Tory idea, but experience in Canada has proved that there may be such a thing as overdoing even education. It is only necessary to look to the professional circles in law, physic and divinity, how many rustic youths may be found who would be more useful members of society behind a plough on their father's farm, and is it not a fact that our common school system, admirable as it is, has been the means of sending men into ever possible occupation except farming; it has filled our shops with unpaid clerks, our offices with needy expectants, and sent hosts of adventurous youths to live by their wits in a foreign land. This evil is undeniable and it is increasing. We ask our contemporaries what is the remedy for this state of affairs, for it is notorious that it exists in the most aggravated form, and that it is the result of education, is beyond a doubt. A lad who has spent years at school will not readily undertake the drudgery of farm life, and it is the same with all other laborious employments, so that after all the Earl of Derby has not been so far astray and there can be such a thing as overdoing education.

MR. JACOB MILLER, of the township of Ernestown, died on the 20th ult., aged 107 years. He was one of the U.S. Loyalists.

REVIEWS.

We have to acknowledge the receipt from the publishers, the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York, of the October number of the *Edinburgh Review*, it contains:—Jowett's translation of Plato; English Guilds; European adventures in India; Game and Game Laws; South Africa and the diamond fields; Essays on the Tenure of Land; the Inns of Court and of Chancery; the Commune of Paris; the Session and its Lesson.

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine for Nov. has been received:—Fair to See, A century of Great Poets, Nine Idylls of Bion, Notes on Fortre. More Hoba do Homa, French Home Life, the Maid of Sker.

My Campaign at Niagara, is the title of an amusing and remarkably well written *Jeux d'Esprit* of some ninety-five pages, illustrated with comic engravings; the style is creditable to the feeling and good sense of the author. While he fairly notes what is objectionable it is always done in the frank spirit of a soldier who wishes to point out a grievance without being a grumbler, and does not hesitate to expose the laughable side of his experience without bitterness or ridicule. It is issued by the *Pure Gold* Publishing Company, being originally written for the pages of that journal, and is well worth its modest cost of 25 cents.

The *Phrenological Journal* for December has been received.

REMITTANCES

Received on Subscription up to Saturday the 2nd inst.

PENBROKE, ONT.—Eus. W. H. Supple, \$2.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.—Capt. J. C. Schultz, \$2.

The following is an extract from a letter received by the *Delhi Gazette* from Hong Kong, referring to the Korean expedition:

"You ask about the Korean expedition, it was a thorough fiasco, as I have learnt from a private source, which is entirely true worthy. The Americans when landed went looting and broke away from their officers. They retreated not from the Koreans, but from their own people, leaving two of their guns behind, and losing a steam launch. They had only four or five men killed, and brought away one wounded man. All this speaks for itself. One of the Admiral's instructions for landing was, 'twenty careful men are to be sent on in front to destroy all the grog-shops.'

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Eighteen British cases have been brought before the Claims Commission, in session at Washington; but the Americans have not yet prepared any. The commission will in December, discuss and decide upon principles of International law for application to the questions which may arise during their deliberations.

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