

News of the Week.

with those organs of calculation and perception which assist the pursuit of gain. His hard grey eyes had the clear brightness of perfect health; his dark brown hair still thickly brushed his head; his complexion had a ruddy brownness, thatched his head—a hue that told of long rides in the not unpleasant air of the midnight lamp. He was fresh morning air rather than of the midnight lamp. He was tall, broad shouldered, well built, and, like the Miltonian Satan, stood like a tower among his fellow men. He dressed in a well cultivated rather the outward aspect of a small well, but the sombre attire of the learned professions. He wore, when he went a little beyond his own beat, to be hailed as "Esquire" by railway porters and the commonality. He had bushy brown whiskers, a close shaved lip and chin, wore a suit of heather tweed, a blue cravat, and a plaited leather watch chain. He rose briskly at sight of his patron, wheeled forward the one comfortable chair of the office, and shut the door which communicated with the back office, whence the scratching of the clerk's pens had been audible as the baronet entered. "This is an unexpected honour, Sir Aubrey," he said in a cheery tone, as the baronet shook hands with him. Sir Aubrey did not always greet his agent so warmly—there were times when he appeared to consider a friendly nod sufficient, and Mr. Bain never invited more familiarity than his patron offered. He took condescension from Sir Aubrey as wise Heathens do. He took the gifts of the gods. But to-day his employer was more than commonly cordial, and Mr. Bain argued that there was something in the wind. "I breakfast at seven all the year round," said Mr. Bain, as his visitor settled himself in the arm chair; "but one doesn't expect to see you in Monkhampton before noon."

Sir Aubrey, with a touch of offended dignity. He thought his steward ought to have been quicker to understand him. "I am not talking of county society. Of course I could fill my house with people if I chose, and, as you say, squander a great deal of money upon visitors who would hardly thank me for my hospitality. But I don't at all desire society of that kind. When I spoke just now of solitude, I meant the solitude of a bachelor. The only companionship I wish for is that of a wife I could love." The baronet pronounced the last word reluctantly. No girl of seventeen could have uttered the portentous syllable more shyly. Mr. Bain's countenance changed not at this announcement. Very early in life had Mr. Bain brought his facial muscles into complete subjection. They were too well trained to betray him, but his broad, strong hand gripped the rail of his chair with a somewhat savage grasp. The hand was behind his back, and Sir Aubrey could not see the action. "You have some idea of marrying?" said Mr. Bain, with a smile, that cold smile which comes and goes at the bidding of the smaller, chill as wintry sunlight. "I have more than an idea, Shadrack. I am going to be married on the twentieth of August." "Next August?" "Of course. Do you suppose I'm going to put my wedding off for a year. What need I wait for?" "Nothing, certainly—as regards pecuniary arrangements. But this seems uncommonly sudden. You have known the lady a long time, no doubt." "I have known her long enough to love her." "Should I be impertinent if I asked who she is." "Not at all. I came this morning to arrange the question of a settlement. But you understand, Bain, that what a man tells his solicitor is sacred." "Of course." "The fact is I don't want any one in Monkhampton to know that I'm going to be married. I don't want the affair to be so much as suspected till it's all over. I hate talk and fuss, and to be stared at or whispered about. No doubt people will be surprised at my marriage, but they can have their fill of surprise while I am away for my honeymoon, and get accustomed to the fact before I come back." "There is hardly any occasion for surprise, Sir Aubrey, except at the suddenness of the business," said Mr. Bain, with his most deferential air. "The match is a suitable one, no doubt." "I'll trouble you to reserve your doubts and your speculations till you know all about it," resumed the baronet testily. "The match is not what society may call suitable. The match is what the world generally ridicules in young or old—a love match. The young lady—a lady in everything except position—is beneath me in station." "Old idiot! He has fallen in love with some pretty housemaid, or a circus rider, or a French actress," thought Mr. Bain, not yet relaxing his grasp of the chair rail. (To be continued.)

THE DOMINION.—At a meeting of the electors of West Toronto last week, it was unanimously decided to offer the constituency to Sir John Macdonald. Sir John has however declined nomination, on the ground that it would be unfair to Kingston. At an interview between two clergymen from Prince-Edward Island, and Mr. Mackenzie, on Saturday, the latter assured them the Dominion Government would endorse the action of the P. E. I. Legislature if they adopted the denominational school act. UNITED STATES.—Intense feeling has been created throughout the United States by the news of the execution of the crew of the "Virginia." Rumours of all sorts are rife, but doubtless many of them are false, as semi-official information from Washington shows that the activity in warlike preparations does not proceed from any intentions to attack Cuba, but merely to protect American citizens on that island from outrage. Orders have been received at the Brooklyn Navy yard to get the sloops of war "Kearsage" and "Junetta" ready for sea with all possible despatch. The new torpedo boat, "Admiral Porter," has been launched, and will be ready for active service in a few days. The frigates "Brooklyn," "Minnesota," and "Colorado," monitors "Ajax" and "Manhattan" and the sloop-of-war "Canandaigua," are also being got ready. Recent despatches from Cuba bring the details of the execution. Notwithstanding the protests of the British and American Consuls, the sentence was carried out with shocking barbarity, the marines taking as much as seven minutes to perform their bloody work. Sixteen of the victims were British subjects. GREAT BRITAIN.—The project of building a railway in connection with the Ashantee expedition has been abandoned as impracticable.—The London newspapers, in commenting on the Cuban executions all express the hope that the United States will avenge the victims.—It is said that Sir John Dake Coleridge will be raised to the Peerage.—The news from Cape Coast represents the British forces as vigorously prosecuting the campaign against the Ashantes. FRANCE.—The Committee on the prolongation of the Government's powers waited on President MacMahon last week. In reply to them he said he had no desire to modify the language of the address he sent the Assembly, advised them to hasten their legislative work, and expressed his opinion on the merits of presenting all bills to the Assembly for discussion.—Col. Stoffel, for using improper language to the public prosecutor in the Bazine court-martial, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and payment of costs.—A plot for the establishment of the Commune in Lyons, has been discovered, and several arrests have taken place. GERMANY.—A special from Berlin to the London Times says Germany will increase her military reserves in consequence of the formation of fortified camps at various points in France. ITALY.—At the opening of the Italian Parliament on Saturday, King Victor Emmanuel, in his speech from the Throne, defined Italy's position towards the Pope, referred to the friendly relations between Italy and the Foreign Powers, and suggested the re-organization of the army and navy. SPAIN.—Rumours have been circulating in Madrid that a Ministerial crisis was impending on account of the "Virginia" affair.—Don Carlos has struck a medal in commemoration of the victory claimed by the Carlists in the battle at Miranda.

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