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SAD CARES.—I know of no more romantic and stirring Sheridan, endued with the ardent gifts of nature, presence, imagination, all those qualities that men and the affection at a shilling in the world at either of those reform the passport to English society—high honors—the anchor of “duty” rose by the mere rose almost at a bound in political and social life by the narrowest and that has never democracy of that composition, and held it through a long life, the Coleman, and Horse statesmen like Pitt and of men of genius like died almost in the arms and was buried with the Prince of the blood It was a brilliant but failing contrast, marked many victories, by successes—and yet at remains of all this frame an answer. A one now thinks of its vivid colors what of the age in eloquence recollections of a few and two or three to the literature of the days to mark the genius forty years was. The bower and the hall.

Mr.—The King of a needle-manufactory should a number of ends of which together once. He marvelled could be pierced over asked for a hair. He placed it under a hole in it, and then handed the obvious neede to him. Victoria, it was neede-manufactory presents the column of names in the life of ed in relief, but so that it requires a them. The Victoria e opened. It contained of smaller size, ed with scenes in re-

on December 10th, a breakfast, got a needle d crosswise, but was After three or four left side and causing a painful the absence of the neede that it caused the pimple, but the physio find it especially to the cause. The lanced. The neede was drawn into the then up under the swelling and pain. It was discovered to be a 1½ inch long, on its travels.

—Some young ladies were taking advantage in the interior of 100, in attending a dancing party, some obliged to sit three seats contained two. The gentlemen, w. the lady to take place, said in the as extremely cold, passed his hand in a by the way into the muf. was not quickly removed one. In a few moments on the other No 2 attempting a muf on the other drew her hand from to do so. What afterwards is seen the gentlemen prised the muf, while the lady friends the mag both gentlemen.

—Plus the Ninth infallible. In his suite de Banville, while the latter's communication on the Pope's *Histoire* to this: “Dare don't tell me, I am my other person will die.” I am. I feel who can know it

in a recent date has fact no less strange growth of re-Sacramento Valley season. Some emigrations and other country, and for a people to oppose nation. This season, covered with clover to the exclusion account for this?”

Confederation of Australasia.

The cry of Confederation has been taken up in the colonies of Australasia ere yet the great work of consolidating the British North American Possessions is complete. We learn that the question of Confederation is now very generally and favourably discussed in the Australian colonies. The South Aus-

tralian Legislature has adopted a resolution in favor of Confederation, and New South Wales is understood to be ripe for union, and ready to discuss the terms. Already have representatives of New Zealand, New South Wales and Queensland had a conference with the object of arriving at combined action upon such large questions as ocean mail service, intercolonial postal service, telegraphic communication, apprehension of offenders, &c., and the conference had resulted in a series of resolutions being prepared for submission to the several colonies and legislatures. These resolutions relate to mail service, to telegraphic communication with Europe on the one side and New Zealand on the other, to the acquisition of power to enter into commercial conventions with other nations, and between the colonies themselves, to the question of procuring the admission, duty-free, of wool produced in these colonies into the United States; to the investment of English trust-moneys in colonial securities; and to the apprehension of offenders who escape from one colony to another. Referring to the tendency towards Confederation the *Australasia*, an influential paper published in Melbourne, remarks, “Federation is now for these colonies the great question of the day. It is called for by the growth of our commercial and social interests, and it is equally pressed upon our attention by the attitude of the Home Government, which suggests very unanimously that the Australasian dependencies ought to follow the example of the Canadas. From either point of view the arrangement would seem necessary, and it should not be much longer delayed.” Thus it would appear that the great scheme of the age is likely to meet with a much more hearty assent in Australia than it has in North America. It is, indeed, gratifying to see our fellow colonists in the South so quick to realize the advantages of nationalizing consolidation, and our best wish is that the Confederation cause, amongst them may not be subject to those obstructing influences of petty and narrow-minded local selfishness which have somewhat marred the movement on this Continent.

Thursday May 19

“A CONTRAST.”—Under this head the *Littlenewman* invites his readers to contemplate the following picture:

“The Hon John Robson, on the platform of the meeting on Friday night, said: ‘It is no figure of speech to say that I see before me the wealth and intelligence of the city of Victoria and one of the most respectable audiences I ever had the honor of addressing.’ To-day in his capacity as member of the *Colonist*, he says: ‘For me that (the meeting of Friday night) was a fair representation of the community would, indeed, be unmeasurable.’ We leave the public to judge of the consistency of the *Colonist*, and those who conduct it, by the above quotations.”

Now, incidentally, it may appear, the above quotation, which purports to bear verbatim passage from the speech delivered by Mr Robson at the Theatre on Friday night is every word a fabrication. Fortunately we have by a report of Mr Robson's remarks taken at the time, and we will give that portion with which the *Littlenewman* has taken such liberties: “It is a very trying thing for a young and bashful person like myself to be called on to address such a meeting. Here the chairman offered the speaker a glass of brandy, of which there appeared to be a plentiful supply behind the table, which was declined; large, numerously, and in a mental point of view very respectable, appearance and, with a few exceptions, respectable in fact.” The *Littlenewman* is understood to be one of the exceptions Mr Robson had in his eye. The public may judge of the veracity of the *Littlenewman*. We take occasion here to remark that the *Littlenewman's* version of Mr Robson's speech on Friday night is just as correct as Mr Humphreys' version of Mr Robson's remarks when alluding, in the Legislative Council, to the character of the meeting of 11th April.

Governor's Night.—Governor Musgrave and family will visit the Theatre this evening and the performance will be under His Excellency's especial patronage. It will be the Governor's first appearance in public since the occurrence of the accident which deprived the country of his active services at a critical period in the colony's politics. Madeline, the Foundling of Mars, and “The White Swan” will be presented by the company, who deserve every encouragement at the hands of our citizens and visitors in return for the many sacrifices they have made to provide us with popular and genteel amusement during a very dull season. We trust that not only will distinguished patronage be extended to them on every one of the few remaining nights of their stay, but that our townspeople will feel it a duty incumbent upon them to testify by their presence the high appreciation in which they hold the company. A very little exertion would fill the theatre every evening during the presence here of the Flying Squadron.

Excursion to EQUIMALT.—We learn that the Enterprise will make a trip to Esquimalt on Saturday next in the morning, she having been chartered for a day's excursion by the Mechanics' Institute, when it is proposed to have dancing and other amusements such as have often been enjoyed by the members and their friends. Particulars will be hereafter announced.

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