

Mr. Wm. O'Brien, editor of the *United Ireland*, who visited Hamilton some time ago, is in jail for seditious language. Great excitement prevails in Ireland over the arrest, and O'Brien has added to it by refusing to wear the prison garb.

Mr. O'Brien's offence is political. He was not accused of larceny or murder, but for an endeavor to assert the rights of the Irish people. Suppose Canada were of such a size that English landlords owned nearly all the land, who demanded rent before they would allow Canadians to cultivate it, or make a living from it. Then after paying the rent, suppose they had not enough left to support their families comfortably. The question would soon be asked, "What have these Englishmen done for us? Canadians have a right to make their own laws just as Englishmen have a right to make laws for England. We do not ask Englishmen for their earnings; they have no right to demand ours.

We imagine we see every hall filled with indignant people, and every pulpit denouncing the wholesale robbery. Yet O'Brien is imprisoned for doing the same thing any Canadian would feel himself in duty bound to do.

One of Canada's pioneer educators, Dr. Nelles, Chancellor of Victoria University, Cobourg, has passed away. Being connected with the college, while it was struggling through the privations of a new country, he learned to care for it like a father for a child. He understood its needs and adapted himself to the circumstances. To-day a great number of eminent men owe their instruction to Dr. Nelles. As an educationist, he stood in the front ranks of the noble army of men and women who are trying to benefit humanity. A great feature to be admired in him was, that he was a friend of the student. His place may be filled by a great scholar, but the students will miss his kind sympathy and fatherly interest.

"Study thyself; what rank or what degree Thy wise Creator has ordained for thee."

The Religion of Labor.

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People ask, "How is it that the workmen are so much felt at Government"? It is because we determined to educate public opinion until public opinion will force upon society our opinions and theories. Through want of proper care, ten thousand little children died in New York in one year. Did the coal ring have anything to do with it, when they allowed only a certain amount to go out and thereby raised the price? Did the three railway kings have anything to do with it when they kept back the wheat so that it could not be moved? Jay Gould has said, "I can hire one half of America to cut the throats of the other half." The capitalist is not to blame but the people who permit this. The clergy are helping the work on and if a solid phalanx would be formed, they would do more to educate the people than the press.

When the Henry George system of taxation is in force, British capitalists will not be able to own 100,000 acres of land in America and another have nowhere to lay his head. When England introduced protection, men were starving in the streets, bloodshed followed and the soldiery had to be called out to shoot the people down. This iniquitous legislation tariff must be repealed that exists between the United States and Canada. Commercial union will benefit both countries. Hume says, "that a protective tariff is one of the worst forms of robbery on the people that could be devised." Monopolies commenced in the reign of William the conqueror, when certain people manufactured certain articles. A protective tariff was put on Athens by Draco, but repealed by Solon. These abuses can be abolished by the people, who are greater than Parliament.

Before parting, he said: "Remember that this is a time that calls for men—high-minded men who know the right.