

Crumbs from Hamilton.

"A RECKLENT IRONMOULDER."

As we desire to render even Dr. Wild his due, we beg to state that we had *sufficient* reason to describe him as an iron-moulder when we did so, but as we have gathered from a friend who has known him for eighteen years, that the designation "mechanical engineer" would be the more correct one, we stand corrected.

From the same person we gathered that the circumstance of Dr. Wild having delivered a lecture on "The Magna Charta," in which he advocated the annexation of Canada by the United States, affords a solution of the rev. gentleman having severed his connection from the Episcopal Methodist Church. On this subject, we understand *The Globe* and *Mail* are well informed.

During our sojourn in Hamilton, we had the satisfaction to secure the friendship of several artisans, some of whom (wisely as we think) are bent on the cultivation of the soil. One of them has suggested the desirability of some half-dozen taking contiguous lots, and commencing with one yoke of oxen for the six men, and so forth. Such a plan, to be successful, involves the several participants being sufficiently acquainted with each other to be able to rely on the integrity, and on the aptitude of each for the work. We should expect that mutual forbearance would, under such circumstances, be frequently called into exercise, but if any half dozen men can be found to reduce such a project to practice, we doubt if they could be more beneficially employed.

During some recent peregrinations among Ontarian cities, we called on a judge, and were sufficiently struck with the spontaneity with which His Honor denounced the existence of such a journal as *THE CRITIC*, to conclude that he was not lacking in sympathy for those unworthy members of the community whose delinquencies are apt to be dealt with in the journal. We were also struck with several acrobatic feats, styled jumping at conclusions, which His Honor performed in the course of the conversation. On the following day we heard of a physical feat of a corresponding character, performed by His Honor, not unconnected with *sin* clear.

The Bishop of Niagara, in his verbal zeal for missions, has recommended the Hamilton merchants to adopt a diet of bread and water; we venture to conclude that this is somewhat short-sighted policy on the part of His Lordship, inasmuch as in the event of any of the merchants reducing the Bishop's advice to practice, it is to be feared that their subscription to missions would be speedily curtailed; the vigor of their administration of their affairs, and possibly their devotions, would under such conditions, be apt to flag in the interim.

A FIFTEEN DOLLAR (\$15.00) WIFE.

A singular termination of a lengthened period of presumed celibacy is afforded by a gentleman of mature years and wisdom having yielded to the fascinations of a Toronto lady; the lady unfortunately had been previously united "in the bonds of holy matrimony;" the former claimant to the lady's love is said to have taken train to Hamilton, and to have set his affections on \$15.00, in lieu of continuing to fix them on his superior half.

Hamiltonians have arrived at the conclusion that "chizzle 'em" affords a solution of the etymology of Chisholm.

THE SHRIEVALTY OF ONTARIO.

It cannot be said to impress one with the dignity which is supposed to attach to the office of sheriff, that in two adjoining cities, we should have gentlemen holding the office, one of whom utilizes his patrimony, the jail, as an asylum for the reception of otherwise vagrant nephews, while the other sells his furniture in order to elude the depredations of the sheriff's officer.

HOW TO DEFEND A DEFENDANT.

As it is not a matter of legal requirement that a writ should be issued from a sheriff's office, the lawyers of Hamilton, out of regard for the interest of defendants, or their disregard for that of the sheriff, are callous enough to issue writs from their own offices, and thereby to deprive the hungry sheriff of his fees.

AN OTHERWISE GOOD CATHOLIC.

We had recently the pleasure to converse with a shoemaker from whom we learned that a priest had pronounced that—but for the circumstance of his being able to read and write, he would have made a good Catholic.

How to spoil a man—Make him "a priest," or "a minister."

ELECTRO-PLATED CONSCIENCES.

A company which undertakes to overlay all articles sent from its works with "quadruple plate" has evidently concluded that "quadruple plating," like charity, should begin at home; it has commenced by overlaying the consciences of its Board of Directors with "quadruple plate." The company's Managing Director, after expressing his approval of the article relating to the manufactory, which appeared in the advertising columns of our October number, and distinctly accepting it, discovered that "the Company could not afford to pay for it." The subjoined letter was therefore addressed to the Board, in relation to the article; the only answer to the letter accorded to the Editor, on calling at the office of the Vice-President has been that the Editor must look to Mr. Watts for remuneration:—

To the President and Board of Directors of The Toronto Silver Plate Company,—

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to call your attention to a descriptive notice of your manufactory which appears in the advertising columns of *THE CRITIC* of the present month. I read the article to Mr. Watts, your Managing Director, who expressed his approval of it, and emphatically said of it—"We'll have it." I called at the factory four times subsequently with the object of obtaining the block, in order that a view of the factory should accompany the article; on the fourth occasion of my calling, I was the bearer of a letter from Mr. Harrison, who in the first instance had suggested the desirability of the Company having such an article; in Mr. Harrison's second letter, he requested that the block should be given me. I then learned from Mr. Watts that "The Company could not afford to pay me for the article." As I am unwilling to suppose that the Directors will endorse Mr. Watts' line of action in this matter, I beg to request remuneration for the article, according to the terms I originally proposed, i.e., at the rate of \$15.00 per column. If the Directors think it to order one thousand copies of *THE CRITIC* at 3c. per copy, I will accept such an order, in lieu of payment for the article.

I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully,

DAVID EDWARDS.

P.S.—I may be permitted to observe that the postponement of the publication of my journal, entailed by the above-described occurrences, has been inconvenient in a high degree.

HOW TO SHIRK PAYMENT.

A tailor's representative called repeatedly on a gentleman of the name of Watts in this city, with a view to obtain payment of his bill. Mr. W. was generally absent when these calls were made, but on one luckless occasion, he happened to be present, and when inquiry was made of him for Mr. W., he exclaimed—"Watts! haven't you heard that he was drowned two days ago?"