THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE

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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Mr. William Powell, of Cobbey Hill Far Alvechurch; near Redditch, Worcestershi e, has sent a letter to Chief Paradis asking information of his son, William Edwin Powell, who left Montreal for England, via New York, on the 14th of February, 1831, and who has not been heard from since. The Chief is giving his attention to the matter.

\_Rev.Father Ryan, Moderator of the Catholic Club, delivers a lecture Thursday evening next in the Hall of the Gesu. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the purchase of English books far the library of the L'Union Catholique. Some of the best musical talent of the city, including Mr. Jehin Prume, the well known violinist, will · \* 1 · · · appear.

THE SMITH DIAMONDS RECOVERED.

THE PRICE PAID.

Our readers will remember the great Melvin Smith diamond robbery of a few months ago, when Mr. Smith's residence, No 283 Mountain street, was entered by burglars and his valuable diamonds and jewellery, amounting in value to some five thousand dollars, had been carried off. Since that time Mr. Smith has used every effort to recover the stolen gems. He had advertised in every journal of note and employed numerous detectives to search for the lost articles. He has succeeded at length, not, however, without paying a large ransom. Last week, after paying the sum of eleven hundred dollars into the hands of a go-between, a parcel was placed in his hand which proved to be his lost property. The detectives say that the robbery was perpetrated by Montreal parties, and that the booty never went out of Montreal. The matter does not end here, as the ends of justice have to be fulfilled.

CATROLIC CLUB.

of the Catholic Club there was a large attendance. Several new members were proposed. The conditions upon which the Club is to amalgamate with L'Union Catholique were taken into consideration, and the project agreed to. Dr. Mignault then delivered a very interesting lecture on "Insectivorous Plants."

The question, " Whether the sale of large tracts of land by the Dominion Government to private parties or companies will be conducive to the future prosperity of Canada," will be debated at the next meeting of the Club; Mr. P. B. Mignault and Mr. Mullin will speak in the affirmative, and Messrs. J. D. Purcell and M. Guerin in the negative.

ST. ANN'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

On Ash Wednesday of every year the St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society hold a general anniversary meeting, when religious services are conducted in the Parish church. The sacred edifice was crowded from the altar railing to the door with the parishioners and the friends of the temperance cause. The members of the St. Ann's Society turned out in full force, all wearing their badges, and the officers being in full regalia. There was also present a large number of representatives from the thing attractive, however simple the meal various other temperance societies, St. Gabriel's, St. Patrick's and St. Bridget's being re- behave properly. It is really worth while, presented. The Rev. Director, Father Fahey, preached a most effective and forcible ser-mon on the virtue, in whose interests so many had assembled on that occasion. He dwelt at length upon the necessity of tem- allow no vexations questions to be discussed perance in the community, and the immense advantages which flow from a constant and work, and exhausting ourselves by going all faithful practice of it. His words were deep- over it in our minds, is one to be studiously ly impressive and the assembly were evident- avoided. There is nothing that takes from d with their truth.

At the conclusion of the sermon the members renewed their pledges, and hundreds were enrolled under the banner of Father solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by which the cause of temperance has received a fresh impetus, and the St. Ann's T. & B. Boclety may feel proud upon the happy results it has produced in the parish. The good which the Society has accomplished entitles & to still flourish and prosper in the iuture. 4.00 -

FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAY. This afternoon about one o'clock a terrible tragedy occurred in David Jones' saloon on the corner of McGill and Notre Dame street, better known as the "Seashell Restaurant." two colored men named Charles Smith and William Barnes. Smith had several times threatened Barnes' life, and was reported to be carrying a revolver with which to shoot him.

entered Jones' place to get a drink. He found Smith there, and going up to him. said, "I hear, Smith, that you are carrying a revolver to shoot me. I have done nothing to you that you should hurt me." "Yes, d—n you," Smith replied, "I will shoot you, you G-d d-n son of a b-h." With that he reached for his hip pocket and drawing a revolver at-

About ten minutes to one this afternoon Barnes

with him and, as he states, "yanked! him around.

At this juncture the weapon went off, and Hayes, who was near by. It is not exactly known in what position Hayes was when he received the fatal messenger of death. Some of those present say the was attempting to take the revolver from Smith when he was shot, while Barnes says he was sitting down in a chair when killed. After having fired the revolver the proprietor, Jones, rushed up and took it away from him. He then drew a razor from his coat-pocket, and made futile efforts to slash Barnes with it who still held on to him. A girl employee of the restaurant at this point noticed Hayes stretched at the foot of the stairway. Thinking, as he was in ill health, that he had fallen down through weakness she went to assist him and found he was dead. She ran out and informed Constable Courtois, who came in and arrested Smith in the water closet where he had hidden. Courtois conveyed his prisoner to the Chaboillez square police station where he now remains.

The victim of this terrible affair was; a young; man well-known in Montreal and very respectably con-

tion I, distinctly states that if two men are on the ruins of an old chimney smid a drift- it is only recently that he has decided where fighting and another man coming up is killed ling desert of eard.

by one of the combatants, the man whose hand caused the fatal result is guilty of murder in the first degree and must die the death of a felon and a succession of the frequent

Montreal, was married on the 21st instant; to: The Coroner, who was notified a short time after the occurrence of the terrible tragedy which sent a thrill of horror and regret through the community on Saturday afternoon, formally opened the investigation this morning in the Long Room of the Mechanics' Hall. The jury was empannelled by the Coroner at four o'clock on Saturday, and consists of the following gentlemen :-

Messrs, Francis Bernard McNames (foreman), Patrick Kennedy, Timothy O'Connor, William Wiseman, Thomas Dwaine, Joseph Fortier, William Cowle, Jean Baptiste Laflamme, James Martin, George O. Barker, Milton Brissette, Alex. Chisholm, David Swanson, Rae Bemner William Stanford, and James Rowat. The jury proceeded to view the body of John J. Hayer, which was externally examined in their presence by Dr. Trenholme.

VERDICT.

"The jurors do say and declare that on the 25th day of the month of February, 1882, in the city of Montreal, in the District of Montreal, within the Province of Quebec. one Charles Albert Smith, laborer, did feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, kill and murder one John Joseph Hayes, of the city of Montreal, trader, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Crown and dignity."

The verdict was signed by the foreman and eleven jurors.

Another of the pioneers of Hemmingford passed away on the 17th of last month in the person of Mr. Authur McAleer, in the 82nd year of his age. Mr. McAleer was a native of the County Tyrone, Ireland, but came to Canada in 1824 and settled in Hemmingford, where he purchased the farm which he occupied till the day of his death. During the first twenty years of his life in Canada Mr. McAleer had to walk fifteen miles to mass every Sunday and At the last regular weekly meeting holyday of obligation, a duty which he define Catholic Club there was a large vontly performed. It was mainly through his exertions that' the little Catholic Church in Hemmingford was built, and saying that, we state enough to imply that Mr. McAleer was a good Catholic, full of zeal for his religion, and that he was deservedly esteemed and respected by all who knew him. Requiescat in pace.

ATMOSPHERE AT THE TABLE.

It is impossible to estimate properly the immense influence which is exerted upon a household by the atmosphere of the family table. If it is true that one does not come out of a room the same person be went in, the mind ever after retaining the impression of what affected it there, what great results must be achieved from the meeting three times a day in the meals, from the conversation indulged in, and the sentiments expressed there. A neat, well-ordered

table is in itself a lesson to the children I have noticed that a sensitive child almost invariably has better manners when dressed in his best, and have seen with surprise the effect produced upon a certain small boy of my acquaintance by handsomely-dressed ladies who are polite to him. To the inviting table, where there should always be somemay be, most children will come prepared to and when philosophically considered, is a matter of great importance to lay aside as far as possible all thoughts of hard work done before, and to be done after the meal, and to at the time. The habit of brooding over our one's energy more than this, and it is a frequent cause of insanity.

Everybody knows that food digests better when in agreeable company. It was some-Mathew. The ceremonies closed with a thing more than a pleasantry which made a friend remark that he could not have his wife given by the Rev. Father Kiernan. The and child pass the summer away from him, choir rendered several hymns in a masterly as it gave him the dyspepsia. The poor manner. The occasion was undoubtedly one child who comes to grief at the table, and is sent away from it with his dinner half eaten, and who suffers the whole afternoon with an undigested lump of food in his stomach, is to be pitled, and it is a wise plan to explain to the children that is this way they will be punished for bad conduct at the table

It follows, then, that pleasant surprises in the way of preparing favorite dishes, that good taste and much painstaking in arranging all the appointments of the table and dining-room, rise above a mere ministering to the animal existence, and effect the fine issues of life. Good behavior and cheerfulness It appears that an old feud existed between ought to accompany each meal as naturally and unwavering as bread and butter. The happy laughter which distributes nervous force, and calls the blood from the brain, allowing the stomach to get a share, should be heard more frequently at our tables. No one should feel at liberty to say one word that is not kind and thoughtful, any more than he would withhold a sufficient quantity of food. These facts need more careful consideration than they usually receive.

Among the signatories to the requisition to the Lord Mayor of London to call a public tempted to shoot Barnes. The latter closed meeting on behalf of the persecuted Jews in Russia, were Cardinal Manning, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Mr. S Morley, Dr. Darwin, and Professor the bullet struck a white man named John Tyndall. A strange assortment, assuredly.

Washington Irving Bishop, who figured in this country as an exposer of spiritualism, atterward went to England to perform as a mind reader, after the manner of Brown. He has made some stir there, but has been rather staggered by an offer of a thousand pound bank note if he will ascertain its number while it remains in a sealed envelop.

A paper has been discovered in the ar chives of Venezuels, dated 1780, which gives an historical summery of early projects for pieroing the 1sthmus of Paname. The first goes back to the reign of Philip II. of Spain, who, at the instigation of the Viceroy of the Indies, sent certain Flemish engineers to investigate on the spot the feasibility of the undertaking. Their report was altogether adverse, and thereupon Philip II. threatened the penalty of death against whoever should again bring up the project.

Of the 300 members of the Irish, House of nected. He resided near the corner of Commons in 1783, only 72 were returned by Duke and Ottawa streets. He was about 30 the free election of the people, as 53 persons years of age; he leaves a young widow and nominated 124 members and influenced the child, who no doubt will have the deepest return cf 10 more, while 50 Commoners sympathy of the community in this, heavy nominated 91 and influenced the return of 3. Grattan's assertion in the House that 200 hour of trial and bereavement. Grattan's assertion in the House that 200 members were returned by Individuals, from is only guilty of manslaughter in having 40 to 50, by 10 persons, and that, several of fired, the ishot which killed 'Mr. John, J. the boroughs, contained no resident electors, Hayos on Saturday last, le wrong if He can met with no deniale At Bannow, County Wexbe indicted for murder in the first degree. ford, there was not even a house, and when The 32nd and 33rd Viotoria, tohapter, 20, sec- notice of an election arrived it, was posted

## DITUES CATHOLIC NEWS.

The Redemptorist Fathers of Quebec have commenced holding missions in the adjoining. 

Archbishop Tache, of St. Beniface, Man, leit Quebec last night for the West en route for his diocese.

A collection of Latin poems by the Holy -Catholic Review.

The Roman Catholic Church is steadily gaining in England, says the Liverpool Catholic Times. There is no " break in the steady flow of conversions."

Fr. Heneberry has induced 60,000 Roman Catholics in the Austrian colonies to become tectotalers, and according to a Victorian journal, not more than one per cent have broken their pledges. - Western Catholic.

The Berlin Germania says that Herr Von Schloezer, the German representative at the Vatican, and Cardinal Jacobini, the Papal Secretary of State, hold a conference twice a week. It is declared on both sides that there is a good prospect of the negotiations being successful.

One acolyte of the apostolic vicarage of Nebraska will be ordained sub-deacon, and ten sub-deacons of the arch-diocese of Quebec will be ordained deacons, on Saturday, March 4th, at the Basilica, Quebec, and two deacons of the arch-diocese will be ordained priests on the Sunday following at the same place.

The tollowing are the names of the officials of the new Roman Catholic Ecclesiastical Court just established in Quebec for the ridiculous though it may appear to us, is trial of Church matters : Official, very Rev M. Cyrille, E Legare ; Assessor, Mgr J O Daziel, Rev J Audair, Rev E Boureau, Rev M G Methot; Promoter, Rev M H Tetu; Chancellor, Rev M C A Marois; Vice-Chancellor, Rev M C A Marvis.

Cardinal Jacobini, Pontifical Secretary of State, has written a letter to the Archbishop of Toledo, in which he says: "Considering the fears which have been aroused in various quarters as to the presence of a great number of pilgrims in Rome and the dissensions in many dioceses in regard to the formation of committees, the Pope desires to substitute regional pilgrimage, which would arrive in Rome successively, for a national pilgrimage."

Six Fathers of the Redemptorist Order, who devote themselves to preach missions, will arrive at Halliax, N. S., on 19th March, to give, by request of the Archbishop, a series of lectures and instructions to Catholics of that city. The Fathers come from their houses in Boston, New York and Baltimore. They bave churches in Quebec and Toronto also, and in the principal cities of Europe and America. Their stay in Halifax will extend over some weeks.

Rev. Mr. Nercam, of St. Sulpice, Montreal, has arrived in Quevec to give evidence before the Commission appointed by the Archbishop on the proposed Beatification of Mgr. Laval. The other witnesses who have been examined for the purpose are Rev. Mr. Lagace, Vicar-General Langevin, Rev. Mother St. Henri, of the Hotel Dieu, Rev. Mother St. Marie, of the Ursulines, Hon. G. Ouimet, Hon. P. J. O. Coauveau, Rev. Mother St. Alphonse de Ligouri and Mgr. C. F. Casseau.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence (colored) of Baltimore, have suffered a loss in the death of their foundress, Sister Mary Elizabeth Lange, which occurred on Friday morning, February 3d, at St. Francis Academy, Chase and Constitution streets. She was in her ninety-eighth year, and had been an active member of the order since its formation in July, 1849, until about four years ago, when old age and infirmitles obliged her to leave the cares of the institution .- Baltimore Paper.

The New York Sun thus very concisely and An agnostic is a man who does not know "We know that the Son of God is Oregon, December, 1878. God:" come," &c.

The Rev. Father Scully of Cambridge, Mass., is a severe condemner of church fairs. "They demoralize our girls," he says, "more than do our lowest theatres, for girls, armed with their church fair book, go forth under religious and parental sanction where they please and when they please, entering even barrooms to solicit chances and votes. The children think of nothing but the fair. Home church, and school are banished. When lager beer is sold in our churches where fairs are held, how can we train our youth to look with horror on the evils of rum?"

M. Leon Taxil, editor of two journals of Montpellier. " Le Midi Republicain" and "L'Anti-clerical," commenced the publication of an infamous romance, referring to Pius IX which was denounced promptly as a tissue of calumnious falseboods by the " Union Nation ale" of Montpellier. Count Girolamo Mastal, a great nephew of the late Pontiff, brought an action for damages against Taxil, which was tried last week, and resulted in the condemnation of the calumniator to pay the sum of 60,000 francs as damages to Count Mastai, who intends to devote the sum to the benefit of charitable institutions founded by the late Pontiff .- Catholic Sentinel.

"Sister Margaret" Haugherry was buried in New Orleans last week. She was of Catholie faith, and devoted her life to the bene faction of others, winning the love of people of all sects. At her funeral the governor and ex-governor, the mayor of the city and graces which the Divine mercy deigned to its most distinguished citizens were pall bear-bestow on these countries, yet in the darkers and she was followed to the grave by a procession including the noblest as well as the poorest of the people. A life like that real of the undaunted apostles whom the of Margaret Haughery is a greater aid to the Divine Master had chosen and sent to elevation of the human race than hundreds preach therein the good tidings. That is of lives of self-seeking politicians. She touched the secret of human happinessdoing good to others .- New Haven Register

Brooklyn, which has been named the city, of churches, is becoming a city of theatres. At least three churches have been changed into theatres within a short space of time which shows that theatrical managers have concluded that people who patronize the religious circuses of Brooklyn's favorite sons Beecher and Talmage, do not want religion. Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, who dropped religion for politics, having been driven by the force of conviction into Congress, is without a church. His church, of the Baptist order, has been purchased for theatrical purposes. The line between many Brooklyn churches and theatres is slight. It is easy to cross it; it is almost imperceptible. The descent from a Baptist pulpit to Congress is not difficult"

\_N. Y. Freeman. A curious story is told at some length by Figure concerning the negotiations winch it asserts have recently taken place in regard to the expected departure of the Pope from Bome, This flight from the Vatican has long been the fixed purpose of Leo XIII., but I to go. P ince Blamarck flered to repeal the

May laws, and to authorize the expelled priests to return to their parishes if the Pope would consent to fix his future residence at Frankfort. He promised that the city should be neutralized, as in the time of the German Confederation, and offered the Pope its temporal sovereignty, with a subsidy of many millions per annum. Leo declined. Stras-burg was then offered him on the same terms as Frankfort. This offer was also refused. Father, Leo XIII., will shortly be published. A retuge in France was out of the question. so at last the Pope closed with the offer of Salzburg, which has been made him by the Hapsburgs. The city is to be neutralized, and the Pope subventioned from the Austrian exchequer. Everything is said to be in hour of departure will be fixed.

We learn that one of the projects with which the Holy Father is occupied at present is the creation of missions of the Greek rite. The Greek Church counts not fewer than ninety millions of souls, and though separated from the Western Church for many centuries by heresy and schism, still her liturgy and institutions conform to the spirit themselves confirm the doctrine of Pontifical supremacy. The Holy Father wishes to employ the Catholic element that is scattered among the Greeks to gain the entire body By employing missionaries of the Greek rite instead of those of the Latin rite, he will do away with one of the principal arguments in favor of the schism, which is to attribute to the Pope the intention of substituting the Latin for the Greek element. This idea, deeply implanted in the minds of the Greeks. When they can be made to see that whilst wishing to make Catholics of them, the Holy Father respects their national feeling, one great point will have been gained. [Ave Maria.]

COUNCIL OF CARDINALS.

Rome, Feb. 25 .- The Council of Cardinals yesterday, the Pope presiding, decided that Catholics in Italy cannot, compatibly with their religious duty, take part in political elections.

ARCHBISHOP TASCHEREAU ON FALSE STATEMENTS.

The following is an extract of a letter addressed by the Secretary of the Archbishop of

Quebec to the local press:—

"I am also instructed to ask you to warn the public to be on their guard against news which some English papers of Montreal and Quebec publish anent provincial affairs now pending at Rome. Their statements are, for the most part, denuded even of the merit of likelihood."

The rumor set sfloat by an evening contemporary that the Archbishop of Quebec had received an autograph letter from His Holiness Leo XIII anent the Laval Question, is contradicted by a Quebec paper.

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OREGON.

LETTER OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF QUEEEC TO THE MOST BEY. ARCHBIBEOP BLANCHET-HIS-TORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OREGON. When the "Historical Sketches of the Catholic Church in Oregon" were arranged in book form, one of them was neatly bound and gilt on the edge, and sent to Quebec with the following lines written on the first blank

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS AND VENERABLE CHURCH OF

QUEBEC. The young and grateful Church of the great mission of Oregon, on the Pacific coast, one of the voungest of the numerous daughters of the old and venerable Church of Quebec, Canada, respectfully begs to tender this very fairly explains what an agnostic is:- little volume of the history of the Catholic Church in Oregon to her dearly beloved and whether there is a God or not, whether he most honorable and venerable mother, the has a soul or not, whether there is a future illustrious Church of Quebec, as a feeble but life or not; doesn't believe any one else warm token of her filial devotion, love and knows more about these matters than he gratitude, at the completion, on Nov. 24, does, and that it is a waste of time to find 1878, of the forty years of labor in the vineout." Paul and John say "We know whom yard entrusted to her care in 1838. Given we have believed;" "We know we are of from our episcopal residence in Portland,

F. N. BLANCHET, Archbishop of Oregon.

ANSWER TO THE POREGOING, TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

Quebec, Canada, Dec. 29, 1878. Mgr. F. N. Blanchet, Archbishop of Oregon-My Lord-The Church of Quebec whose solicitude formerly extended itself over nearly all the septentrional America is always happy to contemplate the rapid progress of the Churches which owe her their existence. It is, therefore, with joy and ad miration that she accepts the gift of the handsome volume of the history of the Catholic Church in Oregon, which you have just sent her. Commenced on Nov. 24, 1838, that Mission has completed, at the same date this year, its forty years of existence. The little mustard seed was no sooner buried, as it were, in the earth, than it quickly grew to a large tree. The humble missionary who began to clear up that extensive field is become the metropolitan of an ecclesiastical province; the clergy and the faithful are numerous, and with the Divine grace, the harvest will become every day more and more abundant. Your Grace having witnessed the feeble beginnings of that Mission, and followed all its phases, no other per could have related them with more faithfulness, nor with more lovingness than yours. This book will, then, be a monument always precious to the history of that country. But at the same time it will make known the ness and shadow of death; it will also cause to admire the invincible courage and burning preach therein the good tidings. That is what touches the nearer the heart of the Church of Quebec, which glorifies herself, and will always glorify herself, in having given to the Province of Oregon the first

missionaries and its first Bishop. In expressing to Your Grace the sentiment of my gratitude for the handsome New Year's gifts, I feel in duty bound to pray our meroiful Lord to bless with His most unbounding and choicest benedictions, the Church of Oregon, of which the Church of Quebec is proud to be the mother, in order that we may all, one day, pastors and flocks, find ourselves forever reunited in the Church of Heaven, where there is no time that passes, nor distance that separates.

Please accept, my Lord, the expression and assurance of my respects and devotedñess. † E. A., Archbishop of Quebec.

> Rs .- " Hast thou no feeling. To see me kneeling My love revealing

Day after day?" Yer, I have feeling . Вив. To see you knosling Your bald hend revealing-Take it away !"

SCOTOH NEWS.

(From the Glasgow Herald, 11th Feb.)

REDUCTION OF RENTS IN DUMPRIESSHIRE .-The tenants on the Murraythwaite estate have received intimitation that a reduction of 10 per cent., to be given in the shape of lime or artificial bone manure, will be made on the year's rents due at Martinmas last, and payable on the 10th inst.

ERIGRATION FROM THE CLYDE .- During the month of January 996 emigrants left the Clyde. Of the total 898 were for the United States, 61 for Australia, 24 for New Zealand, and 13 for all other places. The emigrants readiness for the transfer of the Holy See to the United States included 391 foreigners, from Rome to Salzburg, and before long the chiefly drawn from the eastern parts of Germany.

At the Greenock Sheriff Court on Wednesday, Sheriff Smith had before him the petition of a Mrs. Sinclair for the disinterment of the body of her husband, who had by the mis'ake of the Infirmary people been buried in the common ground. The Sheriff remitted the matter to the public health officer, and reserved the granting of the warrant of the Catholic Church; her canonical books until after the decision of the Lord Advocate.

THE LAW OF ENTAIL IN SCOTLAND .- We (Review) understand that a bill has been drafted by the Government to amend the law of entail in Scotland, and that it will be introduced in Parliament immediately. It will proceed pretty much on the same lines of the bill introduced last year by Lord-Advocate McLaren.

Suspicious DEATH AT PERTH .-- On Sunday morning John Minally, 33, laborer, was found dead in the house of a woman named Susan Bitchie, at 170 High street, and in consequence of certain circumstances discovered by the police, Ritchie, and another woman named Elizabeth M'Nabb or Ritchie, have been taken into custody on suspicion of being concerned in the death of the man.

SERIOUS PIT. ACCIDENT AT CARMYLE .-- On Wednesday a serious accident happened to a man named John Murpby, residing at Parkbead, in No. 4 Bogleshole Coal Pit, the property of James Dunlop & Co., Clyde Iron Works. Murphy, along with other two men, had been repairing the main road in the main coal seam, and after breakfast, about 10 o'clock, were sitting on the road resting themselves, when a large stone, weighing fully a cwt., came away from the roof and fell on Murphy, crushing his right shoulder, side and foot. Dr. Scott, of Tollcross, attended.

A Committee of the Market Gardeners met in Edinburgh on Tuesday and unanimcusly resolved, after hearing opinion of counsel read, to present a petition of suspension and interdict against the Edinbugh Town Council in respect of their action in letting the Waverley Market for the purpose of the Fisheries Exhibition. It is stated that this resolution is dictated by no spirit of hostility towards the exhibition in question, but it merely intended to vindicate what the association believe to be their prescriptive rights in the market, and which they consider to have been invaded by the Town Council.

ROYALTY THEATRE-ENGAGEMENT OF MRS. LANGTRY .- Recent paragraphs in the newspapers have referred to the likelihood of Mrs. Langtry coming on an early date to the leading cities of England and Scotland. We now learn that negotiations have been completed for the appearance of Mrs. Langtry at the R yaity Theatre. She comes here with a specially organised company early in May. The engagement is an interesting one. Mrs. Langtry may not be a great actress, but there will be a very general desire to see a lady who has so long been a leader of fashion, and who has at least shown singular aptitude for the stage.

SHOCKING DEATH OF A SIGNALMAN .- About ten o'clock on Tuesday morning the dead dy of James Nicol, signalman the service of the North British Railway Company, and residing in Shettleston, was found on the rails at Parahead Station. On the previous evening he had left his work on leave of absence, and proceeded to the station, another signalman taking his place. Nothing more was heard of him till yesterday morning, when his body was found on the rails about 50 yards from the signal-box mutilated in a shocking manner, his head been severed from his body, and his right foot cut off. The unfortunate man had evidently been knocked down and run over by a passing train.

BO'NESS .- A RIGHT OF WAY QUESTION AT CORDIBHALL'. - Some excitement and activity is being occasioned among the inhabitants of Corbieball and its neighbourhood by the operations presently being carried on by the Kinnett Iron and Coal Company. A road or path about six feet in breadth runs east and west to the south of the village, commonly known as the Coal Road. The Kinnell Iron Company are at present forming a chain road for their furnaces at Kinneil to that schoolyard pit, and propose to carry it along the side of this path, diminishing the breadth and a half in delivery. As the speaker utter-from six feet to about two and a half The ed the last, solemn words, the spectators inhabitants of Corbiehall had had the privilege broke into a storm of applause, which was of using this road from time immemorial, and the right is said to be contained in the titles to some of the adjacent properties. A requi- | solemn silence, unbroken by any sound except sition has been drawn up pointing out that a sigh of relief when the orator passed from the operations of the company threaten to the aliusion to the differences existing in the alter and curtail the road considerably, and Republican party last spring. The benedicthus infringe the rights and privileges of the tion was then offered by the Rev. Dr. Bulinhabitants, and requesting the Bo'ness Town lock, Chaplain of the Senate. The Marine Trustees, as custodiers of the town's right, should examine the plans of the proposed chain road and take the necessary steps to prevent these rights from being intringed. and to call upon the Kinnell Company at once to remove the obstructions, and his requisition is being numerously signed. Unless some compromise is arrived at it is probable that legal proceedings will be the issue of this movement. THE SHASON IN THE NORTH. -In the Ork

ney and Shetland Islands the winter has been an exceptionally mild and open one, and particularly favorable for sheep, upon which the large stockholders expect to make a good profit if the lambing season turns out well, enabling them to recoup some of the losses of the past few years. The temperature in the month of January in Orkney was never below 30 deg., while the means of the month ranged from 37.2 deg. to 45 deg. The total rainfall was scarcely 4 inches, while the morning of the 29th was the first and only day this sesson on which the ground was in full bloom have been picked all winter, an extraordinary circumstance in this north ern latitude. Farm work is well forward, duced the crofters to pay more attention to a third: less than the average owing to the gales in harvest, and much of it is discolour.

The agricultural depression and bad seasons have not affected Orkney and Shetland so much as the other places in Scotland, judging at least from the fact that there has not been a single case of bankruptcy amongst farmers. Only in one case, that of Mr. Laing, M. P., has any deduction been made.

On Monday avening, Dr. Alexander O. Cowan, half-brother of Mr. Charles Cowan of Loganhouse, and of Mr. James Cowan, M.P., was found dead in the business premises of Messrs. Cowan & Co., papermakers, Register street, Edinburgh, under circumstances which left it to be interred that he had committed suicide. The discovery, it appears, was made about six o'clock in the evening by a porter, who entered the office Dr. Cowan had been accustomed to occupy, for the pur-pose of mending the fire. The deceased was found sitting in his chair, with a revolver, that had evidently been discharged, in his right hand, and a small wound on the face, indicating where the weapon had found its aim. Life was extinct. In the adjoining apartment several clerks were at work; but they had heard nothing save a sound as of a box violently shut, to which it had not occurred to them to attach any special significance. On examination of the body, it was seen that the bullet had entered at the nostril. It had apparently passed obliquely upwards and lodged in the brain, there being no wound observable except that on the face. Ir is said that by some who saw Dr. Cowan in the course of the afternoon he was thought to wear a look of unwonted depression. The circumstances connected with the deplorable occurrence were on Tuesday (says the Scotsman) investigated by Chief Constable Henderson, who made a report to the Procurator Fiscal, A son, by a second marriage, of the late Alexander Cowan of Valleyfield, Peniculk, the deceased was educated at Edinburgh University, where he graduated as a dector of medicine. He subsequently spent about eight years in the medical service of the Indian army; and on his return to this country, some fourteen or fifteen years ago, he joined the well known firm of which his elder brothers are the leading partners. Dr. Cowan's untimely death will be mourned, not only by a circle of attached friends, but by many to whom, in various ways, he had been an unobtrusive benefactor.

THE GARFIELD MEMORIAL SERVICES. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Among the distinguished guests first to arrive were George W. W. Corcoran, Cyrus W. Field, Bancroft, Admiral Worden, who took seats in front of the clerk's desk. Among the guests who at an early hour occupied seats upon the floor were General Schenck, Governors Hoyt (Pennsylvania), Bigelow (Connecticut), Foster, (Ohlo), Hamilton (Maryland), and Adjutant General Harmine (Connecticut. At 11.30 Generals Sherman, Sheridan, Hancock, Howard and Meigs and Admirals Ammen, Rogers and Rodgers entered at the north door of the chamber and were assigned to seats to the left of the Speaker's desk. A few minutes later the members of the diplomatic corps in full regalia were ushered in, headed by the Hawalian Minister as dean of the corps. The brilliant costumes served to throw into stronger relief the dark attire of the members of Congress, who sat immediately behind them The District Court, headed by Marshal Henry, were the next arrivals. Dr. Bliss was also in attendance. Mrs. Blaing occupied a front seat in the gallery reserved for the friends of the President.

At 12 the House was called to order by the Speaker, and prayer offered by the Chaplain f the House. The Speaker then said :--This day has been dedicated by the action of the two Houses of Congress to services in commemoration of the life and death of James Abram Garfield, U.S. This House is now assembled and ready to perform its part." The resolutions setting apart to-day tor memorial services were then read by Clerk McPherson. At 12.10 the Senate was announced, and all rose respectfully as the Senators, headed by the officers of that body entered and took their assigned seats. They were tollowed by the Chief Justice and Assoclate Justices of the Supreme Court dressed in their robes of office. Again the multitude arose as the President of the United States and Cabinet were announced. They were accompanied by Senator Sherman, Representative McKinley, chairman of the committee of arrangements. Some little applause greeted the entrance of the President, but it was soon discontinued, as being inappropriate to such an occasion. The President took the front seat on the right of the presiding officer's chair, next to that occupied by Oyrus W. Field.

At 12.30 the orator of the day, Senator Blaine, was announced. His advent was the signal for another round of applicase. The ceremonies were then opened by a short prayer by the chaplain, F. D. Power, of the House, after which President Davis addressed the assemblage. Blaine's eulogy was concluded at 1.50 p.m., having taken an hour not hushed for some moments. The address was listened to with intense interest and Band played the Garfield Dead March as the invited guests filed out of the chamber in the same order in which they entered. The Senate left last. The House was then called to order and an appropriate resolution of thanks to Blaine was passed.

PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE. (From our own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.

The estimates for 1882-3 were brought down yesterday. The total amount asked for, chargeable to the consolidated fund, is \$27,-305,453.36, as compared with \$26,419,670.68 last year. The amount required, chargable to capital account, is \$25,994.767.74, as against \$17,568,398.88 last year. The total amount of the estimates is \$53,300,221 .10, as against \$43,988,069.56 for 1881-2. One of the principal increases is \$276,190 for railways. The increase in the business of the Intercolonial necessitates an increase of the expenditure, but at the same time the revenue white with snow. Primroses and cowslips from the road is augmenting. There is a in full bloom have been picked all winter. proposed increase of \$75,400 in connection with the Post Office Department, which is rendered necessary by the continued prosalthough in Shetland the fine weather has in. | perity and advancement of the country. The proposed increase of the North-West the harvest from the sea than tilling their Mounted Police to a complement of 500 croits. The grain crop is turning out about men entails an additional, expenditure third less than the average dwing to the of \$123,000. For emigration \$180,951 additional are required this year, and it is the ined. Turnips are also only about two-thirds | tention of the Government to vigorously push of a crop. The fields of these have sprout. their emigration policy this year. These are ed from, 6 to 12 inches, covering the centres of the drills, and presenting a spring-like aspect, with the fresh, green foliage.

Ext. cattle, young cattle in forward condition, and sheep sell well; but horses, unless atrong and sheep sell well; but horses, unless atrong and sheep sell well; but horses, unless atrong condition there will be little disposition to complain of the sidilional arms asked for and heavy, are a drug at all the markets. complain of the additional sums asked for.