

"Mors Et Vita" was given by the Philharmonic Society on Tuesday of last week in fine style. The music was within the range of the average understanding, and on that account was more thoroughly enjoyed than much that connoisseurs would pronounce superior to it. The oratorio will be repeated at the musical festival in June, and will, we venture to say, be one of the most attractive items of the programme.

On Friday evening (14th) Mr. George Belford, the popular elocutionist, gives his last entertainment at Shaftesbury Hall, and those who have not yet heard the able young gentleman will do well to be present. The programme contains some of the best things in his repertoire, and an evening of thorough intellectual enjoyment is assured. Mr. Belford leaves for England in a few days, and carries with him the best wishes of his Canadian admirers.



#### A MATTER OF TASTE.

*The Bridegroom (to his bride, who is in a 'tantrum').—My adorable darling, I love you so much that I could eat you—but in your present sour mood I'm afraid you wouldn't be palatable!*

In the circular sent out by one of the Temperance Orders, it is pointed out as a noteworthy fact that "while the capitation tax is on the increase, the membership of the Order is on the decrease." This must be a sort of decapitation tax, then.

#### SENSATIONAL DIGNITY.

In the Official Report of the Senate debates, April 29, we find the following:

##### A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—Before the Orders of the Day are called I rise to a question of privilege. I desire to call attention to a very remarkable cartoon, which appeared in the last issue of the distinguished Toronto journal called GRIP, which some think is calculated to affect the dignity of this House. That journal has been distinguished for its noble and independent spirit, and for its able efforts to elevate the tone of our public life for many years. Some think that this cartoon is a slight departure from the ordinary tenor of its way. It designates one of the humble members of this House "A Wasp," but such persons say that it ought to have informed the

reading public that that member of the Senate has been roughly treated—I repeat, very roughly treated, not by the respected members of this House, but by five very troublesome members, whom, if the rules of Parliament permitted, I would designate the five scorpions of the House.

GRIP hastens to express his regret at having inadvertently trampled upon the dignity of the Senate—an excusable offence, surely, considering that the dignity of that chamber is so infinitesimal as to be almost invisible to the naked eye. The venerable and red-hot Alexander himself was the Senator whom we pictured as a wasp, and he proceeded on this occasion, under form of parliamentary privilege, to prove his right to the title by administering some "stinging" rebukes to the "five scorpions" in question—Senators whose business in life is to impede him in his efforts to expose governmental wrong-doings. In return for the graceful compliment he pays GRIP as above, we can only hope that as the Wasp of the Senate, Alexander the Great may long keep his sting bright and sharp.

#### NEW BOOKS.

- "The Milkman's Suicide; or, the Frozen Pump."
- "The Boarder's Doom; or, the Hotel Pancake."
- "How He Recovered; or, the Doctor's Dismissal."
- "The Insane Grocer; or, the Abandoned Sand Bank."
- "How to Start a Graveyard;" by a Base Ball Player.
- "The Loaded Gum Drop; or, the Confectioner's Revenge."

"The Great Conservative Party" ought to change its name. "Great Preservative"—that is to say, self-preservative—would be more in accord with the recently detected proclivities of its leaders.



**TENDERS FOR COAL FOR THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF ONTARIO.**—The Undersigned will receive tenders (to be addressed to him at his office at the Parliament Buildings, and marked "Tenders for Coal") up to noon of WEDNESDAY, 26th MAY, 1886, for the delivery of the following quantities of coal in the sheds of the institutions below-named on or before the 15th day of August next, except as regards the coal for the Central Prison.

Asylum for the Insane, Toronto—Hard coal, 600 tons large egg size, 125 tons stove size; soft coal, 250 tons.

Central Prison, Toronto—Soft coal, 500 tons. Note: To be delivered in lots of 100 tons in each of the months of September, October, November, December, and January.

Reformatory for Females, Toronto—Hard coal, 200 tons large egg size, 50 tons stove size, 25 tons nut size; soft coal, 50 tons.

Asylum for the Insane, London—Hard coal, 150 tons, large egg size, 40 tons chestnut size; soft coal, 1,000 tons for steam, 75 tons for grates.

Asylum for the Insane, Kingston—Main asylum, hard coal, 1,000 tons large egg size, 75 tons small egg size, 25 tons stove size. Regiopolis Branch—Hard coal, 90 tons large egg size, 25 tons small egg size.

Asylum for the Insane, Hamilton, Main Asylum—Hard coal, 50 tons egg size, 40 tons chestnut size, 50 tons stove size; soft coal, 500 tons for steam, 50 tons for grates. Asylum Pumping House—Hard coal, 5 tons chestnut size; soft coal 150 tons.

Asylum for Idiots, Orillia—Hard coal, 85 tons stove size.

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville—Hard coal, 70 tons small egg size, 30 tons chestnut size, 10 tons stove size; soft coal, 400 tons.

Institution for the Blind, Brantford—Hard coal, 450 tons egg size, 75 tons stove size.

The hard coal to be Pittston or Scranton. Tenders are to name the mine or mines from which it is proposed to take the soft coal, and to designate the quality of the same, and, if required, to produce satisfactory evidence that the coal is true to name. Delivery is to be effected in a manner satisfactory to the authorities of the respective institutions.

Tenders will be received for the whole quantity specified or for the quantities required in each institution. An accepted cheque for \$500.00, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Province of Ontario, must accompany each tender as a guarantee of its *bona fides*, and two sufficient securities will be required for the due fulfillment of each contract. Specifications, and forms and conditions of tender are to be obtained from the bursars of the above-named institutions. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Ontario Parliament Buildings.

Toronto, 10th May, 1886.