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ment of postage by the publishers by 1
cent stamp.God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—[BROWNING.]

London, Tuesday, July 14.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

The triple alliance formed in 1879 be-
tween Germany, Austria and Italy, was
renewed after a period of six years, and
against a short time ago was prolonged for a
similar period. The renewal of the alliance
divides Europe into two great fighting
phalanxes, one composed of the Russian
and French armies, numbering in all per-
haps a host of 6,000,000, the other com-
posed of the united forces of Austria,
Germany and Italy, aggregating over
5,000,000 men. This renewal of the great
coalition is to be welcomed as reducing the
chances of war, and preparing the way for
general European disarmament.A peculiar feature of the arrangement is
that apparently it is only to her despotic
friend Russia that the republic of France
can look for support, should it
enter the heads of her united
enemies to wipe her out. That Russia is
willing to stand by the republic is evi-
dent from a statement recently made by
M. Flourens, ex-Minister of Foreign Af-
fairs of France, in which he admitted the
existence of a Franco-Russian alliance, and
that the formation of this alliance was the
work of the Czar himself. Diplomatic
notes equivalent to a treaty, arranging for
common action between the two countries,
have been exchanged between France and
Russia.Of late the statement has been frequently
made by the French journals that the
Triple Alliance is de facto an alliance of a
quadruple character, since Great Britain,
if a silent, is a powerful partner. England
is not in favor with either Austria
or Russia. The latter is jealous of En-
glish ascendancy in Central Asia, while
France is decidedly antagonistic to
England's policy in Egypt. Contrary
to treaty obligations and oft-repeated
assurances, England maintains her garri-
sons in the dominions of the Khedive,
ostensibly to preserve the peace, but really
with the view of holding possession per-
manently.On the other hand it is doubtful if the
presence of the German Emperor in En-
gland really tends to strengthen good re-
lations between Germany, Austria, Italy and
Great Britain. Neither the German ruler
nor the German people have any sentiments
in common with those of the English rulers
or people. Their politics, social conditions
and customs are wholly unlike, and
their commercial interests are opposite
and hostile. Family and domestic in-
fluences will scarcely be able to harmonize
political differences. The Queen would
have to be something more than human
if she retains no resentment against
the whole German official clique
and cabal, which put such slights on her
daughter—the German Princess and Em-
press Frederick—while in the depths of her
great affliction and subsequent bereave-
ment. The affronts and cruelties of those
days, which the present Emperor certainly
did nothing to mitigate or assuage, can
scarcely be quite forgotten even under the
present outside show of oblivion and con-
donation. Shame and ostentation usually
go hand in hand. On the whole,
England is likely to choose the better
part by keeping herself clear of the al-
liance and untangled.

LANGEVIN'S BAD EXAMPLE.

[Toronto World.]

Burgess and Perley must go, and if there
are any other practices of this kind known
they have got to stop right now and a better
moral be introduced into the public ser-
vice.While on this subject the World does not
make fish of one and flesh of another Sir
Henri Langevin, in taking a testimonial
from contractors, committed more than an
indiscretion and set a bad example to his
subordinates. We cannot expect the in-
ferior officers to be highly conscientious in
a matter of this kind when it can be said
that their chief has laid himself open to
even a suspicion of doing the same.

CONSCIENCE AND LIBERALITY.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Chapman, of
Brantford, has performed his duties for five
years there with marked acceptance to those
engaged in Christian work. The organiza-
tion is a live one in that city, and many of
the active workers, like Mr. Chapman him-
self, are young men.A pleasing incident was noted the other
evening. Mr. Chapman's resignation was
tendered to the directors because he was
about to join the Baptist Church. His
action was prompted by conscience, and he
feared that because he was about to leave
the Methodist faith the members and friends
of that church, and perhaps others also,
might be prejudiced against him to such an
extent that his usefulness to the association
as its secretary would be destroyed.When Mr. Chapman's frank avowal was
read and discussed it is cheering to state
that it was heartily agreed to request Mr.
Chapman to withdraw his resignation.
Christian liberty was exemplified in the
action taken by the officers, and it is safe to
say that the work of the association will
not suffer by reason of this manifestation of
brotherly love one towards another, even
among those whose doctrinal views are
antagonistic.Had other counsel prevailed, and had
schism swayed the members of the associa-
tion, the feeling engendered would have
been difficult to eradicate, and the lassitude
of workers would have resulted in decreased
results for good. Jealousies in the associa-
tion would have created scorn without,
and altogether the results would have been
deplorable.The Brantford episode is but a sign of
the times. Let brotherly love continue.

BRITICISMS AND AMERICANISMS

The cry of alarm raised by British critics
against the degradation of the English
language by the invasion of Americanisms
is echoed rather derisively in Harper's
Magazine by Brander Matthews, who
points out that our mother tongue is in
equal danger of deteriorating through the
influence of Briticisms. A blunder made
in Great Britain and stigmatized as a
Briticism is as unpardonable by those who
take thought of their speech as a Scotticism
or a Hibernicism, an Americanism
or an Australianism. There is many a
Briticism common enough in England
which is quite foreign to the best usage
of those who speak English. The use of
"like" for "as" is heard in the conver-
sation of Englishmen of high standing.
Even Walter Bagehot represents the dwell-
ers in old manor houses asking why
they (the French) could not have kings,
lords and commons like we have. The
British habit of saying "very pleased,"
is contrary to the tradition of the lan-
guage and the best American usage which
requires one to say very much pleased.
Equally noteworthy is the misuse of *with*
out for *unless*, condemned in America as a
vulgarism, but discoverable in England in
the pages of important periodical pub-
lications. For example in the number of
the New Review for August, 1890, we
find Sir Charles Dilke, who, as a member
of her Majesty's Privy Council, ought to
be familiar with the Queen's English,
writing that "Nothing can be brought be-
fore the vestry without the vestry is duly
summoned."Perhaps the two most frequent Britic-
isms and the most obvious are the use of
different to, where the American more
logically and appropriately says *different
from*, and the employment of *directly* and
its synonym *immediately* for *as soon as*, in
such phrases as "directly he arrived he did
thus." Even Thackeray allowed Henry
Esmond to write *instantly* for *as soon as*.
New countries necessitate the coining of
new words. The mother tongue is not a
loan but a heritage to be used as needs
must. There is no doubt as to the proper
use of words as *railroad*, *conductor*,
grade, and to *switch*, although the British
equivalents of these words are *railway*,
guard, *gradient*, and to *shunt*. But that
there will ever be any broad divergence be-
tween the English language and American
speech is altogether unlikely, since the
same alphabet is taught in London, New
York, Calcutta, Sydney and Toronto.

MONEY VALUE IN LITERATURE.

American tourists leave in Great Britain
from £12,000,000 to £20,000,000 at least
per annum. No one can doubt that the prin-
cipal reason for this enormous influx of
visitors is to be found in the places made
memorable by Shakespeare, Jonson, Scott,
Burns, Dickens, Thackeray, George Eliot
and Charlotte Brontë. Shakespeare alone
has indirectly bestowed millions of pounds
on the inhabitants of those places with
which his name is associated. Truth is
mighty, but fiction is not very far behind
her.

WHAT THE "ADVERTISER" THINKS

ABOUT IT.

Some persons affect not to know why Mr.
Osler has been retained in the Langevin-
McCrevey case. The real object is to de-
fend Langevin and his colleagues.LADY DILKE, the wife of Sir Charles Dilke,
has been one of the most prominent
organizers of trades unions for women in
England. The things that have been
done and the advances contemplated are
decried in an article which she has
written for the August number of the
North American Review. It may be re-
membered that Lady Dilke is said to have
been the original of Dorothea in Middle-
march.The McMaster University Monthly. (To-
ronto: Duffley & Brown.) This magazine
is a continuation of the Woodstock Col-
lege Monthly, inaugurated more than a
year ago, and now embracing the in-
terests of Moulton College also, and pub-
lished under the new name in Toronto.
The publishing committee consists of one
representative of each faculty and one
representative of the students of each
department of the university. Its aim is
to subserve in the highest degree all theinterests of educational work, and judg-
ing from the specimen number just re-
ceived it, will be a source of entertain-
ment and profit to others than those who
are specifically interested in college
journalism.AN EDITORIAL statement in Friday's
Free Press was that the Richard
Reynolds whom Mr. Charlton quoted as
authority for the charge that Mr. Bowell
should use his influence to have him
chosen as a Cabinet Minister was "long
since dead." If our contemporary will
take the trouble to consult Saturday's To-
ronto Mail it will find an open letter
written by the same Richard Reynolds
to the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, in which
some very interesting statements are
made. The Free Press corpse is evi-
dently a very lively one.When an evil is seen in the presence of
some noxious animal, and some other
animal is introduced to check its career,
the remedy proposed may be a hundred
times worse than the disease. Sufficient
proof may be found in the millions of
acres desolated by the rabbit in Aus-
tralia, the infinite amount of damage
inflicted by the sparrow in America, and
the extirpation of edible birds by letting
pigs run wild in the islands of the South
Sea. The mongooses which was intro-
duced into Jamaica for the purpose of
destroying the rats that fed on the
sugar canes has come to be regarded as
an intolerable curse. It has extirpated
not only the rats, but nearly all the
Guinea fowl, large pigeons, edible land
crabs and other native Jamaica delicacies.TURN THEM OUT.
[St. Thomas Journal]
Isn't it about time to
TURN THE RASCALS OUT?MONUMENTAL.
[Detroit Free Press.]
The enthusiastic Canadians of this city
who have begun a movement for the build-
ing of a monument to Sir John Macdonald
have undertaken a serious task. Ameri-
cans are not monument building people, nor
are Canadians. It was more than 100 years
after the signing of the Declaration of In-
dependence before the monument of Wash-
ington was completed in the capital of this
country; yet we all know the pitiful story of
the Grant monument in New York, and
there have been other instances scarcely
less pointed.

THE MEMORIAL GOING SLOW.

[Labor Advocate.]
The Macdonald memorial meeting held
on Thursday evening of last week was a flat
failure. There was a mere handful of
people in attendance, who appointed a very
lengthy and imposing list of those who
were not there as members of the com-
mittee. The late Sir John is no hero of
ours, and we do not see that the country
owes him any memorial. All the same the
lack of interest on the part of those who
professed to idolize him, and who owe
everything they are to him to a striking
instance of human ingratitude. There was
no particular reason why the people should
have been at that meeting and they showed
their sense by staying away. But where
were the tax-enriched tariff monopolists,
the Northwestern syndicate land-grabbers,
the bootlicking contractors, the little 10 cent
politicians who have been feeding fat in
office owing to Sir John's favors? What a
scoury set of ingrates are the crew whom
he has enriched with the people's money!

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grave. So with this little introducto-
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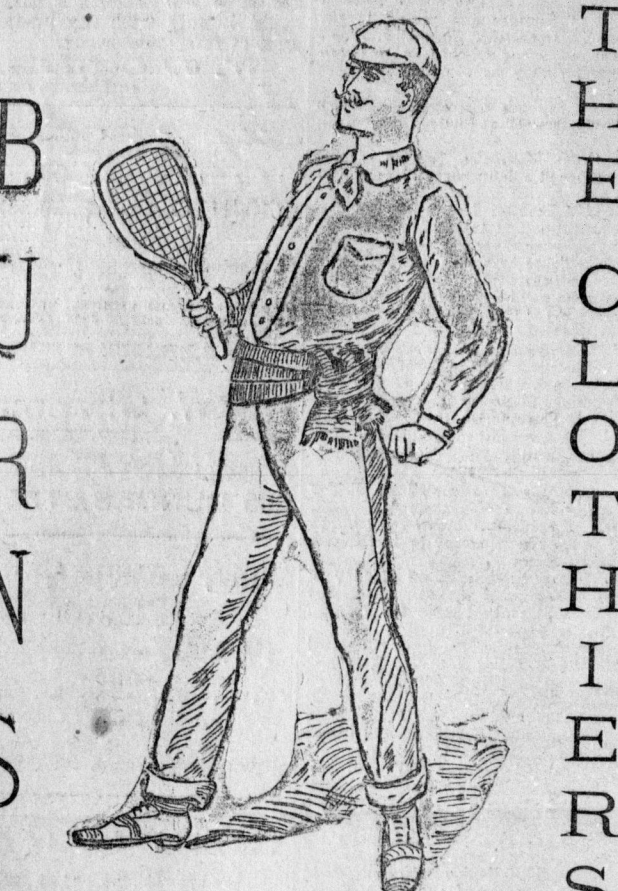
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