

Cæsarism, and argues that if France is unwilling to go the full length of Radicalism, England is more so. In any event, Gladstone's political ascendancy is doomed.

THE BRITISH PRESS are almost unanimous in their opinion that the Land Act cannot long remain law in its present form. They say that it deals with only a third or fourth of the inhabitants, and leaves the laborers and the rest of the population in their old position. The proprietary in land which the Act constitutes is very indefinite, and on the whole it is a measure of relief insufficient to meet the wants of the masses.

LENT has its physical as well as its moral benefits. The discipline that purifies the soul by curbing its sinful passions and appetites, tends also to exercise a salutary effect on the corporeal system by the restriction it places upon diet, voluptuous eating and drinking, as well as indiscriminate enjoyments, which produce many physical disorders; so that the modification both in quantity and quality—which the rules of Lent prescribe in all these matters—do more than any other cause to perpetuate a normal physical condition.

NOTHING connected with the church excites greater comment among our separated brethren, than the entry into a convent of an accomplished young Catholic woman. Being themselves generally of a utilitarian turn of mind, they immediately ascribe the cause to worldly disappointment. They either do not understand, or are unwilling to acknowledge, the self-sacrificing spirit of that Catholic girl, who rises above the vanities and pleasures of the world, and devotes her life to works of mercy and the more perfect service of God.

MONARCHS, when by their tyranny and oppression they have roused the rebellious

sentiments of their subjects, make peace with the Pope, and ask his assistance to restore order. But the Roman Pontiff is neither a policeman nor a detective. It is true that his business is to counsel peace and good-will to all, but then he teaches that it is as much the duty of the ruler to act with justice and humanity, as it is that of the subject to be obedient and faithful.

It is strange that those who so loudly praised the abilities and patriotism of Gavazzi a short time ago, in different parts of America, have nothing to say about his recent arrest and imprisonment in England for immoral crimes. Perhaps their sense of decency has been too severely shocked by his doings to offend ears polite by giving them publicity. It is only while such characters as Gavazzi confine themselves to abusing the Church and the Pope that a certain class can afford to lionize them. When they commit crimes that render them amenable to the civil law, their heroism suddenly ceases.

TUNNELS under water will soon be quite common. The Hudson river tunnel is well under way; the projected tunnel under the English channel will be commenced in a short time; the contract for that under the St. Lawrence at Montreal has already been awarded. Finally we hear of a scheme to tunnel the strait of Messina between Italy and Sicily.

THE tunnel under the St. Lawrence at Montreal is to be altogether 21,700 feet, or nearly 4 miles long. It will be 26 feet wide inside, 23 feet high, and will be lined throughout with brick masonry. The arch will vary from 20 to 30 inches in thickness.

MANY nervous Britons see a great cause of danger in the projected tunnel under the English channel. They fear that in case of war it will facilitate the military