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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

A HAPPY New Year.

PADEREWSKI interpreting Tchaikowski will be outofightski.

SHOULD Mayor Beaven be re-elected, the Davie Brothers have in stock another smallpox epidemic to try him.

THE British soldiers are now provided with black silk handkerchiefs on which army rules and regulations are printed.

THE Methodists are getting high up in the world. It is now the Metropolitan Methodist Church on Pandora Avenue. Keep up the style; nothing like it.

TIME will tell whether the two great architectural meteors in the Methodist congregation will long keep their distance, and thus prevent a mutual absorption.

A MISSIONARY society in Baltimore first feeds its intended converts, then washes them, and then teaches them Christianity. Its motto is "Soup, Soap, and Salvation."

THE ladies may now practice law in Ontario. The benchers have said it. There was some fear that the supply of lawyers might run short, their being but one sex to draw from; but now that every woman may become a lawyer that terrible danger has passed away.

WONDER why the office of mayor has not been offered to Hon. Theo. He has filled the office of premier, provincial secretary, attorney-general and provincial government—all in one, so well that the trifling duties attaching to mayor of Victoria should not embarrass him.

THE severity of British justice was well illustrated at Northampton recently, where a trial for murder was in progress. The jury having been permitted to partake of a lunch in their room, one of their number profited by the opportunity to step out of doors and post a letter. The Judge, to whom this act was reported, promptly gave the offending juror a sharp lecture and fined him \$250. He dismissed the jury and a new one was impanelled.

BRIGANDS are by no means as numerous in Sicily as they were even a few years ago, but they make an appearance about

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as often as do train robbers in this country. The last catch reported was at Marsala, famous for its wines, and the victim was the British Vice-Consul at that place. In response to the time honored demand, "Your money or your life," the Vice-Consul handed over the contents of his purse and pockets, about \$2. While the brigands were angrily discussing the fate of an Englishman who would travel in Sicily with such a pittance in his pocket, strangers were heard approaching and the brigands, becoming alarmed, escaped.

THE NEW BISHOP.

To the Editor of the VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL. Thanks to clerical one-sidedness at the Synod and lay short-sightedness, we are now going to have a Bishop *vice* Bishop Hills, well up among High Churchmen. And the Synod before leaving matters to the discretion of His Grace of Canterbury, should have made it their business to ascertain if his views were High or Low as it is somewhat significantly termed. I wonder whether our Saviour was high or low church? It is recorded of him that he said "Woe unto you, Scribes and Phari sees, hypocrites, for ye give tithes of mint and rue and all manner of herbs but pass over judgment and the love of God; these ought ye to have done and not left the other undone;" paraphrased, Ye will have daily communion at 8 a.m., have lighted candles, perhaps swing incense, but call upon your congregation and individuals and reason with them "of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come," ye will not.

But now we are to have lighted candles at the altar at noon day and the "eastward position"—whatever that is, no doubt a great easement of some people's minds! We are not informed if a real crucifix is to follow, Latin prayers to come in and genuflexions towards the altar and crossing one's self, are to be *de rigueur*.

How can men toy with such matters.

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If Roman Catholic methods are so alluring, why not cross the divide at once like honest men and embrace the full measure of Romanism? If the clergy only knew the disgust and indignation produced in the ordinary lay mind at such flun mery, they would perhaps think twice before they rouse a feeling than which none is stronger, and which to a certainty is only domrant here.

Was it to carry out such puerilities that our martyrs died at the stake in their protest against Rome? Was it to settle the dispute between High and Low Church that St. Paul preached and Appolos watered, or our Saviour died on the Cross; or was it not rather to realize the duties hinted at by the prophet Micah, "And what doth the Lord require of them, O man, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" To remove any misconception I wish to say that all this is not written by a "ranting disenter," but by a Churchman and Episcopalian by choice.
EPISCOPALIAN.