

The Toronto World says an oath-bound society has been formed in Toronto, the aim of which is to exclude Catholics from office of any sort. The formation of this excellent society was all but absolutely unnecessary, as Catholics are pretty well excludcd already in the Queen City. Out of twenty-seven Aldermen there is but one Catholic, although we

We now find that Mr. Brennan, Secretary of the Irish National Land League, telegraphs to the *Irish World* that the sum of £10,000 will be collected and placed to Michael Davitt's credit. We are happy to observe that the President of the St. Patrick's Society initiated a movement in the same direction at the concert last night and that simultaneously one of the speakers at the St. Lawrence Hall—perhaps at the same moment—referred to the Davitt testimonial. This is as it should be. Michael Davitt is one of the purest and most self-sacrificing characters in history. He has done his share towards lifting the Irish race from its despondent attitude; he is in prison, and he has but one aim. As Mr. O'Leary judiciously put it, when men like Davitt are no longer useful, when the bastilles of Britain have sapped their strength and clouded their intellects, the people for whom they suffered, and who are liable to forget them when they have disappeared from the stage, allow them to live in penury when Her Majesty the Queen is pleased to let them go abroad. It is to prevent this happening in Davitt's case that the fund is started. We ourselves have already received a few dollars towards the fund, and shall open a column once for the subscription. Ten thousand pounds will not be long coming in if the people are in earnest. No sum is too small, and no sum is too large. We, however, cannot agree with the President of St. Patrick's Society as to the manner of applying of the money when collected. Michael Davitt is intelligent enough to know what is good for him, and it is hardly likely that he would care particularly about a homestead in Canada, although, certes, he might go further and fare worse.

neural, and England, no matter how well
 disposed she may be to interfere, has her
 hands full at the present what with Ireland,
 Afghanistan and the Transvaal. There is
 therefore nothing to prevent an explosion, and
 doubtless we shall hear of the commence-
 ment of hostilities one of these fine
 mornings when we least expect it.
 A war between Turkey and Greece would
 not matter much if it were confined to the
 possession of Epirus and Thessaly, but when
 it is considered that the possession of Con-
 stantinople is also involved our interest
 takes a wider range, and we realize that a
 general war may result in the partition of
 Turkey. All the powers prate about peace,
 but as they are eternally doing so no sensi-
 ble man believes in their professions. It
 would seem as if the French and Russians
 are about in as much accord on the
 Eastern question as are the Germans and
 Austrians, and that neither England nor
 Italy knows precisely what to do. As poverty
 makes one acquainted with strange bedfellows
 so do prospects of war make nations acquaint-
 ed with strange allies, and notwithstanding
 Gladstone's famous warning of "hands off"

We trust our Ottawa friends will not deem as presumptuous if we advise them in the name of everything decent and everything Irish to select some speaker besides Mr. W. P. Lett at their St. Patrick's Day concerts. This gentleman is City Clerk and has a reputation for a certain kind of wit. He is strong in burlesquing Ireland in the vernacular, and of a purely he burlesqued Ireland and the Irish on St. Patrick's night though not in the vernacular. We cannot conceive anything more taste than his tulsome adulation of the Governor Generals of Canada and royalty and aristocracy generally, except it is the ridicule he heaped upon his unfortunate country, for we believe Mr. Lett is a Wexford

The Colonels and Brigade Majors are especially strong on the advantages of Kingston Military College, but we should like to be informed what advantages accrues to Canada from the money spent on it. A certain number of cadets obtain commissions in the British army, though the military education they receive is paid for by our taxpayers, while others of them are entitled to appointments in our Civil Service after graduating. Now, this does look some-

LAND LEAGUE.—The Treasurer of the Point St. Charles branch of the Land League has received a receipt for \$26 sent to Dublin. He expects to send another remittance at an early date. It is thought Mrs. Farnell will lecture in Montreal some time in April.