

against law and order—that they would gag Americans if they could, and take from them the "liberty of speech" bequeathed by their fathers, by physical force, as exemplified in the recent riot case in New York. And this is believed by many.

The man who is not led away by a lie, or a prejudiced antipathy to the creed or country of the Irish, looks with carelessness upon these dreamers, and the man who is silly enough to let prejudice warp his judgment hears them with pleasure and takes pains to have their senseless gabbling circulated. Unhappily for justice sake, a bad feeling has been thus kept up in this country against adopted citizens in general, but the Irish people, thrown by a harsh fate upon our shores, are marked for particular persecution. They are the martyrs in the kitchen, in the fields, in the study—everywhere this harsh feeling against them finds an advocate—everywhere it becomes a part of the village creed—in every instance they are on the defensive, and everywhere the patient bearers of abuse.

The poor servant girl who must either eat meat or go without dinner on Friday, feels the breath of this social blight in the scullery; the young man pushing forward for a living, and with commendable ardor endeavoring to establish a foundation-stone upon which to build his hopes, meets it in the counting-house or the law office—the body of our people feel it in the galleries, and even in the members' seats of our legislative halls, when they ask for rights, and sue for them as a conscientious duty. It lives and acts among us, strangles our efforts in their incipient stages, and bears upon us as a night-mare, even while we open fresh veins through which the life-blood of the land, its commerce, may find an easy flow; even while we tame the torrent, and carry the cities westward upon our shoulders.

The minister in the pulpit; the editor in his sanctum; the lecturer before his audience; all conspire to add fuel to this flame of bigotry, to add fresh bitterness to its burnings, and make greater the ruin it brings. They create this infernal spirit where it has no existence, and where it has an existence they spur it on. Through them communities war with each other; through them their hatred is rendered more hurtful; until at last, the venom bursts forth, and the Irish people feel the force of the shock in the threats and menaces unblushingly uttered by their enemies; in the murder of a member, the burning of a church, or in the attempts to assassinate their dignitaries.

But who are the real enemies of "law and order"? Who are the bitterest foes of "equal rights"? Who are the fomenters of discord and perpetrators of these outrages? When a body of fanatics, banded together to murder an unoffending man in Cincinnati, and by overt acts, carried out their design, until thwarted by a body of police; when another band in New York, joined together, and by mutual consent appointed the unfortunate Sassi, assassin; when good men feared for the lives of the Catholic population and the safety of the Catholic property in that same city—in every instance the Irish people neither rushed to defend the threatened, as they might have done, but calmly bore the insults offered to them, and preserved peace when bloodshed seemed inevitable. In spite of all the rant and ravings of Gavazzi; in spite of all the vomitings, provocative of riot, flung upon them by hired brawlers in every conventicle, on every tub, and at every corner, they have preserved a dignified silence, or if a sneer at the scoffler would escape them, they timed their contempt to prevent evil results.

The Irish are Catholics—Catholics obey their pastors—their pastors are men of peace not of bowie-knives or revolvers, and the Irish people under their guidance must always be favorable to peace when there should be peace—all the sayings of insane oracles to the contrary notwithstanding. The Irishman—the Catholic Irishman is not a fiery-headed "Red" or a crack-brained "Socialist," he does not believe in "Secret Societies," or the law of "brute force;" he does not hold as an article of faith that "the end justifies the means," or that a just cause needs daggers to support it—these "views" belong to the Red Solidaries of our cities, the transplanted German Illuminists and Deists scattered—

"As thick as leaves in Vallambrosa?" to inoculate the unthinking with their foul doctrines. These are the men who plan conspiracies and carry them as far as they can be carried; who stir up every base passion that sleeps in the breast, and nerve the arm of the incendiary, of the mid-night ruffian who crouches in the alleys to spring upon his victim; of the unscrupulous Thug who lights his soul to war with his species and gloats over his promised repasts. The unholy doctrines of modern "brotherhood" form no portion of the Celt's creed—nor do they enter into the features of his practice.

The Celt is for peace—Why not let him have it? The Celt is for equal rights—Why oppose him when he seeks them? The Celt has thrown his lot upon this soil—why not grant him the peaceful possession of it? The Celt does not hinder others from practising their beliefs—Why war with him and his? Truth will prevail—Why organize social persecutions? The Celt deserves equal rights—He performs equal duties; He is not by nature a wild beast—his religion does not make him one. He has not so sanguine a temperament as to thirst for blood—his religion does not create an appetite for it! He is not a man-hater—his religion tells him to love all men (not their errors!) He is not a hater of light—on the contrary, he hates darkness! He is not a lover of might over right—on the contrary, he thinks right is might, and that right should rule. Oh! ye sages, who scowl upon him with distrust; he may yet be useful to you, and take care of you, when you cannot take care of yourselves! Do not malign him—treat him as he deserves—and he will never be found among *Mobs* or *Mob-makers*!

PRUDENCE PRIM.—I don't know about this being "a very nice world," said Aunt Sally. There's people enough in it, such as they are, and enough of them, if they can't be any better, but there's one kind only I can't get along with—it is the hypocrites. Now when any body swears, or steals, or cuts another's throat, I understand it; I know on the spot, which Commandment has been tripped over; but these two faced, oily tongued people, that twist and turn, and double, like rabbits in a wood; why it needs a gun that would shoot round a corner to hit them, and somebody that's deeper than I to see through them. How exactly they will mark out the path of duty for other people's feet to tread! What magnifying glasses they wear to look at other people's sins!—and how very good they are, till their principles conflict with their interests! Prudence Prim was of this order. How careful and conscientious she was in admitting the right sort of toys for children into her

shop. All the drummers, fifiers, and "sojers" underwent an anatomical examination before they stood up in the shop window; all the little sixpenny cotton handkerchiefs had little hymns and creeds printed on them, and golden rules, and things of that sort. If Prudence sometimes gave the wrong change, so have other people. In Primtown she had the undisputed monopoly of juvenile coppers, reigning there "triumphant, happy, and glorious," till "cloven foot," in the person of Miss Giggle, set up an opposition to shop; Prudence watched Miss G— with a jealous eye, and "finally felt it her duty" to remonstrate against the "Fanny Eisler" frivolous, improper dolls she exhibited and wondered "she could let herself down so." The little folks liked Miss Giggle's shop, and coaxed papas and mamas into the same opinion mirth took the place of melancholy, and the coppers went with astonishing celerity into the new shop.—Miss Prudence could stand it no longer, but took a daring leap over her "principles," for the sake of interest; and Fanny Eisler's dolls were forthwith seen kicking up their unrebeked heels in Miss Prim's window! "This would be a dull world without laughing," she remarked, apologetically. Never mind, Aunt Prudence, we won't inquire too minutely into the date of this newborn opinion you are not the only specimen extant of "an iron creed and an India-rubber conscience!"—*Fanny Fern.*

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL.—Amongst other queer characters in Paris, mentioned by some of the letter writers, the following strikes us as a very strange but probably a very useful one to those who court the "rosy god." If a man will drink and get drunk too, it is certainly humane to have those at hand who are able and who will take care of him and see him safely home. The Guardian Angel is a man whose duty it is to frequent the drinking shops, and the moment a man gets tipsy, to take him under his protection, to accompany him home and put him to bed. The individuals practising this profession are picked men—men who never drink themselves—who have the necessary moral authority to force obedience from the drunken creature they are conveying home—who can defend him against attack, and more than all, who can prevent him from drinking at the shops they pass on their way. The price for this service is ten sous; and there is not an instance on record of an individual thus protected home and put to bed, having failed to discharge this debt of honor. It is a rule at the drinking shops that when a man cannot stand he must be taken off, and the Angel is straight-way called. The angels are kindly treated by the shopkeepers, whose interest it is that no one of their customers comes to harm. They receive the odds and ends of dinner, and are recommended to the neighbors, when a reliable man for some confidential errand is wanted. Their honesty is proverbial, and a bacchanal with a hundred francs in his pocket who his confided to their charge, is morally sure of finding his hundred francs where he left them, when he wakes the next morning.

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REGISTRARSHIP OF THE COUNTY OF CARLETON.—G. T. Burke, Esquire, the gentleman who has, for so many years, filled this office, having, from advanced age, become somewhat incapacitated from performing in person its duties, his son, Mr. James H. Burke, has for some time acted as deputy-registrar. The latter having become an applicant for the situation of registrar, to succeed his father, who, it is said, would resign in his favor, the following resolution was passed unanimously at the recent sittings of the County Council, recommending him for the appointment. Subsequently a similar resolution was passed unanimously by the Town Council here. From the manner in which Mr. J. H. Burke has discharged the duties of the deputy-registrarship, his permanent appointment as Registrar, would no doubt be a popular one.

"Mr. McKey moved, seconded by Mr. Craig—Whereas this Council has been informed that the Registrar of the County of Carleton, George T. Burke, Esq., is desirous of resigning his office, the duties of which, he has faithfully discharged to the entire satisfaction of this County during the last thirty years—and whereas Mr. James H. Burke has for the last two years filled the office of Deputy-Registrar, and has proved by his attention, ability, and integrity, that he possesses the proper qualifications essential to the responsible situation of County Registrar;

Be it therefore resolved by this Council in session assembled, that the permanent appointment of this gentleman to the said office would meet with the cordial approbation of the inhabitants of the County of Carleton, and be highly gratifying to the members of this Council, and that this Council strongly recommend His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to confer the office of Registrar of this County, so soon as it becomes vacant, on Mr. James H. Burke."—*Bytown Gazette.*

The following account of the proceedings at a Public Meeting recently held in the County of Beauharnois, has been forwarded to us for insertion:—

Pursuant to public notice a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of St. John Chrysostom, County of Beauharnois, was held on the 21st ult., at one o'clock, P.M. The meeting was called to order by P. Maher, Esq., J.P., being unanimously called to the chair, and J. McGill, Esq., J.P., requested to act as Secretary.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by reading the requisition calling the meeting. He then said that in consequence of certain lawless acts having been lately perpetrated in the parish, and particularly of some evil disposed person or persons, to this meeting unknown, having fired or discharged a loaded gun into the bedroom of T. Gorman, Esq., J.P., between the hours of three and four o'clock on the morning of the 13th inst., and of several threatening notices having been posted on the premises of several influential individuals in the said parish, he considered it his duty and the imperative duty of every peaceable and well disposed inhabitant of said parish, to suppress, put down, and, by every constitutional means in their power, discountenance any and everything pertaining

to illegal outrage or infringement on the laws of the country.

The Rev. Mr. Beaudry next addressed the meeting, after which the following resolutions were put and carried unanimously.

Moved by J. Black, Esq., seconded by Mr. M. Sullivan:—

Resolved.—That this meeting exceedingly regrets and heartily condemns the menacing attitude of a party in this parish, who have, for several years, in defiance of law and order, and, despite the wishes and regardless of the rights of the majority of this parish, outrageously and maliciously oppose the operation of the School Act. Passed unanimously.

Moved by M. Campion, Esq., and seconded by H. Benny, Esq.:—

Resolved.—That to this opposition alone are attributable the ineffective operation of the School Law in this parish. It has crippled the efforts of the School Commissioners, and greatly discouraged them in the discharge of their duties. It has caused much misunderstanding among even the friends of education, and, by withholding from them a considerable amount of money, greatly retarded their movements.

Moved by Captain Houston, and seconded by Mr. J. Silver:—

Resolved.—That this meeting views with regret and abhorrence, the late inhuman and fiendish act of some person or persons discharging a loaded gun into the bedroom of T. Gorman, Esq., on the morning of the 13th inst., whereby his own life and the lives of his family were endangered.

Moved by C. McFee, Esq., and seconded by Mr. W. Kerr:—

Resolved.—That it is the opinion of this meeting, that some decisive and energetic steps should be taken to suppress the growing tendency to set law and order at defiance that has been lately manifested in this parish.

Moved by R. Stewart, Esq., and seconded by Mr. A. Gibean:—

Resolved.—That a reward be offered for the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator of the crime above alluded to; and that the sum of £50 shall be paid to any person or persons, not concerned in the offence, that shall give such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the guilty party.

Moved by Captain Houston, and seconded by Mr. J. Orr:—

Resolved.—That this meeting respectfully urge on the magistrates of this district to put themselves in communication with the Government, by narrating the particulars of the above act of aggression; and to state that every exertion on the part of this meeting, in aid of the civil power, will be cheerfully given; and to call on the Government to take prompt and effective measures for the apprehension and conviction of the offenders.

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