

BOAT RACING AND ITS ATTENDANT EVILS.

We learn from a contemporary, that a certain Institute in Halifax "has been distinguishing itself by discussing Boat racing and its attendant evils, and after a lengthy and able debate, deciding in favour of the sport." It is just possible, that the decision alluded to may have regarded the *ability* with which the question was discussed, and not the *merits* of the question itself. Such is the construction which, in the judgment of charity, we are strongly disposed to put upon it. It is scarcely supposable that an Institute, in connexion with any Christian Society, could be so far insensible to moral distinctions, as to vote in favor of a "sport" which has not a single redeeming quality to mitigate "its attendant evils." To the *rowers* themselves, it is little short of the prize fight, in cruelty. To the *community*, it is one of the most prolific sources of moral corruption. Drunkenness, gambling, quarrelling, selfishness and profanity are its universal concomitants. To sanction such a "sport" as that, is to take under one's patronage all the physical, social, and moral abominations that invariably flow from it. Boat racing is one of the popular practices of the times, against which all Christians should uncompromisingly set themselves, as "evil, only evil and that continually."

BREVITIES.


The British Colonial authorities at the Cape have got into another little difficulty. The trouble, this time, is with the Basutos who are in rebellion. The Colonists will probably have to fight their own battles, for the present, as the Home Government, having Irish troubles on hand, will not be able to do much for them. Missionary operations are likely to be very much interrupted.

Another terrible explosion has occurred at a colliery in South Wales. The shock was so violent that it was felt for miles around. It is believed that 87 lives have been lost.

The London *Spectator* asserts that the reconquest of Ireland by military force, is the only and inevitable result of the present struggle in that island.

An old Carmelite Convent in Lisbon, Portugal, now bears over its gateway the inscription "Presbyterian Church," the building having been purchased of the Portugese Government.

The Minister of Public Instruction in France proposes to devote eighteen million dollars next year to educational purposes, particularly to the education of girls, for he says the best advisers he ever had were women.

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