I have watched thy beauty fading, And thy strength sink day by day; Soon, I know, will want and fever Take thy little life away. Famine makes thy father reckless Hope hath left both him and me; We could suffer all, my baby, Had we but a crust for thee, Sleep, my darling, thou art weary; God is good, but life is dreary.

Better thou shouldst perish early, Starve so soon my darling one. Than in helpless sin and sorrow Vainly live as I have done. Better that thy angel spirit With my joy, my peace were flown, Than thy heart grow cold and careless, Reckless, hopeless, like my own. Sleep, my darling, thou art weary; God is good, but life is dreary.

I am wasted, dear, with hunger, And my brain is all opprest-I have scarcely strength to press thee, Wan and feeble, to my breast. Patience, baby-God will help us, Death will come to thee and me; He will take us to His heaven, Where no want or pain can be. Sleep, my darling, thou art weary; God is good, but life is dreary.

Such the plant that late and early, Did we listen, we might hear Close beside us-but the thunder Of a city dulls our ear. Every heart, as God's bright angel, Can bid one such sorrow cease ; God has glory when His children Bring His poor ones joy and peace, Listen, nearer, while she sings, Sound the fluttering of wings! ADELAIDE PRUCTOR

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

--:0:--FRANCE.

Paris, February 4.—It is thought very probable that the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier will be elected President of the new Senate. A prosecution has been commenced against the Journal La France, for publishing false news. The action is based upon a statement that M. Buffet had tendered his resignation, and declared be would only accept the Governorship of the Bank of France as compensation. Coldenfert, the defender of Belfort, has resigned his commission in the army, in order to stand as a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies.

M. Wallon, French Minister of Education, has received a brief from the Pope complimenting him on his life of John of Arc. The famous Pucelle, the Holy Father says, is justly called the Maid of which reveals the geniue, purity, splendid actions, and troubles of the heroine, the distinguished glory of France. Nobody will deny that God, wishing to raise up the down-trodden fortunes of France and to this girl taken from the fields a truly admirable courage and a marvellous knowledge of warlike and political matters. Ingratitude, which generally attends the greatest benefits, has been shown in this instance, and rivalry, envy, and party hatred always excite detraction, but the firmness of those persecuted for righteousness' sake and their constancy under gainsaying add fresh lustre to the oppressed and condemn the oppressors to eternal

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, PARIS .- On the morning of New Year's Day, the Professors of the three Faculties of the new Catholic University and the staff were received by the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, who replied to the congratulations which were addressed to him by the Abbe Conil, the Vice-Rector, in the name of the whole establishment. The Cardinal spoke, in words full of kindly aspiration, of his lively solicitude for the progress and development of the new University, and concluded his discourse by bestowing on all his apostolic blessing. The Professors afterwards went to the nunciature, to offer their respectful homage to the representative of the Sovereign Pontiff.

The Gazette des Tribunaux states that 149 persons were arrested in Paris on New Year's Day, being so manifestly drunk that the most indulgent policeman could not avoid taking them up in spite of the faxity shown on those exceptional occasions. They were discharged when sober.

THE PRINCE-IMPERIAL OF FRANCE.-A special correspondent of the Figaro, who lately paid a visit to Chislehurst, gives the following details concerning the Prince Imperial :- "The Prince is of average height and well-looking: his teeth are extremely fine, and his mouth like that of the Empress, whilst the remainder of his face resembles his father's. On the upper lip a small brown moustache is beginning to make its appearance. His voice is full, sonorous, and well fitted to command. To sum up the Prince has all the grace of his age; he is gay imaginative, and French. Showing me a small piece of furniture in which all his school exercises were placed, he said-' I preserve and regard them with pleasure; do you know why? Because I am enchanted at not having to do them again.' His daily labour is something extraordinary for one of his age. Rising at daybreak, he sets apart all the morning for study. His professors are English, residing in London. He is now of age to be admitted to Oxford, but it was preferred that he should study at Chislehurst the higher branches of education. After lunch the Prince rides out; he has three saddle-horses, and amongst them Heros, the well-known sorrel of the Emperor. Sometimes, in tine weather he walks out with the Empress. Two or three times a week he goes to London to take lessons in fencing, which is his great amusement; he also practises at home with Count Bassano. Without being attached to the British army he occasionally takes part in the drill of a battery of artillery to which some of his Woolwich comrades belong; it is a fete for them when he goes to Aldershot. If I stated the Prince said nothing about France no one would believe me. But, as my in-structions are not to occupy myself with politics, 1 am restrained from giving an account of our conversation, which lasted nearly 35 minutes; I can only say that when I left the Prince I was absolutely charmed."

SPAIN.

CARLISTS AND ALPHONSISTS .- LONDON, Feb. 1 .-The Times this morning publishes a letter from San. Sebastian, from which are gleaned the following details and results of some of the engagements between Royalists and Carlists in northern Spain. The movement by Royalists towards Vern on the 25th of January was only a feint to cover a real attack on Guetoria. Guetoria is the only point the Carlists have held on the Cantabrian coast west of San Sebastian, since the commencement of the war. Gen. Moriones, returning to San Sebastian cm. | bundred years ago the pious Princess Iolanthe, | possess tender, gentle, and lovable qualities such as

barked two pattalions of troops which landed at Guetoria before daylight on the 26th. These immediately attacked and captured the heights of Garetemendi, which commands the town of Guetoria The Carliets fled without firing a shot. It would: be difficult to over-estimate the importance of this their pious predecessors. But this is, of course, movement. It completely alters the condition of only another proof of the advances we are making the Guipuzcoan campaign, and renders necessary the abandonment of Carlist positions from which they bombarded San Sebastian and opens an easy route whereby Gen. Moriones may advance into Biscay, threatening Durango and other Carlist centres to a junction with Gen. Lome's forces now advancing from the direction of Bilbos. Thus, Gen. Moriones' movements have commenced most favourably, and should subsequent operations be crowned with equal success, Carlism will soon have received its death blow in the western Provinces.

A CARLIST VERSION OF RECENT ENGAGEMENTS .-Tolosa, Feb. 1,-The Carlists deny they were defeated at Santa Barbara. They claim that their Ger. Perula repu'sed the Royalists and pursued them to Puente La Reine; that the Royalist division advancing on Lorca was defeated and retreated precipitately, and that Gen. Moriones received a serious

check on the 29th. ROYALIST SUCCESSES .- A Times' despatch from Santander says the town is partially illuminated to night for the capture of Durango by Gen. Lomais. Reinforcements have been sent hence to San Sebastian. Trustworthy intelligence has been received at Paris that Gen. Delatres' columns entered Elizondo and St. Jean de Luiz yesterday, Tuesday. An Alfonsist attack on Santa Barbara, near Manern, has been repulsed. The Carlists have abandoned another place named Santa Barbara near Oleiza. An attack by Alfonsists on Lorca failed. The reverse in that quarter caused a panic at San Sebastian, and a large quantity of specie was sent into France. It is also reported that Alfonsists entered Elizonda on Monday, and are now blockaded by Carlists marching from Vera. Carlists troops are enthusiastic. General Rivera has captured the Carlist position situated four kilometres from Estelle, and the Carlists in the Province of Biscay are retreating upon Sornozo.

Tribunals, composed of three judges in each of the royal courts, have been instituted to try offences of the Spanish newspaper press, and penalties are imposed for attacks upon the king, the royal family, and the constitutional monarchy.

BELGIUM.

FRARFUL EXPLOSION .- ST. ETIENNE, Feb. 4 .- An explosion of fire damp took place to-day in Jabin colliery. The men were at work in the pit at the time, to the number of 230; of these only 26 have Earth is been taken out, two of whom were dead. falling in immense masses. Consternation prevails through the district.

A Congress and International Exhibition of means, appliances, and instruments for saving life and preserving health, will be held in Brussels from June 15 to October 1, 1876. This movement-of which we gave a brief account a few months agooriginated with the Royal Humane Society of Belgium. The Congress and Exhibition are under the special patronage and protection of the King of the Belgians, and of the City of Brussels, with the Count of Flanders honorary president. The call, which has been made by the philanthropists of Belgium upon the civilized nations of the world, has been warmly responded to in Europe, and committees of co-operation have been formed for promoting the object of Orleans, for the prodigies by which she relieved the Congress and Exhibition. In England the that city, and M. Wallon has omitted nothing committee is composed of one hundred of the leading citizens of Great Britain, with the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cambridge as president and vice president; while in Austria and Germany the Archduke and Crown Prince are the respective heads give it its legitimate King, chose what was weak to orerthrow the strength of the mighty, and accorded can committee is presided over by Chief Justice can committee is presided over by Chief Justice Waite, of the United States Supreme hourt, with Charles Francis Adams as vice-president. The Governors of the several States with prominent citizens in each State, form the Committee. A central committee, for practical purposes, is situated in New York.

GERMANY.

RELEASE OF CARDINAL LEDOCHOWSKI.- LONDON, Feb. 3 .- A Berlin despatch to the Pall Mall Gazette says the small town of Ostrowo, about sixty-seven miles south-east of Posen, where Cardinal Ledochowski is imprisoned, is filled with sympathizers gathered to testify their joy at his liberation to-day. Among those present are many of the high Polish nobility, including the Emperor's nephews, Princes Edmund and Ferdinand, of Radzeville. There will be special thanksgiving services to-night, and the town will be illuminated. The Posen Courter's statement that Cardinal Ledochowski will be interned at the Fortress of Torgan, on the frontier of Saxony, is disbelieved. If it proves correct, an appeal will be made to the Emperor. Legal proceedings will also be taken, since the imposition of any further restraint upon the Cardinal without a further judgment would be unlawful.

Ostrowo, February 3 .- Cardinal Ledochowski was released from prison this morning. He proceeded by rail in the direction of Berlin. He was informed that if he entered the provinces of Silesia or Posen, or districts of Frankfort on the Oder or Marienwerder, he would be interned at Torgan.

HERR REICHENSPERGER'S PAMPHLET -Herr Reichen sperger's pamphlet, which has just been made public, argues that the ecclesiastical laws transcend the State's right to invade the sphere of inner ecclesiastical life, and that the resistance of bishops and priests is not only commended by Christian doctrine and good sense, but fully justified by the express determinations of the Prussian law. The pamphlet is temperate in tone, but unyielding in substance. He declares that a modus vivendi is possible only by a reinsertion of the climineted clause of the Prussian Constitution, or by an understanding with the Vatican, or a complete separation of Church and

Carrying on the process of endeavouring to banish episcopal government from the Prussian dominions steps are being taken, preparatory to instituting proceedings against the Bishop of Treves for viotation of the May laws, and so ordering his "deposition." Several young priests, ordained last August, have been summoned to give evidence as to whether the Bishop commissioned them to exercise ecclesiastical functions in their respective homes, but with the greatest circumspection. The Governor-general of Russian Poland, Count Kotzebue, has issued three edicts. The first forbids any priest to baptise any child which is the issue of a marriage between a Catholic and a United Greek who has gone over to the "orthodox Church." The second forbids all the press have indulged in, I cannot imagine. They pilgrimages with banners and emblems. The third appear, with the jealous appetite of bull-terriers, to requests Catholic priests to celebrate, in their churches, "every extraordinary event in the Imperial family" without waiting for the previous instructions of their Bishops. The official organ of the Province of Hanover, contains, says the Monide, a fresh decree of the Government issued against the Bishop of Paderborn. An ordinance of the district government of Upper Silesia notifies the parish priest, Herr Engel, of Deutsch Mullmen, that he is "excluded" for the future from giving religious instrution in the schools within his own parish, and that he will not be permitted to give any instruction in those schools, even in the absence of the regular teacher. The Gnesen prison now holds within its walls as prisoners two Bishops, the other being Mgr. Cybichowski, the Assistant-Bishop for the Gnesen portion of the diocese of Cardinal Ledochowski. The famous old primatial city never before probably witnessed such a spectacle during its long

whose bones still rest in their sarcophagus by one of the altars in the Franciscan church of Gnesen, founded a convent for holy virgins. In its place there stands for the last two years a strong prison, whose usual dwellers present a marked contast to in civilisation.

THE BISHOP OF RATISHON, BAVARIA.—The great subject of the day is the utter defeat the Minister von Lutz has sustained in his attack on Mgr. Senestrey. On the 14th October last, in his place in the Bavarian Chamber of Deputies, he charged the Bishop with having issued orders to the clergy of the diocese to use all their influence against the Government candidates at the elections. The Bishop denied the charge, and challenged him to produce a single Pastoral or letter of his containing any such directions. Gradually the controversy came to be narrowed to this point :- The Minister contended that a public or official rescript of the Bishop, of the date of this present year, had been read last May to the clergy of the deanery of Geisenfeld in the diocese, and contained a passage which was substantially of the purport mentioned by him in the chamber. Further without actually stating the name, he clearly pointed out the present Archbishop of Bamberg, Mgr. Screiber, who last May was parish priest of Engelbrechtsmunster, a parish within the deanery of Geisenfeld, as the person who had given him the information. But all this story has proved only a house of cards. On 18th December the whole of the clergy of the deanery published a collective declaration, signed by every one of them, and stating that the rescript addressed to them for last Easter from the Bishop's office contained no reference whatever to the elections. Further, the Regensburger Wochenblatt published the whole of the text of this episcopal letter, which was addressed to all the clergy of the diocase, and was read to those of the dennery of Geisenfeld last May. Availing of the occasion of the parochial reports of de statu animarum, it gives advice how the people may be taught to set greater value on the Church and love her more; but the coup de grace was reserved for the Archbishop of Bamberg, who published, on 22nd December, a declaration in which, after stating clearly the Minister's charge against the Bishop, he shows that it was clearly without foundation, and that not a tittle of evidence can be adduced to give even color to the accusation. The defeat of the Minister is so great and thorough that people now begin freely to speculate on his resignation as a matter of necessity. The newspapers published last week a Pastoral Letter, dated 21st December, addressed by the Bishop of Ratisbon to the clergy of his diocese, re capitulating the whole affair and ending thus :-"I closed my published letter of 18th October with the words : Retractation or Proof! To-day I must finish thus: Since proof has not been given of this charge, retractation remains a duty of honour and justice."

THE IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS. DION BOUCICAULT'S NOBLE ACTION IN THEIR BEHALF .-ANOTHER LETTER FROM BOUCICAULT.

To the Editor of the London Telegraph : Sir-If, in addressing people through Mr. Disraeli, the fate of the Fenian prisoners, which was becoming buried under other political matters, has been raised into a living question, an important result has been gained. Since Monday last more than 300 provincial journals, and fifteen leading London newspapers, have given it editorial prominence. It matters very little what sneers, scoffs, and ribaldry have been expended on me. Had I not afforded the op-portunity and object for ridicule, and had the question been brought forward on its simple merits, it would have been dismissed as vain, troublesome, uninteresting, and ruled out of court as a case already decided. By raising a side issue the whole subject has been let in, and I accept my bespattering of mud with almost gratitude, wiping it away with good humor, as I reflect that even great statesmen, when seeking to serve their country, are frequently saluted on the hustings with rotten eggs and offal. Why should I not receive the political baptism of dirt?

I thank you for the gentleness of your philippic, while I beg to dissent from its argument. You say the drama may not be regarded as a field where any discussion of an important and serious nature can be carried on, but is merely a region of fiction where nothing is sought but for amusement. Neverthe less, Mr. Dickens employed fiction to expose and reform many social and political evils. Mr. Disraeli has employed fiction to illustrate his political views, and to ventilate his theories. Is " Lo. thair" intended simply to amuse, or to convey covertly, instructions? In what does fiction in the dramatic form differ from fiction in the form of a novel? I answer the dramatic form is more effective, and therefore, more important. For the reader is solitary, and his feelings expire in his own breast. But the spectator of a drama is one of a multitude where organized expression becomes an important fact. Therefore the Government stopped the caricatures of Messrs, Gladstone and Ayrton at the Court Theatre, but never dreamed of interfering with precisoly similar caricatures in Punch. I decline, then, to accept your limitation of the scope and functions of the drama, believing it has greater

powers, however unworthly I may wield them. Some journals have reminded their readers that the Fenian prisoners now in goal, although not con-cerned in or accused of acts of bloodshed or violence, were guilty of a double crime. They were soldiers who to the crime of rebellion added the crime of mutiny; and it is in view of this latter offence their term of inprisonment is prolonged, when otherr convicted at the same time of the political offence only, have been liberated. Now, sir, I speak under correction when I ask this question. Have these men been tried for the military crime of mutiny by the tribunal competent to deal with the offence? If not, it would not appear they are now virtually suffering a sentence passed on them rather by England's Government than by her courts of justice. Nay, if they had been so tried by military laws, and had they been condemned to a certain period of imprisonment, surely, sir, the practice of cumulating penalties would not have been so unmercifully applied to them that their military sentences would have been made to commence when the term of their civil sentence had expired. There is no doubt of their guilt-no palliation is suggested. If there were any excuse there would be less

grace in their pardon. Why any reference to the pardon of those wretched men who have now lain in jail for ten years, should raise such a torrent of invective as some of the press have indulged in, I cannot imagine. They gnaw the Fenian bone, and resent the slightest movement to touch it with all the bristles of a canine nature. They regard my approach to the matter as a piece of outrageous impudence. The bone is their bone. Who is this actor who dares to have feelings on the subject? Who is this scribbler, who not only has the audacity to form an opinion, but actually carries it so far as to follow the Prime Minister himself, and humbly touch the tail of his cont with a petition to attract his attention? Great Mumbo Jumbo! Where's the police? Let me be pardoned if I would reply: I am an Irishman who for the last fifteen years has devoted his life to rubbing out of the world's mind the degrading caricatures which the ignorant prejudice of English literature had circulated. I have been trying to bring the English nation to a better appreciation of a sister people they have been educated to despise; to convince them that the Irish peasant is neither the history of nearly a thousand years. More than six fool nor the ruffian he has been represented, but may

those which Mr. Dickens has found and displayed in humble English life: that the Irish priest may be full of gentleness and loyalty, and as thorough a gentleman as the Vicar of Wakefield. These, sir, are the credentials entitling me to deal with the concern of my own people. Believe me, I would not have presented them if they had not been called for. -Your obedient servant,

DION BOUCICAULT.

THE IRISH PRESS ON BOUCICAULT. [From the Dublin Freeman.]

Mr. Dion Boucicault, the world-famed Irish dramatist and actor, has just addressed to the Prime Minister a pathetic appeal in favor of the prisoners yet confined for complicity in the Fenian conspiracy. The grounds of the petition are as original as the impulse which suggested it was noble. For five months Mr. Boucicault has been playing "The Shaughraun" it has inveriably been applauded by its London auditories. Irish national sentiments have been cheered, and when the hero is delivered by the intervention of the Royal clemency, the denouement has been received by the house with tumultuous enthusiasm. Mr. Boucicault now makes known for the first time that he devised the plot and wrote the play for the express purpose of eliciting the real opinion of England on the question of amnesty. He claims that he has submitted the case to a jury of two hundred thousand Englishmen, and that the reply has been unanimously in favor of setting the prisoners free. He made Mr. Disraeli the instrument of grace in the drama; he calls upon him now to be so in fact. Mr. Boucicault has argued his case himself with such ability and pathos that we can scarcely hope to add anything to his plea.

[From the Ulster Examiner] Of course with the charity for which this world is so eminently remarkable, the appeal of Dion Boucicault for amnesty to the political prisoners, which we publish to-day, will be called "shop," "a good stroke of business," "a stage arti-fice," and will be otherwise complimendenominated; but it is none the less honoring to the man that makes it, and none the less unanswerable by him to whom it is made Dion Boucicault's fame is already earned; he is himself an Irishman, and we believe that the imputation of a secondary motive as prompting his letter to Mr. Disraeli would be uncalled for and far-fetched. In point of fact, an actor like Dion Boucicault, could not, night after night, act the part of "The Shaughraun," to the life as he does, and hear the prolonged applause of the theatre, at Drury Lane, crammed from floor to ceiling, without having suggested to him the contrast between what the English people approve upon the stage and what their leaders refuse to admit in real life. By his action he has been more successful in sympathy in a quarter of a year than the newspapers for a series of years; but however it is explained away, it is a fact, and to Mr. Dion Boucicault do we give all the credit of the effect produced in England, and of the generous idea which prompted him to write his appeal for amnesty to Mr. Disraeli, which we publish to-day. He has concentrated the sympathy not only of England, but of America, on the few obscure men who still linger in chains, and who are now the only British citizens in prison for a political offence; and the letter which marks the withdrawal of his play from the London stage shall not be the least bright jewel in the crown which he has won and worn as an Irishman remarkable for his genius, in an age when it is not easy to excel.

(From the Dublin Nation.)

An advocate for the release of the Irish political prisoners has this week appeared in the person of Mr. Dion Boucicault. His noble letter will be found in our news columns to-day. Some English critics with the manliness and generosity which we sometimes find described among the best marked characterestics of the English people, have pretended to perceive a mercenary object in his proceeding. Mr. Boucleault replies to this base insinuation by withdrawing "The Shaughraun" from the London stage, where it yields him £1,000 a week, and by declining to bring it out at Liverpool, Manchester and Dublin, where he would have made £5,000 more. This sacriffce of his will not, and should not, be forgotten by his countrymen.

(From the Irishman.)

The author of the "Colleen Bawn," the "Shaugh- FOR SALE-VALUABLE-Adjoining TOWN o raun," &c., has written a letter to Mr. Disraeli, requesting him to release the political prisoners. We 130 acres cleared in a high state believe that he is perfectly sincere in his desire to see his countrymen released. It is well known that he is an Irishman of strong, patrotic feelings. would add that Mr. Boucicault has effectually replied to the charge of " mercenary motives," which some London journals have imputed to him.

Money to Spend, and none to Pay.—" No money hard times!" is the almost invariable reply to every request for the payment of little bills,-the merchant, the mechanic and the labourer uniting to sing the same song. Let a man spend a day in trying to collect money on bills against representative men of every class in the community, and he forms the opinion, and justifies it by disheartening experience, that there is no money in the place Another man, who has spent the day taking observations in the shops and the evening at some place of amusement, forms the opinion, and bases it on his own observation, that all sorts and conditions of people have more money than they know how to make a good use of. Here are two erroneous conclusions drawn from experience, the errors aris ing from the fact of the experience in each case not being broad enough. This evil of the non-payment of little bills is one of the worst that afflicts this or any other city, and should be abated in some measure, if possible. Every class of people are afflicted with it and by it. Some are so constituted that they don't mind being in debt, but with many it is different. Many incomes are wholly dependent on small items-many businesses depend on small collections for the payment of running expenses. Those are they whom the prevailing disposition to put off the payme it of everything less peremptory than a legal execution or a note in the bank embarrasses the most. The cvil is increasing instead of diminishing, and the nonchalence with which men who are known to be never without money in their pocket or to their credit at the bank plead lack of funds as an excuse for not paying little bills is astonishing. Many of these gentry affect to treat even the mildest duns as insults, being seemingly inspired with the belief that they have a perfect right to owe as long as they please. Some, in consequence of not being able to collect, are compelled to refuse payment, but thousands plead want of money who are perfectly able to pay if they would. There seems to be money enough to spond for holiday gifts, fine clothes and amusements, but none for the poor creditor. This is not as it should be. The community in which such things can be, needs a moral tonic. It is not right, not decent, not honest to keep people out of money that they have earned. It is fraud, and differs from theft less in moral turpitude than in legal liability. Ne really honest man will owe money that he ought to pay when he has the money to pay with, or spend money for things he can do without by a sacrifice of his tastes or desires when he owes to others. If all who can pay would do so, instead of shirking behind the common excuse of "no money to-day," there would be less business embarrassment and more prosperity in the country to-day .- Maritime

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