

“ ‘I only mean to say,’ said Phil, laughing, ‘that you’re keeping the decanters very long at your right hand.’

“ ‘Burke contrived to interpose before the Englishman could ask any explanation of what he had heard—and for some minutes he could only wait in impatient anxiety—when a loud report of a gun close beside the house attracted the attention of the guests—the next moment old Peter entered, his face radiant with smiles.

“ ‘Well, what’s that?’ said Macnamara.

“ ‘ ’Twas Simmy, your honour, as the evening was rainy he said he’d take one of the neighbours, and he hadn’t to go far, for Andy Moore was going home, and he brought him down at once.’

“ ‘Did he shoot him?’ said Mr. Prettyman, while cold perspiration broke over his forehead. ‘Did he murder the man?’

“ ‘Sarra murder,’ said Peter disdainfully; ‘but why wouldn’t he shoot him when the master bid him?’

“ ‘I needn’t tell you more, Charley; but in ten minutes after, feigning some excuse to leave the room, the terrified cockney took flight, and offering twenty guineas for a horse to convey him to Athlone, he left Galway, fully convinced, ‘that they don’t know us on the other side of the Channel.’”

BENTLEY’S MISCELLANY.

THIS excellent periodical continues to maintain its eminent rank among the magazines. The Editor, Mr. Ainsworth, is now publishing in its pages, a novel, under the title of *Guy Fawkes*. Like the former production of his pen, “*Jack Sheppard*,” though sufficiently interesting, it is not calculated to reflect much lustre on our English literature, or to build for its author a lasting popularity. It is, however, a story that for the time being, will be looked for with interest, and read with avidity. There are several other tales, continued through many numbers, which are not inferior to the “leader,” and altogether, the work continues fully worthy of the extensive circulation it enjoys.

CANADIAN SCHOOL ATLAS.

THE above is the title of a book, recently published by Messrs. Armour & Ramsay of this city, for the uses of Canadian Schools. The work contains beautifully executed maps of the Western Hemisphere, the Eastern Hemisphere, Europe, Asia, Africa, Great Britain and Ireland, North America, South America, the United States, and the British Possessions in America, the whole series coloured in excellent style. The work is one of great comparative magnitude, and reflects the highest honour upon the enterprise of the Publishers, to whom the country now owes a School Atlas peculiarly its own.

The book has, we hear, received the approval of the best teachers in the city, and the extremely low rate at which it is disposed of, warrants the hope that it may speedily come into general use in the whole of the British Colonies.

GEOFFREY MONCTON.

WE have pleasure in stating that in our next number we shall be enabled to give the conclusion of this beautiful tale. The great length to which it has extended, we are certain will now be looked upon as anything rather than a fault—though when arriving at the line “to be continued,” some disappointment may have been lately felt. The authoress has been for some time in very delicate health, and the necessary revision was consequently somewhat slow, or we should have endeavoured to have given its conclusion before now.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WE have again to ask the forbearance of many valued correspondents, whose favours are necessarily left over to grace our future numbers. The rapidly increasing extent of our correspondence is one of the most pleasing features in the Canadian literary world, which we have observed since commencing the publication of the *Garland*, although it leaves us under the necessity of making frequent explanations. We are convinced, however, that these will be freely accepted. It would not have been believed some two years since, that a monthly, the size of our Magazine, would be too small to contain all the *accepted* originals which would be voluntarily furnished to it, without reference to the many papers which we are occasionally compelled to decline.