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Killing and Executions.

an incident connected with the late execution in this city, as follows: "On the scaffold, after the hanging, Rev. Dr. Johnston said, God forgive us, and forgive this country,' and being asked if Brown had left a statement, he replied, I believe that Marion Brown opened his heart with perfect fullness to me, and I believe the man is as innocent of murder as the birds of the air.' We take that to mean that Brown had confessed to the clergyman that he had shot the policeman, but claimed that he did not intend to kill him. It might have been well if the preacher had told the story confided to him by Brown, and which, in his case, proved so convincing. Without that story the people of Canada will go on thinking that Brown richly deserved hanging, and that the preacher's accusations were unwarranted. Those learned in the law of the land-the trial judge and the Minister of Justice (the latter having the reputation of being glad of the slightest technical excuse to save a mur-derer from the gallows)—were of opinion that the hanging of Brown was quite regular and according to law, and their opinion will be put in advance of the opinion of a clergyman who is not necessarily qualified to interpret the secular laws of the land.
The jury thought it right to hang Brown, and one man-the preacherstands alone on the other side, and refuses to give reasons why he thus stands alone charging judge, jury, witnesses, and the Minister of Justice with having murdered Brown. That is a serious thing to say; but the language used by the clergyman will bear no other construction.

It would be well for the Spectator If it exercised a little of that moderation and fairness which it preaches. We do not know any reason why Rev. Dr. Johnston should not express his opinion quite as well as the Spectator. We think that the trial judge and Minister of Justice are likely to form a more accurate judgment than Rev. Dr. Johnston, but so are they likely to form a more accurate opinion than the Spectator; and we will venture to say that if the Minister of Justice had departed from the views that the Spectator entertained, with regard to the case of Marion Brown, he would have been violently attacked by that journal. Even as it is, the opportunity is not lost for a malevolent insinua-The Spectator has over and over

again undertaken to misrepresent the law, and to proclaim that as law which is not. The Spectator has over and over again denied to the Government the right to exercise that clemency which the law makes a part of the administration of justice, and which the Ministers are sworn, under certain circumstances, to advise. The law requires that the proceedings of every trial shall be carefully read, and that the execution shall not be carried into effect until the Ministers have had any opportunity of advising the Crown upon the subject, and after that advice has been considered, the authorities to whose care the prisoner is intrusted and instructed what they are to do. Does our contemporary suppose that all this is an unmeaning ceremony, and that once the trial judge has pronounced sentence there remains nothing further to do except to carry it into effect? That is not the rule of law; and if Rev. Dr. Johnston took a more lenient view of the prisoner's case than the Government may have felt the facts warranted, he has, at all events, erred on the side of mercy. Our contemporary, the Spectator, is

constantly calling for "blood!" We are inclined to think the administration of justice is safer in the hands of the responsible Ministers of the Crown than elsewhere. A few years ago a man guilty of slaying a police officer in broad daylight was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years. A second man, who went armed to the theater with the intention of having a quarrel with the manager, shot that manager and was acquitted. The court room rang with cheers when the acquittal took place, and hundreds of people accompanied the man to his place of abode, as if he had been a hero. In the case of the man hanged in this city the other day the feeling of the majority was against him, and these three cases ought to show that justice cannot be safely trusted to popular impulse. The Spectator favors a course-at all events under the present Administration-which would deprive the Crown of the attribute of mercy, and prevent the law from being administered in accordance with the settled principles and usages of the British system.

The Spectator says that the present Minister of Justice has the reputation of being glad of the slightest technical excuse to save a murderer from the gallows. The present Minister of Justice has no such reputation, although the Spectator has endeavored to create that impression. The best test in these cases is the result of a considerable period of time taken together, and it will be found that the percentage executed of those who have been convicted is as large now as it was in former years. The fact is, the principles on which the Crown proceeds in the commutation of sentences are settled, and there cannot be any great variance in this regard, in results. Sometimes the case, as in that of Brown, may lie so near the border line that the Ministers may hesitate upon which side of that line, in their opinion, it falls; but this seldom happens, and so there can never be any very great variation in results.

Where the life of a human being is at stake, there ought to be moderation and fairness in the discussion of the administration of the law; but, under the present Administration, fairness is not known to the Spectator, 7.55 pounds; in British India, 2.4 pounds,

and so usually, in all capital cases where usage and the spirit of the law call for commutation, our Hamilton contemporary calls for "blood."

Clerical Cold Water.

Rev. Canon Dann, in his sermon to the militia on Sunday, threw cold water on the peace conference and rather doubted the efficacy of arbitration as a solvent of international disputes. The Hamilton Spectator discussed The Canon hardly says "amen" to the by his own Bishop. Here is the Canon's

"There seems to me nothing that can take the place of war, and really the best way to preserve peace is to be prepared for war. The proposition to keep peace by disarming the nations is nothing short of hoping to save property by getting rid of the police." Here is the prayer sanctioned by the

Bishop of Huron: "Almighty God, who hast made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, and who teachest men to be of one mind in a house, we beseech thee that as thou didst prescribe in the council of the blessed apostles, so thy Holy Spirit may abide in and with those who are now convened to promote peace and good-will among the nations of the earth. Enlighten their understandings; constrain their wills; touch and transform their hearts, and by thy almighty power make them to think and do the thing that pleaseth thee, so that by what thou mayest suggest, and they may devise, peace and happiness, truth and justice, may in all lands prevail, and thus the day be brought near when men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks, until all thy children being taught of the Lord, great shall be the peace of all kindreds and nations and tongues to the everlasting triumph of thy law of love, and the glory of thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our

The motives that inspired the present Peace Conference may not have been purely humanitarian, and its results may be nugatory, but at least it represents a noble idea. Or is it a noble idea—the idea of universal peace? Can civilization develop nothing higher and better in international relationship than exists today? Does a neutrality imposed by fear and force, and not by friendship, realize Christian ideals? If Christ came to earth would he uphold the sword as the arbiter of nations? Those who believe that universal peace is the goal of Christianity and civilization may be forgiven for thinking that the pulpit should be the last to discredit a movement which is directed toward that goal, though it may, and probably will, fall far short of it.

A Hollow Pretense.

We now hear a great deal from the Opposition about the sacred principle of representation by population. They say the Government have ignored and violated this principle in the new redistribution bill, and they hold up the gerrymander of 1882 as the incarnation of the great and glorious doctrine of

One member of the Commons to each 21,000 of the population is the supposed basis of representation, and it was on the specious plea of "equalizing" the population that scores of municipalities in Ontario were torn from their natural political associations and pitchforked into adjacent counties, with which they had previously had as on the Scotch verdict, the accused no community of sentiment or local interests. The pretense of equalizing was merely a cloak for the outrageous attack on popular rights. The populations of some of these "equalized"

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Where is the equality here? We venture to say that under the new redistribution the principle of representation by population will be more faithfully observed than under the present amorphous, arrangement.

Sir Hibbert Tupper will probably discover that the fire in Dawson City was Mr. Sifton's fault.

Holland has also adopted penny postage throughout her empire. Canada sets the pace for the world in imperial

In the ten months ending April 30, Canada's foreign trade was over \$14,-000,000 greater than in the corresponding period last year. A satisfactory feature is the increase in the importation of free goods-mostly raw material for our manufacturers.

The funniest development of the new redistribution bill is the sympathy which the Hamilton Spectator tenders to Toronto, because that city gets only four members—the same as at present. This is the first time a Hamilton paper ever shed a tear of compassion for Toronto, alias Hogtown. There is a good deal of the political crocodile about these weeps.

The London Times remarks that the average Englishman will be surprised to hear that he consumes annually about 300 pounds of iron and steel. That is the amount of iron and steel used every year averages 300 pounds per head. In South America the average 15 years ago was 13.5 pounds; in Egypt,

and in the remainder of Asia less than half a pound. The world's average is 32 pounds. There are infinite possibilities of expansion in the iron and steel in-

Amongst the wars of the last halfcentury the direct cost is computed as follows: The Crimean war, \$1,700,000,000: the Italian war of 1858, \$253,000,000; the Austro-Prussian war, \$330,000,000; the Franco-German war, \$2,533,400,000, and beautiful prayer for peace authorized the Turko-Russian war, \$1,290,000,000a total of over six billions of dollars for the five great European conflicts. The American civil war cost \$5,000,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 in loss of property.

> When farmers and shippers learn that British prices for Canadian produce govern the prices at home, they will take more care than is now their

> This is good advice and true, every word of it. But is it good tactics on the part of a Conservative paper to tell the farmer that the price of his products is fixed abroad? The farmer may well ask, If the tariff cannot increase the price of what I sell, and only increases the price of what I buy, wherein is the tariff to my advantage?

Germany's imports of meat and meat products rose from 48,850,000 marks in 1897 to 81,120,000 marks in 1898. With her growing industrialism, Germany is becoming more dependent on outside food supplies, and the attempt of the German agrarians to shut out foreign food products can only end in failure. A writer in the Contemporary Review gives a dismal picture of agriculture in Prussia. The land is in the hands of a few great owners, the bulk of the rural population being farm hands, whose average wage is one shilling and two pence per day, without keep. As a result, the people are leaving the land and crowding into the cities, while the landowners, unable to secure regular and ample help, are sinking under the burden of mortgages.

What Others Say.

Is This True?

[Christian Register.] Nowhere is the commercialism of the time more rampant than in many of

> A Surplus of Girls. [New York Post.]

The imperial expansion of Great Britain is having one unexpected and undesirable result. It is depleting the country of a valuable and energetic section of its manhood, while it leaves large number of women unprovided for. In twenty years the surplus of women over men in the United Kingdom has increased from a quarter of a million to a million and a quarter.

A New Verdict.

[Winnipeg Free Press.] A New York jury last week devised an improvement on the Scotch form of verdict, "Not proven." It was in a case of violation of the liquor law, and the jury, after a prolonged struggle with the evidence came into court with the verdict that they found the accused "Pretty nearly guilty." This was held to be a disagreement, and was discharged. It is not stated whether he was warned not to do it again.

> The Origin of Tips. [Brantford Expositor.]

Lord Russell of Killowen has introduced in the House of Lords his bill making it a criminal offense to give or receive secret commissions. The offense is classed as a misdemeanor, with a maximum punishment of two years at hard labor. The evil aimed at is great and growing, but no such legislation as that proposed will reach By the way, it is said that in English coffee houses in the olden time contribution box was placed against the wall, and it was customary for guests to drop in small donations for Over the box were the the waiters. Over the box words "To Insure Promptness." the initial letters comes the word "tip," with all its unpleasant associations.

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he asked, "be likely to hold a bridge against a whole army? "No sir," the boys answered.
"Would three Englishmen, for ex-

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