

EMIGRATION.—Emigrants to Brazil are warned by the experiences reported of those from Great Britain, who would have been wiser to come to the Canadian North-West. Up to now the failure of British immigration in Brazil has been appalling. Cananea had at one time 450 British colonists, whose survivors left in despair in 1878. There are now only three British families there in the forest without any road in any direction.

THE smallest, simplest and best

protected postoffice in the world is in the Straits of Magellan, and has been there for many years. It consists of a small keg or cask, and is chained to the rocks of the extreme cape, in the straits opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to take letters out and put others in. The postoffice is self-acting and unprovided with a postmaster, and is therefore under the protection of all the navies of the world. Up to the present time there has not been a single case reported in which any abuse of the privilege it affords has been taken.

PUBLIC OPINION.

THE LABOUR PROBLEM.—“The whole world is discussing with all its energies the great problem of labour. The whole world is agreed that the lower labourers—the men, that is, who depend mainly on their strength—do not receive enough to keep them civilized human beings.”—*The London Spectator*.

THE MORMONS IN UTAH.—At the recent elections, in Utah, the Mormons were defeated, partly on account of the new franchise laws. The criminal practices of the Mormons will probably be severely dealt with, and the consequence may perhaps be a new emigration. The Canadian Government will need to be upon its guard.

“ADVANCE AUSTRALIA.”—Sir Henry Parkes’ resolution that “the time has come for uniting the Australian Colonies under one Government” has been accepted, and a convention has been called to meet at Melbourne, in January, 1891, to draft a constitution. A step of great importance and promise to our world-wide empire.—*Salve Semper*.

THE weak point in the public school is its wholesaleness; pupils are marshalled and taught in platoons, sometimes in regiments. Impressions may be made on large numbers by orators, but in education there must be more than impressions; the impression must be developed something after the nature of the photograph, with infinite pains. The public school teacher is obliged, too, to follow a fixed course of procedure; and then, too, the memories of his pupils are examined to find whether he has laboured faithfully or not. It will be found that the best public schools follow the plans of management of the best private schools.—*Ex.*

WITH regard to the whole question of international copyright, we may yet echo with a variation Lewis Carroll’s words in “Sylvie and Bruno”:

However legal it may be
To take what never has been lent,
This style of business seems to me
Extremely inconvenient.

It is true there are signs of an awakening conscience. Far be it from us to discourage any such healthy process. We would only very humbly and very