

played to conduct the case, and as that gentleman happened just then to be at his country house, Pennant resolved to ride over after breakfast and put the affair at once into his hands. Fortunately, the selection of the law agent (Mrs. O'Mahony happening just then to be on intimate terms with him) met the full approval of his hostess, who indeed claimed, and was allowed to enjoy, the entire merit of the negotiation.

Circumstances as Pennant then was, it might have proved detrimental to his interests to displease her, for her assistance would be most probably required to discover some necessary witnesses, and it was only to be secured by a seeming compliance with all her wishes.

Whilst Rory Mahon and Pennant were closeted with Mr. Pepper Pincher and Sharp were holding court at Dunseverick. The events of the preceding day came like a thunder-clap on Pincher. Until the actual arrival of the claimant for his wife's estate, he flattered himself that it would have been impossible for him to appear, from the charge of high treason which hung over his head; but here was the dreaded individual actually in his presence, and his proceedings backed by the undivided support of public opinion.

Sharp had just been recounting all the news he could collect concerning the sayings and doings of the tenant. Pincher would have made examples of the most culpable amongst them, but the disaffection was so universal that it became impossible to select any one more criminal than another.

Old Carroll and his son would have been fitting persons to commence with, for they were particularly conspicuous in the warmth of their enthusiasm, and they were quite within reach of vengeance, for Sharp was the receiver and Pincher assumed the ownership of the estate on which they lived. But then, Rory Mahon was at Carroll's back, and they felt that an attack on him would but exhibit the desire for revenge without the power of executing it.

"One thing is certain," said Pincher, concluding the conference, "that no time must be lost in getting in the rents and arrears—and, for fear of the worst, the suit against Blake must be pushed at once to a sale, so that I may be able to have either the estate or the money—whichever may suit me best. It's always well, Sharp, to be prepared for a rainy day; and I'll have as much cash as I can in my pocket—you may depend upon it. Start at once, then—notice every tenant, and levy every shilling that's due—that will suit both my inclination and my interests. If they will oppose me, let them pay me—that's all—wasn't it fortunate?" he muttered, as he walked towards the windows, "that I had those d—d letters out of that rascal's hands before this, or he'd have made me pay a pretty sum for them now!" Perhaps, too, it's all as well that they were burned—I can swear I neither have nor destroyed them."

(To be continued.)

Bismarck.

BREITENBURG, February 21.—During the debate in the Reichstag to-day on the treaty of commerce between Germany and Austria, Bismarck said he was not altogether opposed to treaties of commerce, but every such engagement must provide protection for home industries. He had no wish to deny that he had changed his views on this subject, but in former times he had been influenced by the importance of preserving friendship with France, and preventing Austria from disrupting the Zollverein. Even now he should prefer to confine himself to a few custom duties, but he cited the opposition to the tobacco project to show that this was not impossible. He could afford to leave posterity to decide between himself and his financial critics.

The speech was very coldly received.

American Notes.

One herder, near Carson, Nevada, has nearly 2,000 Cashmere goats.

Gen. Bidwell's new poultry-yard near Chico, Cal., is to cover 100 acres.

In several parts of Pennsylvania crude oil is burned for heating purposes, as being cheaper than wood.

No scarce is the lobster becoming that the Maine legislature has been petitioned to protect it by rigid laws.

The Des Moines Register estimates that \$10,000,000 of property is annually destroyed by the rats of Iowa.

A member of the Missouri legislature has introduced a bill to prohibit playing marbles or croquet on Sunday.

Mrs. Clara S. Foltz is the first woman lawyer on the Pacific coast, she having just been admitted to the Bar in San Francisco.

All the Chinese have been driven from San Bernardino, Cal., and Los Angeles expects to be relieved of their presence by spring.

As late as 1835 tomatoes, now regarded as one of the choicest and most wholesome of esculents, were considered poisonous in New England.

A writer in the Cincinnati Gazette says that 17,000,000 gallons of alcohol is annually drunk in the United States in the shape of malt liquor.

A North Carolina officer reports that incomplete returns show the existence of 111,033 dogs in that State—about one dog for every three sheep.

Two women are training in San Francisco for a prize fight. They will wear thin gloves, in order not to violate California law, but otherwise the usual rules of the ring will be observed.

One of the Richmond papers actually objects to stocking the Virginia rivers with fish, on the ground that it would "encourage idleness among the people, who, being thus furnished with free food, would neglect agriculture."

The Senate Committee on Agriculture have commenced an examination of witnesses in regard to pleuro-pneumonia. The witnesses concurred that the country is free from this disease among cattle, except occasional cases on Long Island.

Mr. Lane's lecture in the Zion Methodist Church, New Haven, was interrupted by his arrest as a swindler. He had defrauded North-west negroes of \$400 by selling them shares in the mythical Great Boston Desecrated Cocomat, Coffee and Spice Manufacturing Co., and was about to repeat the operation in New Haven.

One of New Hampshire's oldest inhabitants died at the age of 115 years. It is related of him that, wanting a smart wife, he gave notice to two women that if they would come out and fight he would marry the winner. They complied, and he kept his word. How he got along, with the athletic winner is not known.

GOD-LIVER OIL AND LIME.—That pleasant and active agent in the cure of all consumptive symptoms, "Wills' Compound of Pure God-Liver Oil and Lime," is being universally adopted in medical practice. Sold by the proprietor, A. B. Wills, Chemist, Boston, and all druggists.

IRISH NEWS.

STONED.—Two Irish Catholic priests were stoned by a mob in Belfast.

OPINION.—The *Irishman* calls McMahon's resignation, "an act characteristic of his high sense of honor."

CURLING.—A Curling Club, the second in Ireland, has been established at Newtonards, and called the Kiltonga Curling Club.

TOM MOORE.—There is a great effort being made to do honor to the poet Thomas Moore, on the occasion of his centenary.

THE FREEMAN announces the death of John Quinlan, Esq., who so long and ably filled the editorial chair of the *Dublin Evening Post*.

LAUREL.—A magnificent screw steamer, 1,600 tons burthen, named the "Shahjehan," was launched from the Queen's Island, Belfast, this week, for the African Steam Navigation Company.

IRISH HISTORY.—Mr. Froude, the historian of "The English in Ireland," who has been accused by Mr. Lecky, in his "History of the Eighteenth Century," of wilful perversions of the truth, is understood to be preparing a reply.

IRISHMEN IN HULL.—A public meeting was called for the purpose of organizing an Irish National Committee to organize and canvass the Irish vote in Hull, in such a manner as to make its power felt at the next parliamentary election.

BODY FOUND.—The body of a man named Thomas Lazenby, one of the crew of an Arklow fishing smack, who has been missing since the 27th November last, was found floating in Kingston Harbour by coastguard men, and towed ashore on Monday.

SUNDAY CLOSING ACT.—A large meeting was held on Monday in Kilkenny to protest against the Sunday Closing Act. The Mayor presided, and the local brewers and licensed victuallers attended in a body. Resolutions strongly condemning the Act were passed.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT.—The Lord Lieutenant, speaking at the table of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, on Tuesday, said that already 200 schools had affiliated themselves under the Intermediate Education Act, and that at the first examination 5,000 candidates would present themselves.

WESTON CAUGHT CHEATING.—Sir John Astley, who made the wager that Weston could not walk 2,000 miles over English roads in a certain time, sent an agent to watch for deception. *Weston's Life* contains a letter from this agent, who says that Weston was caught riding in a wagon. Sir John refuses to longer countenance the affair.

LORD DUFFERIN.—The Earl of Dufferin paid a visit to Belfast Queen's College on Monday, and was presented with an address from the President, Vice-President and Professors. In the evening the students had a torchlight procession through the principal streets of Belfast in Lord Dufferin's honour.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.—The standard for Royal Artillery gunners in the British army has been raised to the height of 5 feet 10 inches, which has had the intended effect of nearly stopping the supply of recruits in that line. The lowest infantry standard is 5 feet 6 inches, which shuts out a great number of applicants of 5 feet 5 inches or thereabouts, the average height of candidates.

AN IRISH WORKINGMAN'S CLUB.—It is now proposed to establish a Workingman's Club in Dublin. The club might include a general room, a smoking-room, a refreshment-room, a billiard and bagatelle room, and attached to it might be a lending library for the use of members. It would be open on Sundays as well as week days, and various attractive forms of amusement and instruction might be organised in connection with it, such as readings, lectures, entertainments, &c.

ROYALTY.—Just now there is some talk of appointing the Duke of Connaught permanent Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and *apropos* thereof a paper like the *Daily News* does not hesitate to publish the statement that "a princely vicerey might be hailed as an instalment of justice to Ireland!" Nay, the *grave Spectator* publishes an article in which it suggests that the duke might become so popular that it might be necessary to recall him "in order not to excite false hopes in the Irish people!"

THE CURATE QUESTION.—The curate question in England is solved—at least where the parish work is light. It is proposed to the bishops that henceforth they accept laymen as readers of the ordinary prayers, except, of course, the absolution and the communion service. Many of their lordships are perfectly ready to do this, and it will do away with the need of many clergymen for poorly-paid curates. Laymen will do the work for nothing. But is that good news for the curates? They declare that poor wages is better than no demand for their services.

CHESS.—An extraordinary feat in chess-playing took place in Dublin at the close of last week. Herr Zukertort, the chess champion of Paris, played twelve games simultaneously against twelve selected Irish players. He sat with his face averted the whole time, giving directions for the moves, and frequently stating from memory the position of every piece on all the boards! Of his twelve antagonists he defeated no less than nine; in two cases it was a drawn game; and in one he was overthrown.

For the diocese of Raphoe the names of the Very Rev. Professor Logue, of Maynooth; Very Rev. Professor M'Devitt, of All Hallows; and the Very Rev. Charles O'Donnell, P.P. Ardara, were submitted. On a scrutiny it was found that Dr. Logue was all but the unanimous choice of the electors, having obtained eighteen votes, while Dr. M'Devitt and Father O'Donnell obtained but one vote each. Of course all three names will be sent on to Rome. We may here mention that the decision of the Holy See regarding the appointments of the vacant sees of Dublin and Ardagh is expected at the end of the present month, and that the most Rev. Dr. McCabe and the Right Rev. Mgr. Woodcock are named as certain to be the new prelates.

A REMARKABLE TRADE APPRENTICESHIP.—A general meeting of the members of the Stonecutters' Society of Cork was held last night at the society's room. A considerable number of the convicts at Spike Island were engaged in stone-cutting; of this number was Mr. James Dillon, a young Tipperary man, who was liberated recently after a protracted incarceration as a political offender, and though he knew nothing of the trade when he was sentenced, he left the prison with the assurance of the foreman that he could fill a situation in the outer world as a skilful workman.

His friends left his case before the committee of the Cork Stonecutters' Society, and though it is a rule of this body, hitherto inflexibly observed, that no person be admitted to membership who has not served the usual apprenticeship to the trade, and who cannot produce his indentures, the society last night, in view of the very exceptional circumstances of the case, unanimously decided to waive the rule in Mr. Dillon's favour, and to admit him to membership, considering as one of the members observed, that the twelve years he had sacrificed for his country formed a very sufficient apprenticeship.

GENERAL NEWS.

Twenty-five families of Mennonites in Manitoba cultivate 10,400 acres.

Switzerland is experiencing the hardest times she has seen in a quarter of a century.

It is said there will be a large exodus of farmers from the Ottawa district next spring to Manitoba.

The reported find of silver ore in paying quantities at the Carp, Ottawa Valley, turns out to be a hoax.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow reported three weeks ago that 25,000 persons in that city were destitute.

The contested election case for the constituency of the City and County of St. John, N.B., began yesterday.

Bandmaster Walsh of "B" Battery, Quebec, is very seriously ill, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Mr. Routhier, M.P. for Prescott, who has been sustained in his seat, was introduced to the Commons on Monday.

In a single county in Texas there are 650,000 sheep, a larger number than in any other county in the Union.

Joseph Boyce, ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin, died lately. He goes down to fame as the suppressor of Donnybrook Fair.

Tacks placed points upward on the floor are said to interfere with the movements of materialized spirits in Boston seances.

Lewis G. Goldsmith is to start from Boston next summer, in a boat eighteen feet long, to make a voyage round the world.

Sergt. Hornidge of the Ottawa Police force, lately dismissed for some irregularities in connection with "party rows," is to be reinstated.

Dr. Fisher, President of the St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., died last Friday morning in a fit while on his way to the University.

The awarding of the Rat Portage section of the Canada Pacific Railway has displeased a great many expectant contractors, and they are loud in their condemnation of the Government.

The annual ball of the officers and attendants at the London (Ont.) Asylum for the Insane took place last Thursday night, and was a very successful affair and largely attended by the citizens.

In the Supreme Court, the case of Chevier vs. the Queen is still in progress. The argument of Mr. J. R. Fleming, one of the counsel for the appellant, has lasted two days and is not yet finished.

Thirty-five hundred dollars is the amount of the bill sent in by Lord Beaconsfield to England for medical attendance at Berlin, whither his London doctor went to attend him.

The spirits who communicate with the living through the *Donner of Light* decline to tell where Stewart's body is. "We do not," says one, "propose to organize ourselves into a detective force."

Mr. Swift Johnson, a young American, has gained a scholarship at Trinity College, Dublin, and now the question arises can he being an alien, hold it? The case is to be argued by counsel before the university authorities.

Charles Reed, a noted desperado, who murdered three soldiers at Port Griffin, Texas, two years ago, was recently arrested at North Platte. The Governor of Texas telegraphed there was no money to pay the expenses of Reed's arrest and liberation him.

On January 1st the new act regulating the labor of children in factories came into operation in Berlin. All children employed in such places have, if under 14, to carry an official card, under a penalty of \$4 or three days' imprisonment. Children under 12 are not eligible for such employment.

There are two colored members in the Georgia Legislature, and the Atlanta Constitution reports that they set "an example of modest decorum" to their white associates. In that case it might be well to try the effect of a few colored legislators at Albany, Harrisburg, Trenton, Columbus and other Northern capitals.

A foolish young Buffonionian, wealthy, talented and a graduate of Princeton, follows Miss Anderson, the actress, round from place to place, watches her hotel window, and on "first nights" presents her with elegant baskets of flowers. Occasionally Miss Anderson will give him audience on the cars, when she tells him he is making a fool of himself.

Lord Chelmsford (eldest son of the late Lord Chancellor), who is in command in South Africa, has issued an interesting pamphlet in relation to the Zulus, whose fighting strength he estimates at 40,000. This is exclusive of a reserve corps of seven regiments of men over 60. All Zulu youths have to serve in the army, and no soldier may marry until he is 40. Out of 33 regiments, ten are of married and fifteen of single men.

Two disbelievers in the doctrine of eternal punishment applied for admission to the Congregational Church in Henniker, N. H. They were exemplary members, and desirable as members. The church voted almost unanimously to admit them, and to omit, on the occasion of their reception, the word "everlasting" in reading the confession of faith. The pastor warmly defends the course taken, but is censured by many leading New England Congregationalists.

Phelps, the eminent tragedian, was very kind to young actors in whom he detected merit. Twenty-two years ago such a one was introduced to him, and recited Othello's address to Desdemona. "Don't go on the stage, sir," said Phelps, "it is an ill-regulated profession." But the aspirant was undaunted. "Well," said the great actor, "come here and I'll give you \$2 a week to begin with," and the youth, now world-known as Henry Irving, accepted the offer.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

What Ireland has Contributed to its Greatness.

Cardinal Manning, speaking of how much Ireland has contributed towards the greatness of the British Empire, said:—

"Who had built up the mighty fabric of the commerce of England? and was it not the commerce of England that had really been the motive power by which the British Empire had been built up? Who were they who had toiled and labored? Were they only Scotchmen and Englishmen? No; the Irish race had been in the midst of the industry, the toil, and the labor. Who were those brave men who on the plains of India and on the mountains of the North had carried inwards and outwards the boundaries of that great power? Who were those brave soldiers who never drew a foot back in the moment of peril; and who had spread throughout the mighty continent where they were 240,000,000 souls under England's sway? They, the children of St. Patrick, had been in the foremost ranks! They stood together and did their duty; and what they called the British Empire was the great structure and fabric they had helped to build up."

ANOTHER LEAF FROM THE PAST OF MONTREAL.

It did not take the good cure long to prepare this simple, ardent soul, for admission to the Church. The necessary preliminaries were soon over, and in the course of the week Tom made his first confession, and was baptized, your humble servant standing as sponsor, although, indeed, there was no need of a godfather in this case, as the man was capable of answering for himself, but simply to conform to the ancient rule or custom.

I am certain you would laugh, to see my godson towering like a giant above me. But ah! his humble faith, his ardent joy, is truly edifying, "to know," as he himself says, "that he is admitted to sail in Admiral Peter's flagship."

I have had the greatest difficulty in persuading both of these men to allow me to take charge of their wardrobe, as they are positively in need of everything. But our old friend took them in hand and carried the day, as he generally does.

He actually superintended the tailor's work, when ordering their rig, and was most particular regarding the texture and quality of each article, so that the national dress of their respective nations would be adhered to.

I have requested Monsieur le Cure to give them to our care while they are here, which, thanks to our mother's liberal allowance of money, we are able to share with our fellow beings, and it will be some weeks before a vessel will leave for England, or France, and they are now domesticated with us in the hotel.

Before introducing them into the house, we sent for Mr. Rascoe, and stated to him the facts of the case, and that we wished private apartments and separate attendance for them, as they might attract the unpleasant notice of other residents in the house, for they were just the other side of society that compose the habits of the hotel. He gave a little impatient shrug and replied, "Well, gentlemen, it will only be an additional expense to yourself, and so long as these men conform to the rules of my house they will be treated with the same attention and respect that you yourselves are." With this, of course, we were perfectly satisfied.

Our sailor friends attract universal attention in the hotel, and it was well we had secured private rooms, and quiet, seclude, old-fashioned waiters to attend on them, who knew their business too well to take any notice of Tom's droll bursts of nautical humour. His fun had to find vent for itself, or, seriously, I think the poor fellow would begin to fret and grow despondent, for "Jack ashore" is truly a fish out of water.

There are several families here for the winter, who prefer hotel life to the trouble of housekeeping. The children of these (number, only twenty-four) make the halls and corridors alive with beauty and life. With them Tom is a five curiosity and special favorite: they watch for, and pounce on him, each one eager to have the first claim on his attention and clamorous for one of his stories of the sea. Even the older people gather around outside the childish group, and listen with infinite pleasure. One little dark-eyed fairy, Claire St. Croix, is Tom's great favorite. It is really amusing to watch all her little arts and manoeuvring to outwit the others, in securing particular attention and tales for herself. She will leave all the childish games and romps and hang round the halls and corridors the better to monopolize him, and if he is going out will rally forth with him chattering her musical broken French to him until they reach Notre Dame de Bonsecours, where Tom spends many an hour.

The little creature will sit patient and quiet, not daring to disturb his silent devotions until he is ready to leave himself, and then all her vivacity returns, and it would take an expert linguist to understand the mixture of French and English that flows from her tongue. Our host Rascoe, who generally passes with an air of silent contempt all his boarders and householders condescended to salute my godson to-day. Whether it is the perfect unconcern that hangs around him, or the subtle, unseen, but nevertheless felt, geniality with which he is endowed, would be hard to say, but Tom attracts us all.

This evening quite a scene took place in the house. I told you, I think, that there are several regiments stationed here, some of them called crack regiments, or the flower of the British army. They are offered by noblemen from the higher circles of English society; many of them are younger sons of Marquis, or my Lord, that, for whom a commission has been purchased. They are sent abroad with their regiments, carrying along with them their families, views, airs and insufferable arrogance, which they condescend to exhibit to the Canadian colonists or whoever else they may honour by their notice.

At the balls and evening entertainments, given by many of the leading industrial families here, I have met a great many of these scions of nobility, whose liping air of dandyism and extreme fastidious politeness, is sufficient to throw a damper on the gayest party that ever met for amusement.

True, there are exceptions; some of these uniformed gentlemen are gentlemen, in every sense of the word, but they are like "angel's visits," few and far between.

One of these walking titles, for he is heir to three different high sounding names, has an immense rent-roll to squander as he wills, has a suite of rooms in the hotel. This evening quite a jovial party of his brother officers were assembled. As the "wee wee" hours grew on, their fun waxed loud and uproarious, until the noise became offensive to all on the same flat, and indeed, it reached the more remote parts of the spacious house. Mine host Rascoe sent a polite request for them to restrain themselves and their mirth within bounds, as the house was disturbed by them. Cheers and shouts of derision met his request. One of the party was giving as a toast two daughters of a gentleman, at whose house they had been frequently entertained. "Here's to the pale ale and brown stout of noted celebrity." His drunken companions response was interrupted by the rapid entrance of Rascoe himself, whose fiery Italian temperament could ill brook the reception his message had received.

"I sent you a message to behave yourselves and make less noise. I thought I had gentlemen to deal with, but I was mistaken. I am looking at nothing but drunken brutes. Out of my house, every one of you!" he exclaimed pointing to the door.

"Fellow," said the giver of the feast, who was seated at the head of the table, "do you know who you are addressing, I am Lord Edward de M. son of the Duke of S."

"I do not care who you say you are, or what title your father may carry, but out of my house you go; this instant, you and your 'boon companions'!" At this moment Lord Edward lifted a heavy crystal goblet, and aimed it straight at the head of the infuriated Italian. It skimmed past him and sent fragments an immense mirror on the opposite side of the room.

"Instantly," was his confusion. Certainly Rascoe was a brave man, and he needed all his courage to stand alone among these half-

drunk men, whose worst passions were aroused by being commanded to leave the house in so peremptory a manner, by one they considered so much beneath them.

"You'll go out yourself first, my good fellow," said the titled ruffian, raising the window and attempting to force the little figure of the Italian towards it, but he reckoned without his host.

One of the double windows had been removed that same day by his own orders, the better to cool the air of the apartment. Just then Tom, who had heard the crash of glass, came on the scene, and lifting his lordship in his powerful grasp, dropped him in the street beneath, as he would a puppy dog, saying "that is the way to pay off your creditors like you; shove them out of the post holes. They say misery likes company," and taking another of the bawlers just as if it was child's play to him, sent him flying after his boon companion, while he shouted down to him "give Lord fiddle-faddle, Tom Pringle's compliments; tell his lordship Tom is his lordship's most humble-come-awhile, from the top most to the lowest hold, and I wouldn't like to fall any further for any one."

The remainder of the party doubtless thought discretion the better part of valor, for they found the way without delay, or even escort, to the street, where no doubt they picked up, and carried to some of their lodgings or quarters, their late host.

I fully expected that they would have Rascoe and Tom arrested next day for ejecting them in such an abrupt manner, but that was the last we heard from them, and Rascoe declared, "no man in the army, no matter how high he stood in the service, or what titles he might carry in the world, would be domesticated in his house."

His servants and employees seem to stand rather in awe and fear of him, which would lead one to suppose he is rather tyrannical. But whatever his faults are, he has shown to Tom that he remembered him with gratitude, for he presented him with a handsome silver watch, and a dainty little compass, suitable for the pocket.

I suppose you have often read about the old French city of Quebec, I hear from a lady who is sojourning here with her husband and family, Monsieur St. Croix, that the city itself and environs would be worth visiting.

To the Professor and myself, the visit will be very interesting; to me, it will be the sequel of all my history lessons concerning Canada, and its French settlers. You remember with what pleasure we used to follow the accounts we read of the early missionary fathers in their planting the Christian faith among the Indians, and in the heart of the wilderness.

We will join the family party of Mr. St. Croix, and take along with us our sailor friends, much to the delight of *le petit Claire*, who tells her mama that all Tom's stories will be for herself now. The mode of conveyance is a stage, or covered sleigh, large enough to hold comfortably ten or a dozen persons. They change horses at the different post stations on the way. On the whole, we anticipate quite a pleasant time for us all.

I will close the diary until I commence again from Quebec. Adios.

A. BERT.

The Russian Plague.

BERLIN, February 21.—At the sitting of the Medical Society, Dr. Hicken declared that the epidemic in Astrakhan is Eastern plague. The plague was not more serious than the cholera.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 21.—Gen. Molokoff telegraphs that not a single case of the epidemic exists throughout his jurisdiction. The military cordons isolating the different villages have been abolished; the general cordons only is retained.

BERLIN, February 21.—The *Official Gazette* confirms Gen. Molokoff's favorable report, and says it is believed that after ten days the northern portion of Astrakhan may be safely declared relieved from quarantine, as it will then have been free from sickness for 42 days.

Russian papers continue to report epidemics, especially diphtheria, of which they say 700 persons died in the village of Bakoff, and 6,528 in the districts of Mirgorod and Poltava in the past three years. There has been a death from Siberian plague in the hospital at St. Petersburg.

St. Patrick's Society, Sillery.

At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of St. Columba, of Sillery, held on the 18th February, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That in his death this society has lost a faithful member, and his bereaved family a protector.

Resolved, That while humbly submitting to God's holy will, we cannot but express our deepest regret at the loss our society has sustained in his death.

Resolved, That this society tender their heartfelt sympathy to the family and relations of the deceased in this, their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be published in the *Morning Chronicle* and *Daily Telegraph*, Quebec; the *Post*, Montreal, and *Irish Canadian*, Toronto.

(Signed),

JOHN T. MANNIX,
Vice-President.
JAMES O'BRIEN,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of St. Columba, of Sillery, held on the 18th of February, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, This society has been called upon to mourn the loss of its late Treasurer, Patrick Molloy, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death this society has been deprived of one of its most zealous members, and of a most worthy and efficient officer.

Resolved, That, while bowing with submission to the will of Divine Providence, we feel a deep and inexpressible grief at his death.

Resolved, That we tender to his family and relatives the expression of our sincere sympathy in this their hour of affliction, and pray that God may enable them to bear with resignation their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be published in the *Morning Chronicle* and *Daily Telegraph*, Quebec; the *Post*, Montreal, and *Irish Canadian*, Toronto.

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JOHN T. MANNIX,
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JAMES O'BRIEN,
Secretary.

TO CLEAN KID GLOVES.—Get one pint of ammonia and it will clean six pairs. Wash as if you were washing a rag, and rinse in clean water; when rinsed put on the hands; they dry in a few minutes; lay them in your glove box with a little perfume. Another—Put gloves on the hand and rub with a flannel cloth dipped in gasoline.

INTERESTING EVENT AT LACHINE.

To the REV. FATHER PICHÉ, Parish Priest of Lachine: