

COUNT GLEICHEN is moulding a bust of Mary Anderson for the Prince of Wales.

MISS SALLY PRATT MCLEAN, author of "Cape Cod Folks," is bringing out another volume under the title of "Some Other Folks."

SAYS the *Christian Advocate*: "Longfellow said, 'in the world a man must be either anvil or hammer.' He was wrong, however. Lots of men are nothing but bellows."

It is said that Dr. Hodgins, Deputy Minister of Education, is engaged in the composition of a record of the Educational Administration of the late Dr. Ryerson.

MR. GEORGE W. CABLE has become a public reader, influenced by the splendid successes he has lately been scoring in this field. He has put himself into the hands of a manager, and will devote most of his time to public readings.

THE husband of Sarah Bernhardt, M. Damala, made a great and unexpected success in Paris the other night, appearing in a new play entitled "Le Maître de Forges." The *Gaulois* speaks of M. Damala as a great genius, probably much to the surprise of M. Damala.

A BUYER in a London book-store inquired, some years ago, whether he could find there a complete edition of "Robert Herrick's Poems" in neat and small form. "'Errick, 'Errick?" said the book-seller, reflectively. "We avn't any party of that name. But may be he writes under a *nom de plume!*"

THE "Life and Letters of Princess Alice," says a London correspondent, reveals a close friendship between Princess Alice and Strauss. The book shows that the Princess had a fine literary faculty, and was a severe thinker. She assisted Strauss in the composition of his work on Voltaire, though she did not fully endorse Strauss's religious views.

THEODORE TILTON is busy at literary work in the retirement of the Quartier Latin, Paris. He says he has not had a vacation for years, and his portfolio is full of unfinished work. Now he has sought an opportunity of completing some of his undertakings, and will remain quiet in Paris all winter, except for a run to Rome.

It is related of Tennyson that at the famous luncheon party on Sir Donald Currie's yacht in the harbour of Copenhagen he asked the Empress of Russia and the Princess of Wales by what title he ought rightly to address them. "I do not know," he said, "what I ought to call you." "Oh," said the Princess, "there is no difficulty; Minnie and Alec, to be sure."

THE following anecdote of Schopenhauer will not lower him in the eyes of the by no means inconsiderable class of persons who fail to endorse Mrs. Stowe's enthusiastic affection for Lady Byron. "THE GOSSIP" never experienced any marked feeling of good will toward Schopenhauer until he met with this anecdote of him: Schopenhauer used to go every day to a *table d'hôte* at which now and then appeared other distinguished visitors. Once Lady Byron sat next to him. "Doctor," said the host after she had left, with a twinkle in his eye: "doctor, do you know who sat next to you at the table to-day? It was lady Byron." "Why the deuce did you not tell me this before?" replied Schopenhauer. "I should have liked to be rude to her." "That was what I feared," said the host: "and for that reason I kept it quiet."

CHRONICLE OF THE WEEK.

DOMESTIC.—A demon has entered into the camp of the Salvation Army in Kingston.—The Anglican Missionary societies have asked for \$50,000 for the coming year.—At Guelph, a pullman car conductor has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment.—A man named Yates was asphyxiated at the Rossin House, and has since died. There is something said of a newly-devised gas-burner which guarantees immunity from accident by closing the escape-way of the gas, should an incautious person blow out the flame.—No clue has yet been obtained of the murderer of the old woman at the Humber.—The Quebec embroglio is a fruitful source of rumour: there was a statement afloat last week that M. Mercier had been invited to enter the Provincial Cabinet, but had refused.—Some of the border American cities are raising their voices against what they characterize as Toronto's habit of making a dumping ground of their communities for the desolate and the needy. A vagrant arrested in Buffalo the other day, said that the City of Toronto had paid his way thither to get rid of him.—Mrs. Jessie Bernum, of London, attempted to commit suicide on Monday last, by taking an ounce and a half of laudanum. She at once fell into a comatose state, but prompt medical aid saved her life.—On Tuesday last a son of Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, was

fatally shot.—Burglars are busy in Ottawa. In one depredation their booty amounted to nearly \$3,000.—Some of the dynamiters in Buffalo and other American cities are said to be taking means to avenge the hanging of the murderer O'Donnell, and they have put abroad the report that they will take revenge on certain things Canadian, making Toronto their base of operations. A murder-talking ruffian named McBride has been making threats, in Buffalo, against Canada, and some of the newspapers have been giving undeserved prominence to the braggadocio. It is from these that the story comes, also, of the contemplated attack on the Ottawa government buildings, and the proposal to capture the Governor-General. Some think that the taking of the Marquis of Lansdowne is to be attempted while festivities are at their highest during the Yacht Club ball. This latter supposition has grown in many places into conviction, and some ladies have decided not to attend the ball in consequence.—Another of Newfoundland's historically bitter and fatal riots has occurred in Harbour Grace, in which three persons were killed, and a great many severely wounded. As usual the collision was between Orangemen and Roman Catholics. The regulation riot weapons in Newfoundland are a boat-hook and a sealing-gun, the latter loaded with about seven "fingers" of "swoil" shot.—M. Lacoste, who, a reform paper states, is M. Senecal's legal adviser, has been elevated to the Senate.—Admirers of Sir George E. Cartier, in Montreal, have proposed to erect a monument to the memory of the deceased statesman.—On Christmas day Patrick McCarthy of Toronto, was choked by a piece of meat while eating his dinner.—The proprietor of a Hamilton store now receives all visitors to his establishment after the doors are closed and the lights are out, in a trap. One such visitor, however, filed his way out of the toils.—The Vicar-General of Quebec has issued a manifesto against intriguing publicists in the ancient city, and much spleen and rebellious muttering against "ecclesiastical interference" are the result.—The usual rumour of rivalry between M. Chapleau and Sir Hector Langevin is abroad, but if smoothness of temper and *savoir faire* can make the difficulty between these two gentlemen naught, then naught will it be. But then it must be remembered that one Frenchman will shoot another with absolute grace and courtesy.—Hon. G. W. Ross, the new Ontario Minister of Education, declares that he will have but one series of school readers, and it is believed that he will cause such a set to be prepared by a body of experts.—There are some counterfeit \$5 notes of the British North America Bank afloat. In the counterfeit the "1st" is omitted in front of "July, 1877," and the paper has a murky appearance.—A sportsman's convention is soon to be held in Toronto.—A bridge over the Niagara River, at Lewiston, is one of the proposals of the hour.—Bishop Baldwin, of Huron, offers the first vacant preferment in his diocese to Dr. Wilson, who has been dismissed from the Kingston parish.—An appalling collision occurred on Wednesday morning, near High Park, between a suburban train and G.T. train, whereby fifteen persons lost their lives and a number received serious injuries. The killed and injured were workmen who were proceeding from the city to a bolt factory in the suburb. The accident is attributed to criminal heedlessness by the despatcher of the G.T. train.

FOREIGN.—The Paris press does not relish the idea of British intervention between France and China.—An infernal machine exploded in Birkenhead on Monday last.—Rumours still float about to the effect that Hicks Pasha's army is safe.—Lord Dufferin has advised the dispatch of Turkish troops to the Soudan. The earl is steering through the rocks with such caution that India is as good now as assured to him. After he has been viceroy then nothing will remain for him but to die.—On thanksgiving day a "crank" attempted to murder President Arthur.—Chinese troops have been ordered to the Tonquin frontier.—American bishops have refused to meddle in the question of fenianism, but fenianism now means murder, and the commandment says "Thou shalt not kill."—The Grand Duke Nicholas made a dashing but ineffectual attempt to escape from confinement.—Again a report is published of inhuman treatment to Nihilist prisoners. At Silvertown a terrific wind storm set in on Dec. 19, and raged furiously for six days, and proved the most disastrous to life ever known there. Of fifty persons seriously injured in the Virginus mine on Friday, three have died, making nine in all. A miner named Breet Walla was buried in a snow slide at the head of Clementi creek, and cannot be found till spring. Two men were caught in a snow slide near Irontown, and carried 15,000 feet down a mountain side. When extricated they were frozen from the waist down, the flesh opening in seams. They cannot recover. A train of twenty-five freight cars at Monument was overturned by the high winds on Tuesday, and a number of cattle killed. In another slide from the mountains fourteen miners were buried, eight of whom were dead when extricated.