

serene heights of a looker-on the single soul may share the pains and comfort the sorrows of the weary, the heart-stricken, and the erring. Independence, too, has a great charm. The single person may roam where he lists, may range to the end of the earth without fear of having his heart-strings tugged at, or feeling himself dragged back by family ties and duties. For him there are no harrowing deathbeds, no bitter watchings and anxieties, no agonising fear of ruin for the sake of those cherished ones dependent on him. Calm and confident, he knows that Fate cannot harm him; for it is only through our affections that we are vulnerable. He knows what he has surrendered, but he does not regret it; his privations have been keenly felt, but they have brought him a great possession—the peace of contentment, an abiding and satisfying joy.—*The World.*

NEWS SUMMARY.

LAW, MEDICINE, &c.

The mosquito is now charged with acting as the medium of transferring the *filaria sanguinolenta* from the blood of one person to that of another, and thus diffusing disease.

A Paris paper tells a story of a barber's apprentice in Hungary who cut his throat because a girl would not marry him. He was taken to the hospital at Ratisbon and cured. It subsequently proved that the operation his larynx had undergone had given him a fine tenor voice, which he improved by practice, and he has lately been engaged at the Opera House in Vienna.

A remarkable, and very successful operation in Ophthalmic Surgery performed quite recently in Syracuse, by Dr. Van Duyn of that city, is attracting considerable attention among the medical fraternity here, and deserves public attention. It seems an employé at the Geddes Rolling Mill, named Reynolds, had a quantity of molten iron dashed into the eye, a few weeks ago, and when the wound healed, it was found that the eyelid had grown quite firmly to the conjunctiva. Dr. Van Duyn separated the unduly adhering membrane with a knife, thereby necessarily removing a part of the conjunctiva, or mucous membrane of the eye. In anticipation of this loss the doctor had a rabbit in readiness, under the influence of ether, and at this stage of the operation took a piece of the conjunctiva from one of the insensible animal's eyes and immediately placed it upon that of the injured man, where it speedily adhered and now has become a part of a human eye. The life of the rabbit which thus contributed to human happiness, was humanely taken before it recovered consciousness.

ART, SCIENCE AND LITERATURE.

Mr. Edison has resumed work in his laboratory, but has not regained his accustomed health.

Mr. Hepworth Dixon was thrown from his horse in Cyprus, and sustained a fracture of the collar bone.

Jean Jacques Fazy, the Swiss statesman and political economist, and Samuel Phelps, the actor, died last week.

Mr. Buck, of Meriden, Conn., has made, of fifteen grains of gold and silver, a perfect steam-engine, which will run for twenty minutes, with the steam generated from three drops of water.

An inspection of the famous Milan Cathedral, recently made by a royal commission shows that it is on the way to ruin, owing to the character of the stone used in its construction, which is unable to resist the local atmospheric conditions.

The telephone has lately been used successfully, in France, to communicate between a vessel being towed and one towing. The wire was carried along one of the hawsers, and completed through the copper on the bottom of the ships and the water. Conversation was carried on very distinctly.

M. Gustave Doré is reported to be contemplating a visit to this country, in order, says a London journal, "to inspect some of its wonders—such as the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, the Rocky Mountains, the Yosemite Valley and Niagara." So far as the Rocky Mountains and the Yosemite Valley are concerned, some friends might suggest to M. Doré that Mr. Bierstadt has already stolen his thunder.

The simultaneous discharge of two of the 38-ton guns on board the "Dreadnought," of the Isle of Wight, caused the whole ship to keel to port two degrees. The whistles jumped out of the voice tubes, the glass out of the sashes fell in showers, and the faces of the tele- talcs and engine-room telegraphs were also fractured. No indications of distress, however, was observed in the structure of the ship itself.

When young Behm, the editor of the "Geographical Year Book," was married, the late Dr. Petermann planned, as his wedding present, a globe to serve as a butter-dish. On this globe a map of the earth was carefully engraved, the diameter of the dish being about four inches. But to enhance the delicacy of the idea, the route which the bride and groom would take on their wedding trip was carefully set down, and the names of the places where they were to stay were noted.

The process of levelling the ground for a Central Railway Terminus at Strasburg has led to the discovery of very many stone coffins, evidently dating from the Roman period, a discovery which confirms the belief long entertained that this place was the site of a Roman burial-ground. Canon Straub, the President of the local Historical Society, who takes a great interest in all such matters, has obtained from the military authorities the assistance of several pioneers, and is making much deeper excavations at the new Central Station in the hope of laying bare the whole plan of the Roman cemetery and of discovering some objects of special interest to antiquaries.

RELIGIOUS.

During the season that has just closed over two thousand Mormons have left Liverpool for Utah.

Mr. Sankey, the evangelist, has arrived in England, throughout which, it is said, he thinks of making a religious tour.

The Bishop of Gibraltar has been offered, by a nonconformist congregation, one thousand Greek Testaments for distribution in Cyprus.

Principal Grant states that over \$140,000 of the \$150,000 required for the endowment fund of Queen's College, Kingston, had been subscribed. A good four months' work.

The size of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Patrick, New York, may be imagined from the fact that more than 20,000 persons assembled on its floor the other night at the church fair.

Two coloured missionaries named Richardson and Johnson, who were formerly slaves in the Southern States, have just left London, England, for work in Central Africa. They were educated at Mr. Spurgeon's lay college.

The Right Rev. Laurence Gillooly, D.D., Bishop of Elphin, Ireland, has been appointed Delegate Apostolic to the United States and Canada in the stead of the late Bishop Conroy, Dr. Gillooly has been on the Episcopal Bench since 1856.

The final revision of the New Testament by the American and English revisers will be finished in a course of a year, and will probably be published soon after, in advance of the Old Testament, the revision of which will not be completed for some years.

The Old Catholic congregation at Vienna have succeeded, after many rebuffs, in receiving their legal authorisation from the Government, and they have at once elected a permanent parish priest, in the person of Herr Schwetter, a religious teacher from Moravia, who was installed on the 29th ult. in the Salvator Church. The new Church Council was at the same

time installed, and both Pfarrer and councillors made a public profession of attachment to the Old Catholic cause. Legal disabilities are now removed, and the Old Catholic priest can baptise, marry, and bury without fear of the consequences.

The American Baptists have opened a new church in Rome near the Valle Theatre. All the evangelical ministers, the members of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Rev. Mr. Taylor, at the head of the Baptist Mission, took part in the services.

The proposed Methodist Ecumenical Council meets with favour in Ireland. This conference, if carried out, would represent a community of about 15,000,000 people, of whom about 4,000,000 are recognised church members, together with about 30,000 ministers and 60,000 lay preachers.

The Primitive Methodist Church of England is considered the poorest Christian community in that country, and yet it raised last year \$150,000 for missionary purposes. This was an average of one dollar for every member of the denomination, and a higher average than that of most of the wealthier denominations.

One of the speakers at the recent English Church Congress stated that some years ago an Anglican sisterhood went over to the Church of Rome in a body. The statement is confirmed by Canon Oakley (Catholic), who says: "After going through a short novitiate at Paris, they worked under me till called to Ireland, where they have ever since been living a most holy and devoted life in the County of Leitrim as Franciscans of the third order inclosed."

The *Whithall Review* has published a third list of "Rome's Recruits" from the Church of England. It is six columns long, and among the names are those of Viscountess Bury, daughter of the late Sir Allan McNab; the two daughters and two sons of Bellew, the elocutionist; Colonel Blair, Royal Scots Fusiliers; the Earl of Abingdon's son and daughter; the immortal Alfred Bunn; William Bond, a Cornish gentleman, with four sons, all priests, and four daughters, all nuns; William Farren, the actor; Mrs. William Froude, the historian's sister-in-law; Miss Head, daughter of Sir Edmund Walker Head; Matthew Higgins; the Princess de Ligne; Frank Marshall, the dramatic author; John Oxenford; and earls, lords, baronets, peeresses, generals, admirals, esquires, curates, rectors, and gentlemen and ladies of all ranks.

The Rev. Edwin Long, of Philadelphia, preached last Sunday morning in the Willett Street M. E. Church on a text from the parable of the Prodigal Son:—"He joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields." An upright tin frame, 12 feet high and 5 feet wide, behind the pulpit supported a canvas, on which was a painting illustrative of the text. The prodigal was represented ragged and apparently disheartened, kneeling abjectly at the feet of a lord of the East. The canvas was so arranged as to move like that of a panorama. The idea is to impress the mind by engaging both the ear and eye at the same time to a contemplation of the same subject. Mr. Long began to use this method of illustrating his sermons twenty years ago, when he was appointed General Agent of the American Tract Society. He has exhibited his pictures to more than 700 churches in twenty-two States. During the past year, in response to numerous applications, he has duplicated his 200 pictures, and has sent copies for the use of churches throughout the country.

UNITED STATES.

Twenty-eighth of November is Thanksgiving Day.

Up to the 28th ult., the total number of deaths in the yellow fever districts was 10,680.

It is reported that Chinese are to be imported to Rye Beach, N.H., next spring, to work in the hotels and boarding-houses, and also on the farms.

Mr. Maurice Delfosse, the Belgian Minister at Washington, has engaged himself to a New York young lady, and the wedding will be one of the social events of the winter.

In the next United States Senate, supposing the Legislature of Nevada to be carried by the Democrats, the relative strength of the two parties will be:—Republicans, 32; Democrats, 41; Independent, 1.

Sir Edward Thornton has addressed a note to Secretary Evarts conveying the thanks of the British Government for the cordial manner in which Vice-Admiral Inglefield was received by the authorities of Newport, R.I.

Courtney, the oarsman, is hard at work at his trade of carpentry in Union Springs, N.Y. While raising a heavy stone to go into the foundation wall of an addition to his shop the other day, he was heard to say:—"If I had made that \$50,000 at Lachine which some people tell of, I shouldn't be working like this." During the last season Courtney and his brother bought the boat-house of the disorganized Union Springs Rowing Club, and have just moved it to make an addition to their saw-mill.

The St. Paul Press says that there are 28,000 acres of amber sugar-cane planted in Minnesota this year. Last year there were 21,000 acres, and the yield of syrup was about 140,000 gallons. It is expected the yield this year will be proportionately increased. The yield of syrup is from 140 to 280 gallons per acre. The Press also thinks that the time is not distant when Minnesota will not only produce all the sugar, syrup and vinegar that is needed for home consumption, but will have immense quantities for export.

Mountain ash trees in the vicinity of Boston, whose leaves had fallen several weeks before, put forth new ones last week. Lilacs blossomed for the second time in Springfield, and a second crop of wild raspberries was gathered in various parts of Massachusetts. At Litchfield, Conn., a few days ago, a branch was taken from a crab-apple tree with fruit-buds and blossoms on it. Strawberries, equal in size and flavor to those gathered in June, were found in abundance in many parts of New Jersey, and from all parts of New York have come stories of spring in autumn, quite confusing to the almanac-makers.

A statue of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson has recently been erected in Capitol Square, Richmond. The statue is of bronze, life-size, and stands upon a pedestal six feet high. The figure is clothed in the Confederate uniform, but otherwise there is nothing about the monument to suggest that it represents other than a private citizen. The following inscription is carved upon the pedestal:—"Presented by English gentlemen as a tribute of admiration for the soldier and patriot, Thomas J. Jackson, and gratefully accepted by Virginia in the name of the Southern people, A.D. 1875, in the 100th year of the Commonwealth of Virginia."

GREAT BRITAIN.

Thames boatmen are experimenting with Canadian canoes.

German clerks are beating Englishmen out of the field in the London banks, being such good linguists.

Earl Kimberley thinks the continual drawing of business to London a great misfortune, and likely to prove a national calamity.

The Metropolitan Board of Works is going to give the Jablochhoff light a three months' trial on the Victoria embankment. The first ray of it will fall on Cleopatra's needle.

The imprisoned Directors of the City of Glasgow Bank will not be seen in public again until they are tried in the Justiciary Court, probably at Edinburgh in December or January.

The civic authorities of Colchester have an annual "Oyster Feast" in the month of October, under the presidency of the Mayor, and manage to dispose of a large quantity of the celebrated "natives."

Mr. Gladstone, in acknowledging the receipt of a tract on "Irish Grievances," says:—"Though desirous of doing for Ireland the little good I can, I am afraid the prospects of its being done do not improve."

Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., has been presented by the Bristol Good Templars with a resolution acknowledging his services in the cause of Temperance, and asking him to continue his political connection with Bristol.

The Registrar-General of London, in one of his weekly reports, gives the population of the cities of the world having over a quarter of a million of inhabitants, as follows:—First comes London, with its 3,577,304 people; next is Paris, with its 1,988,806; New-York, with its 1,084,528, and its close neighbour or partner, Brooklyn, with 549,438; and then Berlin, with 1,019,620 inhabitants. Philadelphia has its 876,118; Vienna, 727,271;

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