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We are aware that the foregoing planks of the present Canadian political parties. But we believe they will both have to ge nearer and more near to the ADVERTISER'S platform with every succeeding year.

London, Saturday, April 4.

God's in His heaven, All's right with the world. -[BROWNING.

MR. MEREDITH'S DECLARATION During the whole of the Dominion election campaign the Opposition leader in the Ontario Legislature uttered not a word to show what were his opinions regarding the issues at stake, but last night in the House he asserted that the Liberals were not sucressful because they did not have faith in

Mr. Meredith is mistaken. He misrepresents the position of those Liberals and Conservatives who are opposed to the high

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The opponents of the combine system, of which our former townsman is apparently in admirer, have faith in their country; the trade restrictionists, by word and by deed have shown that they do not have faith in Canada or the Canadians. They have represented the people of the Dominion as \* poor, puny crowd, unable to hold their swn in a fair field of competition with their peighbors. To help the combines, they have asserted that only by taxing one section of the population can another section make a living. Is the preaching of these

doctrines an evidence of faith in Canada? On the other hand, the opponents of trade restriction-the great mass of are Liberals - believe that this would be a grand country, that it would advance by leaps and bounds, that its vacant lands and empty factories would be tenanted at a very early date if trade were not artificially harassed by the

Thus the Liberals show that they have faith in the men who profess to have no faith in their countrymen—indeed, make that simulated condition of fearfulness the first plank in their party platform.

-Tennyson's last poem, "A Song," was paid for at two gumeas a word; but spring poetry writers are respectfully reminded that all cannot be Tennysons. OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

lic schools, being the schools of the masses should have the first care of the Government and of the local authorities. In so far as the Opposition in the Legislature honestly advocate this view, we are with them. But we would not have it understood that the thorough efficiency of the public school system implies that less interest should be taken in the maintenance of the high schools and collegiate institutes. Sometimes it is said that the high schools ar the men's schools, but the records do out that conclusion, as it is found

that throughout the Province pupils of all ranks and conditions of life partake of the advantages thus storded. Indeed, it is notorious that but for the ease with which pupils in humble circumstances can graduate from the public schools into the high schools, and then matriculate at the universities, some of the brightest of our public men would never have been able to aspire to the ositions they now occupy.

There is room for fair discussion of the

educational policy of the Ontario Government, and there is room for differences of opinion on the broad question of whether our children are or are not compelled to take up too many studies, but as to the general trend of the management of the schools we believe it is in the right direction. Hon. G. W. Ross, head of the department, made a good defense of his policy when the subject was before the House, the other evening. He took the ground that wherever pos sible pupils able to take high school work should be admitted into the high schools, and thus obtain the superior teaching advantages possessed by these institutions, but where that was not possible then advantage should be taken of the public school form above the entrance examina tion, which had been provided for by him. That is a view which has always been contended for by the ADVERTISER. When the work can be done as well or better in a high school, and there is a staff large enough to do it, there is no need to duplicate it in the public schools. But, as the Minister points out, it would be a serious defect in any educational system if in cases where children are not near a high school there should not be prepared a course of study far in advance of the entrance examination. Such

course is in existence, Mr. Ross tells us,

and from 11,000 to 12,000 children are

Hon. Mr. Ross also gives some reassuring statistics with regard to the practical character of the education supplied in the high schools. There has been a belief, and few years ago there was doubtless considerable foundation for it, that the educa tion supplied by the high schools had a constant tendency to divert the youth of the land into professional pursuits, for the exercise of which Canada affords but a limited field. The reply of the Minister is pointed. He shows that last year only 367 students in the high schools matriculated into the universities: only 1,600 of the entire high school population of 18,000 were taking the junior matriculation work, and 143 taking the senior matriculation work. Forty per cent. of the high school students were prepared for teachers-that was the great and useful service of the high schools. Eleven hundred pupils left the high schools last year to enter mercantile life; 367 went to the universities; 1,161 went into mercantile life and 9,506 returned to the farms. Phonography, book-keeping and drawing were taught in a yearly increasing number of schools, and Mr. Ross says it is the intenof our platform are by no means endorsed tion of the department that so complete should the mercantile training of the high schools become that no boy or girl living in a town where there was a high school would need to go from home to acquire a

> The record and the promises for the future re alike creditable. Now let the authorities keep to the practical in education and let the youthful minds not be overburdened with too many studies, and all will be welt. We need thorough rather than ornamental teaching.

SUNDAY FUNERALS.

Another letter appears in the Free Press attacking the clergymen of the city for discouraging Sunday funerals. The clergymen are described as "ministerial czars," "white-chokered autocrats," and the like. We think it unfair to the ministers of London to assume that they are seeking some personal object in this matter. They can have no interest in the case apart from other citizens. What is more, the stand they are taking-that of as far as possible encouraging funerals on the Saturday or the Monday instead of the Sunday-is one which commends itself to nine-tenths of the

THE DEBATE ENDED.

The long debate in the Ontario Legislasure on the budget may have had some occult use. However, it is over at last, and perhaps the House will get down to

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. -The late Thomas C. Baring, M. P. for ne of the divisions of London city, was a Conservative. The vacancy will give another opportunity to the Liberals to test he opinions of a metropolitan constituency.

-Principal Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, yesterday celebrated the 25th anniversary of his assuming that office. Dr. Caven's many friends in the West will wish him many happy returns of the day. It is not generally known that the venerable principal spent his early days in Perth county.

\*\*This is a standard of the day. It is not generally known that the venerable principal spent his early days in Perth figure at last week's levee. He was attired in the very comfortable uniform of an Elder Brother of the Trinity House, and seemed faith in their country, while they have no principal spent his early days in Perth

-Mr. Colby, one of the defeated Dominion Ministers, is reported to have yes-terday handed in his resignation as President of the Council, but the newspaper cor-respondents at Ottawa still keep recording attempts alleged to be made for the purpose of providing a seat tor Mr. Carling.

NEW MAGAZINES.

Harper's Magazine. (New York: Harper & Bros.) Nothing so lovely or un-earthly has been written by any Canadian poet as the poem called "A Mother," by W. W. Campbell, in the April number. It is the fancy of a young mother, whose un-dying love for her new-born child brings her back from the grave to its side.

"For though in the under-grave's doom-night I lay all silent and stark and white; Yet over my head I seemed to know. The murmurous moods of wind and snow; The snows that wasted, the winds that blew The rays that slanted, the clouds that drew The water-ghosts up from lakes below, And the little flower-souls in earth that grow

And the little flower-souls in earth that grow.

"I dreamed that a rose-leaf hand did cling—
Oh, you cannot bury a mother in spring!
When the winds are soft and the blossoms
are red
She could not sleep in her cold earth bed.
I dreamed of my babe for a day and a night,
And then I rose in my grave-clothes white,
I rose like a flower from my damp earth bed,
To the world of sorrowing overhead,
And I stole me past the graveyard wall.
For the voice of my baby seemed to call."

Another notable article in this month's
issue is "Thomas Hood, punster, poet,
preacher." As an hitherto unpublished instance of Hood's inevitable tendency to
word-twisting it is related that on one occasion while out driving his road was obstructed by a gate, on which appeared the
warning in bold letters, "Beware the dog."
As the most diligent search revealed no As the most diligent search revealed no dog, Hood wrote with chalk beneath the words "beware the dog" the expostulatory question, "Where be the dog?" The first of the doctrines that he preached was telestic.

toleration.
"Intolerant to none,
Whatever shape the plous rite may bear;
Even the poor Pagan's homage to the sun,
I would not harshly scorn, lest even there,
I spurned some element of Christian prayer."

Lippincott's. (Philadelphia: J. B. Lip pincott Company.) If one can make up his mind to like the novel which usually conmind to fike the novel which usually constitutes two-thirds of this magazine, one gets the worth of his 25 cents—otherwise not. The story this month is "Maidens Choosing." One of the people to whom it introduces us "was not yet 20, but showed little immaturity, possessing the dignity and distinction which come from symmetry of body, simplicity and directness of intention." Another "has ideals. He is critical and imperious. He weighs expediencies, balances a hair; and knows precisely what he wants." The rest are remarkable chiefly for their good looks. "Some Familiar Letters by Horace Greeley," are spoken of by the great journalist himself as "dreary," and the allusions to "neuralgia rampant" and "scouling, threatening weather" incline the reader to agree with him. Here, however, is a charming bit: "My friend, I charge you not to disparage yourself, and especially not to regret that you do not, when I have the pleasure of seeing you, talk mainly philosophy or epigrams. I have a large acquaintance with those who are regarded as brilliant women. They appall and fatigue while you charm and cheer me. I pray you not to be like unto them." stitutes two-thirds of this magazine, one

Atlantic Monthly. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.) An air of spring breathes from "Easter Eve at Kerak-Moab,"
by Clinton Scollard, and "From My
Window," by Olive Thorne Miller.
Mrs. Miller is a bird student of many years'
standing. According to her own statement Mrs. Miller is a bird student of many years' standing. According to her own statement the best place she has found for spying upon the habits of birds is behind a blind. If one can command a window with outside blinds looking upon a spot attractive to the feathered world, he will be sure sooner or later to see every bird of the vicinity. "If he will keep the blinds closed and look only through the opened slats, he will witness more of their unconstrained free ways than can possibly be seen by a person within ness more of their unconstrained free ways than can possibly be seen by a person within their sight, though he assume the attitude and the stolidity of a wooden figure," "Goethe's Key to Faust"—an article by W. P. Andrews—may be explained in Goethe's own words, "The facts of any man's life are of no consequence except as they are significant of the operation of those eternal laws through which we rejoice or sorrow, and which we fulfill and which are fulfilled in which there we necessity and the second we fulfill and which are fulfilled in us, whether we perceive them or not." All the great forces of the universe center in the inmost being. "Men call their circumstance and surroundings God and the devil, but within us is the problem." Two brief and striking poems in this number are "Cain," by W. H. Hayne: thorough training for a commercial career.

"A sombre brow, whose dark-veined furrows
bear
Remorseful fruit from God's curse planted there,—
Uplifted hands o'er eyes that look through Big with the burden of unshriven crime." And "A Thought," by Thomas S. Col-

"Divergent as the zone and pole
Are man's gross body and white soul;
Yet both must win to heavenly light,
Or walk the shadow-ways of night."

The Canadian Indian. (The Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society, Owen Sound, Ontario.) The sixth number of the first volume of this monthly journal shows it to be devoted to promoting the welfare of the Indians, and to give general informa-tion of mission and educational work among them. The articles in it are of an ethnological, philological and acheological character It is sent free to all members of the Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society.

OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

Harper's Weekly. It is impossible not to look with wonder and sympathy and admiration at the pub-lic activity and energy of this Englishman in his 82nd year.

EXPERIENCE TEACHES. t. Thomas Journal. St. Thomas Journal,

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"What office are you a candidate for inquired the reporter, who was making his hasty rounds of the polling places.

"Me?" exclaimed the man leaning up against the door frame. "Thunder! I ain't running for anything. I was bern in this country." this country.

NIMBLE MR. GLADSTONE.

as nimble as if he were ready to lead off a hornpipe on any given cue. It was generally remarked in the Throne Room that Mr. Gladstone looked as if he were only half the age of Lord Salisbury.

Geo. Rutley, proprietor of the Clarendor Hotel, Winnipeg, received word Thursday

TO-DAY'S OLD WORLD GOSSIP.

Mrs. Robert Elsmere Humphrey Ward's coming novel is named "David." A cargo of over 300 half-bred horses has been sent to England from the Argentine Republic. The new Chinese Minister at Paris, M

Tshing Tshang, is a Tartar by birth and a Roman Catholic. London's street accidents from fast driving have caused the suggestion that no driver be allowed under 18 years of age.

Count Schouvaloff, the Russian ambassa Count Schouvaloff, the Russian ambassian arbassian arbassian riberlin, reports to the Czar that his post is untenable and begs to be recalled.

An Italian authoress, Mathilde Serrao, is said to have applied much of the power and perception of Dickens to the middle and lower ranks of Italian life, through her novel "Fantasy."

While Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt's Alva was attacking the support of the s

steaming through a storm on her way to Villefranche, an enormous wave deposited a 70-pound turtle on the deck. It was good to eat, and therefore was eaten.

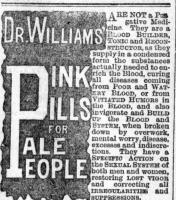
The doctors of Berlin have agreed that in uture their coachmen shall wear white nats, so that a doctor's carriage may always be distinguishable and the public enabled o summon medical aid from the streets in

Bismarck will move to Berlin, we are told, having taken two large houses in the Koniggratzer-strasse. The Hamburg Reform announces that the Emperor and Prince Bismarck will dine together shortly with Count von Waldersee at Altona.

A "Gallery for British Art," or a sort of "Luxembourg," is to be built at South Kensington, opposite the museum, to cost £80,. 000, the gift of an anonymous donor to the British Government. He has since been revealed in the person of a prominent sugar efiner, Mr. Henry Tate.

M. De Ennatsky, the Russian gentleman his troika from Samara to Paris in 80 days, reached Paris on March 17, 22 days ahead of time. He used three little Ural horses, the maximum distance covered for any day being about 120 miles.

Mount Pilatus has heretofore been saved from having a railway built up its side by the perpetual cloud that rests on its top. It has been discovered that this cloud is never more than 90 feet high, so now the company is ready to build the railroad and aise an Eiffel tower 300 feet in diameter at its base, 840 feet in height, with a platform at the top 120 feet square. Krupp is to sup-ply the steel, and the building is hoped for in 1895.



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