



The gravest beast is the Ass; the gravest bird is the Owl;
The gravest fish is the Oyster; the gravest man is the Fool.

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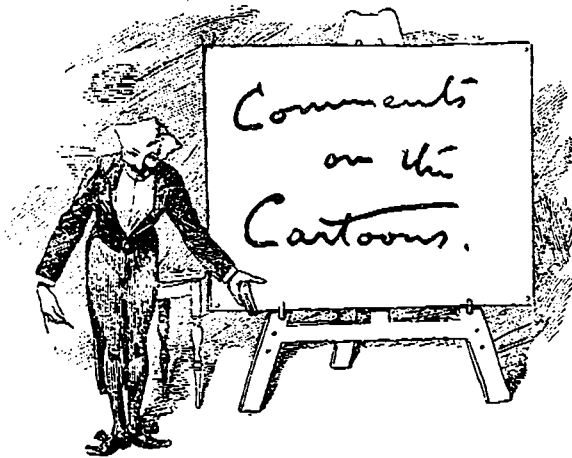
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AU REVOIR.—Mr. Blake's acceptance of the offer extended by the Irish Parliamentary Party of a seat in the British House of Commons has lifted that gentleman out of Canadian politics, and placed him where the adage *de mortuis nil nisi bonum* seems to apply. At all events the Canadian press, without distinction of party, gives a generous recognition to his abilities, and a sentiment of pride is felt throughout the land at the distinction conferred upon him as a Canadian. Even those who are opposed to Home Rule share this feeling, and there can be no doubt that Blake's solid character, and especially his well-known prudence and loyalty to the Empire, will be a tower of strength to the Irish cause. The constituency for which he will sit is South Longford.

BE-KNIGHTED "LIBERALISM."—Mr. Elgin Myers, Q.C., County Attorney of Dufferin, having made himself somewhat prominent as an advocate of the Political Union of Canada and the United States, was asked by Sir Oliver Mowat to hand in his resignation. He re-

fused to do so, preferring, as he said, "to leave to the Government of Ontario, which professes to be a Liberal Government, representative of Liberal sentiments, and the upholder of free speech, the full odium of dismissing one of its officials for expressing his opinions on a matter which the Government has no more right to interfere with than it has with the expression of his religious views." Whereupon Sir Oliver summarily dismissed him, feeling, no doubt, that in the present temper of the public, the odium would be easily borne. And yet Myers had unquestionably the better of the argument throughout. Even according to Sir John Thompson, it is not seditious for a Canadian to advocate annexation by constitutional means, nor is it a violation of the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty for an official to do so, seeing that Her Majesty is only the nominal representative of the people in whose interest the change is advocated, and that its advocates contemplate the assent of the Imperial authorities to the carrying out of the plan. Sir Oliver Mowat seems to have donned some mediæval notions with his knighthood, which are not in accordance with the traditions of Liberalism. Myers' fatal error was in combatting the views set forth by his chief on the question of Canada's future, and in order that all other officials may be duly warned on this point, we suggest that at the next session of the Legislature a bill should be passed declaring it high treason to differ with the conclusions of Sir Oliver the All-right. Meanwhile, however, this loyal knight has done more by this dismissal to give prominence to the Political Union cause than Mr. Myers and his friends could have done by many months of agitation.

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ANOTHER half-year having rolled into the limbo of the past, it becomes the duty of the methodical subscriber to have the twenty-six numbers of GRIP which ended with last week's neatly bound in half-calf or Russia and placed upon the shelf alongside the preceding thirty-seven volumes of which he is so proud. And it becomes our duty to start in afresh upon Vol. XXXIX, and, if possible, to surpass all previous efforts with pen and pencil. Just here it will be in order to express our thanks to the Canadian public for their appreciation and support, attested in the steady growth of our subscription list. There are a few members of that public, however, who have as yet failed to place their names on that list, albeit they are intelligent, enterprising and patriotic. This is a mystery which we cannot explain, especially when it is considered that a year's subscription to GRIP only costs \$2.00.



ECULIAR! Very, very peculiar, but the Democratic Party actually got through its National Convention without making a fatal blunder. Strange as it may seem, it avoided the two that were so temptingly placed before it—it refused to nominate Hill, and to "straddle" on Protection! With Cleveland for their candidate and a ringing straight-out declaration against Protectionism as a fraud on the people, the Democrats ought to—and we confidently believe will—sweep the country in November.