THE CRETAN QUESTION

Addressed to the Duke of Westminster.

A Spirited Declaration on the Present Attitude of the Nations of Europe Towards the Ottoman Empire.

The Cause of Greece Championed

Mr. Gladstone, standing as he does on the threshold of another decade, which it is well within the possibilities to say he will enter and begin his journey to governing power, every act they have the landing stage of centenarians, has issued a remarkable pamphlet on the present position of the Eastern question and period of Ottoman rule which alone That the "Grand Old Man" has lost none of his old time spirit of courage is evidenced in every line of the statement. In it he appeals to a popular sentiment, should have left the island the Turkish and as a consequence the recent dis- soldiery, the proved butchers of Armenia, patches indicate that it has aroused a deep sentiment amongst the masses in England which is calculated to hasten the six powers have no more right than another settlement of the Eastern ques tion which has been a constant source of danger to the peace of Europe, during a period of more than a generation.

The pamphlet, which is addressed to the Duke of Westminster, opens in the following manner.

"MY DEAR DUKE OF WESTMINSTER: Had we at the present date been in our ordinary relation of near neighbourhood, you would have run no risk of being ad diessed by me in print without your previous knowledge or permission. But the present position of the Eastern question is peculiar. Transactions—such only for the moment I am content to call them—have been occurring in the East at short intervals during the last two years of such a nature as to stir our common humanity from its innermost recesses and to lodge a trustworthy appeal from the official to the personal con- Crete is a thing of yesterday, but Crete science. Until the most recent dates these transactions had seemed to awaken | the Greek people, at least 3,000 years no echo save in England, but now a light has flashed at least upon western ties between them ever been either Europe and an uneasy consciousness that | broken or relaxed; and in the long years nations as well as cabinets are concerned and centuries to come, when this bad in what has been and is going on has dream of Ottoman dominion shall have taken strong hold upon the public mind, passed away from Europe, that union and the time seems to have come when will still subsist and cannot but prevail men should speak or be forever si ent.

"My ambition is for rest, and rest alone. But every grain of sand is part of the seashere, and, connected as I have been, for nearly half a century, with the Eastern question, often when in positions in pleading that the sense of the people of responsibility, I feel that inclination of Crete, not the momentary and partial does not suffice to justify silence. In yielding to this belief I keep another conviction steadily in view, namely, that to infuse into this discussion the spirit or language of party would be to give a cover and an apology to every sluggish and unmanly mind for refusing to offer its tribute to a common cause, and I have felt that, taking into view the atti tude you have consistently held in our domestic politics during the last decade of years, I can offer to my countrymen of all opinions no more appropriate guarantee of my careful fidelity to this conviction than, if only by the exercise of an unusual freedom, to place the expression of my views under shelter of

He then proceeds to dwell upon the Armenian massacres, and the part his own country took during the past two decades, as well as outlining the history of events which resulted in the Ottoman Empire occupying the place it does amongst the civilized powers.

He then proceeds in the following spirited style.

"A new actor, governed by a new temper, has appeared upon the stage; not one equipped with powerful fleets, large armies and boundless treasuries, supplied by uncounted millions, but a petty power, hardly counted in the list of European States, suddenly takes its place midway in the conflict between little body a great soul, and he seems to have been reproduced in the recent and

marvellously gallant action of Greece.
"It is sad to reflect that we have also before us the reverse of the picture in criminal and disturber, has by her bold the six powers, who offer to the world the most conspicuous example of the reverse, and present to us a huge body animated, or rather tenanted, by a teeble heart. We have them before us, it is

might have been anticipated; and what the word seems to understand is this: so small a State has conferred so great a that there life in the Cretan matter, that | benefit. this life has been infused into it excluand by paths which it is hard as yet to trace, the island is to find her liberation, that in estimable boon will be owing, not the good Governments of Euler of the good Governments of Euler of the Greek nation, who are in this

but to the small and physically insignificant race known as the Greeks. Whatever good shall be permitted to emerge from the existing chaos will lie to their credit and to theirs alone.

"Is it to be wondered at that Greece should have endeavored to give aid to the Cretans? As often as they rise in rebellion and their efforts, due to Turk ish blindness and bad faith, are encountered by lawless cruelty, they fly in gone; and, least of all, I will say, the crowds to Greece, which is their only English, to whom the air of freedom is refuge; and that poor country has to the very breath of their nostrils, who stand and stand alone between them and starvation. As to their Turkish masters, it is not to be expected that they should find any cause for unessiness in such a dissolution of Parliament, would show a dissolution of Parliament, would show it is not to be expected that they should find any cause for unessiness in such a find any cause for unessiness in such a state of things, for ever since that evil lav, the darkest perhaps in the whole known history of humanity, when their neir star recking with gorefrose above the horizon, has it not been their policy and constant aim to depopulate the regions which they ruled? The title of Turkey de jure is, in truth, given up on all hands. In the meagre catalogue of things which the six united powers have done, there is this, at least, included, that they have taken out of the hands of the Sultan the care and administraof the Sultan the care and administration of the island.

INTERVENTION THUS PAR.

"If Turkey has the proper rights of a gives them any title to interfere. The intention which has been announced on their behalf, an announcement incredible but true, is that when the Greek forces the same body and very probably the eame corps and persons were to remain as guardians of order in the island. • But I have either to confer or to limit this commission unless the Sultan by his misconduct has forfeited his right to rule. Autonomy, too, being announced for Crete, and not by his authority but by theirs. Crete being thus derelict in point of lawful soverignity, does all reversionary care for it fall to the six powers? Are we really to commence our twentieth century under the shadow of a belief that conventions set up by the policy of the moment are everything, and that community of blood, religion, history, sympathy, and interest are nothing

THE CRETAIS ARE GREEKS.

"How stands the case of Crete in relation to Greece? Do what you will by the might of brute power, 'a man's a man for a' that' and in respect of everything that makes a man to be a man, every Cretan is a Greek. Ottoman rule in was part of Greece, the Cretan people of ago; nor have the normal and human as long as a human heart beats in a human bosom. "In the midst of high and self-sacri-

ficing enthusiasm the Greek Government and people have shown their good sense in pleading that the sense of the people sense, but that which is deliberate and general, shall be considered. The Greeks have placed themselves upon a ground of indestructible strength. They are quite right in declining to stand upon an abstract objection to the suzerainty of Turkey if it so pleases the powers. Why should not Crete be autonomously united with Greece and yet not detached in theory from the body of the Ottoman Empire? Such an arrangement would not be without example. Bosnia and Herzegovina are administered by Austria, but I apprehend that they have never been formally severed from the overlordship of the Sultan. Cyprus is sin ilarly administered by Great Britain and European history is full of cases in which paramount or full sovereignity in one territory has been united with se condary or subordinate lordship in another. I quote the case of Cyprus as a precedent, and I apprehend that so far it is good, while I subjoin the satisfaction I should feel, were it granted me before the close of my long life, to see the population of that Hellenic island placed by friendly arrangement in organic relations with their brethren of the king

dom and of Crete. "But in thus indicating a possible solution I claim for it no authority. I exclude no other alternative compatible with the principles which have been established by the situation. These I take Turkey and its Cretan insurgents. But it is a power representing the race that hadfought the battles of Thermoplym and rule in Crete exists only as a shadow of Salamis and had hurled back the hordes of Asia from European shores. It the heroic age of Greece, as Homer tells us. there was a champion who was small of half of the minority, so competent or safature but full of fight. He had in his well entitled to define a prospective posititely hody a great roal and here well entitled to define a prospective positive hody a great roal and here well entitled to define a prospective positive hody a great roal and here well entitled to define a prospective positive hody a great roal and here well entitled to define a prospective positive hody. tion for the people as that people itself.

"Further, it remains to be recognized that, at the present juncture, Greece, whom some seem disposed to treat as a action conferred a great service upon Europe. She has made it impossible to palter with this question as we paltered with the bloodstained question of Armenia. She has extricated it from the literally true, a David facing six Goliath. meshes of diplomacy and placed it on "Nonis Greece so easily disposed of as the order of the day for definitive solu-

DON'T TALK OF COERCING GREECE.

port the Greek nation, who are in this as one man, to Siberia by what, I believe, sion, nor even to any of the great peo-as one man, to Siberia by what, I believe, What flowers can earth offer like unto-ples of Europe, for the door is shut in their faces by the 'concert ef Europe,' one has such a scheme of policy to pro-tell in showers from the Sacred Heart one

pose, I advise his proposing it anywhere rather than in England.

"Let it be borne in mind that in this unhappy business all along, under the cover of the 'concert of Europe,' power and speech have been the monopoly of the Governments and their organs while the people have been shut out. Give us at length both light and air. The na at length both light and air. The na tions of Europe are in very various stages of their training, but I do not believe there is a European people whose judgment, could it be had, would ordain or tolerate the infliction of punishment upon Greece for the good deed she has recently performed. Certainly it would not be the French, who so largely con-tributed to the foundation of the king-dom, nor the Italians, still so mindful of what they and their fathers have undergone; and, least of all, I will say, the

The first Mass was celebrated in Mary-land on the Feast of the Annunciation; March 25, 1634.

A return on opium cultivation in East India shows that in 1894-'95 537,556 acres were under cultivation, against 478,388 acres the year before.

English capitalists evidently believe that the whiskey business is a profitable one in Canda, as they are now contemlating a prospect to purchase the establishments of all the manufacturers of

The old caying that it would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer, is very applicable to the action of the Orange Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which at a recent session condemned the Laurier-Greenway school

Mrs. Mary Corbett, a sister of ex-Senator Corbett of the United States has passed successfully the examinations which admit her to practice at the Bar. She is believed to be the only Catholic lawyer of her sex in Massa-

There is some prospect of organizing what is called "An Anti-Noise Movement" in the neighboring Republic Judging by the experiences of many of my friends who have visited New York, it will be a boon to the weary and unacustomed traveler.

Mme. Calve, the operatic singer now creating enthusiasm in Chicago, it is said made a vow at the beginning of her carreer, that if she succeeded in her ambition to become a great artist that she would build orphanages for the poor and friendless. She is fulfilling her promise.

Undoubtedly the most effective measure for the suppression or embarrass-ment of the cigarette trade is the law which has just gone into effect in Chicago. It requires every retail dealer in cigarettes to pay an annual license fee of \$100 into the city treasury. As a result of this law, the number of places in the city where cigarettes are sold has been reduced from 5,000 to about 100.

The Marquette Statue which has been the object of unseemingly attacks from the A. P. A. organizations will remain in Washington in spite of all the efforts of these bigots to remove it.

Wisconsin honored the Catholic priest as its foremost here and Wisconsin is determined to maintain that honor, and its right to place a memorial figure of its pioneer missionary among the historical celebratis of Statutory Hall.

Mr. T. J. O'Neil, for many years associated with the leading Irish National and Benefit organizations in Montreal, has been appointed to the office of assessor for St. Cunegonde. Mr. O'Neill enjoys the reputation of being a clearheaded business man, and will fill his new position in a manner satisfactory to those interested and with credit to him-

In a recent address delivered at a banquet given by the Iroquois Club of Chicago, Hon. W. J. Onahan discussed some of the tendencies of public life in the neighboring republic, which go to prove that the standard of the representative men in the councils of the nation are by no means such as to awaken any senti-of pride. While disavowing any particular mission to preach, he stated that the evil results could only be attributed to the fact, that the people had put aside the God of the fathers, and set up anew the golden calf.

Between 50,000 and 60,000 applicants are inspected each year by the medical department of the British Army, and 405 out of every 1,000 are rejected. Out of the 55,696 recitive rejected last year, 86 were on account of weakness of intellect, 2,222 defective vision, 288 defects of upper extremities, 1 012 de sete of lower extremities, 102 impediment of speech, 1,154 disease of the heart, 883 disease of the veins, 1,000 loss or decay of teeth, 733 flat feet, 2 malformation of the ears, 12 malformation of the nose and mouth, 365 malformation of chest and spine, while 31 were too tall, 1,600 too short, 2,037 too light, and 7,038 too narrow across the chest.

The custom of sending flowers to be placed on the coffins of the dead is gradually being superseded by one that is not a mere outward expression of sympathy and esteem for the departed, but is the strongest proof we can give of our practical Catholic life and our appreciation of that consoling doctrine of the Church which tells us we may follow the soul that has left us, even to Eternity, and still aid it in its flight to Heaven by our prayers and offering of

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Calvary? And may we not gather these precious blossoms of the Saviour's love in the Holy Mass and apply their fragrance of Divine merit to the soul we loved that is now languishing in Purgatory awaiting our releasing gift. Let us leave the fragile growths of earth f.r. other uses—they have worn their welcome out as tributes to the dead as the oft repeated request "Please omit flowers" planily tells. It is at best but a pagan custom. They strove to veil the gruesomeness of death and hide its solemn lesson from their unwilling eyes by strewing the bier with flowers. In later times it was considered a graceful and appropriate act to lay a pure white lily or a few simple flowers on the coffin of a child or maiden, but this has passed from the realm of tender sentiment into the whirl of fashion, and the single flower or little bouquet laid by some dear hand is lost amid the vulgar extravagance and display that now re-quires a procession of vehicles to re-

A Requiem Mass, a garland of Rosar-ies, or a lew immortelles from the garden of Prayer, should be the Catholic's parting tribute to the friend who has gone

Premier Laurier expects to spend many years in Ottawa, judging from the following item, taken from the Free Press:

"Yesterday the property at the northeast corner of Chapel and Theodore street, and known as the Leslie homestead, was transferred to the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, the consideration heing \$10,000. The house stands in large grounds, but a lot and a half fronting on Theodore street, has been reserved by the Leslie family. The building is of white brick and very spacious, having a most commanding appearance. It was built by Felix McCullough some years ago for the late Mr. Leslie and is titted up in the most approved modern style, being steam heated. The family was offered something over \$12,000 for the property last summer prior to Mrs. Leslie's demise, but would not take the figure. It is one of the best built resid

The Irish World of New York gives the following interesting information about the first newspaper published in Dublin:-Among the literary treasures of which the metropolis of Ireland boasts are some carefully preserved copies of the first newspaper established in the Irish capital, away back in the first year of the reign of James II. It was called the Dublin News Letter, and printed by Joseph Ray for Robert Thornton. The paper was eleven inches and a half in length and six inches and a half in width. The earliest in the collection is seventeenth, dated August 26, 1685. It consists of a single leaf of paper, printed on both sides. There is only one article of news in it, and that is headed "London, January 27, 1685" This article is followed by two advertisements extending to eleven lines. That amount of matter constitutes the first Irish newspaper. It was published at no fixed periods, but generally at intervals of three or four

FOUR DAYS NOW.

TWENTY-SEVEN KNOTS SAID TO BE EXPECTED OF THE NEW WHITE STAR LINER

A recent issue of the London Shipping World says that three sets of engines that will drive the triple screws of the influence of drink—sometimes the influence of drink upon the guilty pernew colossal racer of the White Star son, sometimes the influence of drink Line, the Oceanic, are expected to give upon the victim. The condition of the her a speed of twenty-seven knots and hour. The officials of the White Star line in this city and on the other side of the ocean have not intimated that the Oceanic was going in for record breaking on so huge a scale as the article in the Shipping World declares.

Twenty-seven knots an hour ever the short course between Queenstown and Sandy Hook means a trip of four days and about seven hours, or twenty-four hours faster than the fastest trip of the Cunarder Lucania, which is five days seven hours and twenty-three minutes. The best hourly average of the Lucania for a voyage is 22.01 knots. If she fulfils expectations the Oceanic will be able to leave Queenstown on Thursday morning and get here on the afternoon of the following Monday. The Shipping World's article on the new liner con-

cludes thus: "It is too early to gives any details as yet; but as no time is to be lost in constructing the vessel, an immense coffer dam having been built at the lower end of the slip in order that work may proceed independently of the state of the tide, these will no doubt soon be forth-

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TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

During the course of the General Mission recently held at St. Patrick's by the Redemptorist Fathers, the Rev. Father McCallen, president of the St. Patrick's Temperance Society, distributed the following appeal, which is not alone timely, but is convincing and most im-

A large increase in the number of A large increase in the number of total abstainers ought to be one of the fruits of the highly successful Mission preached by the Redemptorist Fathers, in St. Patrick's Church, during this year, 1897. We all know that intemperance is an evil, which has caused in the past much sin and much neglect of religious duty, and will, if not checked, do so

again.

1. Victims of the liquor habit have to acknowledge that no matter how often they reform, no matter how often they take the pledge, they cannot indulge in one glass of liquor without causing the one glass of liquor without causing the old passion to reassert its sway, and with increased intensity. For them, therefore, total abstinence is not only useful but absolutely necessary.

2. Moderate drinkers, who so easily convince themselves that it is impossible for them to go to excess should re-

ble for them to go to excess, should remember the warning of the apostle, "He that thinketh himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall." (I Corinth., x., 10). There is not a drunkard to day, who was not some months or some years ago, a moderate drinker. Therefore, even moderation in drinking is full of danger for very many of our people. Men wiser than we, stronger, more talented, more holy, have succumbed to the temptation to drink to excess. Does their sad experiment teach us no lesson? Shall we, by our example, and sometimes by our entreaties, lead our weaker br thren to indulge in drink which will result in their de-stroying both body and soul? Is it too great a sacrifice to ask that, for their sake, the moderate drinker should forego the passing satisfaction of the palate, when, by such sacrifice, he can save immortal souls.

3. Total abstinence never yet short-ened the life of any man; but indulgence in drink has led many to prematue

4. Intemperance robs the laboring man of his hard-earned money, and scat-ters to the winds the riches of his more opulent neighbour; robs the home of oy and comfort; impoverishes the family; steals away man's reason, strength, manhood, self-respect; fills our orphan asylums, our jails, our reformatories; crowds our streets with idle loafere; leads men to other sins, such as impurity, dishonesty, sloth, anger and revenge; scandalizes the little ones of Christ : and robbing man of God's image, leaves his body a physical and his soul a spiritual wreck.

5. As in union there is strength, why should not at least three or four hundred new members be added, as a fruit of this mission, to St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society? It is the oldest Catholic temperance organization on this continent. It is an honorable society, whose members, if numerically strong and faithful to their pledge, can wield an immense influence in our par-ish and city for the good of religion and

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Respectfully, J. McCallen, S.S.. President St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society N.B.-Society meets every second Sunday of the month at 4.15 p.m.

Lord Russell, Chief Justice of England, at a recent gathering in speaking of the evil influences of liquor, said, "I think it would astonish many persons if they knew how large a proportion of crime is traceable, directly, or indirectly, to drink. I am almost afraid to name the proportion, but my own impression is, derived from constant experience in every county in England, that more than one-half of the crimes that are brought before us are to be ascribed to the influence of drink-sometimes the victim tempts the criminal into crime, bring hair to its original color. Sold by

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Generous Bequests.

The will of Mrs. Mary Johnson, who died at her home, No. 2013 Madison died at her home, No. 2013 Madison Avenue, was filed in the Surrogate's office last week. The value of the estate is placed at \$500,000 in real and \$50,000 in personal property. Several bequests are made to Catholic clergymen. To St. Joseph's Seminary of Yonkers is left \$2,000 and one-third of the residue, which amounts to \$150,000. To All Saints' Roman Catholic Church, in Harlem, a like sum is left. To the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, the Mission of the Im-Orphan Asylum, the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, and the Society for the Protection of Destitute Cath lic Canalren each is left \$53,000. Sums of from \$500 to \$3,000 each are left to St. Joseph's Hospital for Incurables, St. Francis' Hospital, the Home for the Aged for the Little Sisters of the Poor, the mans of the Order of the Visitation, and the Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul attached to All Saints, 'St. James', and St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Churches. Other bequests are to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ross, County Cork, Ireland, \$1,000; the parish priest of Roscoberry, Ireland, \$250; and the mission of the Toird Order of St. Francis at Peekskill \$2,000 The testament provides that if for any reason any of the bequests named becomes inoperative or void, then the amount so bequeathed is to be given absolutely for his own use to Archbishop Corrigan.

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