

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

The question, What is to be done with the Indians? appears to be attracting the attention of some Canadian philanthropists, and evoking suggestions. They are in a tremor lest the aboriginal population of North America should be exterminated, a possibility which was hinted at, and not disapproved, by the London Times not long ago.

It is said that while the United States had used commendable patience towards the Indians of the West, its future policy must be to drive them out. Hereupon the tender-hearted remark, that the past policy of the American Government was supposed to be one of necessary severity, but has been abandoned for one of a more Christian description, that wild traders and hunters who neither feared God nor regarded man, had been the representatives of white men to the Indians, and that the retaliation of the latter has not been greater than their wrongs.

Further the fear is expressed that the red men of the States may be driven into Canada, where we are likely to have trouble enough with our own Indians, and that the country may be made by the retreating foe a base of operations against our neighbours, or perhaps ourselves. These possibilities are certainly sufficient to awaken the fears of the pusillanimous, and to induce zealous Christians to ask themselves and others if the Indians can be put to no better use than extermination.

Now, in an abstract point of view, there is one thing indisputable, that the rights of civilization are paramount to those of heathenism, and if the savage do not acknowledge his superior, there is nothing so terrible or iniquitous in the extinction of his race. For he obstructs the execution of an edict from Heaven, which made the earth to be tilled, and condemned fallen man to do the labour. He does not cultivate it, he is an anomaly in the human race, by no means hell-guiltless by the moral law on account of his ignorance, and possessing no right to retain as a cover for beasts of chase what the Caucasian will convert to its legitimate use.

We do not mean to say that the Indians should be exterminated on such short notice as the Moabites, Midianites and other enemies of Israel simply because they are heathens, but it looks very much as if such were the inevitable fate that awaits them, and we do not see that it calls for white men's tears. It is very pretty as a piece of sentiment to deplore the decay and extinction of a race, and an artist might make a fortune by limning the last Indian sitting on a log on the last camping ground that was left him, with "no delight but in days he had witnessed before;" but do these philanthropists regret the retreat and death of the red men before the advance of civilization—retreat and death which have given some of them opportunities of securing homes in a fertile country, and perhaps of amassing wealth. If they see nothing in this to deplore, then it is wretched logic to argue that others of their race who come after them have not as good a right to supplant the remaining Indians as they had their progenitors. Who ever thought of finding fault with Columbus for discovering America, because his bold venture was destructive of the claims of the aborigines? And does not the world now thank the Romans for carrying their conquering eagles over so many lands, or does it not believe that it would to-day have been better for India had Alexander's soldiers not mutinied on the western banks of the Indus, and compelled him to return to Macedonia?

"The Indians must be cared for; we believe they can be made good citizens," say the philanthropists. They will be cared for—if they choose; but looking at past efforts to transform them into good citizens, it seems a work of little less difficulty to civilize them thoroughly than to perfectly tame a hyena. Comparatively few have become fit for living in community with whites, and the inference is, that comparatively few ever will.—The Canadian Government deals fairly enough with the Indians located in various parts of the Provinces; their brethren of the North-West will probably receive like treatment, if they will only with proper grace accept the inevitable.

Teachers' Association.

The ninth annual Convention of the Ontario Teachers' Association will be held in the theatre of the Normal School Buildings, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 3rd of August next, at three o'clock p. m., and continue in session four days. Tickets of membership can be procured by communicating with the secretary. The annual fee is fifty cents to those who are members of Branch Associations, and one dollar to others. Ladies engaged in teaching, free.

The managers of the Grand Trunk and Great Western will grant return tickets for one fare at any of their stations, to those who present tickets of membership for the current year. Efforts will be made to secure accommodation on as favourable terms as possible for the members of the association while in Toronto. A person will be in attendance at the theatre of the Normal School Buildings, on the first day of the session, to give the necessary information.

The opening address will be delivered by the President, Rev. S. S. Nelles, D. D., Principal of the Victoria University, Cobourg, at half past seven o'clock on Tuesday evening. The Rev. W. M. Punshon, M. A., has kindly consented to give an address to the association, if his other engagements will allow. A novelty has appeared in the album way, viz., a space to introduce registered certificates of births, marriages, and deaths, in continuity to the likeness. Pleasant to know, when you present your album to a lady friend, that she is reserved a place for the assurance of your

The Stratford... readers will remember the exposure made in these columns some time ago by Mr. McGann, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Hamilton, of the blasphemous pretensions of a fellow who gave his name as Oucida Castillo, pretending to have been miraculously restored to hearing and to speech, after having been twenty years deaf and dumb. The rascal subsequently visited Stratford, and called upon us and was permitted to take extracts from the published letter, having placed at his disposal our file for that purpose. He pretended that a gross wrong had been done him, and that he was about to seek redress, though the impression left by him on our mind was exactly similar to the idea formed of his character by Mr. McGann—that a more dangerous and unprincipled rascal could hardly be found. And so it turns out—the Spanish Castillo, for whose special benefit a miracle was wrought, now appear in a new role of villainy as Joseph Sterne, a converted Jew. In the course of his peregrinations he again honored Stratford with his presence, some time about the beginning of the year, and was introduced by a person whose acquaintance he had formed, to a respectable young lady of this town. Learning, doubtless, that the lady in question possessed considerable money, Joseph's cupidity was excited, he became more earnest in his devotions, and ended his career in this town by making the object of his attentions an offer of marriage, which culminated in his being shown the door. The next we heard of him was at Mitchell, where he played a prominent part at the so-called revival meetings. Here the hypocritical scoundrel became the guest of the respected pastor of the church, Mr. Mitchell, by whom he was treated with the greatest courtesy and attention. Of his exploits elsewhere we will let our cotemporary speak.

[Here follows the account of Joseph's doings in Kincardine, already published in the Mercury.] THE OLD STORY.—The Abyssinian war, it has now been ascertained, caused the enormous expenditure of \$43,865,000, or \$10,000,000 over the original rough estimate. A great part of this sum was absolutely wasted, and many scandalous transactions have been reported. Ships lay for months at so much demurrage a day, and their cargoes were at last sold for the benefit of the owners of the vessels, not being required for the army. Mules, in large numbers, were sold for a trifle, at Suez, having been bought at an enormous price in remote markets; and women were brought from Bombay, to grind corn, who never did any work at all. At an inquest held the other day respecting the death of a clerk in the employment of the Great Northern Railway Company, it was stated that the deceased had for the last two months been studying a book on diet, and, following the instructions given in the book, he fed himself upon less than a pint of gruel a day. The consequence was that from a robust man he became reduced to a mere skeleton, and one morning was found dead in his bed. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from congestion of the brain from the want of sufficient nourishment."

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Plans and Specifications can be seen, and further information obtained at this office. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest tender unless otherwise satisfactory. JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, July 2, 1899. dttd

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864.

In the matter of JAMES HOGGER, of the Town of Guelph, an Insolvent. The Creditors of the Insolvent are notified to meet at the office of the undersigned, in the Town of Guelph, on TUESDAY, the 13th JULY, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the public examination of the Insolvent, and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally. E. NEWTON, Official Assignee. Guelph, July 2. Idw

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