#### Honest on the Sly.

I was talking the other day with a man of high obaracter and position, but of a nature gentle and unassuming, rather than sturdy or trenchant. He was telling me, with great ardor, the best news that a man can communicate with regard to his shildren, namely, that he was sure that his boys, who had grown old enough for the test, had proved themselves thoroughly honest. He did not use the term in any commonplace or quibbling sense—it had a full and vital meaning. The talk turned upon this matter of honesty, and its extraordinary scarcity. It has been impressed upon my mind by the circumstance that since our casual meeting, I was startled one morning by the announcement, in the newspapers, of his death. I remember that my friend told me that in his young iong before he became a clergyman of the Episcopal Church—he was engaged ina mercantile business in another city. It was his place to attend to the paying of certain charges or duties upon goods, and sometimes it was necessary for him to correct mistakes that had been made in the interests of the firm. This he did as modent to his office—but he told me that he knew at the time that if his honesty had been discovered by the reputable house which employed him, he would have lost his place. I cannot say that his o no con-cientiousness should have cerried him faither and made him face the issue with his employer, because I do not know all the circumstances. But the story is valu-able as illustrating a certain tone which is felt by young persons employed in many business houses that show an unspotted record to the world.—The Old Cabinet; Scribner for March.

#### Tree Peddlers.

Persons moving from the city to the country with the intention of making it their homes are quickly besieved by the ever-watchful tree peddler. These men are always equipped with a goodly supply of books filted with colored plates of monstro sities in fruits and flowers, attractive and enticing to the novice, and made more so when their good qualities are deftly and ingeniously described by the glib-tongued fellows, who seldom fail in capturing their victims—it not at the first, surely at the second, third, or fourth visit. The stock of trees and plants with which they fill their orders is usually of an inferior quality, seldom tiue to name; but their prices run from 50 to 160 per cent. higher than those at which first-class trees, plants, or viues can be purchased from responsible nurserymen who have reputations to maintain.

These tree peddlers, in order to perfect a sale, often represent themselves as the authorized agents of nursery firms, with whom they have no such connection. They go from place to place and buy at very low prices what is known to the trade as "hospital stock," the cullings of one or more years' business, and such stock as nurserymen wouldn't send out to their regular customers. It is, indeed, discoursement wouldn't send out to their regular customers. reging to wait four or five years for a pear-tree to come into bearing, and then find that, instead of a Bartlett or Seckel, you have some worthless sort that has no

value, fit only to feed the hogs.

The best and least expensive way to got fruit trees, vines, or plants, is to send direct to some well known nursery firm; you then get what you order, and if it does not turn out well, there is a way of redress. Those who will purchase their stock from tinerant tree vendors are almost certain to be cheated .- P. T. Quinn; Scribner for April.

#### Revivals and Evangelists.

Dr. Holland, in an article in Scribner for April, speaks a good word for Moody and Sankey and their methods, but con-demns the ordinary itinerant "Evangel-ists." He says:—There is a class of evangelists who go from church to church, of whom most clergymen are afraid; and their tears are thoroughly well grounded. There arises, we will say, a strong religious interest in a church. Everything seems favourable to what is called "a revival.' Some well-meaning member thinks that it Mr. Bedlow could only come and help the fatigned pasters well-religious. and help the fatigued pastor, wonderful results would follow. The pastor does not wish to stand in the wey—is suspicious that he has unworthy prejudices against Mr. Bedlow—tries to overcome them, and Mr. Bedlow appears. But Mr. Bedlow utterly ignores the condition of the church, and, instead of sensitively apprehending it and adapting himself to the line of influences already in progress, arrests everything, by an attention to the contract. thing by an attempt to start anew, and arry on operations by his own patent method. The first movement is to get the pastor, and the pastor's wife and all the prominent members up in their knees, in a confession that they have been all wrong miserably unfaithful to their duties and their trust. This is the first step, and, of course, it establishes Mr. Bedlow in the supreme position, which is precisely what he deems essential. The methods and controlling influence of the church are uptooted, and, for the time, Mr. Bedlow has controlling his any way. everything his own way. Some are dismany are excited, and the good results, whatever they may seem to be, are ephemeral. There inevitably follows a reaction, and in a year the church acknow-ledges to itself that it is left in a worse con-dition than that in which Mr. B dlow found it. The minister has been shaken from his poise, the church is dead, and, whatever happens, Mr. Bedlow, still going through his process elsewhere, will not be invited there again.

#### The Progress in Canada and the Centennial.

Had the great world's fair for which our neighbors to the south of our "Thin red line" are now making such great preparations, been held but a few years, say half a decade ago, it is probable, nay, certain, that the granting of space to Canada for the purpose of filling the same with works of fine art would have

been very unnecessary, for there is no disputing the fact that to fill, or attempt to fill it with pictures that would have done any credit to us as a cultivated people, would have resulted in utter failure. Within the last few years however, an organized effort has been made, both in Ontario and Quebec, to combine the talent existing, and to spar that which has lain among us in an embryo state, to exertions, tending to develop and foster it in such a manner as to awaken our people to the fact that amidst all the evils and hardships entailed upon a people inhabiting a new country, but recently the domain of the red man, red deer, and covered by the clustering pine forests of a northern clime, there still exists a love of art, that love which seems to have been implanted by the great author of our race in all, whether they inhabit the new world or the old. Of course, Canada cannot hope, and will not attempt, to rival the art work of European nations who possess every advantage over her, and must do so for centuries. It is not however in a spirit of rivalry that she determined to send these early efforts to hang, as it were side by side with the great ones of the earth, but to show them as a student shows his drawing to the master, in the hope of deriving benefit and instruction by the criticism which he knows will come, and for which he patiently and modestly

There can be no doubt that if our artists and art students can avail themselves of the opportunity, it will be one that does not, nor is likely to come in their way often. Doubtless it is very discouraging for a moment to find on comparing our productions with those of more mature sources, that we have still a long task before us. Let it how-ever not discourage us, but rather take comfort from the very fact that we are at least, able to see and appreciate our true position; for when we can do that. it is certain we are upon the right path, although we may be but at its beginning; and let us then remember that others have undergone the same trials and overcome those very difficulties which now seem to us so formidable. For the reasons just now stated we take great pleasure in learning that the legislatures of Ontario and Quebec have granted a small fund to enable a collection of works by Canadian artists to be sent to Philadelphia. Last week we saw a number of very fine pictures collected in the Music Hall, Toronto, from various parts of Ontario. The selection appeared to have been made with care, and although it perhaps lac..ed works which could be said to vie with the great efforts of gifted genius as it has existed in the past in Italy, still we feel that, coming as it did from a new and struggling country, we need not be ashamed of it.

#### Egypt and Abyssinia.

The British protectorate over Egypt may be considered as practically established. Mr. Disraeli stated in parliament a few days ago that he was willing to accede to a request from the Khedive for appointing a British commissioner to collect the Egyptian revenues and apply them to the redemption of the Egyptian debt. The statement is a hint not only to the Khedive to make the offer, but also to continental powers as to the attitude England intends to assume respecting Egypt. It is to be hoped it will not be forgotten that Egypt is even more thoroughly a Mohammedan power than Turkey. As such. it holds Christianity in contempt, and the Christians of the country in a servile condition, although it is not charged with so wholesale or so bitter a persecution of them. It has of late however carried on a war with the Christian power of Abys-inia. The trouble in this case a pears to have been that both Egypt and Abyssma laid claim to a disputed territory lying on the frontier and called Hamazen. Abyssinian troops entered the territory to levy tribute, and five thousand Egyptian soldiers were dispatched against them from Massowah. The Abyssinians under the command of King John were troubled with dissensions. One division of the Egyptian army was defeated. Then King John was deposed and Kassa was made king of the Abyssinians. A large Egyptian army of twenty-six thousand was ordered from Suez to Massowah, an Abyssinian port on the Red Sea. It marched to Adowa, where King Kassa was with his army. The Egyptians fortified a camp there, and it was in an attack on the camp that the Abyssinians met with the disastrons defeat that has been so much commented on. King Kassa, a number of his chiefs, and five thousand Abyssinians were killed. The Egyptians suffered considerable loss. Sixty thousand Ahyssinians and twenty thousand Egyptians were engaged in the fight, which lasted three days. It is said that the British government has announced that it will not

which the British government has for so many years upheld Turkey, even when that power has been carrying on the most barbarous persecutions against Christians.

CHARLES E. L. WIS. E. q., M.P., who has recently paid a visit to the United States, has since his return delivered two lectures at the Euglish Presbyterian Church, St. at the Euzlish Presbyterian Church, St. John's Wood, descriptive of his impressions of America. In the course of the second lecture Mr. Lewis said the places of worshin in the United States presented features of grandeur, elegance, and comfort suggestive of unstinted expense in their erection and maintenance—a liberality which to a certain degree was extended to which to a certain degree was extended to ministerial stipend; there seemed, low-ever, to be comewhat too much of attention to mere ornamentation, and too great togrifies to the performence of music. Dr. Hall's New Preshyterian Church in New York goet £200 000. The Taber. nade, Broadway, in which Dr. W. M. Taylor efficiency, in which Dr. W. M. Taylor efficiency, oat with the church organ and furniture \$40,000. The service opened with an anthem by the choir alone, consisting of two or twelve persons; the performance lasted for about ten minutes, the congregation sitting all the time. The devotional and preaching parts of the service were as good as could be desired, and he noted that the congregation was largely composed of males. The Second Presbycomposed of males. The Second Presysterian Church in Chicago, which seats nearly 1 400 persons, cost £40 000, the organ alone costing £2 000. The gorgeous style of the colouring employed in the church reminded him of the decorated courts in the Crystal Palace. The choir consists of two males and two females, who greatest high with the front of the who were seated high up in the front of the organ; these receive among them £800 per annum. The renter of the pew which he occupied, and which is arranged for five persons, pays for it £50 per annum the highest rented new in the church is £90 per annum. He attended the St. John' Episcopal Church at Washington on Christmas day, and it might be truly stated that the leading characteristic of the service was music from beginning to end; not content with a fine organ, they had stringed and brass instruments. At nad stringed and brass instruments. At Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, the preach-ing platform is quite open, and furnished with an open stand, on which the Bible rests, and from which the minister con-ducts the service. The furniture is of cedar wood from the Mount of Olives, and near the proacher's chair was placed a green porcelain spittoon. The seats are only reserved for seatholders until ten minutes before the service commences; to obtain one of the unappropriated seats it would he necessary to go an hour before the service. The choir consists of ninety or a hundred persons, and the opening authem, in which there were solo parts, occupied ton minutes. Mr. Ward Beccher's address, of which Mr. Lewis gave a somewhat caustic description, occupied about seventy minutes. The clatter of lifting the seats at the close of the service, and the chatting and laughing by the congregation which followed, left upon him the imprespublic meeting.

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