

Industry and skill will generally command the market price; if not, strikes will seldom supply the deficiency.

GUITEAU the assassin of President Garfield has been hanged, and the world is at last rid of a canting, blasphemous knave. We at one time feared that the American lawyers, who have shown themselves so competent to find loop-holes through which all sorts of criminals could creep, would in this case also find some "technical" grounds on which this deliberate and cowardly murderer of an innocent man might escape unwhipped of justice. But the great minds of the nation rose superior to all miserable quibbles, and in spite of the vigorous efforts of his misguided friends Guiteau paid the penalty of his crime on the scaffold. The insanity plea, so long extant, has been staggered if not mortally wounded, and "inspired" murderers taught that the gallows is the reward of their fanaticism.

CRIMES should not be condoned no matter when or by whom committed. But is it fair that Ireland should be singled out of all the nations of the earth as the paragon of "outrages"? The English papers teem with accounts of crimes committed within the shores of Britain, such as the killing of men and cattle, attempts at murder and arson, blowing up of buildings and the destruction of machinery; still we never see them noticed in glaring headings or double leaded editorials. But if an Irishman ducks a bailiff in a horse pond it is published to the world as a dastardly "outrage." Bill Sykes may put on his top boots to kick his wife to death and the event is merely mentioned, but let O'Rafferty horse-whip his landlord's distraining agent, and the world rings with an outcry against those "horrid Oirish!"

*La Integridad de la Patria* of Madrid thinks that the Phoenix Park assassination

was "provoked by the unspeakable persecutions inflicted during the past centuries on the unfortunate inhabitants of Erin by the English government." It certainly was an incidental result, not one which the Irish nation sanctioned, but on the contrary universally disavowed. If the Spanish paper be correct, the English government must look very near home for the original cause of that terrible event.

THE Ontario Minister of Education foreshadows a radical change in the Collegiate and High School system. The classics are to be reduced to the position of optional subjects, and the full force of educational powers brought to bear upon the practical branches of knowledge. The scheme appears praiseworthy, but comment is deferred until it is fully unfolded, which the Minister promises to do at an early day.

Now that the season of travel has set in, a word or two to health and pleasure seekers may not be inappropriate. Begin with an intelligent appreciation of things at home; have a liberal yet discriminating habit of mind, a true love for nature, and a ready sympathy for truth and goodness in all their forms. You will then no doubt obtain profit and delight from your experience, and be in a position to apply the results to a brighter and more practical mode of life.

THE Redemptorist Fathers, have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of their order in the United States. If they would only speak what a record of religious heroism, devotion, and zeal could these sons of St. Alphonsus lay before the public! The New York *Freeman's Journal*, promises to give a full account of the origin and success in America of this renowned congregation, which will certainly be looked for with the liveliest interest.