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**F**OR the third successive year La Grippe is ravaging the civilized world, and in a severer form than before. Already in England the prospective heir to the throne and the greatest English light of the Roman Catholic Church have been carried off.

The loss of his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, will be a great blow to the Prince of Wales, who, whatever his faults may be, is a most devoted and loving father. Much has been said in the American papers in the last few months disparaging the dead prince, but according to the English press these reports were utterly false. In this connection we were glad to see an article in the *Empire* of Friday, the 15th, signed X, and evidently written by one who had mixed largely in good English society:

"In fact his dissipations are all in the Yankee telegrams, and the worst that the English people who knew him ever said of him was to say he was a "dandy" (or dude as we say here), and to nickname him Prince Collars and Cuffs. But what very young man is not given to a display of collar and cuff at some period of his existence? At all events it is no sin, and his looks completely refuted the lies told of his dissipation. Under his father's careful tutition he had of late years been developing tact and judgment and earn-

ing good opinions wherever he went to perform public ceremonies."

The loss sustained by the death of Cardinal Manning is, for the moment, overshadowed by that of the young prince, with its sad adjuncts of his marriage forever stopped, and of his broken-hearted lady love, but it will be longer felt. Newman and Manning, St. John and St. Peter, were the two great names in the English Roman Catholic Church, and now both are gone. The one was the sweet and the other the strong, and though Newman was the more attractive personality, we think that the loss of Manning will, in the end, be more serious and leave more lasting results.

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At least a hundred and fifty Queen's students went to the City Hall on Tuesday evening to hear Mr. Laurier; before coming away they also heard Sir Richard Cartwright. While both speeches were good, Mr. Laurier's was of an essentially higher tone. This was well seen in their respective treatment of the attacks with which the Minister of Marine had honoured them a few days before. Mr. Laurier said gently that "he had never done his opponents the honour of thinking them of more importance than political issues"; while Sir Richard indulged a not unnatural though scarcely expedient desire to pay the Minister of Marine back in kind.

It would perhaps be taking modern politicians too seriously to suppose that they either enlighten or wish to enlighten their hearers. Politics has deteriorated vastly since the days of Demosthenes, when it was the duty of a politician to discern the meaning and tendency of things and to reveal them to the people. Modern politics seems rather a struggle for power between the "ins" and the "outs," success in which depends on successfully throwing dust in the people's eyes; in making them believe that some quack nostrum is a universal panacea; but there is one question which we were disappointed that neither of the Liberal leaders took up, even if