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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS... We have sent out a large number of bills to subscribers in arrears, and up to date the returns have not been as large as they should be.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT... From Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday every day is a fast day, except Sundays. Palm Sunday is not a fast day, though it is a day of abstinence.

errors to atone for, in fact more than any other European nation, and that the penalty to be incurred will be unusually heavy. It is quite evident that the Bishop of Liverpool is a believer in the old saying that "whom the Gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

THE AMERICAN HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS... The American House Committee on Foreign Affairs has finally and very properly decided to report, in relation to the several proposed resolutions on the subject of the recent dynamite explosions in London, that it would be unbecoming the dignity of the House of Representatives to assume that American citizens had in any way been connected with a crime where no charge had been made.

IRELAND LOST BY IMMIGRATION... The number of emigrants leaving the United Kingdom (including emigrants of foreign origin) starting from English ports in 1884 was 304,074 as compared with 397,157 in 1883, which shows a very considerable falling off.

GENERAL GORDON'S FATE... The life of a gallant soldier and a true and noble man has been sacrificed under the most deplorable circumstances. For two long weeks the civilized world has dreaded that General Gordon was in imminent danger, and to-day it learns with poignant grief that the hero lies cold in death.

Table showing emigration statistics for 1884 and 1883. Columns include destination (United States, British North America, Australasia, etc.) and number of emigrants.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S ORGAN... GOLDWIN SMITH'S organ, the Toronto Week, comes in for a severe and deserved castigation at the hands of the Montreal Gazette for its brutal attack on Dr. Sullivan, of Kingston, who was recently appointed to the Senate.

A NOT ALTOGETHER PLEASANT SENSATION... A not altogether pleasant sensation, remarks the London Truth, has been caused in England court circles by a report that a groom-in-waiting to the Queen contemplates publishing a book which is to give an account of every person who has been attached to the royal household since Her Majesty came to the throne.

SOME PEOPLE ARE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO PROPOSE... Some people are foolish enough to propose that the Canadian Government should raise a regiment or two and send them to the Sudan at its own expense.

burden and expense of fitting out an expedition for the purpose would meet with the strongest rebuke from the country, and with deadly opposition from its representatives in Parliament. Of course, there can be no objection to ex-army officers, dead-beats and other unemployed gentlemen quitting Canada on their own hook for the scene of war.

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the government were not prepared to send troops to the Sudan. On the 16th of April he wrote as follows, and this was the last despatch received from Khartoum for a period of many months: "As far as I can understand the situation is this—You state your intention of not sending any relief up here or to Berber."

CHARLES GEORGE GORDON, better known as "Chinese Gordon," was a man of a soldier's heart. His great-grandfather was taken prisoner at Prestonpans by Prince Charlie's "Highland host," but was paroled through the influence of the Duke of Cumberland.

During the heat of the great land agitation in Ireland Gordon published a series of letters in the British press which caused quite a sensation. He advocated strongly and warmly the rights of the Irish people, and encouraged them in their efforts to get rid of a grinding system of landlordism.

THE LATE CARDINAL McCABE... A cable despatch has briefly announced the death of Cardinal McCabe, Archbishop of Dublin. This illustrious dignitary of the Catholic Church in Ireland had for the past few years been weighed down by a severe illness.

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been extended to the Maritime Provinces and Manitoba. For the first year, 1868-69, the number of depositors was 7,212, and these made 16,653 deposits representing a value of \$927,885.

Table showing accounts deposited and total on deposit for various years from 1869 to 1884. Columns include Year, open annually, and Total on deposit.

SOME JOURNALS LOOK UPON THIS RESULT AS A PROOF THAT THE TIMES ARE NOT SO HARD AS THEY SEEM, OR OTHERWISE THE 66,682 DEPOSITORS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO STOW AWAY THIRTEEN MILLIONS IN SAVINGS BANKS.

STILL HOWLING FOR A VERDICT.

THE GAZETTE'S "OWN CORRESPONDENT" AT ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, furnishes a letter to our contemporary in which he abuses at great length, and condemns in bitter terms, the jurors that have tried the Catholic prisoners in connection with the Harbor Grace riots.

THE ORANGEMEN ARE NATURALLY VERY INDIGNANT over the result, they are howling and swearing that justice has miscarried. Their thirst for the blood of these nineteen Catholics seems to be insatiable and they are egging the Government on to try and secure a snap verdict against them.

Such language betrays the fury and the bitterness of the yellow sons of law and order against their Catholic neighbors. We would advise them to keep cool, and submit to the softening influence of Christian civilization.

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IN HIS EARLY CAREER FATHER McCABE ASSISTED THE ARCHBISHOP in the details and administration of the schemes which he was instrumental in augmenting. After several years of this sort of labor and close association with Cardinal Cullen, Father McCabe was promoted to the charge of Kingstown, one of the most populous, wealthy and important parishes in the archdiocese.

After the death of Cardinal Cullen a meeting of the clergy of the chapter was held, and the name of Bishop McCabe was returned to Rome as dignissimus, an honor which, it was generally anticipated, would have fallen on Dr. Horan, the learned Bishop of Ossory.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

ONE OF OUR CONTEMPORARIES urges that the demand for the abolition of exemptions from civic taxation should be acceded to. Those who favor the abolition of tax exemptions do so generally because they imagine that the Catholic church property exempted is very large.