Precept and Example. AIR .- "John Anderson, my Joe." Let precept and example

Aye hand in hand be seen, For gude advice is plenty, And unco easy gi'en; And barnies in the uptak Ye ken are seldom slow, To aye, whate'er advice ye gi'e,

A gude example show. They're gleg at imitation, As ilka ane may ken ; The lassies a' would women be-The laddies would be men; So lead them kindly by the hand The road that they should go, And aye, what'er advice ye gi'e, A gude example show.

And should you promise aught to them Aye keep your promise true,

Wi' hasty word or blow, But aye, whate'er advice ye gi'e A gude example show.

And so to home-born truth and love Ye'll win ilk bonnie bairn. For as they hear the auld cock craw. The young are sure to learn; They'll spurn at mean hypocrisy, Wi' honest pride they'll glow, And bless the parents' whatchfu' care, Wha gude example show.

A CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP ON THE NECESSITY OF CONFEDERA-TION.

Archbishop Connolly of Nova Scotia reply to certain statements about Fenianism and the question of Confederation. The following is the main part of the letter :-SIR .- Either there is, or there is not,

danger; or, in other words, either the nation on our borders has or has not the power to pull down our flag and destroy us as people. If they have the power, then the power, then material as the world knows. The whole as the world knows. ter of no importance, whatever. We are. then, living only on sufferance, on mere tolmeans of paying four dollars and ten cents of all titles. The thirteen original States of America, with all their professions of selftaxes, and everything we hold most dear, denial, have been all the time, by moneyought to depend for a single week.

mit, instead of labouring to keep us in our now of their own accord, to come to a full present disjointed and defenceless position, you should rather call on all to unite where a single man cannot be dispensed with. and we will have a fuller and fairer representation than the city of London, or Liverpool, valuable and more available for our purposes and by far more secure Confederation. therefore, instead of depriving us of the privileges of self-government, is the only practical and reliable guarantee for its continuance. We are too small to be warrant measure which alone, under Providence, ed in the hope of being able to hold it al. can secure to us social order and peace, and ways on the strength of our own re- rational liberty, and all the blessings we sources, and England, if not too weak, is certainly too prudent and too cautious to risk and the hallowed institutions of the freest her last shilling and her last man to a coun. and happiest country in the world. try where, instead of a population of four millions, she will scarcely have one-tenth of that number to help her against the united power of a whole continent. To deny, therefore, the obvious advantages of Confed eration you must first prove that union is not strength—that England under the Hep. tarchy, and France under her feudal chiefe and Barons, were greater, stronger, and happier than they now are as the two greatest nations of the world. You must prove that Lucerne, Geneva, Berne, and the now here in Kingsten among the banks, as da, Texas, Delaware, and little Rhode Is a bodyof men at Cape Vincent, who intendland in the neighboring States would be stronger if detached from each other. You must prove that the petty and miserable Republics of Central America, with all their the bay is frozen over, as it is only fourteen dangers which no State willingly incurs.

than the whole, you must prove that the the bay." smaller the State, the greater and stronger The British American says :own principle the repeal of the Union at the person moment would be a signal benefit to Cape Breton, Yarmouth, and Shelburge, where they have far stronger local reasons for being dissatisfied with the central government in Halitax than Nova Scotia can ever have for being united, with Ottawa as its capital, and the boundless British Provinces that the passport system in operation at the outside of Canadian railreads is politics is hatred to England, not because tion at the outside of Canadian railreads is politics is hatred to England, not because they consider the possible advantage to this device. Smith, and Governor Letcher, have all been mentioned as likely to succeed him. There is they consider the passport system in operation at the outside of Canadian railreads is politics is hatred to England, not because tion at the outside of Canadian railreads is politics is hatred to England, if all of them that love her and to show that the passport system in operation at the outside of Canadian railreads is politics is hatred to England, not because to the central government, in serving as a check to the distribution of the place, said to be contemplated by a number of desperadoes from Cape by a number of the pass politics is hatred to England, not because the tion at the outside of Canadian railreads is politics is hatred to England, not because the total tion at the outside of Canadian railreads is politics is hatred to England, not because they considered to the contral government, in serving as a check to the desired to a likely to succeed hate. The politics is hatred to England, not because they considered to the con and happier the people; and that on your

sole to calculate on their continuance, it is police were given more definite instruction definite instructions of the following soles and it is is said the steps leading to the to be sure," "Why so?" "Because he border. This, at a season, if coulty, and I will say with all cander martello tower of the harbour were removed because he can have your honor at any time." dreds of miles of the frontier

of New B.unswick and Nova Scotia, may cost more in a single week than Confederation for the next fifty years; and if we are to believe you, where is the security even at the present moment against such a disaster? Without the whole power of the Mother Country by land and sea, and the concentration in a single hand of all the strength of British North America, our condition is seen at a glance. Whenever the present difficulties will terminate - and who can tell the moment?—we will be at the mercy of our neighbors; and victorious or otherwise, they will be eminently a military people, and with all their apparent indifference about annexing this country, and the friendly feeling that may be talked, they will have the power to strike when they please, [Roman Catholic] has addressed a spirited letter to the Halifax Morning Chronicle, in touch point of the whole question. No nation ever had the power of conquest that did not use it, or abuse it, at the very first fa-

vorable opportunity.

All that is said of the magnanimity and forbearance of mighty nations, can be explained on the principle of sheer expediency, away within our own time, on the principle of might alone -the oldest, the stronges eration. Our lives and liberties, and the and as some would have it, the most sacred man can calculate, and no nation can or power and by war, and by negotiation, extending their frontier, until they more than If there be fifty thousand men already prepared to invade this country, as you advers; and believe it who may, are they

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, + THOMAS L. CONNOLY. Archbishop of Halifax. A SCARE IN KINGSTON.

Responsible Government, and entire exemp. miles across; the consequence is that all way benefitted by their smallness and isolation, and their reductance to coalesce and the door, armed, and the guard of Canadian Rifles has been doubled. The voluntary possible guarantee for the lives and liberties and happiness of all.

On the voluntary possible guarantee for the lives and liberties and we are to have six mounted to have six mounted to the six mounted to the space of the lives and liberties are to have six mounted liberties and liberties are to have six mounted liberties and liberties are to have six mounted liberties and liberties are the lives are th on the principle that the part is greater being given and we are to have six mounted policemen to patrol the street running along his Secretary of State, Judah P. Benjamin,

moved from above Kingston Bridge to a point at the centre of the town, and the volunteer officers notified to be on the alert.

No raiders, however, made their appearance; is expected to be inshed in a second tank is expected to be first portion of the cable, and a second tank is expected to be finished in a second tank. and as we write a deep calm has succeeded night. to the storm. Owing to the excitement at and 20ft., in height. They are constructed the other side, it is quite possible that some designing scoundrels might attempt to rob the banks here, and accordingly it would be

Gunboats on the Lakes. (From the Daily News, January 17th)

It is announced that Mr. Jefferson Davis

voluntary acknowledges Mr. Burley, now under arrest in Canada, to be a Confederate officer, and proclaims that the prisoner's attempt to seize the United States steamer Michigan, on Lake Erie, was an act of war authorized by the Confederate Government. As Lieutenant Bennett Young, the commander of the St. Alban's raiders, was able o produce on his examination a commission showing that he also had been appointed by Mr. Davis to that "special service," the recognition of Burley is not surprising. Mr. Davis further states that he did not authorize Burley to do anything in violation of British neutrality. Burley's exploit and the sanction given to it at Richmond are important to us only so far as they affect the welfare of our fellow-citizens in Canada. stop? No; as long as they have the power,
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Several hundred men are daily employed in Irish Republic. gird on our armour for the attack. If responsible government which the great and fore, but it is their power, and only their since it has induced the United States Govsponsible government which the great and good men of this country won for us to be a precious heirloom on the lilliputian scale on which we now find it, instead of bartering it away for nothing by Confederation, as you say, we shall rather, in my opinion, add to its lustre and value, and ennoble and enrich it, and make it boundlessly grander and more secure for ourselves and those who are to come after us. We obtained Responsible Government from the Mother Country, in whose Legislative Halls we had Country, in whose Legislative Halls we had not see that vigorous and timely prepara and reckless measure adopted in contempt not a single member to represent us. We tion is the only practical argument that can of our own Government and of the peace to are now, on the contrary, asked to transfer bave weight with a powerful enemy, and which the treaty has long contributed. This the rich and prized deposit to a place which will be a part only of our common country, where our voice must be heard, and where Union of the Provinces, so at a moment mast find means to pretect its citizens and when public opinion is being formed on this their commerce against those who are revivor Bristol, can boast of in their Eng-lish House of Commons, and this is the great difference between obtaining from England what we had not, and transferring what we now have, in order to make it more valuable and more available for our pur-After the most mature consideration, and all the arguments I have heard on both sides for the last month, these are my inmost convictions on the necessity and merits of a measure which alone, under Providence, can secure to us social order and peace, and rational liberty, and all the blessings we rational rational liberty, and all the blessings we rational liberty, and all the blessings we rational rational liberty, and all the blessings we rational rational liberty, and all the blessings we rational ratio this pretension with a stroke of his pen, and authorizes Mr. Burley to go and make war in waters which the British and American Governments have devoted to peace, and from which they have voluntary withdrawn in the Government of the peace of the from which they have voluntary withdrawn in the Government at a vashington. They seem to know somehow that such an include boast to say that the English Government has been influenced in no small degree by the action of the Funians here and at home, in abstaining the limits a such an include the career of conjugal infelicity begins under the most favourable anapices.

The newly married couple take up their and at home, in abstaining the limits whom they flatter, whose votes they their armed vessels. The claim he makes is preposterous, for he can pretend to no We have been furnished with the followand the United States never agreed to abstain from placing armed vessels there, while allowing a third Power to exercise the liber- of his happiness; establishes the facts of his Grisons, would be equally strong and se cure out of the Confederation of their sister cantons in Switzerland; and that Flori-

the bay."

The British American says:—

"The city has been filled with ground"The city has been filled with ground-

the only difficulty for me and all others who have everything to lose. No country situated as Nova Sootia now is, with a vast area and a sparse population, can reasonably hope to maintain its independence for any considerable period. Unless we are to be a single exception, and an anomaly in the history of nations, some change must come, and come soon. In a word, Mr. Editor, as you say, something must be done.

Instead of cursing like the boys in the upturned boat, and holding on till we are fairly on the brink of the extracts, we must at once begin to pray and strike out for the shore by all means, before we get too far down on the current. We must at this most critical moment invoke the Arbiter of Nations for wisdom, and abandoning in time our perilous position, we must strike out to the brink of rom both places, or from both places, we for greater security. A cavalry raid visit from our Feuisn friends on horseback, through The tanks have a diameter of 58ft.

quite as well if a portion, at all events, of "Great Eastern" in the river at Chatham our volunteers kept their arms in their bomes, and say ten rounds of balled amvisitors, but these are now excluded in ormunition. A few desperate men might at | der to permit of the work connected with any time take possession of the armoury, and so render our gallant volunteers completely powerless, while the rest of the gang could plunder at pleasure, a /a St. Albans. latter breaking at a strain of 3 tons 5 cwt., while the breaking strain of the new cable will be 7 tons 15 cwt. The weight of the new cable will be 35 cwt, 3 qrs. per nautical mile, while the old cable was only 20 cwt. ufacture will weigh 14 cwt. per nautical mile in water, and will bear its own weight in eleven miles depth of water. The entire and Irishmen from all parts of the world being a secret society." 400lb, per mile, against 261lb. per mile in the old cable. About 300 miles of the cable, That the organization has consistency and the Oligarchy of Great Britain, and that "Great Eastern." In consequence of the ence than heretofore, and an influence duirements of our military position will then which will always be intensely adverse to be a sufficient and satisfactory apology to all age of the cable, two of the boilers have been cut off, but in other respects the ship's in the most active state of progression.

Every Irishman who can read and write,

be a sumcient and satisfactory apology
but the opponents of our cause for a certain degree of reticence on our part. The Fenimachinery has not been interfered with. will be engaged, but according to existing arrangements she will not leave the Medway, until June next, so as to obtain the finest weather during the operation of submerging it was before the union with England and istence of our organization, until all our been received at the Department from every

The last Matrimonial Scandal. For a week past the columns of the New Ireland as opportunity offers. Each Fenian York World have been charged with the demakes its strict maintenance impossible without exposing one of the parties to it to several years of their life in private discord culminating in public shame. But if such cases as this bore no other fruit than to in-

time visited the coast, and no apprehension

has even once been felt for her safety .-

(From the Cincinatti Ganetie.) Facts are growing daily more numerous to show that the passport system in opera-tion at the outside of Canadian railroads is or serior for being unified with Ottars would tend over have for being unified of the ocean should govern the grant of the press would tend be as the polity of the habitable globe, and raiso below, and raiso between the seat and the water of the press would tend to the spirit, and the boundless British territory beyond our borders. Prove all, it is impossible to the financial and commercial raise with a resolution to the seath of the polity of the seath of the seath of the seath of the polity of the seath of the seath of the seath of the polity of the seath of the seath

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among Irishmen in America to the mother country is stronly illustrated by the formation in the States of the extensive organization known as the Fenian Brotherhood. This organization, not composed exclusively ber over half a million of men. and has at land. its disposal over \$1,000,000, and already forms a powerful element in American poliabout three years ago, and since then the organization has spread almost universally throughout the Northern States, and even gained a foothold in Canada. It was originally intended that the object of the body adopted and loudly applauded. should be kept profoundly secret; but it was an Irish organization, and little by little the objects at which the Fenians aimed at leaked out, until now no secret whatever dress by counselling caution and circumis made of the end in view, and in a call for a general convention of Fenians, to be held Great Britain and the other enemies of huper mile, and 13 4 cwt. per nautical mile in Cincinnati, Ohio, a few weeks hence, it water. The cable now in course of man- is stated that "before the necessity for an country abounds, may seize upon this as other convention exists the fires of liberty an occasion for renewing against the Fenian 31st Dec., 92. Toronto, 1st class, 52; 2nd class, 51; number in school will be rekindled on the alters of Ireland, Brotherhood the oft-refuted accusation of class 190; number in school 31st Dec., 55. weight of the insulation of the new cable is will be flocking back to the Emerald Isle to have already been completed at the works at the strength which unanimity gives there while there is no Fenian army as yet openly Greenwich, and the first supply is now ready can be no doubt; neither can we doubt that in the field—such an army, nevertheless, for the shipment on board, her Majesty's it will finally involve the entire Irish election actually exists, preparing and discipling frigate "Isa" having been despatched from Chatham to assist in the operation of conveying the cable from the Thames to the are springing up with incredible rapidity. To divulge the position and intended movements the Fenians ments of an army would be to defeat it. It second class, 131,000; reserve men, 55,000. the cable. An ingeniously contrived machine has been constructed at the capture works for paying out the cable se as to prevent any accident from breakage whilst the steamer is under weigh. During the time either by involving Great Britain and the steamer is the Med. vent any accident from breakage whilst time steamer is under weigh. During the time the "Great Eastern" has been in the Medical the "Great Eastern" has been in the Medical trees of revolt in Ireland itself. An active fires of revolt in Ireland itself. tented in Ireland; the poorest laborer here

subscribes his dollar toward the general

fund, and arms are being purchased and distributed among the members of the body.

and others are being stored for shipment to

is solemnly pledged to promote revolt in Ireland, to hasten thither at the first outbode in one hotel after another. The hus-band finds relief from his discomforts in his depth of contempt which is perfectly astontitle whatever in those island waters, from which the teritory he governs is separated by hundreds of miles. He infringes the long hours away in the company with which chance and cirrights and breaks upon the peace of Canada when he thus despatches his officers with hostile designes to the lakes. Great Britain proceeding to "regenerate" their beloved in this country as the enemies of the Union isle after their own fashion, and to "cripple are getting from the ruling classes of Eng-England, the enemy of democracy." It land. Had we but a few blockade runners never seems to occur to these misled men at our command we would soon set Great ty which they renounced: and the recent attempt on Lake Erie, santioned as it now of twelve of his fellow-citizens, and receives of the stiefaction of twelve of his fellow-citizens, and receives of the stiefaction of twelve of his fellow-citizens, and receives of the peaceable inhabitabts of Ireland of twelve of his fellow-citizens, and receives from their sympathy a verdiet of ten thousand we would soon set Great Britain in a blaze of revolution. But the might object to be regenerated, or that England might have something to say about being "crippled." Ireland, they say, is all and dollars damages against the enemy of his home. It is possible that there may be his home. It is possible that there may be admitted that the only men to whom this sum of money would soon set Great Britain in a blaze of revolution. But the might object to be regenerated, or that England might have something to say about being "crippled." Ireland, they say, is all fighting for the past three or four years. As these must, to all appearances, be vansources of information which most of these quished ere long, there will soon be leisure ignorant men possess—viz: the correspondence of their friends and relatives in Ire-Union, and more especially perfidieus England, tends to confirm their delusion. The American politicians carefully foster the atrive with all their energies to have their preparations so made that our country's The Springfield Republican, which is about tyrant shall not get off with merely a sound the most candid exponent of American whipping. Her tyrannous rule must be opinion in this country, and which is conducted by the first newspaper talent in New England, says of them that "the objects at which they aim will keep them on the right altogether upon this tingency beyond our side of American reliator." side of American politics." And it probably will, for "the right side" of American
politics is hatred to England, not because
she is the enemy of democray, but because
the same of the

NGRESS AT CINCINNATI -- ADDRESS OF THE "HEAD CENTRE"-THE ORGAN-IZATION AT WAR WITE GREAT BRI-

The Fenian convention, as the telegraph orms us, met at Cincinnati on the 17th ult. Colonel John O'Mahoney, of the Federal army, "Head Centre of the Brotheroccupied the chair, and read his address—a portion of which we give below. The first day was occupied in the work of organizing committees.

The report of the proceedings being official, but the barest statement of them is published in the papers. Of the second day's work the following was a portion, as

able and interesting report on the state of the organization in Ireland, which was the organization in Ireland, which was adopted and loudly applauded. The unantitude the condition in the state of the Congress were reted to nents of the intense hostility which exists

Mr. Coyne for his able report and his untir
Let them, then, give no more aid and coming zeal in the cause."

At the third day's session the chairman take a few of the most important : Military Organization, Committee on Forof Irishmen, nor even of Catholics, now num- eign Affairs, Committee on Address to Ire- them no bodily harm, unless, as just said, in

The Deputy Head Centre read a very interesting letter from the C. E. of the I.R. frightened by the Fenians into organizing ties. The movement for the formation of this body originated in Chicago, Illinois, plauded, and referred principally to the 100,000 volunteers to meet an attack from this body originated in Chicago, Illinois, plauded, and referred principally to the usiwhile we were not even thinking of them.

committee on military affairs, In the afternoon Dr. Ball, chairman of the committee on that subject, read the address to the people of Ireland, which was

The fourth day's proceedings were of no general importance to Canadians.

The "Head Centre" commenced his adspection, as "the secret agents and spies of man liberty with whom, unfortunately, this

Brotherhood the oft-refuted accusation of "Our fellow-citizens will not forget that state their object to be simply "to restore were, indeed, more conclusive to success, if From this number 48,000 have been ballot-

Brotherhood, and prevent it from gaining olled amongst us, I feel compelled, on this occasion, to give some information respect-

speak of the strength of the organization, which numbered somewhere about 300 "circles." or about 100,000 men-"most, if

not all of them, full of life and hone. "In addition to this, the Fenians are nndeniably dreaded by the cruel oppressors of

while working for the liberation of Ireland, land. The Fenians in the meantime must

"We must not, indeed, rest our hope altogether upon this or upon any other contingency beyond our actual control. Irish-

the writer has, to doubt their mischievous intentions, or their ability to create trouble. Whatever they might attempt would, of course, result in disastrous failure for them. In the meantime it would be well to convince them beforehand of the chimerical nature of their projects, and so confound them at the start. Yours truly,

HENRY FITZ HERBERT.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 26.

PROHIBITION IN ASPHODEL.—The prehibitory provisions of Mr. Dunkin's Bill have been adopted by a majority 29 in the township of Asphodel, county of Peterbor-township of Asphodel, county of P

dread the Provincialists have of us-our power over them-and the extensive spread of our docrrine and work, otherwise it counts nothing. The Canadian lovalists have made fools of themselves. They have shown how far behind the intellectual progress of the present age they are. They are still as stupid and bigoted as when the Pope and the Pretender were the great bugbearers of loval Britishers. Let them set their hearts at ease with regard to the Tenian Circles of the Canadas. These are not organized for the purpose of making a revolution in these Provinces. Their object has relation to Ireland alone. The Canadian Fenians will. however, defend themselves if outraged, and their brothers here will lend them a helping hand if need be. Let the Loyalists and reported:—
"Mr. Coyne, the central envoy, read an Orangemen keep themselves quiet towards our brothers, and we will let them worship

fort to the enemies of the United States, no mere shelter and support to the robbers of announced the committees, from which we our citizens on their frontiers, and let them keep their hands off our brothers in their might. If they act thus, we promise to do case of war between their mistress and our 100,000 volunteers to meet an attack from

THE MILITIA

The annual report on the state of the militia, prepared by Colonels Powell and DeSalaberry, is in print. It is a blue book of 150 pages, full of statistical details prepared with care. I surmise some points of

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION The total number of candidates who

have obtained certificates are :- Quebec, 1st class, 200; 2nd class, 61; number in school class, 190 : number in school 31st Dec., 55. Total, 1st class, 252; 2nd class, 251; in school, 147. The report states that immediately after the commencement of the present year a large accession was made to the number in attendance at the Toronto School. that now both schools have under instruction the full maximum number of one bandred each.

The military instruction enforced in the Normal Schools, in most of the Colleges, and in many of the Grammar and minor schools, s highly applauded. The report says that some of the organ-

ized associations of students compare favorably with the oldest corps of volunteers.

"The nominal strength of the several vol unteer organizations in the Province is fully just, and their mode of attaining them be pure and honest. But such secrecy would militate against the extension of the Fenian increase to the strength of those remaining an amount of popular support sufficient for successful operations. Hence, for the satwhich have been written off." The report sfaction of our friends who are not yet enand town corps and rural corps. The first corps are described as prosperous, being comprised of persons engaged in indoor pursuits, who resort to drill as a relaxation. Distance and night drill are said to operate against the second. The report says :-The Deputy Adjutant Cenerals are firmly of opinion that unless a village is located at some central and convenient part of a thickly populated rural district, it is not 'possible to sustain and keep together a vigorous volunteer company without a very considerable expenditure in each instance on the part of the Government Volunteering in preference to the draft is spoken of as the prevailing feeling, but the only feasible and reliable means for conveying military instructions to the great mass of the people in the country parts, must be through the organization of the service militia, and the adoption of a fixed period of continuous and compulsory drill, coupled with a money payment to both officers and men proportionate to the period for which they are called out from time to

The organization of volunteers into battalions in cities is stated as successful, but in the country, owing to distance, and con-

sequent loss of time, the experiment was not successful. Expenditure from the public chest would be necessary to maintain Increased remuneration to cover expenses devolving on commanding officers of com-panies and battalions is recommended. The suggestion is made "to accept in cities and tewns the volunteers now organized, or a sufficient number to make good any contri-

bution required for the organization of the service militia in those cities and towns, to whom the same pay and allowances for both officers and men would be granted as will be necessarily incurred in the event of calling out the service-militia for crill. A class o men would promptly and cheerfully enroll themselves, who would be more desirable in all respects than the result of the ballot could possibly afford. As regards Upper Canada, the plan of allowing each county town to furnish its quota of service militiamen, in time of peace, from volunteers would be desirable"

The number of officers of volunteers who have been examined during the year and re-