

ed to the killing of Abel by Cain, and said that the blood of the murdered people balled to heaven for vengeance and that the guilty could not expect to escape, because the eye of God was on those who had broken His commandment by killing his neighbour. The only hope of sal-vation for such people was by confession and penitence. He hoped all present would prepare to enter upon a better course of conduct is future. Scandals and crimes by Christian people caused their enemies to laugh at them, and consequently the re-ligion of the fathers suffered at the hands of infidels.

## THE VIGILANTES.

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## A DETECTIVE'S STORY.

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But owing to the desperate charac-ters of those suspected, magistrates, con-stables and detectives were afraid to move. At this time Mr. McKinnon was a wellstables and detectives were afraid to move, At this time Mr. MoKinnon was a well-known and fearless detective, and was en-gaged in working up the celebrated Cale-donia murder case. Having pushed the Young desperadoes into tight duarters, where their arrest was certain, he turned his attention to the Lucan neighbourhood. People cautioned him about undertaking such a dangerous job, and assured him that by doing so he would be taking his own life in his hands. However, the de-tective resolved upon a trial, and being supplied with plenty of money, he choese to begin operations under the guise of a sporting character. By this means he ex-pected the more readily to ingratiate him-self into the good favours of the Donnellys and others acting in concert with them. For some time, however, he made slow progress. He had shrewd, desperate men to deal with, who did not take strangers into their coufidence without sounding them to the bottom. One evening while sitting in a tavern at Lucan the detective overheard a man speaking against the Don-nellys and denousing them so the sounding them to the bottom. sitting in a tavern at Lucan the detective overheard a man speaking against the Don-nellys and denouncing them as outlaws. This, Mr. McKinnon thought, would be a good chance for him to make a "big push," so stepping up to the person, he introduced himself as a friend of the Donald <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> so stepping up to the person, he introduced himself as a friend of the Donnellys, and declared he would not hear them maligned. The man having replied in the tone he had spoken before, the detective knocked him down. The affair soon became noised abroad, and the Donnellys and their "pals," considered Mr. McKinnon "a hail fellow well met." They welcomed him, to their society, and being liberally treated, soon divulged their plans and secrets. Beforg many days sufficient information was ob-tained to warrant a change of character. So, having obtained assistance from Lon-don, and being armed with the requisite authority, Mr. McKinnon drove to the residence of the Don-nellys, and began operations. Enter-ing alone, he asked to see Michael Donnel-ly, who was the most dangerous of the gang. Stepping up to him, he asked Michael to accompany him as a prisoner, and re-vealed his badge as a detective. For a mo-ment the man was thunderstruck, but real-izing the trick that had been played, with a terrible oath, he sprang for a wespon of de-fence. The officer was ton guick, and in ment the man was thunderstruck, but real-izing the trick that had been played, with a terrible oath, he sprang for a weapon of de-fence. The officer was too quick, and in order to secure his prisoner had to punish him severely. The others present—two brothers and a cham—were also arrested and securely lodged in gaol. A number of other arrests followed, and the result was one of the Donnellys was sent to the peni-tentiary, and two more with a "pal" to the Central Prison. This snocessful raid upon the desperadoes of Biddulph put an end to the reign of terror there for a time. Chief McKinnon describes the Donnellys as fine looking, muscular men, with an air of cool desperation that awes at first sight. They may be the werst of the Biddulph gang, but they are not the only oriminals in that neighbourhood. Their mother was a woman of masculine will. She once told the chief that not until each of her sons had murdered his man could she die in peace. She was "on the war path" for several days after the arrest of her boys, looking for McKinnon, and vowing ven-geance at first sight. John Donnelly, who willin, was not the harmless creature he has been represented. The chief considers him equal to the rest in crime, but less de-monstrative. (Continued on Fifth Page.) DEATH OF MR. B. DEVLIN. His Complaint Consumption-Death in His Complaint Censumption-Denth in Colorado. MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—Information was received to-night of the death in Colorado of Mr. Bernard Devlin, ex-M.P. for Mon-treal Centre. He has been ill with con-sumption for several years past, and last winter and this had been compelled to go to Colorado. It was supposed that he was gaining strength, and the sadden announce-ment of his demise has been a shock to his triends. ment of his demise has been a shock to his friends. Mr. Devlin once occupied a prominent position at the Bar of Montreal, being gen-erally recognized as its ablest oriminal lawyer; but in recent years his practice failed, and since his defeat in Montreal Centre in 1878 he had almost disappeared from the public view. He will be best re-membered as the great opponent of Thos. D'Arcy McGee during the anti-Confedera-tion days and the troublous times of the first Fenian invasion. His remains will be brought to Montreal for interment. Now is the time of year for Pneumon Lung Fever, &c. Every family show have a bottle of BOSCHER'S GERMAN STAT Don't allow for one moment *that* cough take hold of your child, your family yourself. Consumption, Asthma, Pro-monia, Croup, Hemmorrhages, and oth fatal diseases may set in. Although it true GERMAN SYRUP is curing thousand those desaid diseases yet it is much best these dread diseases, yet it is m to have it at hand when three cure you. One bottle will last family a winter and keep you

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