

universal empire, and would have converted the image into currency ; it is perhaps superfluous to observe that he would have transferred *the head, the breast and arms* of the image to his own immediate care, and probably—as in harmony with his imperial policy—would have left the lower portion to his retainers. Suspicious though he be, we trust he will not suspect us of undue leniency in our estimate of him, and it is satisfactory to know that his sensitiveness is not of a character to be distressed by it. They who are in his employ will be able to test the accuracy of our “sounding” in this case, when we affirm that he is systematic and orderly, firm, determined, positive, and severe ; that he is not *always* agreeable ; and that he is a pretty good judge of character ; others have reason to know that he possesses *constructive ability*, but it does not necessarily follow, we presume, that that which he constructs may not occasionally be the result of *misconstruction* ; he believes in that kind of investment which yields good returns ; his faculty of continuity is not large, a circumstance this which would render the restriction of his liberty, should such an event overtake him, the more irksome.

As we perceive that this gentleman's first name, when translated, means *Christ-bearing*, and that the bit of bunting which floats above the *Mail* building sustains the sign of the cross, we will assume that godliness, to correspond with these outward and visible signs, pervades the whole building over which he presides.

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No. IV.

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The fates would appear to be occasionally ironical in the bestowal of men's names, but without waiting to discuss whether, in the present case, it be so, we may content ourselves with observing that if the dove may be regarded as perpetually brooding over Mr. Meek, another creature, as proverbial for wisdom as is the dove for meekness, may presumably be found blended with the bird, in perennial association. Viewed in the light of recent events, the “sounding” of the above-named gentleman may be regarded as possessing sufficient interest to warrant one giving it a place in this series ; such features of it as have any bearing on those events may be briefly stated ; foremost among them occurs the faculty of secretiveness, which may be regarded as illustrating one aspect of the wisdom of the reptile above referred to ; *policy* may be said to result from the combination of secretiveness with caution ; secretiveness will lead to the devising of schemes, and caution will watch against their disclosure (it will not necessarily always succeed in its watching). This