

guards. Its great echoing stone hall, its bare, square rooms, well intended for public purposes, seemed but ill adapted for a home; but when the Guard's Club failed, as a speculation, here was a house, cheap, and large, and handy,—a building capable of being invested with a certain magnificence—and for comfort its occupant cares but little. No other great man is more accessible than the Cardinal. Through no rooms are ushered men of more various opinions than through these great halls, Italian in their spaciousness, all English in their chilliness, and yet a certain dignity and grandeur seems to haunt them, and surround also their spare, even emaciated tenant. The windows of this uninviting abode look out on a dreary waste at the backs of houses, overgrown with what can only by courtesy be called grass,—squalid inclosure, but to the Cardinal, this plot probably presents a different aspect than to the ordinary beholder, for it is the site of the cathedral which he intends to erect, and of which a design hangs on the walls of his chief reception-room. No doubt in his mind's eye there rise soaring arch and lofty spire, and the vision of England, Catholic once more, thronging its wide portals. We would not, if we could, forbid the Cardinal to complete his church, and to dream his dream, being assured that his efforts in whatever they result, must result at least in this—the moral elevation and ennobling of those who fall under his sway. Not wholly popular—for his pastoral staff is somewhat rigid, and does not bud and blossom like the rod of Aaron—he is yet thoroughly respected and revered by the Catholics of England. There are, indeed, cynics among his priests who think he has made but little way in some of the causes which he has most at heart, and that, were his personal influence removed, the great teetotal organization of the League of the Cross would crumble to dust. But however this may be, we know too well that no man can carry out one half the schemes he sets before him. and that, at any rate, in the words of George Herbert, he

"Who aims a star  
Shoots higher far, than he that aims a tree."

Those who are not of his own faith may be led to admire the indomitable pluck and vigour of one among the most prominent figures of our present London world.—*C. Kegan Paul in the Century Magazine.*

Cardinal Taschereau, it is reported, refused to be present at Premier Mercier's reception at Quebec the other night because full dress was to be the rule. To the uninitiated, "full dress" would seem to mean the properest sort of gar-

ment; but any one who has happened to be at a dinner, or at any assembly where European customs are in vogue, knows that it means for the ladies, the one-more-struggle-and-I-am-free sort of dress. It is wonderful how they manage to keep on their gowns at all. There is nothing more shameless in respectable society than the fashionable nakedness of it.

Cardinal Taschereau's disapproval will doubtless have some effect. But experience has shown that it is only the women themselves who can put a stop to a fashion which is immodest. A ballet girl in her stage clothes would excite horror in any private gathering, and yet the "full dress" of the "best" society is more prurient and suggestive than even the complete undress of the savage female.

If Cardinal Taschereau can induce some of the leaders of fashionable society in Quebec to discontinue the semi-nakedness in dress which Her Majesty Queen Victoria has done so much to discourage, he will do more towards its abolition than a dozen *ma dements* or refusals of invitations. Some women would rather singe themselves in the flames of hell than be out of the fashion.—*N. Y. Freeman's Journal.*

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Toronto, Nov. 3rd. 1887.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW.

SIR,—Allow me through the medium of your valuable paper to call the attention of the charitably-disposed amongst your readers to a case of great distress which has come under my notice. A young man formally employed in a law office in this city, now lies in the General Hospital, a victim to consumption. The physician attending him states, however, that there are good hopes of his recovery, if he can only be removed to a warm climate, such as Southern California, but, on the other hand, should he remain here all winter, he must inevitably become worse, and in all probability die. As he is without means or friends it is impossible for him to leave here unless someone comes to his assistance, and if there are any of your readers who can contribute towards the expenses of sending him to California, they would be doing an act of real charity. The St. Vincent de Paul Society have generously contributed a portion of the necessary fund. I may state that the case is a very deserving one, and the young man himself is greatly averse to asking for assistance from others.

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