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much purify electoral contests. Nothing would so much enforce the fidea that the tranchise is a duty, not a chattel.

God's in His heaven, All's right with the world.

-[BROWNING

London, Monday, Oct. 3.

SIR HECTOR LANGEVIN says that though he is no longer a Minister he will not give up public life. He will go to

samples of his products be solicited.

terribly burned while saving the life of a child in a fire which destroyed his office and his home. He has succumbed to the injuries. Great indeed was the love of his heroic spirit.

r is announced that the great Tippa Tib, so often referred to in Stanley's books and lectures, will be seen in England before many months. He will be IT IS announced that the great Tippu Tib, fore many months. He will be sure of a teacher and ought to know the truth. It is great reception there, for Tippu Tib is one of the the best known men in the do not see. That is the whole of it." This world. Tippu, by the way, denies the Jameson cannibal story, which he says was made out of whole cloth. "It is simply impossible," he said to Capt. Trivier, "for such barbarities to occur, The chief Arab at Riba Riba represents The chief Arab at Riba Riba represents me, and he would not permit such things." The wily old fellow has evidently not heard of Jameson's book, wherein the slaughter of the 12-year-old girl by cannibals is fully described; moreover, Jameson says that Tippu was present himself, and knew all about the

THE IMPOSTURE OF THE AGE. markable. Despite the progress of the age, nen and women have been and are still being duped by clever adventurers in many ways. We expect the uneducated to fall an easy prey to clever rascals, who can find many ways to impose upon the unwary, but it is passing comprehension how gigantic impostures can grow up and be sustained and implicitly believed in by

the age-that of Madame Blavatsky, the founder of the Theosophical Society in India, who died some time ago, and who is now reported to have sent a message to her successor from the region of spirit land. No more telling exposure of this colossal fraud has been given to the public than that which appears in the October Arena from the pen of Moncure D. Conway. Mr. Conway tells how he learned of Madame Blavatsky's wonderful performances as pricatess of the new cult after she left England and went to India, and the conversion to her views of such distinguished men as A. P. Sinnett, editor of the Pioneer of India, and Allan Hume, formerly connected with the Government of India. Mr. Sinnett, indeed, visited London, and gave drawing-room lectures on theosophy. expatiated on the wonders performed by ligious against Christianity. In his work Madame Blavatsky with the aid of certain Mahatmas, "who by secret knowledge had gained power of prolonged existence and of appearing in their "astral" forms at whatever." He will endeavor to vast distances from their retreat in the revive oriental philosophies and Himalayas. Mr. Conway was then contemplating a journey round the world and he asked Mr. Sinnett, in private conversation, whether he could make a pilgrimage to the abode of these mighty Mahatmas and converse with them. Mr. Sinnett said it cans Aztec fables and symbolism." The was an impossibility to converse in an rdinary way with the wonderful species, or reasons which would take too long to explain, and Mr. Conway was kept in ignorance as to this and other matters till and English colleges, have emancipated he reached India. In Australia he found a strange union of the Spiritualists and the mythology. There is, in Mr. Con-Secularists for the promotion of Theosophy, and Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott were mentioned as grand personages -she a countess, warrior of the United States army. The marvels they wrought were of English size in Australia, but on the approach to India they locmed up in Oriental magnitude. Madame had only to walk in

any garden to pick up brooches from flowers and find rupees at will, like the fabled tree that yielded whatever was asked of it. At the headquarters of Theosophy at Adyar, Mr. Conway found Madame Blavatsky living in luxurious quarters. It was a splendid country establishment, and the visitor at once felt that too much had been said of the sacrifices made by the New York journalist and the medium in found ing the new religion. While awaiting Madame's appearance, Mr. Conway was approached by a young Hindu, "dreamy and picturesque," who said Madame Blavatsky would soon come. Next there came a youth, who almost seemed an apparition. He proved to be a "lay chela," and his snowy garment gave a saintly look to his delicate beauty. He sweetly apologized for not taking Mr. Conway's proffered hand, saying he was forbidden by his "guru" (Mahatma) to shake hands, this being one of the conditions of his farther development. Madame Blavatsky gave the visitor a cordial welcome. She regretted Colonel Olcott's absence, but made up for nath, Sen., editor of the Indian Mirror, and relative of the Brahmo apostle Colorado. All the Hindus spoke Hindus especially, were eager to relate their marvelous experiences in receiving from the distant Mahatmas immediate

"The Advertiser" advocates Obligatory educated young Scotchman and Dr. Hartary and practicable. Nothing would so mann, of Colorado. All the Hindus spoke civilized country in its darkest history.

These young men, the Almost every department of the Federal Government has been shown to be recking the Hindus especially, were easer to relate Government has been shown to be recking inswers to their letters. This was Mr. Conway's opportunity. As the letters were alleged to be placed "in the shrine," Mr. Conway at once proposed to write a note, referring to some matter known to himself lone, in order to carry home evidence of the existence and knowledge of the Mahatmas. "What a pity!" broke in Madame Biavatsky, who had not participated in the conversation, "only three days ago I was told by my Guru that the Quebec, rest a little, and "re-enter the shrine must not be used for letters any fight." With whom, Sir Hector? Mr. Conway's reply was that this was his luck; he had been trying to test alleged phenomena for thirty years or THE commissioners of the World's Fair more, and he always happened to be either want a poet to open the exhibition at Chicago. We would respectfully call had eagerly approved of the visitor's protheir attention to the merits of the bard posal to test the Mahatma, and had evior Ingersoll. McIntyre, the cheese baldently heard nothing of the prohibition. ladist, would electrify any audience. If Madame Blavatsky betrayed no embarrassthere is any doubt on the subject, let ment, and presently rose and invited Mr. Conway to accompany her, and led him to a secluded room, where she shut the door, WILL F. MONTGOMERY, editor of the Republic Sun, an Upper Michigan paper, has died the death of a hero, though his life was one series of disappointments and troubles. A few days ago he was hear of your lifting teapots from beneath

awakened the skepticism in the simple-

are all glamor they must be raised by thei

Mr. Conway's investigations clearly re sult in showing that, despite her high pr ensions, Madame Blavatsky was a fraud o about the turbaned spiritualism is its development of the Koothoomi myth. W. W. Hunter, gazetteer-general of India, and other Orientalists, declare the name o persons of position and possessing trained this alleged Mahatma, or Rahat, to be with out analogies in any Hindu tongue, ancien Take the most remarkable imposture of or modern. Mr. Conway was assured or good authority that the name was originally 'Cotthume," and a mere mixture of Ol-COTT and HUME, Madame Blavatsky's principal adherents. The story told by one of the Madame's agents, who has repented of the impostures in which he participated, is that shrouded head, superimposed on the shoulders of the devotee, orientally draped, was moved about in the dusk at Adyar when an 'astral' apparition was neces-

sary."
Discussing the future of Theosophy, Mr. Conway reaches the conclusion that its age of miracles has passed, and is more likely to be repudiated than renewed. It is assume that Colonel Olcott will continue the seems to aim at combining all oriental re on "Theosophy and Buddhism," Olcott says some extent the mythologies. "It esoteric interpretation can make it very different from an attempt to rationalize for Rajahs, who are survivals from primitive religions and social customs, have given Olcott some countenance, but young India is not going that way. English freedom and English colleges, have emancipated Theosoplists in Ceylon. Colonel Olcott night easily effect a fruitful alliance be tween Theosophy and Buddhism, and Cey lon is now the center of that religion. Theosophy has hitherto shown an affection for titles in India and London. It remains to be seen whether it is willing to "take its place beside Buddha under his Bo tree, and share the lowliness of his tollowers. This may be rather hard after the rapid success of Theosophy in India, where in four years from its formation (1879) it counted 77 flourishing branches, but these are withering away under the Blavatsky scandals, and if Theosophy is to live it must 'take refuge in Buddha !"

WHAT IS NEEDED. With free trade and the new commercial oute to the east, the Dominion would be ome the emporium of the new world.

> ENOUGH KNOWN. [Christian Guardian.]

It will be a relief to the readers of the daily papers to know that by the close of Parliament the interminable discussions about corrupt dealings have been concluded. Enough has been dragged into light to show that most discreditable methods have been pursued which cannot be justified or excused.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION AND HOW

[Stratford Bear In times of pestilence it is usual for a Sab-bath to be set apart for prayer for divine guidance as to the methods to be used to avert disaster. Canada is to-day under the scourge of a pestilence effecting the morals of the whole people—a scourge such as never before was, we believe, experienced by any civilized country in its darkest history. with corruption, and the moral sense of the majority of representatives of the people in Parliament has become so blunted that they have refused to even censure, not to speak of punishing, the culprits high in the office, Is it not time, therefore, that the clergy—the gurdians of the moral as well as the spiritual interests of the people—should speak out and express their condemnation of the conduct of our rulers, and point the way for a purification of the body politic?

The London ADVERTISER, with a keen foresight of the necessities of the occasion, has asked the opinions of leading clergymen of the Dominion as to the means to be employed to effect a cure of political corrution, to which a large number of responses have have been made. We reproduce below a few of the answers and ask that they be pondered over by our readers. with corruption, and the moral sense of the pondered over by our readers.

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