OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER ON ELECTIONS.

Any of the readers who have taken the trouble to follow my weekly observations will recall that a few weeks ago I predicted a likelihood of the Government not bringing on the general elections this autumn. Despite the fact that both parties are doing their utmost to drum up their friends and to inspire them with a faith in certain victory; notwithstanding the active organization going on in both camps, and the political meetings now being held all over the Dominion; all these signs of a coming contest to the contrary, still I cling to the belief that we will be treated to a Provincial general election before that for the Federal House. The death of the late Premier of Quebec will, in my mind, hasten this conclusion. Not that it is at all mecessary to hold general elections on the death of a Premier —for his disappearance merely dissolves the Cabinet, not the Legislature—but the situation in Quebec to-day seems to call for an expression of opinion on the part of the electorate.

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"Death is but the echo of life, That of Mr. Marchand was marked by all the sympathy that friendship could call forth, and by religion's most abundant consolation. When he understood that his last hour had come and that God had called him, he generously made his sacrifice and gave himself up to His mercy with filial confidence.

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"Your prayers, gentlemen, the best proof that you can give of your esteem and your affection, will follow him beyond the tomb, and in the light of his example you will so live as to merit the reputation attaching to his memory: an honest man, and a true Christian."

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the Branch as well as the committee are taking hold of it, it seems a certainty that their wishes will be realized. Handsome prizes are to be given for the euchre, and the refreshments will be attended to by Bro. W. J. Shea, confectioner and caterer of St. Catherine street west. The committee this year have decided to limit the tickets for these entertainments. AN ELOQUENT TRIBUTE

On the occasion of the soleum obsquies of the late Premier Marchand, of Quebec, His Grace, Archibishop Bruchesi delivered a short funeral oration. It was brief, as befitted the circumstances of the occasion, but it was all comprehensive. It was eloquent, as might be expected; and it was touchingly grand both as to sentiments expressed and appreciation of the life and charactoristics of an eminent public man. The task was a delicate one; the fact of the deceased being so closely identified with the principles and fortunes of a political party, rendered it difficult for a member of the hierarchy to dwell upon his good qualities without crossing the line that divides the political from the national. Yet, His Grace has accomplished the difficult diviy with a skill and a thoroughness that may be said to be as creditable to the sacred craft in the swern of the difficult diviy with a skill and a thoroughness that may be said to be as creditable to the sacred orator as worthy of the distinguished dead, The following is a translation of that able summary of a Christian streem and affection of all whose with the distinguished dead, The following is a translation of the late Prime Minister the externed a conception of the late Prime Minister the difficult dity with a skill and a thoroughness that may be said to be as creditable to the sacred orator as worthy of the distinguished dead, The following is a translation of the late Prime Minister the externed as worthy of the distinguished dead, The following is a translation of the late Prime Minister the externed and and the adventage of the prime of the prime for the material progress. In all these creditable to the sacred orator as worthy of the distinguished dead, The following is a translation of the late Prime Minister the externed and affection of all whose the prime for the material progress. In all these credits of the sacred orator as worthy of the distinguished dead, The following is a translation of the late Prime Minister than a day of the prime of the prime for

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Germany suggested the advisability of demanding the surrender of guilty Chinese leaders before the beginning of peace negotiations. On the general proposition that those responsible for outrages on foreigners should be punished, this government is in thorough accord with Germany; that this be done before opening peace negotiations does not meet with approval.

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Gen. Chaffee was instructed to retire from Pekin with all his troops except one regiment of cavalry and a battery of artillery. It was determined that this force should be quartered in the legation compound and perform the duties of a legation guard during Minister Conger's stay in Pekin. He will be accompanied by this guard should he go to any other point to continue negotiations. Under the instructions of Gen. Chaffee, the legation guard will consist of above 1,800 troops. The order of Admiral Remey directed him to prepare to withdraw the marines from the shore to their respective vessels. They will then be transferred to Cavite, in the Philippines.

This reduction of the military force in China leaves on foreign soil but little less than half of Gen. Chaffee's original expedition of 5,000 men. The withdrawal is to be made as rapidly as conditions in China will permit, the troops retiring to Tien-Tsin gradually, and from there to Taku, where they will embark on the transports Indiana, and Sumner, which have been held in readiness for such service. The supply ships now at Taku will take the bulk of their

such service. The supply ships now at Taku will take the bulk of their cargo to Manila, leaving China a supply sufficient to meet the require-ments of the legation guard for the winter.

A despatch from Paris says: The Marseilles Mission Board has received news of the massacre in South Yunnan of Bishop Fantassalli and Father Quirine. The eyes of the Bishop were gouged out and he was impaled on spears. The Chinese poured kerosere oil on Father Quirine, and, setting it on fire, burned him to death. One hundred orphans have disappeared from the orphanage.

The news comes from Taku that Li Hung Chang ordered a proclama-tion to be posted at Poa-ting-fu and in the principal cities of Chili calling upon the people and soldiers to ex-terminate the Boxers. All the Taotais, prefects, magistrates and others who abandoned their posts will, according to the proclamation, be arrested and superseded. Mil.sory officials must count their troops and report thereon to Li Hung Chang.

BRIEF NOTES OF HAPPENINGS.

SEATS IN TRAINS. — Men who reserve seats in railroad trains by leaving baggage in them while they enjoy a cigar in the smoker will be interested in the outcome of a suit, soon to be tried in the Supreme Court of New York, in which George William Kemp, a wealthy wholesale druggist demands \$1,000 damages from T. Rhys Smith. Mr. Smith is a civil engineer, who has an office at No. 150 Broadway, and lives at Cos Cob. Conn.

Though damages are demanded for assault, the custom of holding a seat with baggage, which is as old as railroads themselves, is responsible for the suit. According to Rufus L. Weaver, who represents the defendant, the question has never been referred to the courts before.

The decision will be of interest to every one who travels, for hardly a train leaves a terminal station anywhere in the country in which a person looking for a seat does not find several filled with the baggage of others who are comfortably seated somewhere else.

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PERILS OF YACHTING. — After clinging for an hour to the capsized sloop yacht Ella, in Great Egg Harbor Bay, Atlantic City, on Wednesday, a party of nine persons, three men, their wives and three children, were all rescued by the Longport life saving crew.

loon, our special cable says, has a new competitor for the Deutzch prize in the form of a new contrivance, which will be experimented with to-morrow. With so much talent and daring devoted to the solution of the problem the practical navigation of the air should be near at hand.

London, Wednesday.-The following despatch has been received from Lord Roberts :-

"Pretoria, Tuesday.—A convoy of twenty-two wagons, escorted by sixty mounted men, was attacked by 140 Boers on October 1, near De Jager's Drift, while on the way to Vryheld. Twelve of the men escaped. The fate of the others is not known. "The Boers derailed a train near Pan yesterday morning. Five Coldstream Guards were killed and nine-teen were injured.
"Commandant Dirksen, who has been opposing Paget, has surrendered, after a personal visit to Komati Poort, to assure himself that Kruger had gone into Portuguese territory." A despatch from Johannesburg states that the Military Governor on September 28 informed headquarters

September 28 informed headquarters that he would be prepared for the return of three thousand to four thousand refugees weekly after Octo-

Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, in an open letter, asks the public wishing to honor the return-ing soldiers "to refrain, while ex-tending them a hearty welcome, from offering them intoxicating liquors, as, like all of us, they are open to temptation." temptation."
The commander-in-chief also says

he trusts the greeting to the brave soldiers will be something better than an incitement to excessive drink.

MADMAN SHOOTS PRIEST.

Rev. Lawrence P. McCarthy, pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, on London street, East Boston, was shot and seriously

Boston, was shot and seriously wounded by a crank at his residence near the church, last week.

The man who attempted to take Father McCarthy's life is John Gleason, 62 years old, a veteran of the United States army and navy. Gleason is unquestionably insane, and he feels that every clergyman is down on him. on him. He is dependent upon state aid, re-

He is dependent upon state aid, receiving \$15 a month. He lives in a room at 65 Fayette street, South end, for which he pays \$1 a week. He cooks his own meals.

Gleason says his reason for shooting Father McCarthy was that for six years the priest has interfered with him in receiving state aid. The charge, of course, is ridiculous.

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The reports of the pistol shots brought the other inmates of the residence to the assistance of the clergyman, who was lying in the office. The injured pastor was assisted to his room and medical aid was at once summoned. Three of the shots were found stightly imbedded in the woodwork in the office.

There is little doubt in the m.nds of those who talked with the prisoner that he is insane. When asked why he shot the clergyman, he replied: "I had reason for doing it. Rev. Father McCarthy claims to know all about me and my people, and I asked him if he was born in Ireland, and he said he was not. I magood Catholic, and they tried to make a fool of me."

Father McCarthy was resting comfortably at last reports and his recovery is expected.—Boston Republic.

Short Pants, Double Breasted, in Brown and Dark Grey, Navy Blue, and many other beautiful lines; for the protection of Irish immigrant girls landing at New York, has issued an appeal in behalf of his worthy institution.

About 262,000 young Irish girls landed at the port of New York since the mission was established in October, 1883. What the wind in October, 1883. What the wind in October is the mission was established in October.

a over, guided and assisted at the landing depot those who intended to proceed by rail or steamboat to destination. 3rd. It has examined the claims and fitness of the relatives or friends who called for the immigrant. 4th. It has provided a home at No. 7 State street, where were kept free of charge all those whose friends did not call on the day of their arrival, or who had no friends at all. or who were unable to proceed on their journey. 5th. It has tried to locate relatives of those who brought indefinite addresses, 6th. It has secured positions in good families for those ready to go to work. 7th. It has provided a chapel before whose altar the immigrant has knelt to receive comfort, encouragement and strength for the battle of life before her. Sth. It has supplied the good offices of the priest, in whom alone the Irish girl is ready to confide. And so conscientiously and faithfully has the mission performed its duty that not one girl during the seventeen years of its existence has failed either to reach her destination is safety, find her friends or secure employment.

A NOVEL BY KATHERINE E. CONWAY.

"The Way of the World and Other Ways: A Story of Our Set," is the title of a novel now in press with the Pilot Publishing Company, Boston, from the pen of Katherine E. ton, from the pen of Katherine E. Conway, author of "New Footsteps in Well Trodden Ways," "The Family Sitting Room" series, and other popular books. While this story was appearing as an anonymous serial in "The Pilot" it attracted very general attention, because of its original plot, and its fidelity to human nature and to phases of social life as this exists in certain circles in every this exists in certain circles in every city and town of our country. has held the dramatic note has held the dramatic note most strongly through every chapter," says a well known literary worker in one of the many letters coming in since the last chapter of "The Way of the World." The book will ap-pear about November 1.

BOYS'..

On Saturday we will be with every Suit and Reefer that is Wednesday evening. 10th inst., the purchased here a Beautiful Printing Set, with three sets of Rubber Type. one bottle of Printing Ink, Holder and Ink Pad.

A Few Items for Saturday Shoppers.

NORFOLK SUITS.

We have on hand one of the finest selections of Boys' Norfolk Suits in the city, in all the Newest Tweeds, for the season, with or without Bloomer Pants. Sizes 23 to 34. Price \$4.00 up

BOYS' FALL OVERCOATS.

In Beautiful shades of Whip Cord, nicely finished and lined Farmers' satin; sizes 25 to 36. Price, \$4.75 to \$9.00.

BOYS' THREE PIECE SUITS.

WHAT THEY THINK

IN THE CLOUDS.—A special cable despatch from Berlin to the New York "Herald" reports that M. Balsan's balloon, which left Paris on Simday in the long distance competition, descended at Dantzig on Thursday.

This journey of approximately seven hundred and fifty miles, however, falls about fifty-seven miles short of the record made last year by Comte Castillon de Saint Victor. The story of the other aeronauts in Sunday's contest dropping down in various countries on the continent gives the sober pedestrian some vague notion of the thrilling fascination of this fin de steele sport.

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