

ber of deaths daily from that cause amounting to not less than 500.

In Great Britain, or rather in Ireland, the most exciting subject has been what is called the Yelverton Case. The trial has caused intense excitement chiefly from the abominable principles avowed in public court by the defendant, a Major Yelverton, who confessed that he went through the form both of a Scotch and Irish marriage, solely for the purpose of seducing the lady who claimed to be his wife. He afterwards married another, hence the action, which was decided by an Irish jury against him, amidst the almost frantic rejoicings of the Dublin people.

It is said that the Great Eastern will venture on another experimental voyage to America in April or May.

One of the great steel clad frigates, the *Black Prince*, was launched with perfect success last month from the building yard of the Napiers on the banks of the Clyde. She is 6000 tons burthen, 450 feet in length, and covered with iron plates  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick. She will have engines of 1200 horse power, and is expected to sail at the rate of 14 knots an hour, and will be a moving fortress of a most formidable character.

Among ourselves, we have not yet risen to the height of quarrelling on literary or scientific subjects. We can get no higher than politics, about which the contention just now is hot enough. An administration in New Brunswick has fallen and got up again, minus one of its members. In Newfoundland all is confusion worse confounded.

Several articles of a controversial nature have been received, which are under consideration, but which we scarcely think we will publish. One letter, and it is a very able one, takes the *Presbyterian Witness* severely to task for an attack made upon ourselves by that paper in a late number. We have no wish nor intention to engage in a fight with a political paper professing to be a religious one. We have given, and we hope to give, no just cause of offence to any denomination, but would rather cultivate a spirit of friendship and courtesy. At any rate, we cannot afford to take up our very limited space with answering coarse and abusive epithets. We believe that the best and most effective argument in such a case is silence.

The same reason will, we fear, prevent us from publishing a letter from Charlottetown, signed "A Student," in which the writer complains that the very gross term of "minions of Satan" has been applied, in the last number of the *Record* of the Presbyterian Church, to the two ministers of our Church who were sent last spring on a mission to our people in Cape Breton. We have read the article in question, and though the offensive epithet is no doubt made use of, it is not very clear to what party it is intended to be applied. It is not creditable, that such an ex-

pression should be allowed to appear at all in a religious magazine; but that we should take up three columns or so of our space in answering it is out of the question.

The state of the roads and other circumstances have prevented a meeting of the Committee of the *Record* being held in order to decide formally upon its future shape; besides, we find that the printer has no paper suitable for covers, and would require some time to get in readiness for the arrangement, so that we must go on as we are a little longer

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