

in honour of the First Minister. The buildings in Downing-street were draped with crimson cloth, and bouquets of flowers were showered from the windows above. Lord Salisbury alighted at the door of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's official residence, while Lord Beaconsfield entered his own, that of the First Lord of the Treasury, at the top of the street, in which stood many Conservative members of Parliament. A bouquet of flowers sent by the Queen was received by Lord Beaconsfield on alighting from the carriage. Having entered the house and gone up-stairs, he presently appeared at a window, and thanked his friends for this reception. He observed that Lord Salisbury and he had brought home peace, but peace, he hoped, with honour, which would satisfy their Sovereign, and be for the welfare of their country. Nearly the same words had been used by his Lordship in his reply to the Mayor of Dover two hours before.

ILLUMINATION AT THE CAMP OF THE VICTORIA RIFLES.—On Saturday night, 3rd inst., the camp of the "Vics," "the ladies' pets," or the "feathered soldiers," as they are dubbed by friends and enemies, was brilliantly illuminated. In the evening, after inspection, Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, D.A.G., visited the tents and expressed himself particularly pleased with No. 4 tent of No. 5 Company, which was carpeted and adorned with flowers and pictures. The Colonel pronounced it to be "splendid" and "elegant." In fact, this tent was known in the camp as "The Windsor Hotel." As soon as it was dark, rows of Chinese lamps were swung and lighted from tent to tent. In the foreground stood an illuminated board bearing the inscription, "V.V.R. Jolly No. 5 Company," in letters of red and yellow, a "happy thought," originating in the minds of Corporal Thos. Bacon and Private D. C. McLaren, who are ever to the fore when the honour of the company is at stake. The Company here tender its thanks to the Captain of the *Lake Erie* who kindly lent them his ship's flags to decorate the camp. On Sunday, "une procession aux lampes" took place, headed by the band, from the top of whose bushes shone small lamps. The officers were serenaded, and thus ended the last day of the camp.

THE ILLUMINATED ADDRESS TO LORD DUFFERIN.—It was determined by the proper authorities that the farewell address of the two Houses—the Senate and Commons—presented to His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, in the Senate Chamber on the 15th of April last, should be illuminated for presentation to the Governor-General, and the clerks of the Houses, Mr. Levesque and Mr. Alfred Patrick, were deputed to see the project carried out. Upon Mr. Patrick, who is an officer of the oldest standing in the Civil Service, devolved the chief part of this duty, and he is to be sincerely congratulated on the result of his labours. A gentleman was found in Montreal, Mr. Edwin Cox, who had become proficient in the beautiful art, and after a number of conferences with gentlemen of taste in and out of Parliament, Mr. Patrick's quaint design was approved, and the work to-day, presented on another page, is the finished labour of the artist. It is really very beautiful, both in design and execution. It is an arch enclosed in parallelogram 24 by 20 inches. Within the arch is the address, most elaborately engrossed in illuminated letters of gold and crimson, and blue and green, written in the mediæval style. Around the arch runs a wreath of maple leaves, emblematic of Canada, painted in the rich and brilliant autumnal tints peculiar to our foliage in the fall of the year, which to a European will seem garish, though they are not in the slightest degree overcoloured. At the head of the arch are placed the Armorial Ensign of the Dominion, supported on either side by a lion and unicorn. At the end angle of the square are globes, two of gold and two of sapphire, on each of which is placed an earl's coronet in gold. At the bottom of the arch, in an oval, is placed a view of the Parliament buildings, from the Ottawa. On the left side, midway, is a view of the Falls of Montmorency, and on the right, one of the Falls of Niagara. The remaining space between the arch and the outer line of the parallelogram, is filled with flowers at the upper angles, and most intricate and elaborate tracings. The most brilliant and varied colours are used in the ornamentation, and the amount of labour expended is very great. The work is exceptionally beautiful, and the illumination is probably the finest specimen of the art yet executed in the Dominion, or possibly in the United States. It is to be sent to Paris, Ont., for the signature of Hon. Mr. Christie, Speaker of the Senate, and to St. John, N.B., for that of the Speaker of the Commons, Hon. Mr. Anglin, when, after being framed, it will be sent to His Excellency. In entering the frame, the Ottawa *Citizen*, from which the above is substantially taken, suggests it should bear the armorial ensigns of the various Provinces, and, if possible, the woods for which they are distinguished should be used—the Douglas pine for British Columbia, bird's eye maple for Ontario, the oak for Nova Scotia, and so on. But the matter is entirely safe in his hands, and no doubt His Excellency will be almost as well pleased with this small monument of the affection in which he is so deservedly held by the Senate, the Commons and the people of Canada, as he doubtless was by the presentation of the address itself. To render this gift as complete as possible, it is understood a duplicate of the illumination will be prepared and bound in a book for His Excellency, and that he will receive both before his departure from Canada, in September next.

PRINCIPAL FACADE OF THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

TRON.—This grand facade, raised above a prolonged terrace, with several approaches by steps, protected by curving balustrades, presents a central arched nave, of superior dimensions, with transepts extending far to the right and left, each terminated by a domed tower of four arched sides, which is supported by angle-buttresses. This is the general form of the edifice, while its aspect is further relieved by the series of perpendicular external beams, surmounted with decorative coronets and flags, rising at certain intervals along the front elevation. The lines of the central structure are boldly defined, its great arch being deeply recessed and crossed by a transverse balcony above the numerous small doorways, with side openings which give a view of the staircase inside, and with huge scroll-shaped buttresses upholding the balcony; while the upper part of the arch is ornamented with escutcheons, and with the initials of the "Republique Française," supported by winged seraphs, at the summit of all. In the grounds on this side of the Exhibition Palace, along the broad gravelled paths which cannot easily be overcrowded, there is ample space for a promenade in the fresh air; or a brief repose of body and mind can be enjoyed in the comfortable seats, covered with basket-work to form portable alcove or summer-house, which are placed for the accommodation of weary visitors to the Exhibition. Seats of this kind might well be introduced on the esplanade, or the sands, or beach of any of our seaside places of much resort, instead of the open benches generally provided; and we have no doubt that a small fee would gladly be paid for the use of such accommodation.

THE MONSTER BALLOON AT PARIS.—This is by far the largest balloon ever constructed, and all the appliances of science and art have been used to make it the most successful of its class. It is attached in the garden of the Tuilleries, and a number of ascensions are made daily therefrom to the infinite enjoyment of the ascensionists.

NOTES FROM HAMILTON.

FRATERNAL GATHERINGS—EMANCIPATION—INTERESTING STATISTICS—COLLECTIONS OF CURIOSITIES.

Scidm has any place been honoured with so many fraternal visits, of all sorts of societies, national, benevolent, and otherwise, as this city has been favoured with this summer. The papers teem with announcements of the intended visit of neighbouring societies, such as Masons, Odd-Fellows, Orangemen, Young Britons, Emeralds, Foresters, St. George, etc. The railway and boat facilities are of such an excellent nature as to make Hamilton easy of access from all quarters. There are many delightful pleasure resorts about the bay, and the Crystal Palace grounds and Dundurn Park are thrown open to visiting bodies. Nearly every society that can be thought of is represented in Hamilton, and the members of each appear to take great delight in extending the fraternal hand of welcome to their visiting brethren. The streets are almost daily enlivened by the music of some band, accompanying some excursion party through the city. All right-thinking people must acknowledge that this fraternalizing spirit is a good one, and the extent to which it has attained in Hamilton, speaks well for the hospitable nature of the citizens.

Yesterday, 1st of August, was the anniversary of that great event in British history, the

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of the coloured people in the British colonies from the bondage of slavery. The day was celebrated in Hamilton by its coloured citizens in a most joyous manner. A large number of their brethren and sisters came from Toronto, St. Catharines and elsewhere. The procession through the streets was headed by two excellent coloured bands of Toronto and Hamilton respectively. Standing at a street corner, and gazing out upon the largest number of well-dressed, well-behaved coloured people that we had ever seen, and watching the glad faces that fairly shone with a consciousness of freedom, as they passed along in the procession, which was to commemorate a day, the importance of which, perhaps, the whole of them did not fully realize, we could not help marvelling at the strides these poor people have made in a period of forty years. They had a picnic at the Palace grounds, and they had their own orators to tell them of the sufferings of their people in the past, and to give them hope for the future. Two largely-attended balls wound up the proceedings in the evening, without fireworks.

In the matter of

STATISTICS.

perhaps some of your lady readers will be glad to learn that there were, in the month of July, in this city, 52 marriages, and exactly the same number of births. Why there should have been exactly the same number of births as marriages, is a conundrum that we give up. Some one more experienced in subjects of this kind will probably give their views on the question. It would be interesting to know whether the 52 comprise more girls than boys, or more boys than girls, but the fact was not made known, so we will be satisfied with the knowledge that the population is steadily increasing.

We are able to announce that we have recently discovered that a few of the citizens have some interesting private collections of

RARE CURIOSITIES, comprising Indian relics and historical scraps and fragments, which are well worth visiting. It is our intention to call on these gentlemen and get permission to speak of the interesting objects in a more extended manner. I have been promised the assistance of one or two who are interested, and who take delight in collecting rare and historic articles. It is believed by many that Hamilton occupies ground that was once covered by the wigwam village of a powerful Indian tribe. This belief appears to be fully borne out by very many proofs of various kinds. There is plenty of material for some interesting papers on this subject. Adieu.

W. F. McMAHON.

CURIOUS CORRESPONDENCE.

I send you, dear Editor, a copy of a letter which I received some time ago, and which, being of a somewhat curious character, I fancy may interest the readers of the News. I have transcribed it as faithfully as possible, preserving all its distinctive features, and present it as follows:

INFORMATION WANTED.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 22, 177.

SIR: It has now been 21 years since I first began to search for the unknown Parentage of Mrs. O——; whose maiden name was a mystery as the parish Authorities of "St. Cuthberts, in Edinburgh City, Scotland, either could not or would not say. How they first came by the Infant Child, called "JAKY-JAN," in the year 1825? Mrs. O—— says, however, that they took her from a very old-gipsy-like-woman; who was standing alone in a cold empty Room, or Prison-house; and from where the child herself was creeping and screaming upon the Floor! This same child "JAKY-JAN" was also "visited," she says, "by a LADY and GENTLEMAN, riding with fine large CARRIAGE and HORSES, in the years 1827 and 1831." Also from dreams it would that she was the stolen daughter of KING GEORGE the FOURTH; and that her right name was "GEORGIANA."

But during the last three years, however, I have written many lengthy Letters upon the subject of Mrs. O——'s supposed Royal descent from the "ILLUSTRIOUS HOUSE OF BRUNSWICK;" and strange to tell—and *our word* has ever reached us in reply—save the recent Publication of "JOAN" novel; and which we don't believe of course; except to intrigue and murder! I need scarcely mention that the said Child "JAKY-JAN," was also given the names "JOAN GLASS, first of all in Edinburgh, in the year 1830—I believe for the purpose to deceive. Wherefore, sir, seeing your name for the first time, in last week's issue of the "CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS of this City—I thought possibly "JAKY," might mean "J.—"; and that the secret of my wife's maiden name, might be "JANET J.—Y." I can assure you Sir, that it is for the wealth of Mrs. O——'s unknown RELATIONS, that we search so earnestly to discover them; but because we believe, THEY ARE WORTHY OF BEING KNOWN; that is, if they are at all, as she is—Full of superior natural endowments, and intellectual greatness; and which far exceeds the common attainments of mankind—"HIS LATE ROYAL HIGHNESS" excepted. We should, indeed, be very happy to know them; (whether they have money or whether they have none.) FOR THEIR REPUTATION'S SAKE. In fact, Mrs. O—— is a Lady possessed of GOD-LIKE ENDOWMENTS; like the "PATRIARCH DAVID" of old—loving to Friends, and bitter to enemies! Her musical Talents are excellent! She has sung many good songs to the delight of hundreds of persons in various Towns and Villages in Ontario. And, even now, in appearance, no one would suppose her to be more than Thirty-five years of age!—although, from the "Parish Books" in Edinburgh, and other proofs, it is well known her age must be fifty-two or three years at least. Sir, would you please be so kind as to forward us some information concerning the name "J.—Y." How it is pronounced, and of what nationality it belongs to; and whether there was ever to your knowledge, Sir,—any RELATION, lost or stolen, belonging to the FAMILIES of "J.—Y." about FIFTY YEARS ago!

Madam is rather short and thick-set, with fine dark eyes and hair; and of fair Complexion. The sad account, as given in the new novel book "JOAN," is very discouraging, indeed, to the party whom it specially refers; and I am sure THAT that party is Mrs. O——; for it contains several items I have written and mailed in Letters upon the subject. It also shows, that if "JOAN" pursues her legal claim, she may expect naught but "Isolation, Imprisonment, or Death!" Death of every Friend living!—beginning with "her FATHER," and "Grandfather," who dropped down DEAD SUDDENLY in a public place in KETTERING, on the 28th of last October! and without any "Inquest" being held! See book "Joan"; page 1 and 2.

Wherefore, Sir: any information which you may choose to send us upon the above mysterious subject; we shall I assure you be happy to receive with every sense of Gratitude. I am Sir—Yours respectfully,

WM. O——Y.

To Mr. C. E. J.

I regret to say that I have been unable as yet

to obtain any information which can be of any use to the gentleman who sent me the above letter, but am living in hope that I may with the assistance of some of the readers of the News be able to throw light upon the mystery. Fired with the hope I publish the letter and call upon all to put their shoulder blades to the wheel and lend a helping hand. I have carefully abstained from mentioning names as the writer of the letter might not like it to be read by unsympathetic eyes, but all who may require further information are requested to address their enquiries to

Stayner, Ont.

C. E. J.

ECCELESIASTICAL.

THE Roman Catholic Bishops of the Quebec Province paid their respects to Lord and Lady Dufferin last week.

TWELVE hundred thousand dollars have been subscribed for the new Catholic University at Lille, France.

As a memorial to the late Bishop Selwyn, it is proposed to found a Selwyn College at Cambridge, England.

DR. KERRY (M.D. Bishop's University, 1878,) has been appointed Curator of the museum in the Medical Faculty of Bishop's University.

A BERLIN despatch says the negotiations between Prince Bismarck and the Papal Nuncio are progressing satisfactorily for a *carta*, in consequence of the important concessions made by Bismarck.

News has been brought from Scotland which has saddened all the friends of the Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, late Principal of Queen's College. His brother, Mr. R. Snodgrass, was struck by a railway train near Patrick and ran over, death ensuing in a few hours.

MGR. DOMINIQUE RACINE was consecrated Bishop of Chicoutimi with befitting ceremonies in the Basilica, Quebec, His Grace Mgr. Taschereau officiating, and all the bishops of the Province and a large number of priests assisting. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Hamel, of Laval University.

HUMOROUS.

THE only people who really enjoy bad health are the doctors.

THE wages of sin (ah Sin) are seventy-five cents for a dozen pieces.

GEORGE FRANKLIN TRAIN says the milk of human kindness is all buttermilk.

DIGNITY is best when the weather is cold, and starch will stay in a man's clothes.

LIGHTNING might do more sometimes if it wasn't in such an awful hurry.

THE Breakfast Table thinks trade is looking up, because it is flat on its back.

AN air-tight trunk is the latest novelty. The key-hole is hung on a strap and fastened to the handle.

EVEN the ocean cannot show much bigger swells than can be found at the pleasure resorts in the summer.

MORE young men would have fixed principles, politically, if it did not cost so much money to fix them.

THE police at Long Branch are placed there simply for ornament, or at most, to help a high-toned drunkard in his efforts to step over a straw.

"I wish to be a friend to the friendless, a father to the fatherless, and a widow to the widowless," said a gushing speaker at a recent revival meeting.

"How sleep the brave?" enquires the Chicago Tribune. Nicely, thank you, except when it is oppressively warm; then we wake half the night.

"FINE minkskin, embroidered, makes lovely little slips for children," says a fashion writer. Orange peel on a sidewalk continues to be good enough for men.

THE average codfish may be possessed of 1,000,000 eggs, as Prof. Baird asserts, but we want him to understand that no hen loses any of her vested rights on this account.

"CAN I ask a few questions concerning the celebrated Damascus steel?" is the way a correspondent begins his letter. Certainly we don't care a Damascus anything you want to.

"DAD, have you ever been to the museum?" said a ten-year-old. "No, my son." "Well, go, and mention my name to the keeper, and he'll take you round and show you everything."

RESTAURANT patron: "These sausages are hardly up to the mark." Waiter—"They ain't, eh? Well, d'ye expect Italian greyhounds and thoroughbred Scotch terriers for two cents?"

"Who has seen a bald-headed woman?" asks the *Inter-Ocean*. We have no doubt a good many persons have; but unhappily the woman succeeded in killing them before they had a chance to tell of it.

THE Shah took thirty-six caskets of gold to Paris and took away only eleven. If he had visited Niagara Falls several years ago with his thirty-six caskets of gold, and remained a week or two, he would have been obliged to borrow ten dollars from a news-paper man to get home.

No man can go down into the dungeon of his experience and hold the torch of truth to all the dark caverns and hidden cavities and not come up with a shudder and a chill as he thinks of the time when he undertook to talk politics with the dead old father of his first sweetheart while the girl was present.

A RECENT advertisement contains the following:—"If the gentleman who keeps the shoe shop with the red head will return the umbrella of a young lady with whalebone ribs and an iron handle to the slate-roofed grocery shop, he will hear of something to his advantage, as the same is the gift of a deceased mother now no more with the name engraved upon it."

"A WASP's nest contained 15,000 cells," and the greatest of these "cells" is to sit down on the nest under the mistaken impression that all the wasps have gone to the sea-side or somewhere on a visit. A single wasp lurking in the back kitchen will give a sinner a warm reception. And no doubt the married one would treat you in the same manner.

We don't know that any man ever owned an umbrella for two years. That is, the same one. If there is any such man in the country, we should be pleased to receive his name and address, not necessarily for publication, but merely as a guarantee of good faith. We think he would be a curiosity, and would, furthermore, be quite an acquisition to some travelling show. Besides, we should like to borrow his umbrella.