

AN ACROSTIC.

J ohn don't you find things at present
O n a whole, my boy, deceiv'd unpleasant;
H adst it, but Fata'm I do not repine;
* N ever better" 'till forced to resign.
A lthough the darn'd Griddle may think,
M e no you're bound in a jiffy to sink,
A nd so give them a chance for your luck,
C onfound it man keep up your pluck.
D on't let all this North Oxford bobbery,
O r the stupid Clear Griddle majority,
N orfolk Shriv'nly, Reverens falling,
A fleet it, in the least, your fair sailing;
L of this motto be planced to your coat,
"D rown who may, I must manage to float."

GREAT MEETING ON HOUSE-CLEANING.

On Thursday evening last a species of Indignation Meeting was held by the fathers of families, etc., in the St. Lawrence Hall, for the purpose of proposing resolutions for the better regulation of that necessary but intolerable nuisance, House-cleaning. The large and respectable assembly, which comprised most of the distinguished men of Toronto, wore in general that dust-choked and harrassed appearance peculiar to men who have been obliged to quit their homes for a time, either by the essential unbreathableness of dust, by a request to assist in beating carpets, or by the operation of mop-law.

Among those who addressed the meeting, were His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, Father Bruyere, W. B. Jarvis, Charles Romain and George Brown, etc.

His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto said that the assembly present had come together to repair a great and crying evil, of which he (J. S.) experienced the evil as much as any man. His house had been turned topsy-turvy, and the dust was so great that he had been obliged to stay out all night in the open air, and had been three times taken up by the patrols for sitting on a door-step, and twice by the police for whistling "Jock O'Hazeldean," and thereby disturbing the neighbours. He was therefore heartily sincere in proposing the following resolution:—

"That wives and such persons as are in the management of families be respectfully requested to complete the operation of house-cleaning within three weeks; to disturb in such operations only half of the house at a time; and in default of the fulfillment of the latter request, to pay from her own plain money for the snuff, or cigars, or pipes, or all three as the case may be, required for use during the time of necessary exposure consequent on such domestic convulsions."

T. G. Ridout, Esq., seconded the motion.

Father Bruyere could not sympathize with the motion. Not being a family man himself, he was not, perhaps, a very good authority, but if he were a family man, he would not wish to subject any of the fair sex to such expenses.

Geo. Brown could not sympathize with the Rev. Father, who had just sat down, in regard to religious matters, and thought it rather absurd that the Rev. gentleman should make any suppositions about being a family man. He (Mr. B.) would oppose the motion from policy, as he was running for the State of Matrimony, and feared a defeat in case of his supporting any unpopular measure.

W. B. Jarvis (from his pulpit) was happy to see

4. In accordance with the suggestion of THE GRUMBLER, a pulpit has been erected in the St. Lawrence Hall, for each of the candidates for membership in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Brown so solicitous about the good opinion of the fair sex, was also happy to see the Roman Catholic gentleman express his convictions, agreed with his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, and thought he would support the motion. (Cheers.)

Charles Romain (from his pulpit) was very happy to see Mr. Brown so solicitous about the opinion of the fair sex, was most happy to see so respectable an audience assembled to discuss so important a question, and, without wishing to offend the feelings of any of the inhabitants of the York Division, would support his Lordship's motion. (Loud cheers.)

Robert Moodie had an amendment to offer. He did not know whether it would be agreeable to all parties or not.

F. W. Powell, M.P.P., requested the gentleman to read.

Robert Moodie. "If yer don't mind yer own bizness, and let gentelman alone, I'll kick yer from this up to Parliament House before the *Freely* 'd go three lengths on herself on a Sunday afternoon."

Mr. Powell immediately vanished, and was seen soon after in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Moodie's amendment was, that after the words "or pipes" should be inserted "or brandy."

Mr. Malcolm Cameron was indifferent about the matter, but would put "or lager beer" instead of the words "or brandy."

Mr. Moodie was of opinion that no gentleman ever drank lager beer.

His Lordship was just about calling gentlemen to order, when a number of indignant females entered the room, drove the gentlemen out at the point of the broomstick, appointed a Chairwoman, and passed a series of resolutions, which, together with the debates on them, we shall be able to give in a future number.

Apology.

—The absence of our managing Editor, will account for the intrusion, last week, of a seeming personality in reference to a firm, which was certainly unmerited, and which we deeply regret.

The Vigilantes.

—We understand that since the incendiaries have grown shy of their profession, the members of the Vigilant Committees have had their time very charitably employed in taking to the Station-House members of the police force, who have sunk down exhausted at their post during the night. The reason of the exhaustion to which most of the force are subjected, is said to be intoxication by some, fatigue by others. As we don't want to be considered libellous, we pronounce no opinion in the matter. But certainly, the force ought to present the Vigilantes with a piece of plate. Eh! Sam?

A Bright Idea.

—In noticing Thalberg's performance, the critic of the *Leader* perpetrates the following nonsense:—

"The fingering of the 'Last Rose of Summer' by Thalberg, will in itself convey an idea of how it could be appreciated by a Toronto audience."

What sort of an idea is intended to be conveyed in this mysterious manner, we cannot guess. We have heard of faint ideas, original ideas, and good ideas, but, until now, we never heard of a *fingering idea*. The same critic calls one of the prima donnas a *cantatrice*, and says that she earned laurels. Isn't it disgusting?

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SQUIMMS.—Your idea is good, but not in a shape suitable to our columns.

WARDLER.—Our advice to you is to take advantage of the season, and get re-hatched.

POIR.—The subject has been treated on by us, and any further reference to it would, be considered stale.

J. H. HAMILTON.—All the back numbers of the *GRUMBLER*, except the first, can be had. It is probable that we shall reprint the first number, when you can complete the set.

A. B.—The cess pools you speak of, in the rear of the Gaol, are a nuisance and demand the attention of the authorities. The Esplanade Contractors are again at work, and ought to be compelled to attend to this matter promptly.

SAM, London.—It must have been very amusing to witness the whole party

"Snazce, and sneeze, and sneeze again."

but it would take a very facile pen to make the subject sufficiently interesting to occupy a place here. We are too busy, else it might be done.

D.M.C.B.—And what more pleasing to a brailess coxcomb than to have his image reflected in the corners and door-posts of our public places. It serves as an admirable counterpart to the brazen-faced symphs that stare at you from these picture establishments, and has the effect desired by all parties,—notoriety.

MONALRY.—If an ex M.P.P. and now a government Employee, is guilty of the abandonment you refer to in a public Railway—of which we have no doubt, from the high character of the references,—we should advise a gentle castigation by one of the witnesses. It is not our province to take special cognizance of such matters.

OXFORD.—We cannot inform you what reward the Government held out to Messrs. John Hutchison and Hugh Miller, for so strenuously supporting Morrison in the late contest. After all that has been said and done by both parties for the Brown interest, it must have been something more than a contract to supply oil and stores to the light-houses, to make them lie so unreservedly.

W. T.—The Civil Service Act, which we presume you refer to, has in numerous instances been set aside for reasons unknown to us. The cases you cite do not appear to us to come under the provisions of the above act. No retrospective action was contemplated, and it would be farcical to subject employees to an examination at every stage of their advancement, as their efficiency is acknowledged by being retained in the service. The recent changes in the Receiver General's Department, have given very general satisfaction.

BUSINESS NOTICES—\$1 EACH.

At No. 15, St. Lawrence Arcade, Mr. James Britton displays a most tempting stock of CURED MEATS, PICKLED TONGUES, &c., superior to anything we have noticed in the city. We ventured to dictate to our wife to proceed thither immediately, and procure a supply for our Sunday morning breakfast, although recommended with by the good dame on the ground that there is too much pickle in our composition already. The prices are such as to make it advantageous to proprietors of hotels and clippling to purchase largely.

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