MONDAY EV'NG, APRIL 5, 1869. FREE SEATS IN CHURCHES.

Many zealous church-going people are beginning to find out that those places of worship in which the sittings are free to all without distinction of persons, are the best supported and more numerously attended than the ones in which pews are reserved for those who have money enough to pay for them. People may talk about the revenue drawn from the renting of pews, but the truth is that many of those who pay these rents think they do enough for the Church, and that all extra demands upon them for " aid and comfort" of the particular church which they attend is unreasonable; whereas the great majority of regular attenders at a house of worship voluntarily supported, feel that they are really indebted to the pastor and the church for accommodation on the Sabbath day, and give 44 neither grudgingly foor of necessity" when an appeal to their liberality is made. The high church Episcopalians are well aware of this, and therefore we find them throwing open the seats in their edifices to all comers without restraint. The Bishop of North Carolina recently made some timely observations on this matter. We quote a few of his remarks :

men, is opposed to the purposes of God, and hinders the salvation of mankind; and these serious conse quences seem to flow very certainly from the practice so prevalent among us of dividing the house of God into compartments, and then renting these to him who will pay most for them, thereby making Mammon the porter to stand at the door of the temple of God, to open or shut as he is, or is not profited by those who desire to come in. . For this is incontrovertibly the effect of the pew system. It Canada until next winter. gives the right of entrance into the sanctuary of God to the man with a purse, but to him who, like the apos tles, is constrained to say, "Silver and gold have I none," its reply is, and gold have I none," its reply is,
"Then I know you not, depart from
me." If you have no money, you
have no place in the house of Godfor you there are no sacraments, no
ministry, no worship. What, then, is
its effect? That the Gospel becomes one of the luxuries of the rich, and not the bread of life to hungry souls. What then follows? That a church (by which I mean a society of Chris tians) consistently acting on this sys tem, must estrange itself from the mass of the people, and abandon them to ignorance and insensibility."

"Whatever tends to erect barriers

between class and class, and to hinder

the diffusion of religious truth among

TIBELLINE CLANDS POLICY.

It is now certain that Mr. Johnson Minister to England, is to be recalled by President Grant; and this determination of the Chief Magistrate of the Republic is considered by some as an indication that Grant's policy towards Great Britain will be more exacting and decisive than that pursuccessful and decisive than that pursued by his predecessor, Mr. Andrew Johnson. This appears to us to be a a very strained interpretation from a were ordinary Executive act, to assume that Grant must of necessity Guelph, 5th April. pursue an aggressive policy because he prefers to have a Minister to Eng-

The Montreal News says that

"Grant possesses that rare faculty
in American life of concealing his
policy and plans from an inquisitive world. The consequence is that a wide door is opened for the wildest eculations as to his intentions. The GREAT SALE OF alarmist class discover in his reticence premonitery symptoms of impending PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS! discord between the two great divisions of the Anglo-Saxon race. They by public auction, at CLARK'S MUSIC STORE, STRAW AND SILK MILLINERY. fancy that his mood is imperative on WEDNESDAY, the 7th of APRIL, MISS LAWRENCE, and exacting, and when once he formulates his ultimatum he will not recoil from pursuing his demands, or shrink from resorting to the last extensive to enforce them. As a general rule, a military man, who has been familiar with the calamities which invariably follow in the wales.

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CAUTION.

Ihereby notify all part which invariably follow in the wake of warfare, is far less likely to invade a horizon. d2 Market Square, Guelph, of warfare, is far less likely to invoke the arbitration of the sword than A UCTION SALE OF those who have served no apprenticeship in the tented field. It requires years to efface the vivid recollections of the suffering and ruin which civil or foreign war entail.-Another generation must grow up, and lessons of experience fail of praeand lessons of experience fail of practical exemplification, before the people can be roused to contempt of consequences. We do not imply that the Americans, if their national honor, or national life were outraged or endangered, would hesitate an instant in confronting an adversary, or exacting ample reparation, but it is hardly possible to conceive that a man like Gen. Grant would deliberately adopt a policy of antagonism to wards Great Britain, or advance pretented by Stoddart.

The Mac Cash for all sums under \$10^\circ\$ Overtensions repugnant to that nation which he knows in advance could not content of the sum of the content of

is well aware that in the higher circles of American and English diplooles of American and English diplomacy, an idea is gaining adherents, that the true policy of both nations is to establish an offensive and defensive alliance, and, thus uniting their moral and material forces, exercise a dominant influence over every other race. To achieve that result, every obstacle to a cordial co-operation must be swept away. The only grievance of which the Americans complain is not one of boundaries—it is one which can be reduced to figures—it is a mere question of dollars, which can readily be solved, when the preliminary is sue has been decided as to liability."

Lieut. Governor Dunn, a gentleman of colour, from Louisiana, was admitted on the floor of the Senate House at Washington, on Thursday. Mr. Sumner introduced him to the members, but one of them, Garrett Davis, of Kentucky, said, "No sir, I want no introduction. Not that I have any objection to the nigger, for no man will extend him more protection than I will when he is in his proper place. I don't blame him either, for being here on this floor; but I blame those who introduced him. You know well enough this is a piece of ostentatious humbug; but I'll be no party to it."

THE DARIEN CANAL TREATY.—The The Darier Canal Treaty—The report of the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations of the Congress of Bogota against the treaty recently negotiated by Mr. Cushing of the United States with Columbia, has been published. On this report the Senate relused, on the first of March last, to confirm the treaty, and it is now void. The reasons for the rejection may be summed up in these three points:—First, that it does not sufficiently guarantee the sovereignty of Columbia; second, that the pecuniary advantages to Columbia are not sufficient; third, that the works should accrue to Columbia at the end of one hundred years, whether the constructors have received pay for them or not.

A report comes from Washington that Mr. Hamilton Fish, the present Secre-tary of state, will go to England as Am-bassador, and that the Cabinet will be re-modelled.

The complete works of Hugh Miller are now being issued in Monthly volumes, by Mr. W. P. Nimmo, of Edinburgh 1

GERRIE'S STAGE — After to night Gerrie's stage will leave the Wellington Hotel each evening at six o'clock.

HOTEL ARRIVALS,

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, April 5, 1869

New Advertisements.

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Puslinch, 3rd April. HOUSE WANTED.

Wanted to rent, between now and the 1st of May, a house containing four or five apartments. Any one having such a house to let will please leave their name and address at Meneury Office.

Guelph, 2nd April.

WHITEWASHING AND WALL Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, n rear of Messrs. Robins and Tolton's granary, ear the Grand Trunk Station. Guelph, March 51 do 3m

SITUATION WANTED. Wanted by a young lad, aged 16 years, a situation in a store; 1s a good scholar—can with well, and is quick at figures? Renumeration no so much an object as a situation, as advertiser is desirous of learning the mercantile business. Apply to J. B., Menctay office, Onelph.

Guelph, 21st March.

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BASE BALL.

The regular annual meeting of the GUELPH MAPLE LEAF BASE BALL CLUB, for the elecofficers for the ensuing year, and general, will take place at Nichols' Court House

ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, Guelph, April 1, 1869. WM. SUNLEY, Secretary, do 4

TENDERS WANTED.

SEALED TENDERS will be received up to THURSDAY, THE 8th OF APRIL, '69,

For the erection of a Stable and Carriage House JOHN HORSMAN, Esq., in the Town Plans and specifications can be seen at the offic of the undersigned, Wyndbam Street.

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 5.

A. B. PETRIE. The creditors of the undersigned are notified to neet at the Office of William Mortimer Clark, Esq, n the City of Toronto, Chemist, Corbet's Block, Guefph

ON MONDAY, 19th OF APRIL, 1869

At 4 o'clock, p. m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an assignce. JOHN HENDERSON. Dated at Elora, 2nd of April, 1869.

(TUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,

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