

was a Suwanee river, and the sunny peace and beauty of it were just what fitted well with the sentiment of that touching and tender air which has gone all through the world because it holds in its unaffected music the secret of the pathetic retrospect of life. Just the spot it was to which a tired man, be he nigger or otherwise, might look back to with attachment and affection. We travellers coming suddenly upon it and leaving it at thirty miles an hour, had, of course, nothing but the most fitting concern with "de Suwanee river." But one could imagine how dear it might be to a native born, and how sincere the original emotion was of the song-writer, or else of some darkey from whom he borrowed it, to write and to set to such soft and sympathetic music, "Dare's where my heart is turning ever." Hence forward for me that Georgian stream, with the dark groves fringing it, and the red crags, and the quiet reaches of silver water gilded by the setting sun, has a place in the thought among the famous rivers of the globe, and I never hear the melancholy music of the popular nigger-lament without a new feeling of what a song can do, far beyond history and important events, to consecrate a spot in nature for ever, and to localize a universal sentiment. Et Ego in Arcadia. I, too, have been "way down upon the Suwanee river."—*Sir Edwin Arnold, in the Daily Telegraph*

HAMILTON BOAT EXCURSIONS.

Generally it has been the custom of the Hamilton Steamboat Company to take off one boat at the end of August, but on account of Labor Day this year they intend running both the Macassa and Modjeska until September 8. Mr. W. E. Bishop, the local manager of the company, says that this has been one of the best seasons they have experienced since the inception of the company. On September 3, Labor Day, Canton Toronto, No. 7, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, will hold their annual excursion to Hamilton and Mountain View Park. Big crowds are expected to turn out on that day.

Nothing is so fierce but love will soften; nothing so sharp sighted in other matters but it will throw a mist before its eyes.—*L'Estrange.*

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

W. H. Beatty, Esq., barrister, Toronto, President of the Upper Canada College O'd Boys' Association, has given the College two open Scholarships, one for fifth form work of \$150.00 tenable in the sixth form, and in the fourth form of \$100.00, tenable in the fifth form. Any boy, whether he is connected with the College or not, can compete. The examination for this year will be held on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. In subsequent years the examination will be held in June.

You have lost no reputation at all, unless you repute yourself such a loser.—*Shakespeare.*

He who goes round about in his requests wants commonly more than he chooses to appear to want.—*Lavater.*

How many women who fondly love the golden symbol of their wedding vow, know why they wear it on the third finger of the left hand? That particular digit was chosen because it was believed by the Egyptians to be connected by a slender nerve with the heart itself. And these ancient worshippers of Isis held this finger sacred to Apollo and the sun, and therefore gold was the metal chosen for the ring.

PUBLIC OPINION.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Grand juries may have their uses. One of them has just discovered that through criminal carelessness and neglect the city of Memphis and the State of Tennessee have been defrauded out of about two millions in the last eight years. As a result of their discoveries, 736 indictments have been returned. While Canada shows up pretty well at Ottawa, our neighbours are still ahead of us in municipal stealing.

The Guelph Mercury: The retirement of Mr. Hall from the Quebec Government is likely to raise a heap of trouble in that Province. The business men of Montreal are grievously complaining over the oppressive local taxes imposed on them by the Legislature, and they declare that there is an unjust discrimination between them and the business men of the city of Quebec. Every dollar is squeezed out of Montreal that can be, while Quebec is let easily off. In consequence the Montreal men claim that as they contribute so largely to the revenue the city should have a representative in the Cabinet.

The Montreal Star: Admirers of a Republican form of government are invited to read the following editorial item from the New York Advertiser, and then try to spur their imagination into substituting in it the name of Queen Victoria for that of President Cleveland: "Mr. Cleveland dead-headed from Gray Gables to New York on a Government light house tender and dead-headed from New York to Washington on President Roberts' private car. He arrived at the White House a little after 8 o'clock and it is to be hoped that some of the neighbors had sent in a nice warm supper for the Presidential d. b." The imagination baulks, eh? Well, then, don't you think it a good thing to have the head of the nation above the splash of the party cess-pool?

The Hamilton Spectator: Professor Goldwin Smith believes that, while no religious denomination should be allowed any special educational privilege, it is still the right of any citizen to have his children educated at a school in which religion is made the basis of education, and that if he uses this right he should not be taxed for the support of any other school than the one he selects. That is a fair condensation of Dr. Smith's opinion as expressed in his letter to a Winnipeg paper. It is not difficult to see the result if the principles here outlined were acted upon. That result would be the abolition of the public school system and the establishment of almost as many separate school systems as there are religious denominations. The people of Ontario are not yet prepared for such a solution of the educational problem.

The Ottawa Free Press: The judiciary committee, sitting in the State of New York, has proposed an important amendment to the constitution, having for its object the suppression of bribery at elections. The special object of the amendment is to prevent indirect bribery. This, of course, is a very potent agency, as we know, in Canada. The proposed amendment prohibits the use of money to promote the nomination of any candidate except such as shall be specially permitted by law, and the contribution by any corporation to an election fund. The latter shall not, says the amendment, contribute money "in aid of any political party or organization or for

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or in aid of any candidate for political office." It is notorious that the sugar and other "trusts" regularly plank down large sums in the States for election purposes. The same evil exists in Canada and it would be well to take a hint from the neighbouring republic and legislate against the custom.

The Brockville Times: For a number of years the Liberals have run what was seemingly a pretty strong club in Toronto. Of this club Sir Richard Cartwright, if we mistake not, was president. Now it is authoritatively announced that the said club have gone into liquidation. We wonder whether this is a proof that Sir Richard had a hand in the management of its finances? If so, this makes the third concern with whose finances Sir Richard has had to do with equally fatal results. A number of years ago he was president of the Commercial Bank. There are men still living who regret exceedingly that they ever had anything to do with that bank because of the woeful failure that was made of its management. Sir Richard's next venture was as Finance Minister of Canada. Successive deficits and an increase of forty million dollars of indebtedness with nothing to show for it, with a decrease of sixty millions of trade, tell the story of his record in that office. The third is the Toronto Liberal Club, and it has gone the way, it appears, of all financial things that the great Liberal financier has had anything to do with. The Knight from South Oxford ought to confine his attention exclusively to the manufacture of bilious epithets.

Every bird has its decoy, and every man is led and misled in his own peculiar way.—*Goethe.*

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