

deserve to be bombarded into respect for the rights of others, unless the whole country rises to demand the reform and civilization of lawless states and cities."

The *Independent* says:

"The fact is that Louisiana is a State which still exists in semi-barbarism. Like portions of Kentucky, it has not yet recovered from the barbarizing influences of that barbaric institution from which the war delivered it. Such an occurrence as this is a confession of failure and an act of barbarism."

The *Christian Union* says:

"Such crimes as that committed in New Orleans not only blacken the fair fame of the country and misrepresent it in every community in the world, but they are crimes against civilization. No matter what the provocation, people like ourselves should stand by the law. The killing of the Italians, like the brutal murder of the Chinese, puts us on a level with the barbarians."

#### THE WAR SCARE.

The sharp exchange of diplomatic compliments between the Governments of Italy and the United States, is only what might be expected as the result of the recent New Orleans embroglio. It is in the last degree unlikely that anything like war, with its dreadful train of consequences, will result. Italy has some tremendous ironclads, one or two of them among the strongest in the world, but to build and equip them, and maintain her large army, the country has been taxed almost to death. The United States, happily free from European complications, has spent comparatively little on either army or navy, and is one of the richest countries in the world, with exhaustless resources and vast areas of virgin soil. In the case of war between the two, Italy might, at first, do great damage, but in the end would be terribly punished by the richer country. No one knows this better than the Italian Government; besides, Italy cannot afford to quarrel with one of its best customers for its silks

and fruits, and especially with the country that furnishes the annual crop of tourists, which is one of the chief sources of income of the impoverished, but picturesque and historic Italian peninsula.

Italy would do a good service to civilization by suppressing the odious *Mafia*, and lawless banditti of Calabria and Sicily. Eighteen hundred years of so-called Christian teaching has left these hot-blooded communities little more Christian in spirit than their Pagan ancestors. They still swear "*Per Baccho*," and by the Pagan gods, and their religion is often little better than a baptized Paganism. "*The Catholic*," says Madame de Staël, "*is the Pagan's heir*," incorporating classic conceptions with Christian influences. And nowhere is this truer than in southern Italy. Nevertheless, the Government is right in resenting the lawlessness of the Louisiana mob, as odious and inexcusable as the assassinations of the *Mafia*.

THE generous gift of \$20,000 by Mr. Chancellor Blake to the University of Toronto is a proof at once of the growing appreciation of the university as a great educational institution and of the love and loyalty of its most distinguished *alumnus* to his *alma mater*. The application of these funds to the endowment of matriculation scholarships distributes its beneficent influence over a very wide area, and reaches very many persons. It will doubtless be a great stimulus to higher studies. It is certainly much wiser to become one's own administrator and see for one's self the benefits conferred by one's benefactions, than to make such donations only when one can no longer obtain control of them.

THE beautiful engraving of the "*Old, Blue Church, and Barbara Heck's Grave*," in April number of the *MAGAZINE*, is made from a water-colour sketch, by Mrs. I. B. Gara, of Erie, Penn. This was first re-drawn in pen and ink, then photo-engraved, and is a very faithful delineation of a historic scene.