

on account of his faith is undoubtedly true. Speaking broadly, a large majority of the Indian officials belong to two decided schools of religious opinion. They are either Agnostics of different types, or Evangelicals of very determined views, and both will regard Catholic Viceroy with a certain suspicion; the former because they think Catholicism foolish, the latter because they cannot believe Catholics to be capable of governing without a dominant *arrière pensee*. That unpleasantness will, however, vanish in a week, if the Viceroy succeeds. Anglo-Indians are two constantly in presence of clashing creeds, and too well aware how little any creed is a guarantee for efficiency, to be permanently influenced by the creed of any ruler, and with the first considerable measure the fact that Lord Ripon is a Catholic as well as a Viceroy will be forgotten.

EXECUTION OF GEORGE BENNETT.

George Bennett was executed, for the murder of Hon. George Brown, in the yard of Toronto Gaol, recently. He met his fate calmly but firmly, and died fortified with the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Rev. Fathers Egan and Sheehan—his spiritual advisers—were constant in their attendance on the doomed man; and the manner in which he conducted himself, from the day on which the dread sentence was pronounced until it was carried into effect, shows that the ministrations of their holy office were fruitful of happy results. The Reverend gentlemen accompanied the condemned man to the scaffold. Arrived on its platform, he stepped to the front and addressed those assembled in the gaol yard as follows:—

Gentlemen, I am going to die, but I wish to say to you that I am innocent of this crime in any sense. I do not think there is anything more that I can say at this time. I could not control the act by which the Hon. George Brown came to his death, and it was done at an excited moment. He likely suspected I was going to use the revolver when he saw me put my hand out to reach it. Perhaps thinking so he readily grasped at it, and thereby caused the shot by which he met his death. I do not know of any other means by which it could have been occasioned. I was standing quite close to him; as close as this I guess [indicating by a motion of his hand the distance between himself and the bar], and when he saw me take it from my pocket he made a grasp at it and it