

**A
Correction.**

Owing to the omission of a table, the article upon the "Outlook for Assessment Insurance" published in our issue of last week, was incomplete and confusing to readers in this number of THE CHRONICLE will be found a corrected reproduction of the article in question.

**Precautions
Against Fire.**

A bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts' Assembly, for the better protection of life in case of fire and panic. The bill provides that hotels, lodging houses, apartment houses and operative buildings of more than three stories in height shall be protected by iron balconies, in addition to other means of egress, on the external walls on every story above the first, each balcony to have stair landings.

**The White Man's
Burden.**

Amid the shower of satirical verse holding up to reprobation and censure the expansion policy of the United States may be found many adaptations of Kipling's celebrated poem. A clever New York insurance journal is responsible for the following satire on the situation:—

"Take up the White Man's burden—
No iron rule of Kings,
But toil of serf and sweeper—
The tale of common things."

Go, save the Filipinos,
Eight millions savage souls,
Aye, civilize, although we have
To fill them full of holes.

**Canadian
Geography.**

In the Canadian "Gazette" of the 16th inst., we find the following paragraph, turning the tables upon those who complain of the frequent illustrations of an absolutely deplorable want of knowledge, by Englishmen, of Canadian geography. "Canadian journalists are prompt to expose ignorance—often a quite unpardonable ignorance—of Canadian geography in the English press. They can hardly be surprised, therefore, if the tables are turned when occasion offers. Who would have expected to find a Western daily, usually well posted on home matters, announcing the result of the polling in the "Rotterdam" division of Yorkshire, when last month Mr. Holland became the new member for "Rotherham." Very pretty! But who would have expected to find, in the very number of the "Gazette," containing this reference to the excusable mistake of coupling Rotterdam with Holland, our usually correct and much esteemed London journal of information upon Canadian matters thus reporting the wreck of the Allan Line steamer "Castilian:" "Gannet Rock is on the coast of New Brunswick, in the Bay of Fundy."

Residents of St. John, N.B., may well be pardoned if they get angry at this transfer of Gannet Rock to their province. But then Nova Scotians will be proportionately pleased.

**Homeward
Bound.**

We recently recorded the surprising news of the arrival at the Azores of the storm-beaten "Bulgaria" of the Hamburg-American line. The pleasant excitement caused in marine insurance circles has been followed by great rejoicing in Hamburg, and admiration for the plucky handling of the steamship by Captain Schmidt is so great that it is announced that the German Emperor has ordered the band of his own Cuirassiers to welcome the ship on her arrival. The "Bulgaria" entered Plymouth harbour on Tuesday, and the mayor of that famous seaport town presented the gallant captain with an address. Lovers of the ocean all the world round will join in the hearty congratulations extended to this homeward-bound mariner.

Trusts and**Truisms.**

"Those trusts may be expected to menace British trade supremacy with the same unscrupulous rivalry in the Far East as is now shown in Canada, and ultimately everywhere in the world. And, as the trusts control American politics, such immediate advantages as England might gain from an alliance would be largely over shadowed by the dangers into which the trusts are likely to force America by insisting upon an indefinite policy of expansion."—Saturday Review.

There is enough material in the above cabled extract from the article appearing in last week's Saturday Review to make those who watch the trend of events very thoughtful. The acrimonious contempt of the "Review" for "the passing wave of sentimental hypnotism" may be only the splenic outburst of a cynic among those journals that turn with pleasure to the best side of everything and revel in presenting to the public eye pictures of John and Jonathan arm in arm, and united forever. But we must not forget that the Saturday Review has upon many occasions in the past thrust unpleasant truths down British throats. In the discussion of the future relationship between Great Britain and the United States, it is well that we should see things in their true proportions. However reluctant Canadians may be to admit the absolute failure of the British-American-Canadian commission, the plain practical business men of the Dominion are not likely to be dismayed thereat. As to the severe criticism of the American trusts, we are unwilling to believe in the implied inability of our neighbours to grapple with any such dangers as those indicated by the Saturday Review. The advice tendered to England by the blunt writer of the honest and truthful article in question is, however, excellent. "Let England pursue her own way, treating America with the same courtesy which she extends to continental nations, no less and no more."

As a rebuke to those who have been over indulging in gush and sentiment, the Saturday's utterances were perhaps necessary and timely.