



KITH AND KIN.

Canada (to Britannia)—“If I can be of any assistance, command me.” (And so say Victoria and New South Wales.)—Punch.

TOPICAL TALK.

“A French milliner has invented a bonnet trimmed with asses’ ears,” says a newspaper, and adds, “The effect is striking.” So I should think; the effect must be very natural too, in many cases.

The “Father of Freemasonry” has just died again. This time he has turned up his toes in England. It is astonishing what a number of times the “oldest Freemason in the world” can stand dying.

The reward which Buddhist women in India hope to gain by leading good lives is that they will eventually become men. Women in this

country may not have the same hope, but they evidently desire to be as much like us lords of creation as possible, or they wouldn’t imitate our garments so closely. I can’t blame them however. Very few women could see me and not wish to be like me, but I can’t help it.

Sir John A.’s suggestion to have Sir David Macpherson’s huge picture cut in two and re-framed, the head and body in one frame and the legs in another, seems the easiest solution of the grave question which has been perplexing the Senate for so long, and such a way of getting out of the difficulty ought to satisfy even Senator Alexander himself. It is evident

that Mr. Alexander will never calm down as long as that vast portrait hangs where it does, and with its present proportions. It acts on him like the proverbial red rag, and something should be done before the consequences are more serious. If our Senators would only show as much energy about some matters as they have displayed over this picture business, they might be of some use after all.

I read in a daily paper a few mornings ago that a certain musical professor in I.— would “Open New Grand Piano” at an evening entertainment. The question that arises is, *will he play upon it as well as open it?*