THY, M. P., ON THE N OF THE POUR.

vening, after service, a sly attended meeting ers of St. Anne's, Spicer in the Temperance Hall urch. The object of the raise additional funds occupied by Mr. Justin for the county of Long-; those on the platform Rev. S. Chaurain, Super-s, the Rev. Father Police, arney, and other mem-per.

er.
'Carthy, M. P., who was ing, said he had always e Catholic institutions in among the most prosper-ng nurseries of education derness of ignorance and inded them in the great Ignorance and vice ey had to fight—the ene-nan race all over the world. It had shown lately a dissome little Catholics;

owever well-intentioned, or generations that Gov-nothing to assist, but revent, the Catholic eduatholic poor. In Ireland, the education offered to uch as they could not, as pt. It was just the same ew to a grand banquet, a to help himself, and at have nothing on the table lering whiskey and water (laughter). But the Cath-d would not have their wanted their water pure, overnment keep the whisselves. They demanded a should be served accord-religious belief and the conscience (hear, hear).

of the excellent teetotal ich had such a firm foundnission, the hon. member ay that with sobriety, eduay that with sobriety, edu-etermination, every man position and rise in the the speaker), have been ries, and I never yet came here I rishmen dwelt who, beer, steady and educated, by the most remunerative by the most remunerative gain the highest honours se positions and honours the reach of the people days they had heard the te of one of the most bril-ndents of the present day. oung Catholic Irishman, Mr. novan, who, it was thought, eath in the Soudan, was the

man who had served his rue and faithful manner by pen. Mr. Edmund O'Don of letters and true and rely unknown, and at once competition in the field of pondents with a number o i striving Englishmen and me perhaps the most dis the race of Special and ondents that England has for of late years. He made us, while in the service of vs, by venturing into places

uropean could possibly get ing himself intimately ac-the life and manners of les. He made his way across serts to the city of Merv, d by his extraordinary ad-When he returned he was this country with all the vor he so well deserved, and ip by nen of the greatest osition. He was feted and my great places, but through ned the same earnest, patrinding Irishman that he was an his career. More lately, to the Soudan, in the inter

urnal he so ably represented, with the Egyptian forces, f the False Prophet, and reason to doubt, said Mr. hat his valued friend and tryman had met his death, rematurely that career which y given such magnificent r. M'Carthy concluded, by earers to subscribe with their generosity towards the sup-ir schools. Mr. O'Donovan . Father Kearney also spoke, ction was taken up for the e meeting. A committee of as also appointed to continue

ondon Universe, Dec. 1.

Death of Protestantism estant Bishop of Liverpool Diocesan Conference on St. George's Hall, Liverpool. red in feeling terms to the , he said that, with the ex-Parker, no archbishop had I Lambeth Palace at a more iod and under heavier rethan Archbishop Benson. the state of his diocese, he my picture of its finances spiritual destitution of the declared his determination a committee to take active nend matters. Speaking of at large, he expressed his here was no likelihood of the hools in the Church giving derating each other, and that od of Mercy interposed, the pieces and perish. He could approaching death of such a nstitution as the Reformed ingland without deep sorrow. there was no order of men eered at, ridiculed, abused, nned so unceasingly, as Eng-s. Unless they were treated consideration and fairness, he day would come when d man, who loved direct rk and hated wasting pre-in strife and wrangling, would be a Bishop at all. A Green Leaf for Ireland. BY ELEANOR C. DONNELLY.

Than this, to add one green leaf to the bays
Of learning and of song my country wore
When all the world was dark save her, in
days of yore."

—DR. R. D. JOYCE.

There are phrases familiar to many an ear, And fluent on many a tongue: They print them, and publish them, year after year. In the Old World as well as the Young; 'Tis—"Such an ado about Land-leagues and "A truce to your Soggarth and Sireland!"
"We're tired of hearing the wrongs and the Of those ignorant Irish in Ireland!"

We might question the truth of one elegant The wiseacres deem so profound,
But granted the fact, that, in these cultured
days. The "ignorant Irish" abound!
Pray tell us, learn'd friends, who first planted

of that foil in bog-land and mire-land?
Who sowed the black seed, and who real
the black fruit
Of an Ignorance foreign to Ireland? Who banished the priest lest his flock should

With the food of a Science divine?
With a pang at his heart, with a price on his head. Who drove him from chapel and shrine?
Who hunted the school and the school-master brave
to the hills and the hedges of briar-land?
O England! who first made the scholar a

By the flerce penal laws of old Ireland? Far back in the ages when History paints
The glories of cloister and cell,
When Erin was known as the Island of

Baints
And the Island of Scholars as well:
The world's wisest students by thousands
were shrined
In the convents and schools of that higherland. Oh! then 'twould have puzzled you sorely to "Those ignorant Irish" in Ireland!

There were colleges rear'd by her blue laughing loughs,—
Academies smiled from her glens;
The cells of the masters were throned on her rocks, And her friars kept class in the fens; There were sages to furnish the wisdom of There were sages to furnish the wisdom of earth, There were bards to give music from Lyre-land.

Oh! pure was the Faith that to Science gave rth ose fair, fragrant days of old Ireland! God be praised ! (tho' oppress'd) those tradi-

God be praised! (tho' oppress'd) those traditions of gold
Still live in our brave Irish nation!
Tho' robb'd of Earth's science, they ne'er lost their hold
On the Science of Christ and salvation!
And oh! should their foes, (God forbid it!)
some day.
Catch a glimpse of that place they call
Fire-land,
When Truth, in her scales, their false Culture shall weigh.
They may flud at the last,
That all lore is surpass'd
By the heaven-born wisdom of Ireland!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

II.

In our last we briefly reviewed the declarations of several of the Supreme Pontiffs on the duties and rights of Catholics in respect of education. It is now, we think, but meet and just that we should refer in a manner, however brief, to the solemn declarations made on the very same subject by the bishops in various parts of the Christian world. The bishops have everywhere been clear and outspoken in the assertion and vindication of Catholic claims. In Canada, in Australia, in the United States and Ireland, they have never allowed any fitting occasion to pass without counselling and instructing their own flocks, while at the same time, in the face of what often has proved an adverse public opinion, advancing and promoting the interests of Catholics by unanswerable declarations of their conscientious views on the question of education. Beginning with our own country, we find that the bishops of Canada, in all its ecclesiastical provinces, have ever been solicitous for the religious education of children. The struggle for educational equality and justice nn New Brunswick and Prince
Edward Island, wherein the apostolic
zeal of Bishop Sweeney of St. John,
Bishop Rogers of Chatham, and Bishop MacIntyre of Charlottetown. shone so brightly, reflecting lustre on the Church in the Maritime Provinces, is too recent to require special mention here. The struggle in Ontario, in which the hierarchy of the Church bore so noble a part, we have already dwelt on at length. It is but the other day, so to speak, in full, demanded with respectful instance of the legislature of that Province the acknowledgment of Catholic rights in the matter of education of such bishop. The same rule to be observed for the appointment or dismissal of misresses and assistant in tion. In Manitoba and the North West the school question has been settled on just principles, thanks, we may say, to the foresight and firmness of the great Archbishop of St. Bonitace. It is not indeed our purpose to quote at any length from the writings of Canadian prelates on this subject, with which our readers are already familiar, but we may be permitted to cite a few words from the

preceding Councils pointed out to

you the dangers which in mixed schools threaten your children.

"There, in effect, say the Fithers of the Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese in which such schools are established. the Fourth Council, in their Pastoral Letter, under pretext of respecting different religious creeds, all attusion to religion is carefully avoided, and thus these tender souls are gradually accustomed to consider the service of God as useless and indifferent. . . But the danger is greater still in

dren are obliged to read falsified translations of the Holy Scriptures, and where the principles and dogmas of faith are attacked witn; diabolical art and perseverance. Our Fifth Council forbids Catholic parents to send their children to Protestant or godless schools; it commands to refuse absolution to parents who, being warned, persist in exposing their children to this great danger. It reserves to the Bishop alone the power to give this permission when necessity requires, and he should grant it but with conditions which

avert all danger." In June, 1879, a pastoral signed by the Archbishop of Sydney, and the bishops of Bathurst, Maitland, and Goulburn contained the following practical instructions to Catholics in regard of education:

"2. Let parents send their children, when of fit age, exclusively to Catholic schools. Let them regard all other schools as no places for their children, who have to learn, before everything else, to save their souls, and who should be seduously prepared, by breathing a Catholic atmosphere, by living amidst Catholic teachers and companions and by an exclusively. pnere, by living amiast Catholic teachers and companions, and by an exclusively Catholic training, for encountering the perils of the world into which they will eventually be thrown.

"3. Let all Catholic parents know that

they cannot, without serious danger, place their children in proximate danger of perversion. Let them bear in mind that to do so is to set at defiance the teach-ings of the Catholic Church; and that, unless there be exceptional reasons, and the danger be remote, of which things the Church is the judge, no confessor can absolve such parents as are willing to ex-pose their children's souls to the blighting influence of an alien creed or a secularist

"4. Fourthly, let those who are so unhappy as to be sending their children at the present moment to public schools with-

instructions as these the frequent subject of their sermons and their private exhor-tations, and let them not weary till god-less and non-Catholic schools have been cleared of Catholic children, and until all the Catholic children in the district are

receiving a sound Catholic education.

"6. Sixthly, let bishops, priests and people do all that lies in them, if necessary at personal sacrifice, to render their present schools as efficient in every way as possi-ble so as to be equal in secular instruction to non-Catholic schools, whilst they surpass them in the genuine education of the will, the conscience, and the senses.

"7. Seventhly and lastly, whilst strength-

ening what they have, let Catholics unite as one man, and insist, by means of legitimate yet persevering and earnest pressure in the right direction, upon their count light with the right direction. qual rights with their fellow-taxpayers."

In Ireland a noble struggle has been for nearly a century maintained by the bishops of that Catholic country in the interests of the faith of mediate Education by means of Exhibi-

"1. Having considered attentively a plan of national education which has been submitted to us—Resolved, that the admission of Protestants and Roman dren, and to furnish them with adequate

means of religious instruction. "2. That in order to secure sufficient protection to the religion of Roman Cath olic children under such a system of education, we deem it necessary that the master of each school in which the majority of the pupils profess the Roman Catholic faith be a Roman Catholic; and that, in schools in which the Roman Catholic children form only a minority, a permanent Roman Catholic assistant be It is but the other day, so to speak, since the Bishops of our distant Pacific Province, British Columbia, in a petition which we gave our readers in full demanded with respectful in

> female schools. "3. That we consider it improper that masters and mistresses intended for the religious instruction of Roman Catholic youth should be trained or educated by or under the control of persons profes-sing a different faith; and that we con-ceive it most desirable that a male and female model school shall be established in each province in Ireland, to be sup-ported at the public expense, for the purpose of qualifying such masters and mis-

tresses for the important duties which they shall be appointed to discharge.

"4. That, in conformity with the prinmitted to cite a few words from the pastoral of His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, promulgating the decrees of the fifth Council of that Province.

"Already," says His Grace, "have the particular instruction in religion shall be selected or approved by the Roman Catholic prelates; and that no book or tract for common instruction in

of persons having a legal interest in them, as well as from a variety of other causes; and that, in our opinion, any regulation which should require such transfer to be those Protestant schools where chilmade, as a necessary condition for receiving parliamentary support, would operate to the exclusion of many useful schools from all participation in the public

from all participation in the public bounty.

"6. That, appointed as we have been by Divine Providence to watch over and preserve the deposit of Catholic faith in Ireland; and responsible as we are to God for the souls of our flocks, we will, in our respective dioceses, withhold our concurrence and support from any system of education which will not fully accord with the principles expressed in the foregoing resolutions.

From that time till the present

From that time till the present the battle has been kept up against tremendous odds, with many practical good results achieved in the in-

In a joint pastoral issued, if we Ireland formulated on behalf of their people the following demands: As to primary education, therefore, we

demand demand:

1st. For all schools which are exclusively Catholic, the removal of all restrictions upon religious instruction, so that the fulness of distinctive religious teaching may enter into the course of daily secular education, with full liberty for the use of Catholic books and religious emblems, and for the performance of religious exercises, and that the right be recognized of the lawful pastors of the children in such schools to have access to them, to regulate the whole business of religious instruction in them, and to remove objectionable books, if any. In such schools the teachers, the books, and the inspectors should all be Catholic

2dly. That the public money should never be used in the work of proselytism.

3dly. That in Mixed Schools, where the children of any religion would be so few as not to be entitled to a grant for a separate school stringer to a grant for a separate school, stringent conscience clauses should be enforced, so as to guard as far as possible against even the suspicion of proselytism

Athly. That the existing Model Schools should be abolished.
5thly. That Catholic Training Schools, male and female, should be established, in which teachers would be educated, morally and religiously, as well as intellectu-ally, and in accordance with Irish traditions and feelings, for the holy office of teaching the Catholic children of Ireland. The reasonableness of this demand is manfest from the fact, that of the entire number of teachers in Ireland—about 9.000—there are in schools connected with the National Board about 5,700 untrained.

As to Intermediate Education, we As to Intermediate Education, we demand, that the large public endowments now monopolized by schools in which you and we have no confidence, and many of which are directly hostile to the Catholic religion, should be taken up by a Commission in which the Catholics of Ireland would have full confidence; that the Commission that the confidence is that the Commission of the catholic soft and the confidence is that the Commission which the confidence is that the Commission which is the confidence is that the Commission was a confidence in the confidence in the confidence in the confidence is the confidence in the confidence in the confidence is the confidence in the confiden mission thus appointed should be merely for financial purposes, and should hold the endowments in question for the ben-efit of the whole nation, of all the Inter-mediate Schools in Ireland without religi ous distinction, and for the general advancement of middle class Education: that the national fund, thus held, should their people, jeopardized by irreligious education. As early as January, 1826, the bishops of Ireland unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

"It having considered attentively a few first and the Education by means of Exhibitions open to the competition of all youthings open to the competition of all youthings open to the competition of all youthings of the parameters of the competition of all youthings of the parameters of the competition of all youthings of the competition of all youthings of all youthings of the competition of all youthings of the competition of all youthings of all

of any competitor or of any school.

"As regards higher education" [we repeat the words of the resolutions adopted by the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland in August, 1869.] "since the Protestants of this country have had a Protestant University with rich endowments for 300 years, and have it still, the Catholic people of Ireland clearly have a right to a Cath-

olic University.

"But we will have Catholic education in all its branches, primary, intermediate, and university, that is to say: We demand for you, and you, as Catholic parents, demand for yourselves, the legal right and, as far as it is afforded to others, aid from the state, to discharge your duty of educating your children in accordance with the dictates of your conscience, and the teaching of the Catholic Church, of which you are members."

These demands have not indeed been granted, but steps in that direction have been made to such an extent as to lead us to hope before many years for a complete system of Catholic education in Ireland.

If we turn our eyes to the United States we see that there, above all other countries, the chief pastors of the Church have taken yigorous ground for the protection of their people from the ravages of godless lucation. Nowhere, except perhaps now in Italy and France, is the danger to faith and morals greater, through irreligious education, than in the American republic. Wherefore at their last Proyincial Council the Fathers of New York raised their voices in clearest tones on the sub-

ject: The next subject to which we direct book of tract for common fuscional literature shall be introduced into any school in which Roman Catholic children are educated, which book or tract may be objected to, on religious grounds, by

for God and society a Christian offspring. Now it is quite certain that a race of Christian children can be secured only by a Christian education. Christian virtue "5. That a transfer of the property in several schools which now exist, or may hereafter exist, in Ireland, may be utterly impracticable, from the nature of the tenure by which they are or shall hereafter be held, and from the number early dawn of childhood. It is a proearly dawn of childhood. It is a proverb: "A young man according to his way, even when he is old he will not depart from it." As the young plant is trained so will be according to the provention of the proventi so will it grow.

This is your glory, Christian parents. To you is confided the wonderful privil-To you is confided the wonderful privilege of training the immortal souls of your children to fulfill here below the duties assigned to them by their heavenly Father, that they may receive from His hands an eternal crown in Heaven. No one can fully replace you, nor can you resign your rights to others. Take, then, the same care at least of your children that a skillful gardener would take of delicate flowers, which he knows are much prized by his master. Give them a healthy atmosphere in your homes. They cannot mosphere in your homes. They cannot live in foul or vitiated air—the air of immorality and vice, the air of willful ignorance of their duties. You would not willingly allow them to remain where fever is raging, where a plague or the cholera is mowing down its victims. Why then, expose them to the still fouler, terests of the Catholic population of Ireland.

still more deadly atmosphere of intemperance, or hatred, or anger, or lust? Make your homes cheerful, as true Christian In a joint pastoral issued, if we nomes ever are, by the sunshine of gentle-mistake not, in 1871, the bishops of ness and love. Make them holy by the example of your piety—more efficacious than precept. Render your homes true temples where the hearts of your children will feel the constant presence of a loving God and Saviour. Then accustom them from earliest years to love His Holy Church, the spotless Bride of the Lamb. Bring them to the divine offices in which His praises are sung; bring them to the sacrament that will nourish their souls, and to the hearing of the Divine Word that will enlighten their understanding. "Fathers, bring up your children in the discipline and correction of the Lord.' Remember, dear brethren, that all these truths concern you most deeply: you will be judged by them, you will stand or fall by them; your children shall be required from you by the Creator who gave them to you; if they are lost through your neglect, their blood will be upon your head. You shall answer for them with your own

> your homes for the entire training of your children, even when aided by the religious instructions in the Church, it becomes your imperative duty to send them to Christian schools, that they may grow in Christian virtue, as well as in the various branches of secular knowledge suitable for their advancement in the world. We have often spoken to you on this important subject. It has been frequently expounded to you by your pas-tors. Every council, every assembly of Catholic bishops, held in modern times has given the most positive decisions in its regard. The Supreme Pontiffs have again and again, with no faltering accents, but in the clearest tones, proclaimed from their high places of authority, the watch-tower on which Christ has placed them to guide and to direct the entire Church, the absolute necessity of making education more Christian; and it has been clearly decided by their supreme power "that no Cath olic of whatever rank or condition he may one of whatever rank or condition he may be, can approve of any system of public instruction from which religion is totally excluded." But even if the voice of the Church were not so clear, your own experience should save you from the crime perience should save you from the crime of sending your children to Godless schools. See how infidelity and impurity are stalking over the land. See how con-tempt for authority, self-seeking and distemporary complete disregard for moral obligations and other kindred evils are increasing so rapidly and assuming such gigantic proportions that men stand aghast at the prospect and are filled with alarm for the future destinies of our country. Thoughtful men, of every religious denomination, are beginning to realize this danger, and many voices are now heard throughout the land deploring the evils which the want of religious instruc-

Now, as you cannot easily provide in

evils which the want of religious instruc-tion in the training of children is already bringing upon us. Schools without re-ligion have been in existence long enough for even the least observant of men to be able to judge of their results. Their shortcomings in other respects have been often pointed out by others. "By their fruits you shall know them." This question of religious education is the paramount question of the day, on the paramount question of the day, on the solution of which our destiny as a Christian people must depend, for, as it has been well said by a deep thinker, "we may just as well expect a harvest without sowing seed as to expect a Christian peo-ple without Christian education." The Catholic school sows the good seed in the hearts of your children, to bear in after years glorious fruits for our country and for religion. Until such time as a sense of justice will force our fellow-citizens to admit the fairness of our claims and realize the injustice of taxing us for schools to which we cannot conscientiously send our children, unless in cases of extreme necessity, we shall be obliged to build our own schools even out of our scanty resources. Be zealous, then, dear brethren, in estab-lishing such schools. Build them where they do not exist. Support them generously where they are already established; develop them, increase their usefulness, so that they may be in no respect inferior to any others. Strengthen the hands of your pastors, that they may render these schools more and more efficient, so that your children may learn in them all that will make them hereafter loyal citizens of their country and valiant soldiers of Christ and His holy Church. By those schools the efforts of infidelity will be rendered abortive; by them will religion be fortified; by them will your pastors be able to re-peat the touching words of the Divine Master: "Father, those whom thou gavest

In this declaration of the Fathers of New York, we have the Catholic doctrine on the question clearly laid down. It is laid down in terms precise and unanswerable. Let our readers, let all Catholics in Canada

Catholic interests, by promoting Catholic education, by insisting at all the promising Catholic youth of this promising Catholic land, and our future as a great people and as a mighty nation is assured.

THE OPENING OF CONGRESS.

A great deal of interest has been manifested in the opening of Congress this year. It being the first session of a body fresh from the people, the election of a speaker for the House of Representatives was watched with much anxiety. The democrats having a large majority in the House had of course the election of a speaker in their own hands and selected Mr. Carlisle, of Kentucky, for the post. Mr. Carlisle is a Free Trade democrat.

John G. Carlisle, the newly-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, was born in Campbell (now Kenton) was born in Campbell (now Kenton) County, Ky., Sept. 5, 1835. He resides at Covington, in the same State. At an early age he assumed the duties of a public school teacher. His leisure time was employed in reading law, and when opportunity favoured his aspirations he entered an office at Covington and thoroughly qualified himself for admission to the bar. He was admitted in 1858, when 23 years of age, he has ever 1858, when 25 years of age, he has ever given to the public service to the practice since devoted that portion of his time not given to the public service to the practice of his profession. In 1859 he was elected a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives. Nominated in 1864 as Presidential elector on the Democratic ticket, he declined the honor. In 1866 he was elected to the Senate of his native State, and again in 1869. He was present as a delegate at large from Kentucky at the National Democratic Convention held in New York city in 1868. His nomination for Lieutenant-Governor of Kentucky in 1871 caused him to resign his seat in the State Senate. He was elected to the Lieutenant-Governorship in August, 1871, and served until September, 1875. His fellow-citizens made tember, 1873. His fellow-citizens made him Presidential elector at large for Ken-tucky in 1876. He was subsequently elected to the House of Representatives at Washington. Mr. Carlisle's "record" in Congress is that of an able and diligent

The President's message is as usual a very lengthy and exhaustive document. It deals with many sub jects of very general interest:

After referring to the favorable aspect of domestic and foreign affairs, the friendly footing of the government with foreign nations, and the proclamation of consular and commercial treaties with Roumania Corea and Madagascar, the notice of the termination of the fisheries articles, of the treaty of Washington is touched upon, and the announcement made that the reciprocal privileges and exemptions of the treaty will cease on July 1st, 1885. The President suggests that Congress create a commission to consider the general question of the rights of the United States in the fisheries and the means of opening up to Americans the richly stocked fishing waters and sealing grounds, of British North America. The subject of pauper emigra-tion from Ireland is referred to, it being tion from Ireland is referred to, it being stated that several needy emigrants have recently reached the United States through Canada, and 'a revision of legislation is, therefore, thought advisable. The correspondence relative to the Clayton-Bulyer treaty will be laid before Congress. The importation of American swine products into Germany is still prohibited, despite an invitation to German experts to visit the United States to enquire whether those products were dangerous. A comthose products were dangerous. A com-mission has been appointed to make a thorough investigation of the subject. The coronation of the Czar at Moscow i next touched upon, after which the President says the restrictions which now burden American trade with Cuba at Porte Rico are in a fair way of being removed Reference is next made to the claims o American citizens against Cuba, and ful reparation is hoped for from the Spanish Government. The United States are now participating in the revision of the tariffs of the Ottoman Empire, and have assented to the application of the license tax to foreigners doing business in Turkey, but have opposed the oppressive storage tax upon petroleum entering the ports of that country. The proposal of the Egyptian Government that the authority of mixed tribunals in Egypt be extended so as to cover citizens of the United States accused of crime is favorably commented on. new treaty of commerce and navigation new treaty of commerce and navigation with Mexico is now before the Senate, and the provisions for the reciprocal crossing of the frontier by troops of the two republies in pursuit of hostile Indians have been prolonged for another year. The negotiations between Bolivia, Chili and Peru, and the part taken by the United States are next referred to, the Percident stating that he shall not besitete. President stating that he shall not hesitate in recognizing the government of General Iglesias in Peru. The question of Chinese emigration to America is again brought up; and legislation promised. There is, the President thinks, a prospect of the settlement of the boundary dispute be-tween Liberia and Great Britain, by the adoption of Monarch River as a line. opening of the Congo region by Stanley is commented on, the President remarking that it may be advisable for the United States to co-operate with the other commercial powers in promoting the rights of trade and residence in that region free from the interference or political conto me have I kept, and not one of them trol of any one nation. The President also mentions the impedi-

ments to trade, which existed owing to the tariffs in certain foreign countries, and thought that a resort to equitable retaliation on governments which discriminate against the United States might not be barren of good results. In referring to the fact that the large surplus, which for readers, let all Catholics in Canada take this declaration to heart. Let them lose no opportunity to promote the paying off the national debt, the President said there were cogent reasons

why this should not continue on account excessive taxation which has to be resorted to. According to recommendatimes upon justice to themselves and tions of last session tariffreceipts had been tions of last session tariff receipts had been reduced fifty or sixty millions, but he would not advise any large diminutions, this session. A portion of the surplus revenue might be applied to the provision of coast defences for the protection of the harbors. Discussing the retirement of the securities which are the basis of the National bank circulation, he thought there would be such a contraction of the volume of the currency as to produce commercial embarrassments, and asked how the danger could be obviated. For averting the threatened contraction he favored the enactment of a law repealing the tax on the circulation and permit-ting banks to issue notes for an amount equal to 90 per cent. of the market value of the deposited bonds. The President spoke on the defenceless condition of the large cities on the coasts open to naval attacks from hostile powers, of the value of the state militia as an auxilliary force, and mentioned the work of strengthening the navy now begun. The President sugges-ted the advisability of reducing the rate of postage on drop letters from two to one cent, believing the reduction would pay in the end. He still dissented from the recommendation of the Postmaster-Gen-eral that the Government should assume control of the telegraph lines, or of under-taking to construct new lines. Both questions would probably be discussed in the House, and he now would only express his belief the Government should be authorized by law to exercise some sort of supervision over inter-state telegraph com-

> After having dwelt on the constantly increasing importance of Alaska the President referred to the state regulation of railways:

He said that numerous complaints had recently been made that the great railways that controlled the facilities for the inter-state carriage of persons and merchandise were often exorbitant and unjust. In many cases the state had checked these evils, but it was time for the National Government to take into consideration how far their authority extends over the railways. No corpora-tion ought to be invested with absolute power over any class of citizens. The railways had a right to a fair and profitrailways had a right to a fair and profit-able return, but Congress should protect the people when the charges and railway regulations became oppressive. He also referred to the preservation of the forests. During the last year there had been great loss of life and property by floods, which to a great extent were caused by the destruction of the forests. The preserva-tion of the forests in the national domain in the west which contribute to the equit. in the west which contribute to the equitable flow of the waters of important rivers, is of the greatest consequence. These forests should be withdrawn from the public domain and made into a forest the public domain and made into a forest preserve. The President then referred to the centennial exposition of the first shipment of cotton from any port of the United States to be held next year in New Orleans, and as the exposition will be international foreign governments have been asked to participate. have been asked to participate.

The message closes with reference to the Civil Service system, and with an allusion to the question of the civil rights of the colored population. We earnestly trust that many of the recommendations in the message will be acted on, especially those in regard of the reduction of postage, the state regulation of railways and the preservation of forests. Congress will not, however, be guided to any great extent by the President's views. The democratic majority in the House will endeavor to carry out the opinions of its leaders, and control legislation as to pave the way, if possible, for a signal democratic victory next year.

The Session will likely be prolonged till summer.

A Cure for Sore Throat.

Mrs. Wm. Allen, of Acton, speaks highly of Hagyard's Yellow Oil as a household remedy for colds, sore throat, stiff neck, croup, etc., as well as for burns, scalds, and other injuries of common occurrence

Dr. J. Corlis, St. Thomas, writes : "Dur ing ten years active practice I have had occasion to prescribe Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites. Since Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda came under my notice, I have tried it, and take great pleasure in saying that it has given great satisfaction, and is to be preferred to any I have ever used or recommended. I have used it in my own family almost as a beverage during heavy colds, and in every instance a happy result has followed. I cheerfully recommend its use in all cases of debility arising from weakness of the muscular or nervous system."

A Good Reform,

Children are not often tortured now-adays with bitter Aloes, Brimstone, and Treacle, and the many nauseous remedies of the olden times. Freeman's Worm Powders are pleasant to take, contain their own purgative, and safely and effectually remove all ordinary species of worms afflicting children or adults.

A Difficulty Overcome.

It is often very difficult to get children to take medicine, and especially Worm Remedies, which they often require. Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup is not only agreeable to take, but a safe and certain cure for all varieties of worms, including tape worms, that pro-duce serious disturbance with children and adults.

An Afflicted Clergyman.

The Rev. Wm. Stout, an English clergyman, of Wiarton, was for 23 years a terrible sufferer with Scrofulous Abscess, which the best medical skill failed to cure. The internal and external use of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him, and for nearly three years he remained hale