

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.) London, July 16. A GENERAL AMNESTY. A committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Biggar, the patriotic member for Cayen, has just been formed to agitate for a full and unconditional amnesty for our political exiles.

They have an example set to us by the French Republic which has just annulled the Commune, including the Marquis de Rochfort, the editor of the Communist paper Le Lanterne.

On his return to Paris, he was met at the railway station by a crowd of at least ten thousand persons who cheered themselves hoarse, clearly showing that a large portion of the French people believe in the man and his principles.

Remarkable it is, but nevertheless a fact, that it is only as we advance towards Republicanism that Governments are good. Take Turkey, China, Burma, and we may say Russia as types of the despotism of the one man power, and look at their condition.

Then let us glance at the United States paying off her national debt, and receiving into her capacious bosom the emigrants from Europe, and welding into a mass of good citizens, men who if they had remained in the countries of their birth would be paupers or criminals.

Canada is another example, her free institutions which from the very force of circumstances are in their tendency more or less Republican making her progressive and happy; what would she be under the family compact—under the rule of the aristocrats sent out from England—let poor wretched Ireland reply.

England is only great and good in preparation to the freedom her people enjoy, and every step they take towards that freedom is one away from despotism, and nearer to the Republic, which is every day gradually creeping on. It may not take a sudden jump into life, as it did on three occasions in France, but the idea is quietly settling in the minds of our most intelligent thinkers, especially the younger section, that it is the only form of Government possible in the future.

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Some Signs of the Steady Growth of Democracy During the Last Forty Years.

(From the Resident Correspondent of the New York World.)

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That was a very foolish idea, as I pointed out at the time. A cabinet of which Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Bright are members could not be expected by any rational man to disregard the Democratic forces which had proved their right to govern the country.

Nor was there any ground for the belief that Mr. Gladstone would shrink from the work to which he had pledged himself when in opposition. The territorial and wealthy classes have never been his friends. He owes them nothing. In constituencies where they are powerful, he has been scornfully rejected. Why should they imagine that he would protect their interests as soon as he was returned to office?

His feeling toward them was significantly expressed in a speech at Haverdun, soon after the general election. "It is," he said, "where wealth is most concentrated—in the city; it is where luxury is most prevalent—in Westminster; it is where property is most represented—in the county, that the verdict has gone wrong."

He is, above all things, a minister created by the working classes, and he has recently declared that the working classes constitute the nation. It is only the infatuation of the landlords and the wealthy classes generally which could have led them to suppose for a moment that Mr. Gladstone would sacrifice the interests of his real supporters to their wishes and desires.

The alarm which they now begin to show is not less contemptible in its way than the blindness and cowardice which have characterized the management of their cause ever since 1832. The position of the Conservatives at this moment is very much like that in which the Democrats found themselves in the United States after the war.

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