

OUR LONDON LETTER.

[From our own Correspondent.]
LONDON, Feb. 25.

The topic of general conversation, is the last diabolical attack upon the life of the Czar. Probably, it comes home more closely to us from the fact that our own Duchess of Edinburgh was at the time in the Winter Palace. Assuredly, the poorest and most unenviable man in the Czar's wide dominions has no need to envy the lot of his Imperial master. There can hardly have lived a monarch, even in semi-barbarous Asiatic countries, whose head rested more uneasily upon his pillow than that of Czar Alexander the Second. The sword suspended by a single hair over the banqueting table, is scarcely an exaggerated symbol of the terms upon which he holds his Empire. The Winter Palace was guarded from the outer world by the most vigorous precautions, yet the enemy found means of access. What makes the case the harder, is, that he is not a bad Czar. It may not be saying much for him, but he is certainly one of the best of his line. He can neither walk nor travel, nor eat in safety, simply because he is Czar, and represents a detested Government.

The distress in Ireland seems to be checked, thanks to the indefatigable exertions of the Duchess of Marlborough and her committee. Few ladies would like to undertake a share of the hard work they go through from day to day, involving as it does, many hours of drudgery. Her Grace spares no time or labour in the cause, her hands being full from early morning until late in the evening, writing, planning, arranging, superintending, and keeping the whole machinery of relief in constant and efficient action.

The Irish are a strange people, and their leaders are of the essence of the people whom they lead. Mr. Mitchell Henry's motion is one of the strongest documents ever issued.

He asks the House of Commons to express an opinion that the general poverty of the Irish people, and that the recurrence of periods of death and famine, are caused by the non-development of the industrial resources of the country. That is his first proposition, and no one can deny that there is some truth in it. The second paragraph sets out by asserting another proposition, which also, it is to be feared, must be regarded as true: that, under existing conditions, there is no reason to believe that private enterprise will prove more capable of coping with this state of things in the future than it has in the past. When Mr. Mitchell Henry had got thus far in framing his resolutions, what a pity he did not pause and ask himself the reason why. Why are the industrial resources of Ireland undeveloped? Why does not private enterprise deal with these things in Ireland as elsewhere? Ireland has a fertile soil and a genial climate. She is better situated in this respect than Scotland, and yet Ireland is periodically afflicted with famine, whilst Scotland never begs assistance of her neighbours. At the present moment, those who have invested money in Irish land find that they cannot obtain a return for their enterprise, and that if they prosecute their claims with energy, they run a risk of being shot from behind a hedge. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why capital has not been attracted to Ireland. Capital has ever shunned scenes of turbulence and violence. Mr. Mitchell Henry's proposal is as good as confessing that the Irish people are incapable of either supporting themselves or attracting to their country the enterprises which would assist them. This has the appearance of a confession of the inferiority of the Irish people; yet the matter is paraded as though England was somehow answerable for it, and certainly with no sort of misgiving that the Irish people need feel any shame at being held up before the world as a people who are unable to maintain themselves as other people do. The Irish are a clever and quick-witted people, but they have not the faculty to see themselves as others see them.

To-morrow evening the meeting is to take place at St. James' Hall for the defence of the Law of Marriage. It is out of my province, as correspondent, to discuss the theological merits of the question, or the question at all. Still it may be permitted me to remark that with respect to the social aspect of the case, not many words need be said. The law cannot play fast and loose with the prohibited degrees. They are either altogether bind-

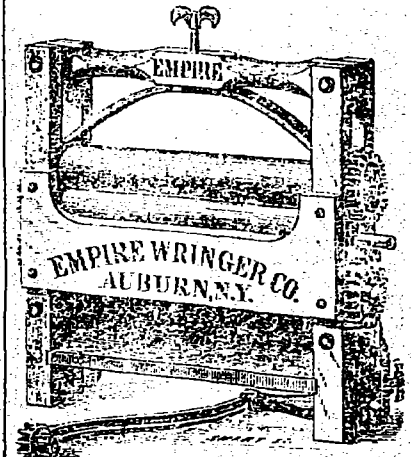
ing or they are altogether null. The late Mr. Henry Drummond may possibly be thought to have indulged in a grim joke when he bade the supporters of the Bill not to go on peddling with their sisters, but to marry their grandmothers like men. Yet he may have said it in all sober seriousness. The Bishop of London once mentioned a case in which a man had married his deceased son's widow, on the ground that he was the natural guardian of his son's children; and the arguments that are alleged in favour of marrying a deceased wife's sister may be urged with equal force in favour of marrying a deceased wife's mother. It is always the children in these cases that are spoken of—that a man can marry a second time with any other motive than that of having his children looked after, is never even hinted at. Now, who can look after children so well as a grandmother? Aunts are not invariably well disposed towards their nephews and nieces, but grandmothers are almost always fond of their grand-children. Why then should this singularly appropriate union be left to bear the stigma of illegality, while the less appropriate union with a sister in law is specially favoured?

The appointment to the Deanery of York is generally liked. There has been a good deal of speculation as to the man, and for once the Prime Minister has consented to select his man from the half dozen, whose names have been most on people's tongues—Archdeacon Cust. The choice in the end, I believe, lay between the Archdeacon of Buckingham and Canon Bridgeman; but the Deanery of York, although apparently so rich—it is £2,000 a year—is really a Deanery that you must spend money upon out of your own pocket if you are to keep up the traditions of the State, and I suppose Archdeacon Cust is better able to do this than Lord Bradford's brother. It used to be said that to be upon Lord Palmerston's lists for High Church appointments, your name must be in the Red Book as well as in the Book of Life, and that is certainly the case with the Dean of York, and Lord Beaconsfield is lucky to find in a man of ample fortune, a man distinguished by learning and eloquence like Arthur Cust.

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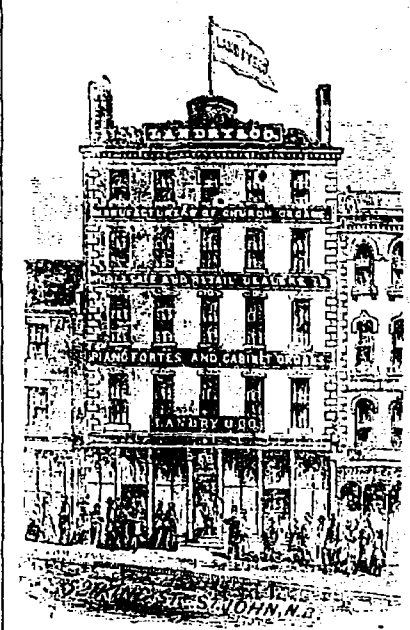
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