

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our numerous engagements last week prevented that close scrutiny of correspondence which we usually exercise, our readers will therefore excuse us for apparent negligence. A letter, signed VINDOQ, was inserted without our knowledge, or we should have prevented its appearance, as we have no intention of attacking undeserving persons. We shall prevent a recurrence of personal attacks in future.

HAME. WINDOQ.—Your letter cannot be inserted; its tendency is essentially scurrilous, and unsuited to our columns. If the Sam Curtus you allude to brings inferior meat into the market, the citizens here are sufficiently wide awake. The Bronte men must take one more skin off their optics previous to setting out to diddle an Hamiltonian. Go to wood drawing—what you get out of us won't pay for the team.

MOSE.—Your letter is inserted with slight alterations.

L. A.—We thank you for your original poetry, and hope to hear from you again.

A. H. C.—We had a notice of the clerical fracas in type when yours arrived. Still we thank you.

M. B.—Phelan by 36 points. One of our staff lost \$11,000. He is dismissed.

PAT O'FINIGAN.—Quite original, we apprehend. The adoption of your name is an undoubted libel on your scholastic attainments; but never mind, it has not been read by ten people.

COLLECTING MARKET FEES ON THE SABBATH.

—Our remarkably conscientious contemporary the Times is highly indignant at our enforcing our rights upon ranting teetotalers last Sabbath day. We hold that every person is entitled to his own opinion, but he should do so consistently, and not libel the characters of others. These abstaining gentlemen are unable to preach their own doctrine without vilifying others who are opposed to them. Many respectable men are Tavern-Keepers in this city, and their occupation should not be pointed out as the sure road to perdition. Both these gentry and their hearers would be more suitably occupied in attending a place of worship, than in collecting a crowd to the annoyance of the neighborhood. We have a good pew at church which we pay for, and want no doctrine gratis.

It is gratifying to remark the prominent part Lord Bury is taking in the British Parliament. His speeches on the "Newfoundland Fisheries Act," and the "Guards Privileges," have evoked the praise of the Press and the Public. The day is not long distant when he will be Governor General of Canada, a fitting tribute to his great talents.

BRANIGAN'S
Chronicles & Curiosities,

Nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice.
SHAKESPEARE.

HAMILTON, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1859.

The Rebecca Street Rowdies Becoming Bolder.

"O thou, from whose rank breath nor sex can save,
For sacred virtue, nor the powerless grave,
Felon unwhipped! Thun whom in yonder cells
Full many a groaning wretch less guilty dwells,—
Blush, if of honest blood a drop remains,
To steal its lonely way along thy veins;
Blush—If the bronze long harlequin on thy cheek,
Has left one spot where that poor drop can speak;
Blush to be branded with the slanderer's name,
And, tho' thou dread'st not sin, at least dread shame."

Thus sang the poet in days gone by; but the burthen of his song is as applicable to the present time as it could have been to the period in which his song was sung.—For instance: shortly after the appearance of our paper last Saturday evening, a female might be observed rushing wildly down Catherine Street, with hair dishevelled and head uncovered; flashing eyes and swinging hoops. She pulled up in front of the residence of an inoffensive gentleman, who, rumor says, writes occasionally for the *Chronicles*, and delivered herself of some of the choicest sentences ever uttered out of Billingsgate. Soon a group of boys gathered around this moving pestilence, and applauded her harangue, which for the sake of her sex we forbear repeating. The victim of this filthy avalanche, all unconscious of its meaning, armed himself with a heavy riding whip and sallied forth from his domicile to drive away the crowd; when lo! the she tiger gave him to comprehend that she was avenging an insult offered to herself and her husband, . . . ho keep, we believe, an *unlicensed* groggery on Rebecca Street, east of the Theatre.— a nuisance to the respectable neighborhood in which it is situated. This insult, it seems, . . . as contained in our correspondent's (VINDOQ) communication, which appeared in our last issue, but which was not written by the party assailed at all. However, he had to take the consequences, and has now undertaken the task of closing up this abode of vice, which contaminates almost the very atmosphere in its neighborhood. The attention of the authorities has already been called to the matter and we doubt not an investigation into the character of the den and its proprietors, will be attended with such proofs as will plainly indicate that the public good would be benefited by its being closed up. Such a consummation has long been prayed for by the neighbors, who wonder that an intelligent friend of temperance and morality, such as we believe Ald. Cochrane to be, should recommend a license to be granted for such a place as this has been since it was first opened by another notorious personage. We hope the respected Alderman will at once satisfy himself as to the truth of these assertions and put his veto on the license, which has not as yet, we are informed, been issued. We shall

watch this matter with a jealous eye, and deal with the parties with no unsparing hand. The names of those frequenting the establishment we shall every week publish in full—and thus endeavor to rid a respectable locality of an intolerable nuisance.

Industrial Farm.

This excellent Institution, intended to confer a benefit upon the city, has been permitted to lapse in consequence of the opposition of a majority of the Committee who have stultified the efforts of the Chairman and his supporters; and although seed has been purchased and other preparations made for its cultivation, have determined upon leasing the land. This is very objectionable in itself, but the way in which it is being carried out makes it still more so, for had such a measure been intended it should have been adopted long since. As the best part of the year for cultivation is passing away, and the land suffering a consequent depreciation, we hope the Council will reconsider their determination, and give the Farm a fair chance. Under the able superintendence of Ald. Roach we feel certain that it would be successful and its benefits duly appreciated, but we fear that red tape and party influence obtain here as well as at home, but we hope that more vigilance will in future be exercised in the appointment of Committees, as they are frequently composed of members manifestly ignorant of the subject they are chosen to deliberate upon, although perhaps possessing ability enough to decide upon other matters; and others also permit their prejudices to influence their judgment. We fear this is the case with Coun. McDowell, to whom we have always accredited the possession of talent, even if we have differed with him. We hope that if he entered the Council with a bias against farm, that he will upon reconsideration revoke his former decision, and give that support to an institution which he must be aware is based upon the double principle of Philanthropy and Interest. There is yet time to amend this error, and we hope all will put their shoulder to the wheel. Our worthy Mayor is from an agricultural district and should bring to bear the weight of his experience and influence. Gentlemen pause before you irrevocably decide.

Foreign Intelligence.

SPAIN.—"Mr. Dodge, ex-Minister for the United States has left Madrid for Barcelona." Mr. Dodge having been superseded we have recommended to the President the Dodger, as his successor. We do this upon the ground of the immense learning, and diplomatic experience Tom possesses we doubt not that many fellow citizens will rejoice in his success; but whether Brother Jonathan will do so remains to be seen. We fear he will find Tom a harder nut than any in Barcelona.