

rounded by troops of sycophants; but it is fortunate, it is satisfactory, that they cannot long play the impostor. It is beyond their power to conceal their knavery. The Ethiopian could as well change his skin, or the leopard his spots. They are soon seen in their true colors. They stand forth detected and exposed, and then, by a righteous retribution, shame and discredit overwhelm both them and their abettors. But our late brother had no disguise to take off. He was no moral assassin under a mask. He was no preacher of purity and righteousness, while inwardly he was full of corruption, and secretly practiced the grossest iniquities. His virtuous and his sturdy independence reflected honor on our ancient institution. It is by such men that its stability is maintained, because it is by finding such men within its pale that the well-ordered are induced to join its ranks.

Masonry is not speculative, but experimental; not sentimental, but practical. It requires self-renunciation and self-control. It penetrates to the very depths of the heart, rebuking our littleness and meanness, and warring against the armies of our vices.

MONTHLY RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS.

- The Parliament of the Dominion met on Thursday, and adjourned over until Monday.
- It is asserted that a Fenian raid from San Francisco upon British Columbia is imminent.
- It is reported that the great Pan-Slavic conspiracy against the Austrian Empire has been discovered in Hungary.
- Her Majesty has directed that every possible comfort shall be furnished for the Clerkenwell sufferers, at her own private expense.
- Nine thousand ducks were shot at Long Point last season. A small steamer is being constructed for the use of sportsmen visiting that favorite preserve.
- The publishers of the *New Dominion Monthly* desire to secure canvassers in every county and Township. For terms apply with suitable credentials, to JOHN DOUGALL & SON, Montreal.
- Late advices from Cape Town, Africa, state that the Supreme Court of Natal has at last decided the question touching the matter of church property, in favor of Bishop Colenso.
- Two stalwart Highlanders of Clan Chattan, have been selected by Mr. Mackintosh to have their portraits painted in "The Book of the Clans."
- Late news from the Abyssinia captives report their being well. The advance of the British Expedition had arrived at a place near Antilo.
- It is proposed to hold a great meeting of those bearing the name Fraser, at Ottawa, on 14th May next, for the purpose of organizing a clan Fraser.
- The revolt which had broken out in Santafe, one of the Provinces of the Argentine Republic, has been successful, the ruling Government having been overthrown.
- The Government is rapidly pushing forward the organization of the National Guard in all the departments in France, in accordance with the provisions of the Army Bill recently adopted by the Senate and Legislative body.
- The official return gives the total number of Special Constables enrolled in Great Britain, at 113,684. In the Metropolitan district there are 52,000, in Bristol 2,451, in Chatham 3,068, in Hull 3,974 and in Manchester 2,645. No "specials" were enrolled in Liverpool, as the regular police force in that city was considered sufficient for any emergency.

—The Hon. George Pemberton, formerly a Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada, and of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Lower Canada, died recently, aged 73 years.

—Japan advices state that a formidable revolution had taken place in Japan in consequence of the opening of the new ports to foreigners. The young Mikado was seized by the three leading Princes of the Empire and remained a prisoner in their hand.

—The *Irish Times* says that £100,000 has been granted by the Imperial Government for the purchase of the exhibition Palace of Dublin, also, £100,000 for the improvement of Cork harbour, and £100,000 for the construction of a harbour in Belfast Lough.

—The Legislature of Ontario, was prorogued on Wednesday, the 4th instant. During the sitting a large number of very useful public and private bills were passed, and its discussions were characterized by a spirit of moderation which did infinite credit to the members on both sides of the House.

—Count Von Bismark proposes the establishment, at the different ports of Germany, of a Board of Federal Officers, to examine into the condition of vessels bound to America. An effort to prevent the repetition of the ship *Leibritz*' horror is the immediate cause of this salutary step on the part of the Government.

—Du Chaillu, the celebrated explorer, is delivering a series of very interesting lectures, in New York, on the Gorilla. He says one of the first civilized things the Gorilla learns, is to drink whiskey, which they will imbibe until they become very drunk. This is another proof of their close resemblance to the human race.

—Now that the proposal of the French Finance Minister for a loan of £17,600,000 is laid before the French People, the feeling is generally one of relief, inasmuch as a far higher figure had been fixed upon for the limit of the Government requirements. This raises the "floating debt" of France to £55,000,000 sterling."

—Lord Derby has resigned the Premiership of England, and Mr. Disraeli has been appointed in his stead. *The Times* says he is the first man in power in England who obtained such office solely by the exhibition of personal ability in Parliament and the Cabinet, despite his birth and education.

—The Portuguese Government has authorized Edward Micklethorp, Banker, of Lisbon, and Thomas Rumball, Engineer, of London, to lay a new telegraph cable across the Atlantic. The line is to run from Falmouth, England, to Oporto, thence to the Azores, and from these islands to some point on the coast of the United States. The new cable is to be submerged on the Allan principle.—The estimated total expense of the enterprise will not be over £600,000 sterling.

—The British navy is being supplied with steam life-boat cutters. At an experiment lately made in lowering one from the davits of the wooden screw three decker, *Duke of Wellington*—the highest above the waterline of any English war ship—the cutter was steaming away in two minutes and three seconds after the signal was given to launch her. She is twenty-eight feet long, three horse power engine, and on a previous trial trip had made seven miles an hour, extraordinary speed for so short a vessel. When filled with water, and with a double crew, it was found impossible to capsize or sink her.

—Sir Edmund Head is dead. He was born in 1805, went to school at Winchester, from thence to Oriel College, Oxford, where he took a first class in *litteris humanioribus*: He afterwards became a fellow of Merton College, where he remained for upwards of five years. While there, he wrote an article for the "Foreign Quarterly Review," which attracted the attention of the Marquis of Lansdowne who induced Mr. Head to resign his position at the University of Oxford and devote himself to the study of ecclesiastical law. Scarcely, however, had he done so, when the Government appointed him Assistant Poor Law Commissioner, in which position he acquitted himself so well that he soon obtained the Chief Commissionership. Shortly afterwards he succeeded to the baronetcy, and the Government of New Brunswick was offered to him. In 1854 he was promoted to be Governor of Canada, from which time his public record is well known.

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