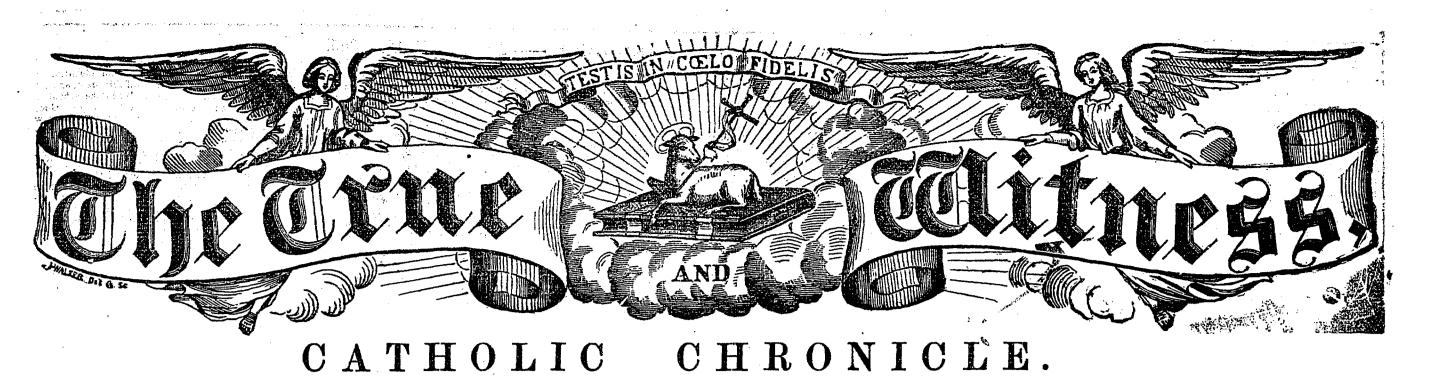
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CHAPTER VI.

The benevolence of her new but strange friend had set the mind of Flora at rest as to pecuniary circumstances; but there was still reason for auxiety enough, as far as her father's state sf health was concerned. To Flora he had ever been a kind and indulgent parent, and she now watched with feverish anxiety every change in the malady of the old man, who seemed to cling to her with such childlike confidence.

October had set in, and its gray morning mist still wrapped the city in a partial obscurity, when Flora was summoned to the bedside of her father, who was ill during the night; but aware that she had to undergo much fatigue in course the previous day, had with much patience forborne to disturb her. The faint rays of the sun piercing through the mist shed a sickly light on the countenance of her father, on whose altered features the hand of death had already set its unmistakeable impression. In much alarm Flora called for assistance ; but Mr. Douglas was past human aid, and beckoning her to his side he whispered such words as fond parents speak to the children they love, when about to leave them for ever in this world ; and yet, breathing these words of tenderness and love, expired without that fearful death-agony so sad to the survivors to witness. On the whole, Douglas bad led a blameless, quiet life; latterly he had faithfully observed to the strictest letter the precepts of the Church he had entered at so late a period .---And all that that Church could do for him had been done but a few days previous to that of his death, so that on this score Flora had no cause for unhappiness; and after having rendered him the last sad duties, she threw herself on her knees, and found a sweet consolation where every Catholic never fails to find it, viz., in praying earnestly for the soul's repose of hun she loved. One of her first cares was to write to her new

friend, Lady Harcourt, who immediately it had a heart to be newed the invitation she had given her some yielded it willingly. weeks previously.

Within a fortnight, then, after the interment of her father, Flora prepared for her journey to the Elms, where she arrived in safety.

untrue to nature, and putting on a mask to hide the strange man who held her, and her gaze once return, sought her couch. the deformities which so often he under a fair ex- riveted on those features, could not be soon reing Flora; and for what? to gain the kindly doubted the evidence of her senses, for beneath dreamed that he ever entered into her mind, save and recklessness, she traced a close resemblance as a mutual friend of all. And who, indeed, if to Lady Harcourt. he ever spared a thought for her, it was one of 'Well, young lady, whom do I resemble ?'

health and wealth and beauty, yet the one best I am like, for that likeness is allowed to be thing-virtue-was sadly wanting. Unfortunately for Flora, as Ravensbourne

owned but a bachelor for its master, it was necessarily but a dreary abode for Tnez; so that shorily after her first arrival in England, Lady Harcourt had given a general invitation to her to spend the greater portion of her time at the Elms; and being the far more cheerful habitation of the two, Inez failed not to avail herself of the offer. Moreover, she very speedily encouraged in her heart an attachment which never should have been suffered to gain admittance there; so that the Elms was, in every senso of the word, the more pleasing place of the

Poor Flora ! lately she had lived only in the hard school of adversity, she was always true to nature, unaffected as a child, and so frank and candid that whatever frailties she possessed were on your taking an oath immediately to that purnot hidden in the background; her very candor expressed that which many would have had sufficient art to conceal.

To the poorer tenantry on Sir Godfrey's estate she soon became a well-known and welcome visitant, administering to them the charities of Sir Godfrey and his mother ; yet all was done with such unaffected simplicity, that she was not long a resident at the Elms before its inmates learned to love her, and the admiring Eustace, if he had had a heart to bestow, would certainly have

CHAPTER VIL

The winter season has passed away, and Lady Harcourt, attended by her son, Inez, and Eustace Vere, bade farewell for a short time to the Elms, leaving Flora there during their short stay of three weeks in London. With her books, her music, and her pencil, however, Flora could not feel ennui, and felt it even a relief for some little time to enjoy the sweets of solitude. Five days had elapsed since their departure, and one bright evening towards the end of May she left the Elms with the intention of carrying some little assistance to a poor family in the village, and had been for some few moments in conversation with the cottager's wife ere she noticed a travel-stained, wretched looking man, clad in the garb of a sailor, who was intently regarding her whilst she spoke. Somewhat offended at the earnest gaze which was fixed upon her features, she drew her veil over her face, and slipping some silver into the woman's hand, hastily withdrew. The sun had already set when she began to retrace her steps homewards, and after the first few moments, she had forgotten the annoyance she had received, and, regardless of the now rapid closing-in of the evening, continued her walk, unconscious that evil lay in her path. About half of her journey was completed, and her path now lay through a somewhat lonely valley; but she had been accustomed to walk in the evening through the crowded streets of Edinburgh and in the meadows and valleys around her new liome, and no fear entered her mind. Suddenly, however, just as she was about quick step and the burried breathing as of one in pursuit. Seized with terror, she now quickened rudely grasped, and a harsh voice commanded her to stop, and, raising her eyes, Flora beheld the sailor she had met in the cottage.

man seeks to please, she would first find out what require you take.'

unfeigned pity, that endowed as she was with he asked, in a jeering tone. 'You shall say who not to reveal my appearance here, 1 will release you, and not before.'

'Lady Harcourt,' now gasped the terrified Flora. 'Can my surmises be correct?' she added, 'no, her ladyship has no son but Sir Godfrey ; you are only playing with my fears. Take my purse,' she added, placing it in his hand as she spoke, ' and detain me no longer.'

'You have guessed right, Miss Douglas,' replied the man;- I am Lady Harcourt's elder son by a former marriage. I had not the good fortune to be her second son, you see; and you have not chanced to hear about me because my antecedents have not been very creditable to her ladyship and her beautiful son; and as I have to be in this village some time longer, and do not choose to have all my plans frustrated, I insist pose. Here, swear upon this, he added, drawing forth a crucifix which he wore round his I, the outcast and reprobate, should have anything to do with sacred emblems; but, you see, my good mother threw it round my neck when she sept me off as midshinman, after she became a fine lady; and terribly hardened, as you doubtless think I am, I could never make up my mind to part with this.'

Flora's lips paled, and he felt her form tremble within his arms as he thus spoke. Again she made an effort to extricate herself, but she was as an infant in the arms of her captor; but

shrick for help,' fell from her lips. 'I will not release you," he added with an shoulders, led the way to Lady Harcourt's room. turning to one of the men, ' and bear the poor oath. If you shrick, there is no one at hand A thrill of horror seized her as she observed him to hear you; and if they did, it would be no pause at a small cabinet in which several valueratitude to your benefactress to let it be known able articles were placed; she felt as if she was that I am here. This moment then swear,' he about to be seized with a fainting fit, and feebly exclaimed, 'upon this cross, that no word shall whispered whilst she clung even to him for supever fall from your lips to implicate me in any port,way, or indeed by which it may ever be known that you are aware such a person as myself is in ment; let me lead you to the chamber you reexistence.' As he spoke, he rudely grasped her by the arm, and passing the other arm around her waist. forced her on her knees; and now overcome by fear, her pale lips pressed the emblein of salvation, and the words of her strange oath were tremblingly uttered. 'Now, young lady, you may go in peace,' said the man. 'I must, however, relieve you of the purse you offered me, for my wauts are many and pressing. If you wish to know my real name, it is Frederick Seymour, though I am known amongst my mates as Frank Hilton .---Farewell ! and remember your oath. With quick though often-faltering steps, Flora wended her way to the Elms, and on entering forced. In a few moments the work of pillage the house, fearful lest her excessive agitation was over, and then lifting the almost inanimate should betray her, she drew her veil over her face and hastened to her own room. Numerous indeed were her fears and great her surprise, that Lady Harcourt was thus allied to one whom she was well aware had led a very to emerge into the high road, she heard the depraved life, yet she was convinced that no untruth had been uttered; the likeness between her ladyship and this wretched being was too her pace; but the next moment her arm was strong to allow her to doubt the truth of his as- of losing life or booty for a puny girl." sertion for a moment. Pleading a violent headache, which was indeed no untruth, for the fright occasioned by her meeting with this man had made her feel very ill. Flora prepared immediately tor rest .---To sleep, however, was impossible; a presentiment of approaching evil forced itself upon her my conscience at rest, as you see I do not call mind, connected with and growing out of this what I take from my nearest relations theft; kennel; and that all was perfectly quiet in the unhappy meeting. She arose in the morning, having plently themselves they should not drive house until about two in the morning, when they heart was at once laid open to those with whom are you who thus rudely detain me and question really ill and unrefreshed by the restless slumber me to such actions. of the previous night; very fear, too, kept her a prisoner to the house,-nay, she even dared Lady Harcourt's room, passing through which, not advance to the window lest she should again he was about to place Flora on her bed, when see her tormentor. A week, however, elapsed, and she again re- house. Muttering a deep oath, he commissioned sumed her walks, though she took especial care not to prolong them beyond a very early hour in bidding him, however, to touch her, whatever had however, failed to take aim, and the two had the evening, and gradually her mind became should happen; and breathing in her ear the joined in a pursuit which had proved utterly more composed. It wanted but two days of the words 'Renember your oath,' he darted again fruitless, and it was evident to all that the robreturn of the family, an event for which Flora | into Lady Harcourt's chamber, to complete the austere order of monks. He had been struck, of yonder moon you can see every line of my was most auxious, and every preparation had work of spoliation.

was a something even in the expression of her | Fancy me dressed like a gentleman, not a com- | and with a feeling of thankfulness that she should | com and precious gems; and with these faint countenance which, to say the least, was far from mon sailor, and tell me candidly who you think be soon released from the charge which had sounds, as she relapsed into a state of insensi-pleasing. Well indeed would it be, it when wo- I am, and then you will not refuse the oath I partly been imposed upon herself, although a bility, was mingled the loud peal of the alarmbell trusty housekeeper was left at the Elms, Flora, the report of a pistol, and the trampling of many those think of her for whom she is so frequently Flora raised her eyes to the countenance of on this the last night but one previous to their feet. When she recovered, she found herself

terior. What a delusion did she labor under ;- moved. Then she shaded her face with her she awakened with a consciousness that some tives as she had at hand to restore her to conalready was she prepared to injure the unoffend- hand, and again raised her eyes, as if she almost noise had disturbed her. The strong rays of sciousness. Near her, too, stood the butler and the May moon lighted up every object in the three serving-men, who were anxiously awaiting feelings of one whose thoughts were raised far the rude aspect of the man, his elf-locks, his room, which opened into that occupied by Lady any such communication as she might have to above the daughters of men-of one who little haggard features which told of a life of crime | Harcourt when she was at the Elms. She list | make which might serve to throw a light on a ened attentively, for a terrible fear seized her, and she could almost hear the beating of her heart, so violent were its pulsations. As she was certain ; that she had heard them, and been raised herself in the bed and gazed around the alarmed, was equally so, or why had they found room, a rustling sound, a slight noise, as of glass her in a fainting fit? and, moreover, she had evistriking; and when you have told me, and sworn gently broken, met her ears. A dark shadow dently left her bed, or why had she a mantle on. passed across the casement, and in one moment and was not within the bed, but merely lying t was pushed open, and a man sprang into the outside the quilt? room. A cry was already on her lips, though fear for a moment had paralysed her; but, dart- consciousness had scarcely returned fully, ere ing to the bedside, a hand was placed upon her they all with one accord begged to know all mouth, whilst immediately another entered the that she could tell them of the mishaps of the room, in whom she recognized the sailor.

Advancing to the bed, he made a sign to the man to remove, and then, taking his place, he whispered,---

' If you value your life, be perfectly quiet; I know that the next room belongs to Lady Harcourt ; rise instantly and conduct me to that of Godfrey's room. Having forced me to do this Sir Godfrey Harcourt. Not a word, now,' he they carried me back, and I must have fallen added, observing that Flora was about to speak. into a fainting fit as they replaced me on my I give you but two minutes, for time must not bed." be lost.'

" What do you require of me?' she exclaimed, in hurried accents. 4 I will not betray my benefactors, and be made your tool in such evil dothen by yourselves, I cannot follow you.'

' Remember your oath, and accompany me at once,' replied Seymour. 'I have means by glad the robbers did not enter my room instead which I and my man will enforce compliance, if of Miss Douglas's; I should not have liked to you compel me to use them. Think you that I tell master that it was I who showed them his am going about in poverty and wretchedness, very room, without which perhaps Sir Godfrey's whilst my mother and her son live in a filuence | valuables would not have been stolen.' and luxury ?

Even as he spoke, the bright rays of the moon flashed full upon a pistol which he carried in his | caused ber, Martha,' replied the housekeeper ;the words, 'I will not swear, release me, or I hand; and, aware that resistance was useless, 'it is a pily your life has not been threatened in-Flora now rose, and throwing a mantle over her stead; but give me a hand, Giles, 'she continued.

supported by the housekeeper, who had busily She had fallen into a heavy sleep, out of which employed herself in administering such restorarobbery which was considerable in its extent.-That the robbers had entered by Flora's window These were questions difficult to solve ; and

night.

'I can tell you nothing,' she faintly whispered, save that I was awakened by two men, who had forced an entrance through my chamberwindow, and who threatened me with instant death unless I immediately showed them Sir

' Nice tidings for Sir Godfrey,' muttered one of the men, ' that the night before his return everything most valuable had been taken out of his room, and my lady's jewel-case gone also .-neck. 'You look surprised, Miss Douglas, that logs as those you are eugaged in. You have We must send a messenger off by day-break, torced an entrance into the house; search it and the police must be set on the track directly.'

'Well,' simpered a maid-servant, 'I am very

' Nor would you have liked the dreadful fright the unfortunate choice of Miss Flora's room has young lady into my room, for she is going off again into a dead faint.' The worthy Mrs. Fenton's commands were immediately obeyed; and then, taking especial care that the impertment Martha should be singled out from the others, she ordered her to light a fire immediately, and bring her hot water and flannel as soon as possible. Her motherly care, however, was some time before it was rewarded with success; for Flora relapsed from one fit into another, until towards morning, when perfect consciousness returned, but with it a high fever ; and the same messen ; ger who was sent to London to tell the disastrous news of the night to Sir Godfrey was commissioned to send a medical man without any de-Early in the day two detective officers were sent down to examine the house and apartments which had been entered ; the little which Flora had it in her power to tell was taken down in writing, the county was scoured in every direction, and a large reward was offered by Sir Godfrey for any information which might lead to . the discovery of the robbers. In much consternation the little party, consist ing of Lady Harcourt and her son, Inez and Eustage Vere, arrived at the Elms; her lady ship and Sir Godfrey most anxious to ascertain the real extent of their loss. The constant applications made to Flora, who alone could be 'Silence her. Frank,' answered the ruffian, said to know anything of the matter, aggravated observed that he would not answer for her life unless she was left quiet, unquestioned, and nothhis brutal companion spoke : the former felt her ing said which should tend to bring before her, whilst still ill, the terrible events of the previous aight. As to the servants, they could say nothing but that they found a house-dog, which was the terror of the neighborhood, stiff and dead in his were alarmed by the loud and continued barking of a small dog which was kept in the house.-One of the men had then sounded the alarm-bell. whilst another, accompanied by the butler in his search, had fired a loaded pistol at a man whom he observed in the act of retreating through the bers understood well the spot from which they had to make their escape, by the dexterity with style of beauty which she possessed; but there whom do you think I bear a strong resemblance? Household had retired to rest at an early hour, Flora could hear the snap of a lock, the clink of lers. a to det at an early hour, flora could hear the snap of a lock, the clink of lers. ". marnaun an thina we fit mileson ut

It might be a little nervous agitat to one entering amongst strangers, especially under such peculiar circumstances, and so quickly atter the deaths of both parents, which made the check of Flora a thought paler than its wont, as she entered the library at the Elms, in which the family were then assembled. Each one present, however, save Inez, felt intuitively a sympathy for that fair, delicate girl, whose sable garb contrasted more strongly with the natural delicacy of her complexion; but Lady Harcourt started involuntarily as she approached - she could almost have fancied the once dearly-loved Flora of former days stood before her, as she did twenty long years since, so striking was the likeness between Flora and the late Mrs. Douglas. Indeed, all present, save one, received Flora with heart-felt warmth, and she, the nearest relative in fact, regarded her with an instinctive aversion, an aversion only the more deep, from the fact that Lady Harcourt and Eustace Vere should of all others appear to evince the deepest interest in Miss Douglas. But why when alone at night, some five weeks hence, when all are buried in sleep, does Inez give way to such utter anguish and desolation of spirit, her always pale face is now strangely flushed, her dark eyes gleam with an unnatural brilliancy, the tiny foot is tossed impatiently 10 and iro, and the small white hand is cleached convulsively. Ah ! Inez has an angel's form, but a heart in which the Evil One 100 often holds dominion. Why does she couple the name of her unoffending cousin with that of Eustace Vere? Why, but that she is already plotting and planning, with the craft of a cunning old woman, and digging a pit for another which she may ere long fall into herself.

Flora was the very soul of frankness. Ah ! your very frank and candid people are sometimes great enemies to themselves, for they often speak lated to the Mortimers of Ravensbourne : 1 canwhen they should be silent, and really are no not be mistaken in those features.' match for the wicked persons whom more or less we must all expect to cross in our passage thro? this world. Now, every emotion of Flora's she happened to associate ; too guileless to act me ?' otherwise than virtuously herself, she never suspected wrong in others. There was one, how-ever, in the household of Sir Godfrey Harcourt, who read the character of both cousins, and this was none other then Eustace Vere; Eustace, the sole remaining scion of a noble family, who, with a large fortune at his disposal, and all the to me, whom they happen to know rather too luxuries of life at his command, was meditating, unknown to all his friends, a retreat into some when he first beheld her, with the commanding features, as plainly as I can see your own; to been made to receive them. As usual, the But the barking became more incessant, and which they had managed to elude their pursu-

'Your name,' he exclaimed. 'You are re-

What would you with me?' exclaimed the terrified girl. ' My name is Douglas; my grandmother was married to a Mortimer; but who

'l detain you because I want money for food and raiment,' was the reply ; ' and, in answer to the second part of your question, I require you to swear before I release you that you never make known to Sir Godfrey and Lady Harcourt, who I am, that you have ever met with or spoken well,' he added with bitterness. ' Now, look at me; Miss Douglas,' he exclaimed ; ' by the light

'For heaven's sake, do not detain me a moquire, and then do what you wish; I promise you I will not shriek or thwart you.'

One glance at the almost livid countenance of Flora told the miscreant, in whose hands she was now passive, that he must not delay; and passing his arm around her waist, he supported her through three apartments, and then crossed a gallery which led to that of Sir Godfrey Harcourt. - Closely followed by his companion, lay to the Elms. whose countenance was more revolting in its expression than his own, the infamous Seymour gave Flora into his care, and then proceeded stealthily and rapidly to purloin many valuable ieweis, as also a large sum of money which he found in a drawer, the lock of which was quickly girl in his arms, she heard him whisper to his companion.---

We must be quick back, for were a woman's fit to seize her, it would alarm the house ; and, moreover, we might not find our way back very quickly to the room we still require to search." with a tremendous oath; 'do not run any chance her malady, and her medical attendant at length

Flora shuddered in the arms of Seymour as tremble as he held her, and whispered.-

'Be silent, my pretty girl and I will not harm you, or any living thing. All I want is the means of making money; and I can easily set

As Seymour thus spoke, he again entered the shrill loud bark of a dog rung through the his rufficuly associate to watch by Flora; for- door of Lady Harcourt's apartment; the pistol

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CHAPTER VIII.

Whilst Flora languished on the sick-bed of low nervous lever, into which the exciting events of the last few weeks had plunged her, every step was being taken to bring the two men to justice, who, though in the hurry of pursuit a few valuable articles had escaped them, had still managed to make off with much that was rare

and expensive. As yet every endeavor to track the offenders had been fruitless. No house in the village had harbored any strangers, nor could any clue be obtained as to the place of their subsequent retreat.

A week had thus elapsed, when, one fine summer's day, Sir Godfrey, accompanied by Inez and Eustace Vere, strolled into the village, and, his mind still dwelling on the loss he had sustainhd, and a painful suspicion resting upon it that perhaps the guilty party, from the knowledge he evidently possessed of the building, might possibly be one amongst his tenantry, or even of his own household, he turned his steps successively into several of the cottages. Amongst others, he entered that of the poor woman whom Flora had assisted on the night of her first meeting with Seymour, and, as he had done with others, so he closely subjected this woman to a strict examination as to whether her husband or son had, during the last week, any intercourse whatever with any stranger from the adjoining town of E-----.

The woman answered every inquiry with that imperturbable expression of countenance which showed that she spoke the truth without any reservation. Twice she had replied that not only was her husband utterly unknown to any of the strugglers who occasionally hawked their goods to and zeal in the cause of religion will reflect new the rillage, thus covering a less lawful calling for | honor on the diocese of Clogher. many of them were known to be dishonest characters; but that, moreover, she could not call to convert to 'Souperism' for the past sixteen yearsacters; but that, moreover, she could not can to bound to bound in the past sheed your a has been reconciled to the Church; and Mary a her recollection having seen any of the tramps, daughter of his - baptised and educated a Protestant as they were familiarly called, lately. As she concluded speaking to this effect, however, she suddenly paused, pressed her hand on her forehead, and seemed for a moment lost in thought; then she exclaimed,---

'Now, it is very odd that I should never have evening, about four or five nights before the robbery, seeing a strange man lurking about here, dressed like a sailor : all ! and may be,' she continued, ' Miss Douglas will also remember it ;-for the poor young lady had called to give me a little money. I don't know that 1 should have noticed him, only he stured at her so rude like; and after she had left me I saw him walking on, and I am certain, from the pace at which he walked, that he was following her, and Miss Doug'as will remember it too, for 1 saw her draw her veil as if she was offended at the man for staring at her.'

Was it purposely or not that Inez raised her eyes to the countenance of Eustace? It was a speaking glance, which said, as plain as words could speak, -

'Flora is implicated in this atrocious affair.' Sir Godfrey made a gesture of uneasiness, and strode hastily out of the cottage, and on regain-

ing Mr. Vere, who had already gone, with an expression of deep thought on his fine countenance, he exclaimed,---*I cannot for a moment entertain a thought to

the prejudice of Flora; but do you think it possible, Vere, that this miscreant may turn out to be the guilty party ?'

for I do not believe any of the persons belongneed be mentioned in any way.'

spotless innocence of her whom you have so nobly protected," exclaimed Eustace; " this unnobly protected," exclaimed Eustace; " this un-to door for the perishing people of Skibberen; in happy affair perhaps may never be cleared up. the lobby of the House of Commons he implored But be very cautious how, until suspicions become money on their behalf: in the cabinets of Ministers almost absolute certainty, the slightest idea even of State he supplicated for assistance in impassioned rest on the mind of Miss Douglas, that so foul a accents ; in the board-room, in the press, he fought rest on the mind of Miss Douglas, that so loul a the battle for those poor creatures who were helpless crime is attributed to her as that of bringing a as children. And what was the offence of this good couple of desperadoes, with whom it is even priest, that the children whom he thus preserved thought she may be allied by the ties of kindred. into the house for so vile a purpose as to rob her benefactors. Your ladyship and Sir Godfrey," altar at Rath; and it is said that through his instru-mentality a person named Keane was committed by the added ware that, within a week, I shall the magistrates for administering unlawful oaths; leave this place for London, and some time may and so the friends of Keane, who must include at elapse ere I shall have the pleasure of seeing you | most the entire population in that quarter, else they again; but I shall anxionsly a wait news from the Elms, and rejoiced indeed shall I be to bear that part, at least, of the property is recovered, and ing remarks upon this subject, from which it appears that the mystery now thrown over the whole af- | that the Bishop also has been insulted by his own fair is brought to light."

(To be Continued.)

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

DIOCESE OF CLOGHER. LAST week there was an uneasy feeling amongst many of the laity of the diocess of Ologher, lest one of the three clergymen whose names were forwarded to Rome, should not be appointed bishop of the diocese, and great is the joy evinced this week on its becoming known that the Very Rev. Dr. Donuelly, P.P. Roslea, had been selected to fill the high office. The bulls au-thorising his consecration have been received by his grace the Primate. We understand that the day for the performance of the solemn ceremony has has not been as yet named, but a letter we have received this morning states that it may not take place for at least three weeks, and perhaps not till February. The country is highly delighted by the appointment of Dr. Donnelly, whose piety, learning,

CONVERSION IN CONNAUGHT, -- Michael D'Arcy- a -has been received into the Church by the Rev. James Waldron, O.A., on last Monday.

The following is a declaration made by M. D'Arcy on this occasion :---

"I, Michael D'Arcy, of Ballykaneely, do, of my own free will and choice, beg to be received back into the Catholic Ohurch. I am heartily sorry for thought on it before: but I do remember, one all the scandal I have given for the last sixteen years particularly whilst working in and about the Palace for Lord Plunket, of this town of Tuam. I make this solemn declaration, this 25th day of November, 1864.

MICHAEL D'ARCY.

Witness-Michael Costello,"- Connaught Patriot. The slopes of the railway line from Cork to Mallow and the neighbourhood, in consequence of the very dry weather, are constantly taking fire from the sparks thrown off by the engines, and considerable anxiety is felt by owners of property adjoining the line, as in some places injury has already been done. -Munster News.

DUBLIN, Dec. 9 .- The utilization of the city sewage was brought before the Corporation yesterday by Mr. M'Olean. Nearly all the sewers of the city on the north and south sides are now emptied into the black mud, the smell of which is most offensive, esthe officer of health, states to be prevalent at the present time along the banks of the river. When the tide is full the filth is sent back through the it his obvious duty not to keep it useless in his hand, the sewers, and this is a source of disease as well as inconvenience to the inhabitants of the streets near troublesome to deal with than the little Pharisee as pure as the Seine, which will be the more easily

ing to the village are in any way concerned ;-- raising land from 53. to £30 an acre. Dr. Cameron from the devotion of an over zealous friend, who in- ot a Grand Master of Thugs ; but we are quite sure but I cannot see why the name of Miss Douglas estimates the sewage of Dublin at £100,000 a year. Messrs. Barrington and Jaffers have proposed to construct the intercepting sewers by means of a company, without any risk to the Corporation, which would have a portion of the profits under certain contingencies. The committee received the proposal new member of the council, returned as a Conservative in the room of Captian Knox, moved an amendment, laying down the conditions on which the con-cession should be made to Messrs. Barrington and prevent injury to the health of the community from the deposits of sewage in depots, &c., by the pro-posed company. The conditions to be arranged by the formation of a new association, if what was said sirable result seems fated to remain for the future. by Mr. Pilkington be true, that the people of this country are wasting millions annually, importing appreciating Institution was held last week in Dubforeign guano when more valuable manure is ne- lin, and the address of the Grand Master displays glected at home, and allowed to poison the rivers. -Times Cor. SECRET SOCIETIES .- But whatever be the object of the brotherhood the peasantry by this time should that is to say, we have been enabled, by providen-be convinced that illegal oaths are most frequently that aid and official forbearance, to do our humble administered by designing men for the sole object of part in exasperating our Roman Catholic fellowobtaining a reward by betraying their dupes. There are wretches who delude the peasantry in a moment of intoxication or excitement, and induce them to ratify their adhesion to an illegal society by an unlawful oath. When a sufficient number have been sworn, a branch society is formed, with wardens and chiefs. 'Pass words ' and ' rules ' are issued, and then the very men who administered the oath, act as informers, and the constabularly pounce upon the now paces up and down the library, awaiting the dupes at some midnight conference. The peasantry annearance of his mother. Flora was yet too by this time are well aware that they have nothing ill to be spoken to on the subject; and Inez to expect from America. The Irish soldiers in the Federal service have been uniformly neglected when are treated, and they are bought and led as sheep to the slaughter pen. Very few Iriah soldiers will survive the termination of this odious war, and at the present moment the Irish are absolutely hated in the States, because they do not sell themselves to death as freely as they did. In this recent case at Skibbereen the evidence was abundantly sufficient to warrant a committal. It will be fully and fairly tried, and if the charge be proved, the punishment for administering an illegal from the riots, we can only say that the turbulence oath will prove to be no light one. It is greatly to of the residual minority must be of a very remarkthe oredit of the peasants that they gave their ovi. able description. But we are rather inclined to set dence in such a case clearly and willingly. They down this statement to a sudden attack of modesty have been warned by experience that all who listen on the part of the office-bearers of the institution. Ir to the seducer and take illegal on the are doomed to is sometimes found that men who will boast loudly fall under the power of the law, and that most fre- of what they have not done will preserve a blushing quently by the secret information luid by the very man who tempted and deceived them - Irish Times. The Fenians in Ireland as in this continent are in open rebellion against the Catholic Church, to the maidenly reticence when questioned on their appagreat delight of the Protestants and Orangemen who rent participation in a carnival of riot and bloodhail in the Fenians valuable allies against Popery shed. It remains to be seen whether the report of The Dublin Correspondent of the London Times gives the following extract from the Irish papers on the subject :---

"I would stake my very life, madam, on the The Cork Examiner states that during the time of victims, and the language of the Orange manifesto friends, who have at heart the Catholic education of the famine he assisted to rescue hundreds from star- shows that their great and undeserved sufferings the poor, would help us to pay off this debt, and let vation. In the streets of Cork he begged from door have not been without their effect. They have put us commence another school. When one school is alive by begging bread for them should turn against him in effigy? He denounced the Fenians from the altar at Rath ; and it is said that through his instruwould have punished the offenders, resolved to vent their wrath against their own spiritual adviser, as a 'telon-letter.' The Morning News makes the followpeople :---

"The population of Skibbereen is almost excluin Skibbereen. Fenianism has taken a choice selection of the rising generation under its hallowed guidance. Nowhere else, we are told, is 'the movement' so well forward ; nowhere else are the pupils so 'advanced;' they have got to priest-burning in effigy, and hishop insulting in person, in the public streets. How often during the past four years have we cried out that ravening wolves were among the flock, slowly, cautiously, silently, stealthily turning the members of the flock against their pastors. How often have we told young, ardent, and probably well-meaning Irish Catholics that they were in the hands of guides who would not let them see all at once ' the advanced stage to which they would be brought gradually, carefully, and craftily.' . . . A sad and bitter experience is vindicating our warnings; and those who once imagined that we exaggerated the danger now think we underrate it. The Oatholic Bishops and priests of Ireland have been painfully awakened to that danger. They have seen occurrences which they once believed impos-sible to happen in Ireland. They find a Mazzinian spawn on Irish soil."

The Kerry Post states that the Roman Catholic clergy of Tralee had felt compelled to denounce on the previous Sanday the Fenian Society, the Tralee Reading room, and a paper published in Dublin called The Irish People, owing to the hold the pernicious principles of the society had got on the prople of that town. The Rev. Mr. Collins had done the same in his chapel, and hence the burning in offigy. The Freeman's Journal calls upon the police to find out the offenders, and upon the authorities to inflict upon them signal punishment.

THE ORANGEMEN OF IRELAND .- There is a form of filial devotion occasionally to be found in families of which the principal characteristic is the use which it makes of the parents' name to engender discord side of his religion. He cannot see a statue erected among the children. The mother who has just succeeded in soothing a rising storm has scarcely left her offspring to themselves when she is recalled by fresh symptoms of strife and confusion. On her reentry, she finds that her pacific endeavors have evidently been all thrown away. The former combatants are again arrayed against each other, and her intervention is claimed by one of them on the plea | the harp is quartered in the Union Jack, and the that he has only been acting in support of the ma- shamrock wreathes the collar of St. Patrick, though ternal authority. 'I was only telling my brother,' Irish regiments carry green facings and march to cries the innocent aggressor, 'how badly he had Irish tunes, he can only find in every badge and Liffey. When the tide is out it becomes a canal of cries the innocent aggressor, now only to sound that belongs to the land of his birth, an em-black mud, the smell of which is most offensive, es-been behaving to you, and he got into a passion sound that belongs to the land of his birth, an em-pecially in summer. The miasma arising from it again.' It is in vain that this too dutiful infant is bid-blem of what he calls sedition, and a cause of hatred and bloodshed. But more might be pardoned to the such a to assert her own supremacy. The child having such | fury of his bigotry if it were not united with such a a stone to throw at the fraternal head seems to make and finally his parent finds the genuine rebel far less the quays. The evil has now become quite intoler. who has so estentatiously enlisted himself on the the spirit of the old Trinity College anecdote of the able, and it has been accordingly determined to con- side of domestic order. The dispositions which dis- Fellow who begged a mob of students not to nail the struct intercepting sewers, so as to make the Liffey | turb the nursery are apt to re-appear in later life. | bailiff's car to the pump] the brethren are exhorted In a 5th of November row at Oxford, it is, we have to 'patient continuance in well-doing'-to cultivate done, as there is a line of quays on each side of the beard an approved undergraduate expedient to raise truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, ible, Vere, that this miscreant may turn out to the the guilty party? '1 think it very probable,' replied his friend; for I do not believe any of the persons belong-on an average eight crops of hay in the year, and quents; and many people can tell what it is to suffer '1 think it is to suffer 'patient continuance in well-doing' meant on the lips sists on suddling them with half-a-dozen quarrels, he would spare us the hypocritical balderdash about on the pretence that he is standing up for their bis tenderness for our religious opinions. The adrights. But of all the mischievous defenders of authorities which could dispense with their support, the Orangemen of Ireland may claim the uncoatested palm. No other body of men have succeeded in with satisfaction. Mr. John Norwood, barrister, a going so near to treason in the cause of loyalty, in Deputy Grands with their respective Lodges, will be producing so good an imitation of civil war in the alleged interests of peace, in frustrating the legitimate ends of Government while professing to obey its laws, or in claiming to be the bulwark of 'civil Jaffers, the object being to protect the Corporation and religious liberty,' while they are ministering all from liability in connexion with the works, and to the time to a sectarian and exclusive tyranny. It is hardly too much to say that, it this pestilent organisation had never been set on foot, the final pacification of Irelaud would not be still unachieved, and a committee of the whole house. This amendment | that its continued existence is one of the most fruitwas unanimously adopted. This is better work than ful causes why the accomplishment of that most de-The half yearly meeting of this anomalous and selfthe customary mixture of Scriptural quotations, and unconstitutional teaching. 'Hitherto,' says Lord Enniskillen, 'hath the Lord helpei us.' Hitherto, Christians, and in making the name of Eugland when giving an account of their stewardship, furnish atink in the nostrils of Irishmen. Hitherto we have some very interesting details relative to the growth learnt nothing and forgotten nothing ; we have profitted by the lesson of exile without the trouble of being exiles. It might naturally be supposed that It is, indeed, a most instructive document, and brings the righteons fervor of this retrospect was caused by the conscionances of unusual activity during the past summer, that the Graud Lodge was flushed with the recollection of the noble outburst in which Belfast has lately won deathless fime, and that Lord Enniskillen's 'design for an Ebenezer' would in-Federal service have been uniformly neglected when by the effigy of a ship's carpenter firing at a navvy. The report then goes on to enumerate the various wounded. They have been treated as the negroes in the mud. It appears, however, that by some un- proselvising institutions into which Catholic chille clude a memorial column on the Lagan, surmounted accountable mischance the Orangemen of Ulster found themselves unequal to the occasion. Although the overwhelming portion of the population of Belfast are less or more connected with the Orange Society, it has been ascertained, after a careful examination, that not a single member of the Orange Institution has been in any degree whatever mixed up in the matter.' If an 'overwhelming portion 'of the Belfast Protestants held themselvos wholly aloof silence on the sublect of their real exploits; and on this principle the Orange lodges, which are never weary of proclaiming their unappreciated services to the cause of peace and order, may perhaps prefer a the commissioners and the trials of the prisoners will not restore the Orangemen of Ulster that proud pre eminence in factious demoustrations of which their too retiring leaders seem weakly willing the number would be greater if there were accomo- religious people in England: Most of us believe

up, it seems, with too much. 'Patience has its lim- fally established, we must, with the help of God, its, indignity cannot always be submitted to.' The begin another school. It is alarming that even a few Protestants of Ireiand must no longer groan under poor Catholics have bartered the faith of their chilthe tyranny of those penal laws which lorbid them annually to re-consecrate Derry Cathedral by the display of party emblems, to soothe the savage breasts of their Roman Oatholic fellow-subjects by 1864 is the impunity accorded to the O'Connell demonstration in Dublin. Considering that the ' courter-demonstration,' as it seems the fashion to call it, was allowed to have its own way in Belfast for as set aside or renounce their faith. many days as its prototype lasted hours, it might have been thought that, on their own showing, the Ulater malcontents were scarcely in a position to quarrel with the supineness of the law; and if some English journals had not committed themselves to the same view, we should have said that only an Irisn partisan could suppose that the erection of a statue ought to be equally prohibited with the burnsively Catholic; and some time ago, at least, it ing of an effigy. If the Protestants of Belfast like yielded to none in Ireland in public spirit, Catholic to install a figure of William III. at the corner of zcal, and in patriotism. Within the past five years every street in their town, we are not aware that a startling change would seem to have taken place there is any law to prevent them doing so; but if there is any law to prevent them doing so; but if the Catholics of Dublin choose to retaliate by a solemn incremation of the great Datchman in Stephens green, the authorities would very properly interfere to prevent it. To honor your own heroes is one thing, to insult other people's heroes is another; and the real grievance of the Irish Orangemen is that they are not allowed to enjoy the last-named gratification. - Daily News.

yearly meeting at Kildare-street, Dublin, on the known to ourselves previously by numerous letters Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and issued a from the country, that the requisition to the Lord very remarkable address to the loya! Orangemen of Mayor is in course of signature, not merely through-Ireland, which, although it is not likely thereby to out the city, but throughout the kingdom. We may, meet the eyes of any of those to whom it is address. therefore, presume that in a few weeks, at farthest, ed, we have transferred to our own columns. Thuggee, we believe, no longer exists, but if a meeting of the Grand Thug Lodge was held at Calcutta, with a Maharajah in the Chair, surrounded by a host of Bahadoors, Brahmins, and Baboos, it could not well be a more wonderful, a more audiacious phenomenon than this. We doubt, indeed, whether the Indian Thugs would condescend to the revolting hypocrisy of issuing such an address as Lord Enniskillen had just subscribed. If many victims to Bhowanee has been garotted within the previous year in a locality notoriously infested by Thugs, they would have honeatly taken the credit of it to Thuggee; and not left the honor of avenging their offended goddess to persons not affiliated to the sect. It is admitted, however, that the Orange body cid, about the date of the Belfast riots, receive great provocation in the erection of the said statue to O'Connell, especially in its being attended ' with emblems and music, which have ever been associated with disloyalty to England, and what was esteemed treason.' Here one can see how the impervious, invincible ignorance of the Orangeman extends to even is and ideas far outto a member of Parliament, who effected many great constitutional changes, and wielded an unparalleled political influence throughout the Empire, in the city of which he was for many years Lord Mayor, without feeling the same wrath as if the Penal Laws still pressed the Papist down, and the Aldermen of Skinner's Alley yet bore sway in Dublin. Though Irish regiments carry green facings and march to skulking hypocrisy. No incentive that can tend to excite the ignorant and semi-barbarous minds to which it is directed, seems to be spared by Lord Ea-niskillen in this address - but at the same time [in

cren. The poor of our times are not so strong in the faith as their fathers, because, for the most prrt, they have been educated in mixed schools. most accure way, therefore, to defend the faith is to found Catholic schools. It is said by many, 'there the performance of party tunes, and generally to found Catholic schools. It is said by many, 'there show their thankfulness for past mercies by the in-flotion of present insults. The special grievance of ment schools.' But this is not enough; there onght to be everything in the school and about the school to strengthen the faith in these times, when so many temptations are held out, especially to the poor, to

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The attempt to organise this country once again for the prosecution of legitimate political agitation, working through a parliamentary party, is an event of no little importance. The bare announcement that such an attempt was being made, has called forth divers comments ries from the various sections of the Press. The Mail calls upon the Government to suppress the project ; the Kilkenny Journal enthusiastically applauds it ; the Daily Express is barely less affrighted than the Mail; the Sligo Champion is more hopeful still than the Kilkenny Journal ; the Irishman, having broken a thousand lances to the cry of "No more Parliamentary Agitation," goes in for Parliamentary Action most encouragingly; the Tablet headed the aunouncement of the forthcoming organisation with an excited "caption," as the Americans say-"Save the Whigs! Dublin to the rescue !" And subsequently, in sore perplexity how to view the event, devoted an amusing article to the subject. Meanwhile the circular letter of the Bishop The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland held its half. ot Elphin has disclosed the important fact, made the first public meeting will be held, and the association formally launched.

THE SMITH O'BRIEN MONUMENT .- The following gentlemen have been appointed us a local committee here to receive subscriptions for transmission to the Central Committee of Dablin-Witham Bryan, Esq, The Green, Passage West; Daniel Sheehan, John George M Carthy, Denny Lane, and Ralph Varian, Eqrs. of this city. Subscriptions will also be re-ceived and acknowledged at the office of this paper. -Cork Examiner.

Wednesday last Dr. Callan held an inquest, at Castlecarra, a few milles couth of Carlingford, on the remains of a middle aged man, name usknown, dressed in the garb of a sailor, and which must have been for several days in the water. The first witness examined was Mr. James Feehan who deposed that he had been on the sea shore about one or two o, clock on the previous evening, and he saw an object in the water; he watched it till it struck the strand, and the tide having ebbed left it there; on examining it he found it to be the remains of a man; the deceased was dressed in seaman's clothes and the fiesh was altogether gone off the face and head, leaving all the bones quite bare ; he sent for the coastguards and afterwards for the police, and had the body removed to a convenient place on the beach.

Constable Thomas Harvey of the Riverstown station, was next examined. He described the appear-ance of the body, and said it looked to be that of a stout man of from 40 to 50 years of age. The flesh had fallen off from the face, and hands; deceased had a yellow tarpaulin hat, he wore a blue flannel shirt next the skin, outside a blue Guernsey mock, reaching to the waist, and over this a canvass overall which reached to the knees, bound with sailors' twine, and dark gray trousers. He had a purse in his pocket and it contained in gold and silver nearly 21 10s. Deceased appeared to have been six weeks in the water. The jury returned a verdict of found drowned.

A LARGE FLAX GROWER .- James Whitely, Esq., of Ballydole, near Cashel, in the county of Tipperary, had this season fifty acres under flax. He has erected scutching machinery in his own farmyard. He is, we believe, the largest grower of flax in Ireland. -Limerick Southern Chronicle.

REPRESENTATION OF DUNGARVAN.-Lord Hastings. eldest son of the Earl of Huntingdon, will probably come forward as a candidate for the representation of Dungstynn at the next election a Conservative.

Inez raised her dark eyes to the face of the speaker; there was cunning and malignity in their expression, and she observed-

'Flora's family are buried in the depths of poverty, Mr. Vere; who shall say that, knowing how she has been patronised by Lady Harcourt. some one of them has not sought her out for assistance, and that, finding her alone at the Elms, they have not taken this opportunity of robbing the house ?'

'Oh, Donna Inez,' exclaimed Eustace and Sir Godfrey in one breath, shocked at the interpretation she put upon the story they had just heard, · pray do not entertain such a thought for a moment. I would stake my very life,' added Mr. Vere, 'on the innocence, the goodness of your cousin. To know her is to esteem and love her. It seems to me shocking that suspicion syould, even for a moment, rest upon Flora Douglas.'

A bitter smile curled the lip of Inez as Eustace thus spoke, and she exclaimed,---

'Truly, Flora is well off to possess so gallant a knight-errant; we all have a right to our own opinions, Mr. Vere ; and until this mysterious affair is cleared up, I shall have mine.'

Had a shade of suspicion, too, crossed the mind of the open-hearted, generous Sir Godfrey? for, with moody brow and folded arms, he withdrew to her room to shed tears of mingled rage and mortification.

A long, long consultation took place between Lady Harcourt and ber son. The hideous doubt of Flora's innoconce had been raised; suspicion was now resting on the minds of the good and charitable owners of the Elms, - suspicions strengthened ere that night was over by the artful Inez, who had already gleaned that, on one evening, exactly corresponding with the date the cottager's wife had given to Sir Godfrey as to the appearance of the strange sailor in the village, Miss Douglas had, as usual, gone for her evening walk-had remained out much longer. than usual; and when she returned home, so said the mischief-loving Martha, was very pale and ill, and retired unmediately to rest.

" Is she as deceitful as her mother was ?" at length exclaimed Lady Harcourt, recovering berself out of a long and painful reverie. " This mystery is dreadful; 1 would sooner resign half my fortune this moment than I would harbor these dreadful suspicions. What is to be done I know not ; for we are told it is even dangerous to question Flora until she recovers."

dress winds up with a passage of perfectly maniscal rhapsody. It is hard to cite it seriously, for it is the very buriesque of blasphemy. In the final spotheosis of Orangeism, it appears that all the Grands and 'brought to join the Church triumphant,' where says Lord Equiskillen, 'we shall join in swelling the grandest chorus ever raised in Heaven over the final fall of Babylon the Great.' This passage passes

possibility of comment.- Tublet. There are few parts of Ireland in which the announcement of the death of the Rev. P. O'Rielly, P. P., Mullahearn, Diocese of Ardagh, will not be received with heartfelt regret. In the fulness of time, and with all the fruit of his life long labors ripe and ready for the gleaner, he has gone to his hallowed rest. Fifty-one years of unremitting labor in the vineward prepared him for the glories of his end, and he died in the 78th year of his age, in the midst of the flock to whose care the latter portion of his life was devoted, and amongst whom he labored with un tiring zeal, up to the moment when the fatal illness seized him. -- Ulster Observer,

Sr. BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE. - The eight annual report of the managers of this truly charitable institution has been laid before the public. The managers some very interesting details relative to the growth and development of the institution, notwithstanding the many difficulties with which it had to contend. prominently forward some of the most trying necessities of poverty and the modes which have been successtully adopted for their relief. The institution was founded in the year 1857 for the great object of defending the orphan children from the efforts of the proselvtisers, by securing for them homos, and provision for earning their bread when able to labour. dran are enticed, or brought by one means or another that they may be reared in the Protestant faith, and also various societies devoted to the same work of proselytism, or that are in active autagonism against Catholicity. The income, objects, and proceedings of those different institutions are noticed, and the at-tention of Catholics called to the necessity and duty of endeavoring to counteracting them. The ten-dency of the Hibernian Military School are pointed out as anti-Oatholic still, though Parliament recommended concessions to the demands made by Oatholics for an alteration of the system. The report states that the annual income of those institutions, without reckoning the Hibernian Military School, Providence Home, Royal Marine Schoel, Blue Coat Hospital, or the thirty-one orphunges scattered over Ireland, amounts te £88,450, of which £60,000 is sent from England. The efforts of individuals through the country to turn Ostholic children from their faith is next alluded to. The report thus proceeds to notice the schools, and eays-' Three schools have been established under the patronage of St. Brigid-one The clergyman who was the object of this outrage that they should be deprived. It is a melancholy dation. But it must be added that there is that the separation of one day in seven for rest and is the Rev. Daniel Collins, parish prises of Rath. result of persecution that it embitters the souls of its a debt of £80 still to be paid ; perhaps some kind religious services is a Divine and beneficent ordi-

The windows of the Protestant Church at Mallow were broken by some mischievous persons on Wednesday night. The Catholics of the town very promptly called a meeting, subscribed a large som, and had bills posted through the town offering a reward for the detection of the offenders .- Munster News.

GREAT BRITAIN.

With that strange mixture of political liberalism and religious fanaticiam which Mr. Buckle describes, the spiritual leaders of the Scotch Presby terians always feel their dependence on popularity. Backed up by public opinion, -that is, by the public opinion of Scotland, -- they can do and dare as much as most men, but once convinced that the vox populi is against them they lose all their solf-confidence. It is this very instinc' which prompts them to straggle so hard for the outward maintenance of Sabbatarianism. Hitherto it has been kept up by a vigorous resort to patriotic agitation, and the canniest popuation in Europe has actually been made to believe that is a privilege to live in this particluar under the Jewish rather than under the Christian dispensation.

Latterly, as we learn from the speakers at the Kirkcaldy meeting, English view of the Sunday have been spreading in Scotland, and the one idea of the Scotch ministers is to check their progress by werkng upon national prejudices. When the Roman Catholics establish themselves in some new town of England, the local clergy meet them with lectures on the errors of Rome and the circulation of Pro-testant tracts. The factics of the Scotch clergy are different; they prefer to rely on coercion rather than on persuasion, and dread above all things an appeal to the reason of their flocks. The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy candidly admit that if luggage trains cannot be kept out of their district bodily, there is no more hope for the observance of the Sabbath. So little faith have they in their principles that they dars not allow the spectacle of locomotive freedom to be exhibited before the eyes of their people. There is a very shrewd suspi-cion, which is not confined to latitudinarians, that all this load talking about ' the Sabbath,' and the desecration of it being 'a robbery of the Supreme,' is not quite honest; that the very persons who use these phrases at home allow themselves more latitude abroad, and thus imitate the Pharisees of old in more respects than one. A similar suspicion is suggested by the language of Mr. Douglas himself, as well as of Mr. Jameson, the Moderator, in advising the railway officials to strike against Sanday work. The latter lays great stress on the argument that these men 'should not labour seven days and be only paid for six, which we take to mean that they should thenceforth demand for six days' labour what they have bitherto received for seven, though this 'gross and melancholy desecration' of the Sunday seems to have been limited to running one goods train in the evening. However this may be, the policy of confounding religious obligations with pecuniary interests, while it does credit to the astuteness of the Presbytery, is rather in Crow-street and two in Strand street, for the pur-pose of withdrawing the children of the poor from proselytising and Protestant schools. Upwards of vored part of the island. Let us now look at the three hundred children are in daily attendance, and matter as it presents itself to the great majority of

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nance. In what sense it is Divine has been, among theologians some holding that it was instituted at the Greation and observed by the patriarche, others that it owes its sanction to the Mosaic law, others that like Christmas and Easter it rests on the authority of the Church from Apostolical times. The point upon which all are agreed is that, whatever its legal origin, it must now be regu-Nated, like all other duties, by the principles of the New Testament. Here, again, there is a divergence of opinion, some maintaining that the New Testament confirms all the precepts of the Old which it does not abrogate, others that it supersedes all which it does not incorporate. Those who incline to the latter theory lay stress, as they well may, on the fact that the Jews were often rebuked by our Saviour for their idolatry of the Sabbath, never for its desecration, and on the emphatic protest of St. Paul against those who would judge Christians in respect of Sabbath-days. But, after all, the practical views of these two parties do not greatly differ; both uphold, for the most part, the laws against Sunday trading, neither would legislate against Sunday trains. The reason is obvious. The opening of shops on Sunday would entail labor on vast masses of people, whose consciences would be wounded, and who would be deprived of their day of rest against their will. Competition would make it almost impossible to keep a shop closed, and the result would be that which we see in a foreign capital. Railways stand on a ground of their own The employment of a few officials enables many thousands to enjoy country air, to visit their friends, and to perform works of mercy or necessity which must olberwise be left undone. Excursion trains may or may not do more harm than good, but, at all events, no one travels by them who does not choose, or who would be driven to church if they were put down by law. Herein consists what in the language of Scotch theology is called "the root of the matter.' We guide our practice by the spirit, they by the letter ; we by the moral law, they by the ceremonial. Selecting from among the Ten Commandments the only one which has not been ex-tended and strengthened by Christianity, they pin their whole religious faith to it, and are almost indifferent to the effects upon public morality of their pecultar institution. - Times.

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ENGLISH LITERATURE .- English literature at the present day is like a plot of ground which once was a lovely garden, but which is now all overrun with weeds, and in this rank jungle lies in wait the penny-a-liner, whose calling it is to fall upon every fresh fact, and to tell it in the most diffuse and rambling way. Like a Thug, he chokes the life out of a sentence by a long coil of words. In general this assassin of the mother longue has very vague notions of spelling. He could not write "irrelevant," or "veterinary," or even "separate" correctly from dictation. With him women in what the Germans dictation. call a state of guter Hoffnung or gesegneten Leibe-sumstanden, are always "enciente." When a frost comes, though he revels at the prospect of accidents on the ice, his notions of zero are most perplexing. Sometimes he will tell you that " zero r see to freezing point during the past night, but that as the sun rose zero fell suddenly, and a thaw set in." Some-times he seems to think the ceutigrade thermometer is a malignant monster, a water-god that lurks among the weeds of the Serpentine in defiance of Mr. Cowper and the park-keepers, for he has been known to warn his readers on no account to venture ou the ice so long as the centigrade is below zero, but to wait till they see their old friend Faurenheit below the freezing point, so that to him these two scales are the Ormuzd and Ahriman of skaters and sliders, the good and evil principles of frost, instead of two different scales expressing exactly the very same thing. With him all accidents are "awful," but he much prefers "catastrophe" to "accident," So too a fire is invariably a " conflagration," and not only a confingration but an "alarming" one, as if it were likely to be anything else. If he describes a shop it is an "extensive astablishment," though the owner may be merely a cobbler. At a launch he is in great glory, nor is he satisfied til he has dyscribed how " the noble triumph of marine architectural construction"-a periphrasis for ship which would delight the heart of an Anglo Saxon "maker" -bas "glided.like lightning into its native element" -a most puzzling assertion, seeing that the nativa element of no part of a ship is water, either salt or fresh. He makes his way everywhere, and we find | nearly fell a victim to his devotion on behalf of the friendly reconciliation" between contending as if a reconciliation could ever be anything else than friendly. Sometimes he goes up in a balloon, at least he says he does, though we hardly believe him. Were we there on the spot, endowed like Nero with absolute power, and sure that he was the only one of this wretched class alive, we would, without a moment's remorse, take such sievs that the balloon, and he in it, should never come down. To the moon he might rise, and write a long description of earth to the "mat" in that planet, but earth should be rid of him and his twaddle. But, alas! he goes up and comes down, and talks of the "veteran aronaut and of zero rising and falling up there in his distracting way. But we leave him where we found him, "the last man in possession" of the English language abidiug in that stately palace which our forefathers have reared, and rendering it bideous by his utter ignorance of regimen or syntax, of mood or of tense, of person or of gender. Standing there, in the very fore-front of our language and literature, read by millions every morning in the newspapers, his power for harm is incalculable. "To this complexion," after an existence of 18 centuries, "have we come at last."-North British Review. The Free Kirk in Scotland is protesting against 'Sabbath breaking,' and the newspapers take the occasion to protest against the 'Free Kirk,' and with instice, for if ever there was a senseless tyranny, a yoks pressed down upon the necks of men, utterly without authority or excuse, it is that of Sabbath observance as enforced by the sect of John Knox.-It is most carlous to see the degree to which the Scotch notion on this subject has been gradually spread in England, We need hardly say that it was as much unknown to the original founders of Protestantism in England as it is to the Catholic Church itself. Indeed, it is a curious fact that the Cate-chism of the Established Church, which gives us the views which Oranmer and Co. meant to enforce, gives us a careful summary of the lessons to be learned from each of the Ten Commandments of God, and the only one which it draws from the third (called by Protestants the fourth) is ' To serve God truly all the days of my life.' But for ourselves, fully as we are convinced of all this, it is with a mixed feeling that we see Protestants availing themselves of the liberty which the law of Ohrist gives us in this matter, because we fear they too generally act with a bad conscience. Hence it is that, as a general rule, an educated Protestant who comes to a thoroughly bad end will avow that the first step of his ruin was Sabbath breaking. How can it be otherwise ? for it was by going contrary to what he believed to be the law of God in this matter, although it was nothing more than a false and oppressive tradition of men, that he gave the first shock to his conscience, and entered upon the paths of sin. Few people incur greater responsibility than those who give man a false conscience, although they may datter themselves that it is a high one-Weekly Register. The election of a member for North Warwicksbire. in the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Spooner, took place on Tuesday, when Mr Davenport Bromley, was declared duly elected. The Whigs at first threatened opposition, but a little consideration showed them the hopelessness of their chance, and Mr Bromley was allowed to be elected without opposition.

OBRISTIAN MISSICKS. - TWO PROTESTANT AUTHO-RITIES. But it is a serious question for the British time past labouring under severe indisposition, and Government whether it shall be in the power of a has been unable to attend to his ecclesiastical foreign nation and a persecuting Uhurch to break duties, any establishment which the piety and liberality of SPURG our countrymen have founded in heathen lands. We have missionaties all over the Pacific, men of earnestness and intelligence, and devoted to the cause which has sent them forth. Is it to be in the power of any reckless foreign soldier to insult and plunder these men and massacre their congregations? If so, let them understand it before they set out; if not, we should take care that the precedent established 20 years since be not forgotten. - Times.

On the leavening principle of the everlasting Gospel, and the blessed language of the eternal truth, in the hands of this nation of England, depended the destinies of the East, because it, and it only at present, could bring thoroughly to bear upon the Eastern mind its leavening power and its subduing influence. And how had Great Britain hitherto fulfilled her obligations? Comparison was most humiliating if they looked at the way in which France had taken possession of that great fract of land, Cochin China, and was probably laying the foundation of a great French dominion. It was a most striking feature to his eye that France had begun by avowing openly her Christianity, and made the redress of persecution of her own faith the occasion of entering into that land. If they compared that with their own country, and asked if she arowed her belief in the face of her Eastern subjects, they would find that she had been afraid when it came to the question of whether she would avow her faith in her crucified Lord in the face of her Eastern multitudes. Now, the excuse made was that the government of India was not, in point of fact, in Ohristian England but in a commercial body, and that commercial body naturally regarded its commerce more than any other consideration, and the fact that that great company was governed almost exclusively during all its early years by Scotch rather than by English people, and so was connected with the Presbyterian, and not with the English Church, that prevented the spread of Obristianity in India. Be that as it may, the fact was, that not very long ago all missionary exertion of a direct kind was excluded from India .-The Bishop of Oxford at the meeting for the ' Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

By the merest accident in the world, a vessel which had been the terror of Federal merchants and shipowners was run down as she was lying quietly off Norfolk, in the James River, and afterwards sunk from the effects of the collision. Her name was the Florids, and our readers can scarcely have forgotten that a casual misapprehension on the part of a Federal captain, who mistook the neutral harbor of Bahia for the high seas, was the cause of her pre-sence in Federal waters. Of course she would have becu restored, crew and all, to the Brazilian Goverament, had this "fortuitous concurrence" not taken place; but, as ill-luck would have it, while she was coaling previous to being taken up the river to Newport News, down came the transport steamer Alli ance, under heavy pressure of steam, and caught her just on the bow. No time was lost in setting the pumps to work, but the same fatality pursued this doomed vessel, and the water steadily gained. Desperate efforts were made to save her by rigging out new pumps and baling vigorously, and 'a very strict watch was kept day and night, as it was supposed that measures might be taken by the rebels to attempt her destruction from the shore.' But, alast it was but labor lost. One night, at half past 12 o'clock, the acting master, Mr. Baker, retired to bed, after satisfying himself that there was no immediate danger of going down; but within an hour, he was woke up by a report from the engineer that 'he could not keep the vessel clear.' According to the correspondent of the New York World, 'it is not definitely known what caused the water suddenly to pour into the Florida in so much greater volume after midnight,' but the engineer fancied that ' something had happened to the sea-cocks of the engines. and others conjectured that 'some portion of the bottom planks had given way.' Both of these sug-gestions seem probable, but all that is known for certain is that the untoward circumstance was entirely due to chance, of which we cannot have a better proof than the alacrity with which Captain Wood ward, of the ram Atlanta, came on board ' to see what could be done to keep her afloat.' This officer bethought himself of despatching a tug steamer to the scene of action in the nick of time, Captain Woodward and the prize crew would doubtless have gone to the bottom. As it was, this crowning misfortune was averted, and no souner was every one well out of her than ' the Florida careened over, and disappeared stern-foremost.' The only consideration which qualifies the purely casual nature of this occurrence is the fact that it had been frequently predicted. Whather it were because men are proue to forebode what they most dread, or whether in some mysterious sense the coming event cast its shadow before, it so happened that a very general impression prevailed at New York that the Florida would meet such a fate as we have described. There was a certain discrepancy, indeed, between the prophecies, for whereas some predicted that she would founder as she did, others were of opiniou that she would perish by fire. Destiny willed that the fatal blow which stove in her side should be inflicted by a Government vessel.- Times. THE LONDON TIMES ON GRAND JURIES. - The only wholesome exercise we have known in modern times of their ancient jurisdiction is that exhibited the other day by the Grand Jury of the City of London, who, awakening to a sense of their old responsibilities, have come into Court and presented themselves as a nuisance. The Grand Jury of the county of the City of London-for London is a county as well as a city-take unnecessary pains to prove that they have long shown in themselves an egregious instance of the nuisances that ought to be forthwith abated. In the first place, there is no single duty which they are supposed to perform which is not already assigned to special officers, who, if they do their work, leave nothing undone which a Grand Jury is ever likely to do. In the second place, there being nothing to do, people who have a great deal of work on their hands are taken from their own business in order to do that 'nothing.' It is all very well for country gentlemen, who really do for the most part thoroughly understand the wants of their neighborgood, to drive into the assize town and listen to the Judge's charge, and talk over what they shall do about roads and bridges and the like at the next magistrates meeting. But London Grand Jurors are altogether different people. They are men with din-gy counting-houses about the Bank, and ledgers that secin disproportionate to the size of the closet like places in which they are used. These Grand Jurors are mercantile men, who are being pursued all day long by telegrams from every part of the earth, whose counting-houses are reuted at several guineas per square foot, and whose time is worth a guinea a minuto. Surely it is a dreadful cruelty to bring these restless men nanecessarily away from their own work and lock them up in a room, to do nothing with a solemn air of deliberation? 'The Grand Jury of the December Session, 1864,' have under these very natural feelings presented themselves as a nuisance. ARMY REDUCTIONS. - As rumors of particular reductions in the army are still persistently circulated, we may assure our readers that they are as yet but rumors, and that any statements inade upon the subject are altogether premature. We have the best reason to know that the authorities have not yet decided upon any of the changes which may or may not take place when the Estimates for 1865-66

The Post says Cardinal Wiseman has been for some time past labouring under severe indisposition, and

SPURGEON AGAIN .- A disgraceful scene took place in Edinburgh a short time ago, connected with Mr. is the most attractive form that can be given to reli-Spurgeon's visit to that city. It having been an- gion, no doubt the face of nature, the bright sun, the nounced that tickets for the sermons on the Sunday following would be obtained at the Music Hall from twelve to three o'clock, a very large crowd assembled, and literally broke into the hall, patting to flight the ticket distributor, and literally 'smashing the door. They then began to try their hand on the grand organ, as well as breaking up the forms, when the appearance of a strong detachment of police saved the place from destruction.

The Federal Government has got out of its difficulty about the Florida after a peculiarly nasty and thoroughly Yankee fashion. She has been 'quite accidentally' run down by a Federal transport, and lies out of herm's way nine fathoms deep off Fort Monroe. This transaction is so very flagrant that even Professor Goldwin Smith, one of the most consistent and respectable of Northern 'sympathisers,' cannot well make out an excuse for it. In a letter to the Daily News, the Professor writes :- ' There is too much reason to fear that American honor has suffered a great stain.'

The controversy about a 'Court of Ultimate Appeal in questions of doctrine in the Established Oburch, occupies more attention than ever, and is growing in importance. Especially this is the case since Mr. Disraeli's late speech at Oxford. The Times has lately admitted several letters upon the subject, which, some time back, would have no chance of publication. This is no doubt partly because there has been a sad want of other subjects for discussion. But, in addition to this, it is no doubt felt that a change demanded by so influential a party and to which the leader of Her Maiesty's Opposition has now pledged himself as ' in his mind paramount can no longer be pooh-poohed. - Werkly Register.

The tyraut, majority, is giving us a taste of its quality in Scotland. The Free Kirk is founded on the principle of a majority, assumed, of course, to be Heaven's own elect and the salt of the earth, but, in fact, very much like other men. With the grand article, the right of appointing ones own minister, we shall not meddle, except to observe that if a man expects to be approached by a messenger from the skies, the most unlikely messenger will be one of his own sending, and the most unlikely road will be a line direct from himself. The Free Kirk, however, discarding all authorities, dignities, and powers -all dictation, mediation, and compromise, hold to the infallibility of their own vote Armed with this terrible authority, they have addressed themselves to the Sabbath, on which, as may be expected, they do not wish men to be free or to exercise the right of private judgment. A few years ago matters were in such a state north of the Tweed that, if a man were hastening on Saturday night to the bedside of a dying wite or child, as soon as the clock struck twelve he was brought to a standstill, and must resign himself to bed, or to whisky, or to some other authorized mode of employing the sacred bours. In towns it might be said that they had made it a solitude and called it religion. Pleasant walks in the green fields, the suburban stroll, family groups, friendly gatherings, mutual calls, and all that here contributes so much to the cheerfulness of a day that ought to be cheerful, were prohibited. Happily the influence of the age is against that worst form of Judaism which applies the names of grace to a purely prohibitive system, The sect of Judaizing Christians is on the decline. In Scotland this happy change is revealing itself to the eye of the English **The** traveller in various unwonted relaxations. railways are condescending to the calls of Providence and the wants of humanity, The prisoners of superstition now go at large. Friends and relations are observed to be paying their visits, not so easy to compass on other days. The Sunday sky, breezes, trees, turf, and flowers are no longer held to savor of airs from below. There are not those excursion trains which, we readily confess, are spt to make Sunday hideous in some places, but people are resorting easily and naturally to out-of-town places. where they see one another under pleasant auspices. A chain is off the national foot, a weight off the national micd, and having shaken off the incubus the sufferer wakes, breaths, and smiles. -The Free Kirk is aphast at the change. By some inscrutable process of reasoning it identifies its own him even in the very last Queen's Speech, in which Florida, for he stood by her to the last, and had not freedom with the public slavery, and foresees that if he makes Her Most Gracious Majesty talk of a Admiral Porter, by some providential inspiration, people are allowed to spend Sanday as they please, people are allowed to spend Sunday as they please, they will not insist so rigorously on the choice of their own Pastors. A report on Sabbath Observance made to a Presbytery of theirs on Wednesday lust. enumerates some of the signs of the times which distress tender Kirk consciences. Sunday luggage trains are made the front of the offending, and the railway officials complain of the hardship. As they are not starting and arriving all day long, the officials must have some time to themselves; and the very fact of the luggage trains running on Sunday shows that the lines are clearer on that day. The difficulty of combining luggage with passenger trains is a fertile source of accidents, and if we heard some Monday morning of twenty human beings being iammed into one mass with as many bullocks, we should regret to bear that the quadrupeds had been observing the Sabbath in some "siding" on the line, and but for that would have been quartered by a less summary process and in more regular fashion. On this hint, however, the Presbytery spoke further. a time they lived happily together, but quite recent-The Railway Companies, we are told, are converting their lines into machinery for catering to the wants of the profane and dissolute, and irrigating the country with the scum of the community. This pretty application of "great sewage" metaphors is far more appropriate to weekdays than Sundays, inasmuch as the people especially interested in a Sunday train are not the profane and dissolute scum of the community, but honest, industrious folks so tied a higher claim on you than I have." He then said, to their posts on other days that they cannot see the face of nature except on Sundays. The great mass of them in this country, though we cannot answer for Scotland, prefer tes to stronger drinks, and instead of blaspheming, or practising the other impropristies alluded to, sit quietly round little tables with their wives and children, or sally forth in quest of effect. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict in acwild flowers. Our own category in the sphere of Free Kirk intelligence is not difficult to find. If we don't read in the Bible that on the first day of every week every Christian draws down his blinds or shuts himself up in a back parlour, without putting his foot out of doors except to go to the nearest Free Kirk, we must be infidels, latitudinarians, and blackguards, and must have acquired our faith, or morals, and our manners from the Champs Elysees, or some other Continental Inferno. These Free Kirkmen, however, did not contine themselves to argument or abuse; their own spiritual organization suggested a stronger means. Several members of the Presbytery in succession recommended that. on a given Sunday, all railway servants should refuse to work, and so leave luggage, cattle, and other passengers to their fats. One of them, somewhat weakly, admitted that he did not like Strikes,'though he would like to see one for the Sabbath, forgetting that in the eyes of Him who will have mercy and not sacrifice even a Sabbath may be made an abomination. When men speak and act as if religion was never so pure as when it most outraged humanity they do something more than disgrace their own cause: they bring discredit to a cause which is much more sacred than their own - that is, the cause of moderation and common sense. We should be very glad to know that the Sunday excursion trans were not a necssity of London life, and that our working people could see the country now and then and breathe fresh air in quieter fashion. It is a point on which we entertain a strong conviction sengers from the latter town to the States were such a day of hard work as it evidently is to the ex-l papers.

cursionists themselves as well as the officials. But this is a very different question from any entertained by the Free Kirk of Kirkcaldy. Their object seems to be to make Sunday so intensely disagreeable that there shall be no escape but to the Kirk. When this

singing birds, sweet smiles, and, and friendly voices are formidable rivals. They that worship in the temple of nature will be likely enough to gain.upon a dark superstition which holds all calling themselves Christians-except in Scotland and in the Free Kirk-to be infidels, latitudinarians, aed reprobates. Such a system is not likely to make much way in these days, when it no longer wields its congenial instruments-the sword, the fagot, the halter: and no longer relies on the hammer, the wedge, the iron boot, and the pincers. Let the Kirk be reasonable and humane, and it may do some good ; otherwise it will only drive people to the other extreme. -Times.

A SETTLER. - The following anecdote of the Iron Duke may be resuscitated by way of a hint to the war authorities of the present day, who have spent enormous sums in fruitless experiments with new inventions :- A man visited the duke, and intimated that he had an important invention to submit to his notice. 'Well, what have you to offer?' A bullst-proof jacket, your grace.' 'Put it on.' The inven-tor obeyed. The duke rang a bell and an aide-de-camp presented himself. 'Tell the captain of the guard to order one of his men to load with ball curtridge.' The inventor disappeared, and was never again seen near the Horse Guards. No money was wasted in trying that invention .- Sun.

UNITED STATES.

We regret to state that our baloved Bishop had a very severe attack of bleeding at the nose on Wednesday ovening of last week, from which he recovered, but on Saturday had another attack of an alarming character. Un Sunday prayers were of-fored up in all our churches for his speedy recovery. In the evening he was much better, and had a to lerable night's rest. He is by no means out of danger. Let our prayers ascend to the Throne of Mercy that he may be yet spared to his beloved flock .---Boston Pilot, Dec. 24.

YANKER MORALS .- The blind and deaf know that immorality is fearfully increasing. Private morals may be said to be dependent upon public virtue. When the former become tainted, the latter advance with no laggard's pace to the practices of nameless sins against God and man. Look around your town, village or city, and ask yourself why it is that, in this dread hour of our country's misery, this day of desperate war, and labor to keep our sovereignity unimpaired, wickedness is increasing. The answer is plain, obvious, and easily understood :-Too many of our public men-our politicians-are corrupt, dishonest, false to God and their country. De Tocqueville, in the French Chamber of Deputies, in the year 1848, said :

'Do you know what is the general, efficient, deeplyseated cause, why private morals are degraded ? is because public morals have first become depraved. It is because pure morality does not govern the principal actions of life, that it does not descend to the smaller ones. It is because private interest has taken the place of disinterested sentiment in public action, that selfisbness has become the law in private life. It has been said that there are two sorts of morality, the one for politics, and the other for private life. Certainly if what is passing around us really is what I see it to be, never was the falsity of such an assertion proved in a more striking and unhappy manner than in our own day. Yes, I believe that a change is taking place in our private morals, of such a nature as to trouble and alarm all good citizens, and that this change proceeds in great part from what is coming to pass in our public morals.

If the author of 'Democracy in America' were here to day, he would see a change that bodes no good to this country; he would see an immorality that is horrible, an extravagance unparalleled, and a disregard of honor and virtue that may, if continued, do what the battalions of rebeldom can not do : prostrate the energies of the Republic and plant the virus which has destroyed a greater and more powerfol commonwealth than this Union which was defended, and guarded in its cradle, by wise pure and virtubus men, but which is, in its manhood, suffering from the reprehensible conduct of individuals without the bravery of the rebel, and possessing no sympathy with their sorrows and griefs, except when

THE FREED NEGRO.-It appears from a carefully prepared report that fifty thousand liberated negroes in Louisiana have perished from starvation, and from diseases induced by want, during the past two years.

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN THE LAND OF LIBERTY. -The publication of newspapers is limited to two, the editors to be held to a strict accountability for libels, mischievous matter, premature news, exaggerative statements, or any comments whatever on the acts of the authorities.

HOSTAGE FOR A MOTHER.-Mrs. M. Wood, lately of St. Louis, was aroused one night by a lady friend seeking an asylum for the night to protect her from arrest. The lady made good her escape, but Mrs. Wood was flung, in her stead, into the famale prison of St. Louis. Mrs. Wood, eluding the vigilance of her gaolers, after a long imprisonment, succeeded in regaining her freedom a few weeks ago, but immediately after her escape her infant son was arrested. and is still held as a hostage for her return. That youthful prisoner, Lee Sumter Wood, was born on the day of Beauregard's bombardment of Fort Sumter, and is now, therefore, not four years old .---American Puper.

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN .- Socrates at an extreme age, learned to play on musical instruments. Cato at eighty years of age thought proper to learn the Greek language.

Plutarch, when between seventy and eighty, commenced the study of Latin.

Boccaccio was thirty-five years of age when he commenced the study of polito literature ; he became one of the great masters of the Tuscan dialoct, Dante, and Petrach being the other two.

Sir Henry Spelman neglected the sciences in his youth but commenced the study of them when he was between fifty and sixty years of age. After this time, he became a most learned antiquarian!

Colbeit, the famous Fronch Minister, at sixty years of uge returned to his Latin and law studies. Ludovico, at the great age of one hundred and fifteen, wrote the memoirs of his own times. A singular exertion noticed by Voltaire, who was bimself one of the most remarkable instances of the progressing of age in new studies.

Ogilby the translator of Homer and Virgil, was unacquainted with Latin and Greek till he was past the age of fitty. Franklin did not fully commence his philosophic

pursuits until he had reached his fiftheth year. Accorso, a great lawyer being asked why he began

the study of law so late, answered that indeed he began late, but he could therefore master it sooner. Dryden, in his sixty-eighth year commenced the translation of the Iliad : and his most pleasing productions were written in his old age.

MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER. - Poets may talk of 'gales from spicy Araby,' but it may well be questioned whether any cinnamon or orange grove ever sent up incense as refreshing as the perfune of this filoral essence. The atmosphere, which steals the fragrance from most toilet waters, seems to have little effect upon the exquisito aroma which belongs pur excellence, to this refreshing preparation. It contains, so to speak, the condensed breath of the most odoriferous blossoms of Tropical America and its fragrance seems inexhaustible even by long continued evaporation and diffusion. In this respect it resembles the original Farina Cologne, and it is preferred to that more costly portume in South America and the West Indies, where it is almost universally used.

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HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO ALL THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH PLEURISY.

Another of the respectable citizens of Quebec, Canada, has voluntarily addressed the following to W. E. Brunet, Esq., Druggist, &c., Pont St. Rock Street, Quebec :

It affords me great pleasure to inform you that I have been completely cured of a very severe Pleurisy, which I had neglected, and by the use of only three bottles of the BRISTOL'S SARSAPARIRLA, which I bought at your establishment in Valier Street.

I am, dear sir, very truly yours. J. B. ALEXIS DORVAL

The average price of wheat for England and Wales is now lower than at any period since the year '51. | come to be settled. - Army and Navy Gazette.

it is necessary to use a little, as a condiment, that the shibboleths may be more palatable to those who have their eyes open, but do not see, and, doggedly, persist in being blind to the best interests of society, of their country,-Cincinnali Catholic Telegraph.

BEAUTIES OF A DIVORCE LAW. - Mr. Dorephus Tuttle committed suicide on Sunday morning last, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol, on the front steps of a house in West Twenty-sixth street. He died in a few minutes after baving fired the shot. The ball entered immediately over the right eye, and penetrated the brain. The motives that induced the man to commit the deed are, as we learn them, briefly as follows :- About two years ago, Tuttle was married to a Miss Smith, in the city of Boston. At the time the marriage ceremony was performed she knew that he had been previously married, but believed, as she says, that a legal divorce had been granted by a competent court. For ly the wife was advised by a respectable lawyer of this city, to whom she presented the divorce papers. that the same were forgeries. Hence she gave notice to her husband that she would not longer cohabit with him. On Sunday last she had an interview with him in Twenty-sixth street, when he asked her the question if she intended to live with him ! Her reply was, "No, you have another wife who has "I shall immediately do something which you will regret." When he took his leave, she accompanied him to the door, and when he was on the front steps he drew a revolver and shot himself as above stated. When the wife suw what he was about to do she used every effort to prevent the suicide, but without cordance with the above facts.-N. Y. Paper,

I heard yesterday an army anecdote, which illustrates the old adage, that the ruling passion is strong in death. A New England officer, who had been wounded, finding that his end was approaching, sent for an embalmer, and inquired what he would charge to embalm and encoffin his remains. " Ninety dollars is the charge for officers." " Won't you take eighty?" "Gan't deduct a dollar !" "Take eighty-five, then ?" "No." But finally a bargain was struck at eighty-seven and a half, the embalmer promising the officer that his body should be sent up by the next morning's boat. And it was sent upso says a responsible voucher for the truth of this last bargain. - Cor. American paper.

The following is a concluding paragraph of a long editorial in the Richmond Sentinel, (Jeff Davis' organ) :--

If France and England will enter into a treaty with these Confederate States, recognizing our nationality and guaranteeing our independence, upon the abolition of slavery in all these States, rather than continue the war, we should be prepared to urge the measure on our readers. We believe such a proposition would be favorably received and acted on by those nations, and it ought to be made to them.

THE PASSFORT SYSTEM.-Despatches from Clinton and Windsor on Saturday, state that the passport order of the Federal Government was on that day rigidly enforced for the first time. Hundreds of pasthat there is really no necessity to make Sunday turned back on account of not paying the necessary such a day of hard work as it evidently is to the ex-

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Inspector of Timber:

WHAT THEY SAY .- Go to business men for reliable facts. Read the testimony of a merchant. " Lagrange, N.Y., Feb. 12, 1861.

Mesers. Henry & Co. Your agent left with me a short time ago two dozen bottles of Downs' Elixir. I have sold it all and want more. It is the best lung medicine I ever hall.

H. B. ROBINSON." When dealers speak in its praise, and physicians recommend it, it must possess some virtue. Its sale is constantly on the increase. It is warranted to cure coughs and colds.

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ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR. JANUARY-1865.

Friday, 13-Octave of the Epiphany. Saturday, 14-St. Hilsire, B.D. Sanday, 15-Second after Epiphany. Holy Name of Jesus. Monday, 16-St. Marcellus, P.M. Tuesday, 17-St. Anthony, Ab. Wednesday, 18-St. Peter's Chair at Rome. Thursday, 17-St. Canut, M. The "Forty Hours" Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament will commence as follows :---

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

and capital, workman and master, are again on with which the Government in France has to might, if they so pleased, sell all their property contend is social rather than political, and even in Canada, and carry the proceeds thereof with the armies of Louis Napoleon might be unable them to France. True; the Sulpicians did not to sustain the Imperial throne were a serious emeute of the working classes again to take place in Paris.

On this Continent no important military events have occurred since our last. General Lee is, it the Confederate States : and leaving for the time Richmond under the protection of Gen. Beauregard, he himself will it is thought set himself to cope with Gen. Sherman.

THE MONTREAL GAZETTE AND OUR RE-LIGIOUS CORPORATIONS .- We do not think that our Protestant contemporaries have just cause to complain that their demands for redress in the matter of the School Laws have been met in a hostile spirit by Catholics; we therefore flatter offer on some assertions made by the Montreal illustrious Mgr. de Montmorency Laval. Gazette, and resterated in the Herald, no one will pretend to find a latent design to throw obstacles in the way of that educational reform for ing. In so far as that agitation is simply for Freewe recognise therein the assertion of a most important principle. But unfortunately-so it appears to us-our separated brethren are aiming not at equality of rights, but ascendency; and the object of their movement is it seems to obtain from Government, of the public domain or common property-(that is to say common to Catholics and Protestants)-an exclusive grant or endowment for Protestant educational nurposes. A grant or endowment of this exclusive should insist that in all endowments, or appropriations of public or common property for educational purposes that may benceforward be made, Catholics should, in proportion to their numbers, share equally with their Protestant fellow-citizens. The demand for a grant or State endowment for Protestant educational purposes, exclusively, 15 put forth by our contemporaries on grounds Quebec. which it behoves us to scrutinize rigidly, in order to ascertain what solidity there may be therein. The Gazette and Herald for instance argue. in substance and in concert, that already large grants of the common property, for Catholic educational purposes exclusively, have been made by the State to several of our great religious Corporations ; and that therefore Protestant educational institutions have the right to demand an equivalent in the shape of a State endowment for Protestant educational purposes. exclusively. The point is thus put by the Gazette of the 4th inst. :--It should be borne in mind that out of the common property of Lower Canada, the Sulpicians and the Seminary of Quebec have had large and valuable domains granted to them by the French Government, and confirmed to them by the English, for which the Protestant population bas never received any equivalent. Montreal Gazette. (The Italics are our own.)

to French and English, to Catholic and Protestant. French or by the English Governments.

never had any grants or gifts of public property | Constitution. The former is generally favorable made to them for any purposes whatsoever, by | to the Union scheme, elaborated by the Quebec either of the above mentioned Governments; all the property which they hold having been acquired by them, either as a gift from private individuals, or by purchase, that is to say for a material consideration that can be expressed in dollars and cents.

The only property which English Protestants can claim as "common" in Canada-that is to say as "common" both to French and English, to Catholic and Protestant-consists in the property that remained public, or unappropriated by private individuals, or private Companies, at the moment of the cession of Canada by the French | grading party squabbles, and whom no one can to the British Crown. All else was, and is suspect of any personal or interested motives, of private, not "common" property, in which the new comers had, and have no right to share, and | share in the public plunder, is certainly entitled to for which they never had, and never can have, a respectful hearing-nor is there any great diverthe right to claim an equivalent.

The property held by the Sulpicians of Montreal and by the Seminary of Quebec was not Saxon Protestant press approves of the Quebec granted to them by the French Government for | scheme, it is because it sees therein ample assureducational purposes, as an examination of their original title deeds will show. It is true that out | ency of Anglo-Saxon and Protestant principles. of their revenues, these Corporations do expend in the political as well as in the social order ; if large sums for educational purposes; but they do on the other hand, M. Rameau as strongly conso of pure benevolence, and as the munificent patrons of education, not being compelled there-The European political world presents nothing unto by the term of their respective title deeds. worth recording, unless it be that in Paris there | So clearly was this recognised by the British are symptoms that the old feud betwixt wages | Government, that, at the cession ol Canada by France, it was expressly stipulated by the latter,

> see fit to avail themselves of their then recognised legal right, to dispose of their Canadian property for their own use ; but their right to

do so remained intact, and therefore it is evident that they were not bound to employ their prois said, to be named generalissimo of the forces of | perty, or any part thereof for educational purposes, since the British Government recognised their right to sell it, and to do as they pleased will be this :--with the proceeds.

> And in the third place, we plead that the Sulpicians of Montreal, and the Seminary of Quebec never received any grants or free gifts from the State; but that their property was acquired either by donations from private individuals, or by purchase,--- that is to say in exchange for full money value by them given.

The property of the Seminary of Quebec was ourselves that in the stric tures we are about to a free and noble gift made to that body by the

The property of the Sulpicians of Montreal was acquired, partly by purchase from "The Company of the Hundred Associates," whose which our Protestant fellow-citizens are agitat- enormous debts and liabilities the Sulpicians charged themselves with; and partly by a bargain with the French Government, in which the dom of Education, and equality of rights with | Sulpicians at an immense cost to themselves, un-Catholics, we approve of it most cordially, for dertook to remove a tribe of Indians then very troublesome to the public peace, to the Seigneurie of the Lake of Two Mountains, to build a church, and to erect a fortress to defend the Colony. We may add that in a money point of view this bargain was altogether in favor of the government, and that the actual price paid by the Sulpicians for their property far exceeded its market value at the time the purchase was made. We have asserted facts, which are easily sussort it would be our duty to oppose; and we ceptible of verification or of confutation. If of the latter, we challenge the Gazette and his colleagues to confute them. But if incapable of being confuted we respectfully, but at the same time as a right, request of the Gazette to correct the errors of fact into which he ras fallen, and French Canadian Catholics)—in the greatness or the which he has publicly circulated, concerning the origin, and objects of, the property held by the Sulpicians of Montreal, and the Seminary of

M. RAMEAU ON CANADIAN POLITICS. -To be able to see ourselves as others see us is a 2nd. That the said Corporate bodies have gift for which many a wise man has sighed. never had any grants of public property for edu- This, is in a measure granted to us in Canada, in cational purposes made to them either by the that we enjoy the benefits of the comments both of the Anglo-Saxon Protestant, and of the 3rd. That the said Corporate bodies have French Catholic, press upon our proposed new delegates; the latter, on the contrary, as it impending over his countrymen and co-relistudies only the peculiar interests, social, national and religious, of the French and Catholic section of our population, is loud in its condemnation of that Constitution.

M. Rameau has been long and favorably known in Canada as an honest and intelligent writer, of sound political views, and sincere in his professions of patriotism and of religion .-The opinion of so keen-sighted and impartial an observer of our political agitations, of one so far removed from the sphere of our paltry and deany hankering after a government situation, or a gence betwixt his views and those of the Eng-

lish writers. If on the one hand the Angloance for the permanence and ultimate ascenddemns it, it is for precisely the same reason as

that for which the other section of the press accords to it, its meed of praise. Both in this respect take precisely the same view of the measure: but that which to the one appears a shining merit, to the other appears a glaring dethe point of breaking out. The great difficulty and agreed to by the former, that the Sulpicians fect. In these words, which we extract from M. Rameau's article upon the subject in the Economiste Francais of the Sthult., we have the pith of the matter; the explanation in short both of the favor shown to the Quebec scheme by the Eaglish Protestant press, and of the disfavor with which it is viewed by all who give the first place in their affections to the conservation of French Canadian nationality and of Catholicity, which is the mainstay of the other. The practical result of the scheme says M. Rameau

"The Canadians"- (that is to say French Canadian Catholics)-" will be left to struggle single banded, one against three; and no matter the energy that they may display, they must yield at last to their pretended associates systematically leagued against them."

This is the view of the case taken and expressed by the TRUE WITNESS, and the secret of our opposition to a Union of the Provinces which under the misnomer of Confederation, will entail on us all the disadvantages of an incorporating and highly centralised or Legislative Union, leaving us only the expences, the inevitable complications, and other disadvantages of a real Federal Union—inconveniences which will be so strongly felt that, ere long, we shall all be glad to exchange the mongrel Union now proprosed to us, for a pure and simple legislative Union, in name as well as in fact; for that State, one and indivisible, after which democracy and Jacobinism are ever bankering, and with which Mr. George Brown proposes to endow us. M. Rameau, in whose hatred of centralisation and of all other democratic tendencies we also have the honor of participating, argues as the TRUE WITNESS has ever argued, that if there is to be a Federation of the British North American Provinces, the functions of the central government should be strictly limited; in a word, that the functions of the State governments should be maximised, those of the Central government minimised :---

United States, under the form of Federation which obtained before the breaking out of the war-but which can never again be restored. no matter what the issue of the present contest -would be preferable to the Union' of the British North American Provinces now contemplated. This is certainly an extreme, a very extreme view, but it shows how strongly M. Rameau is impressed with a sense of the danger gionists.

M. Rameau favors the idea of erecting Canada into an independent State, under the conjoint protection of France and England. The theory is excellent no doubt, but we do not believe it capable of being reduced to practice : since we are certain that it would never find favor with a very numerous and powerful political party in Canada, whose eyes are ever turned Washington-wards, and the Alpha and Omega of whose policy is, the elimination of Popery, and Franco-Canadianism from our social system, as beterogeneous elements that impede its harmonious working. Such a Protectorate as that which M. Rameau contemplates, is no doubt desirable, and would furnish an excellent solution of the very difficult problem now presented to us; but it is, we fear, an impossible solution, and one that may therefore be dismissed without further discussion. For the rest M. Rameau does but reiterate the opinions which have been repeatedly, though less forcibly, expressed in the TRUE WITNESS, on the subject of the new Constitution.

The London Times discusses at much length the terms of the proposed Union of the British North American Provinces as drawn up by the delegates at Quebec. On the whole the Times approves of them, and applauds the idea of union, seeing therein the probability of soon getting rid of a perfectly useless, and in case of war, of a very troublesome incumbrance. Any. thing that tends-as does the scheme now in contemplation-to bring about an amicable separation of the North American Colonies of Great Britain from the mother country, will be gladly hailed by the people of the latter. It is for this reason, and not because it sees therein any good for Lower Canada, or guarantee for its religious and social institutions, that the Times approves of the Union scheme ; it looks upon us as big enough and old enough, to set up in business for ourselves; and thinks that the time has arrived when we should cease to be a burden upon the

head of the family.

The Times is therefore no unfriendly critic of the Quebec scheme, but it is not blind to its defects, as for instance the plan for constituting a second chamber for the Central Legislature .--But this is a mere matter of detail in which we take no interest, seeing that in the said second chamber, the States will not be represented at | croachments by the local governments upon the all, since its members will be the mere nominees; | central government. But who shall protect the or purpets of the central government. Another weak against the strong, who shall guarantee the objection however urged by the Times strikes local governments, say for instance the local at the very root of the matter, and is identical government of Lower Canada, against the inin substance with the objections urged by the evitable aggressions of the central government? TRUE WITNESS against any such scheme of This is the one thing above all others needed : Union as that which Mr. George Brown and the and this has therefore been altogether overlook. Clear Grits of Upper Canada would consent to accept as a settlement of their exhorbitant claims on this Province. Writing in June last on the subject of a Federal Union of Colonies or States, not severally sovereign and independent, we pointed out one inherent difficulty, which it was impossible for human ingenuity to overcome, and which of itself, was an all conclusive reason against a Federation of subject Provinces :--" The all important question presents itself who is to determine what matters are of common interest and therefore to be legislated for by the Federal le-* * and what matters are of separate gislature, and local interest, and therefore the subject of State legislation ? If the settlement of this question be left to the Federal legislation the autonomy of the deed must, occur, in which disputes betwixt the Province with the smaller population is destroyed, and its local interests placed at the mercy of a hos-tile majority.! • • If it be left to the State legis. by its composition will be fauatically hostile to latures to determine what matters fall within their province the Federal authority is naught, and a Federal government would be as useless an incum brance as the traditional fifth wheel of a coach."-True Witness, 24th June, 1864. Of course, no matter how elaborately the respective attributes of the two governments or legislatures may be defined, the whole ground cannot be thereby covered ; cases will be constantly arising, not provided for or covered by the said terms, and disputes as to the respective limits of their functions between the Federal legislature in the Lower Provinces to the Quebec scheme and the State legislatures are inevitable. If in these disputes the former is to be judge in its | land a ministerial crisis has been the consequence. own cause, its authority is absolute and unlimited, and local legislatures as barriers against aggression, are but a farce, and may well be dispensed with; if the latter or local legislatures are to adjudicate, the Federal or central legislature is practically useless. This was the argument of the TRUE WITNESS, based on the moral impossibility of clearly defining the respective limits of central and local functions; how far events have justified our predictions may be seen from the following comments of the London Times on the abortive attempt of the Quebec delegates to assign to each-to Central Legislature and Local Legislature - the respective limits beyond which neither shall be able to F. X. Prieur, on the fortunes of the political pass. No doubt the delegates did their best ; exiles of '38 m Australia.

but according to such a favorable critic as the

Times their best is but a bundle of absurdities : "But the most important clause"- (all important the Truc Witness called it in June last)-" in the whole Resolutions, and unfortunately, by no means the easiest to understand, is the one which defines the powers of the central federal legislature."-London Times.

This unintelligibility is due, not to the delegales, but to the subject with which they had to deal. In attempting to "define the powers" of a government intentionally armed with indefinite power, they attempted the impossible and therefore failed. They were no luckier when they attempted to define the powers of the local legislatures according to the Times :-

"It is exceedingly difficult to construe these provisions. First, general powers of legislation are given in the widest terms to the General Parliament ; then a power is given especially to make laws on thirty-seven subjects, one of those being all matters of a general character not exclusively reserved to the Local Legislatures. Nothing is exclusively reserved to the Local Legislatures; and it would seem, therefore, that the effect of this clause is to cut the power of central legislation down to matters of a general character-a most vague and unsatisfactory definition, and one sure, if it be retained, to produce conflict and confusion. In the same way, what are matters of a private and local nature not assigned to the General Perliament? We have failed to discover any matters of a private and local nature which are so assigned, and therefore the power will be limited by the words ' private 'local;' so that the effect of these clauses and will be that, beyond the subjects attributed to each, the Central Legislature will have jurisjurisdiction over general matters, whatever they are, and the Local Legisture over local matters, whatever they are; while it is in the highest degree doubtful what the Courts would consider general and what local, and whether the Central Legislature has any concurrant jurisdiction over private and local matters or no."- Times.

If the Times sees the difficulty, the Globe indicates the way out of it. Its idea, which is simply the idea of Mr. George Brown, and the Liberal party generally, is that as the Central Government will always be strong enough to overpower the local governments, and will not fail to exercise that power, there is no danger to be apprehended from the conflicting pretensions of two rival authorities. The local governments, under the proposed constitution, will be too weak; too paltry, and too much under the absolute control of the central government to offer any serious obstacles to the latter. This is how the Globe, Mr. George Brown's organ, answers the objections: -

"The London Times, in discussing the resolutions of the Quebec Conference, raises the objection that they leave a chance for collision between the general and local Governments.

" It would be very difficult to specify every possible subject for either general or local legislation. If ever so long a list were made, we would be sure to find after a while that something had been omitted. "Should such a contest as the Times anticipates arise once in a number of years, the veto vested in the general Government would fully enable it to prevent any of the local Governments from encroach. ing upon its powers."- Globe,

There is certainly no fear for the central goverament ; the strong have nothing to fear from the weak, and in the projected constitution ample precaution bas been taken to prevent any ened. The strong, the rich, the nowerful, have been filled with good things, armed with ample powers; but the weak and needy have been sent hungry away. The wolf will be fully able to prevent any of the lambs from encroaching upon its lair; but alas! and this we have pointed out from the beginning, there is maught to prevent the wolf from encroaching at pleasure upon the pastures of the lamb. The Globe admits the impossibility of giving a full definition of the respective functions, powers or attributes of the central government and the local governments. Cases therefore may, in-Catholic Lower Canada, will always have it in its power to decide upon all cases in dispute, and to give judgment in its own favor ; is it not then mockery, or something worse than mockery, to speak of the projected constitution as holding out any guarantees for Lower Canadian autonomy, or any safeguard to the peculiar religious and social institutions of this Catholic Province.

To this we reply that :-

1st. The said Corporate bodies have never had any domains granted to them out of the " comout of the public lands, property common both the Police, be accepted.

A letter produced in the Journal de Quebec, Southerners succeed in making good their indeunder date Dec. 17th., announces the safe arrival in Rome of the Rev. M. Taschereau, Rector of the Laval University. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, reached Rome on Sunday the 11th ulto., and we regret to learn that our beloved Bishop had suffered from indisposition. The Rev. M. Bayle of the Grand Seminary of of the North. Of course M. Rameau sees Montreal was also in Rome at the date of the above quoted letter.

last Mr. Judge Smith delivered judgment on the point of law raised against his jurisdiction ; and after a long exposition of his views he decided in a sense contrary to that in which the same point of law was decided by M. Coursol.

After a long, stormy debate in the City Council wherein a good deal of temper was exhibited on both sides, it was decided by a small majority mon property of Lower Canada ;" that is to say that the resignation of M. Lamothe, Chief of

"It is of paramount, pecessity that the federal anthority be from the commencement firmly restricted * It is true that thereby its importance and future of the heterogeneous confederation. That which above all does concern them is their autonomy, is their own existence-even should these be purchased at the expence of general debility."*

M. Rameau discusses also the military question, arguing with great force that should the pendence, Canada will be delivered for ever

from all risk of aggression from the Northern States; and that should the latter succeed in subduing the Southerners, Confederation of the British North American Provinces will avail nothing against the overwhelming military power clearly, as every man, not a fool by nature has

seen from the outbreak of the civil war, that the conquest of the South means the conquest and THE ST. ALBAN RAIDERS .- On Saturday annexation of Canada, or at all event the attempt to conquer and forcibly annex us.

> So many and so great in the eyes of M Rameau are the evils of the Quebec scheme of Union, so certain the ruin and degradation that it will entail on the French, and on the entire Catholic section of the community, that he hesitates not to say that even annexation with the

> • We must distinguish betwirt a weak or limited government, and a government whose functions ex-tend over only a limited area, but which within that ares, is all powerful.

THE LOWER PROVINCES .- The opposition of Union is gaining in strength. At P. E. Is. Mr. John Gray, Colonial Secretary, and one of the delegates has resigned, as has also Mr. Pope. Att. General, a person known for his bitter hostility to Catholics, and his rabid obscenity in the Colonial legislature in all debates of a politicoreligious character. Mr. Palmer another delegate who is strongly opposed to centralisation, will it is expected be called upon to frame a Ministry on anti-Union principles.

"LES SOIREES CANADIENNES,"-The numbers for September, October, November and December have come to hand, and contain the continuation of a very interesting article by M.

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MAZZINI AND THE MONTREAL "HERALD" have Duty towards God as its principle ; and to ON EDUCATION. - Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles ? From the lips of a Mazzini, the Apostle of Assassination, the high priest of " the dagger," can we learn virtue, or obtain a lesson how mankind should be educated ? Yes! tor Mazzini has written upon Education. insisting well and forcibly upon its necessity, and its nature. It is only by Education, but only by the Education of the heart as well as of the head, of the will as well as of the reason, by a religious Education in short, that Society can be saved from destruction. This is the theory of a liberal like Mazzini, and we therefore commend it seriously to the attention of the Montreal Herald which declares itself altogether in favor of irreligious or purely secular State-Schoolism. We copy from a late issue of the Herald :--

We have often contended, and shall always contend, that public schools paid for by the State ought to be bona fide secular schools, in spirit as well as in letter : We have also contended that the Separate School system was an evil, only to be tolerated because the more rational plan could not be carried out,-Montreal Herald.

This may be the doctrine or theory of our Canadian contemporary; but even amongst those who profess it, but few consistently adhere to in practice; and we doubt much if the writer would accept for his child in particular, the system of education which he proposes for all Canadian children in general. From Mazzini, whose lucubrations on the same subject appeared some time ago in the Herald, our contemporary might have learned a better doctrine than that of a mere secular education : for even Mazzini recognises that the great end of education is to enable men to distinguish the right from the wrong, and to do their duty. Education therefore must be moral as well as secular ; and a morality without God, is as inconceivable as a solar system without a sun. "Rights and duties" must be the subject of all education worth paying for.

Mazzini says this, and in this Mazzini says well : though upon this point he must be at issue with all the advocates of a purely secular and "non-sectarian" education as the one thing needful. It is for this reason that we as Catholics gladly quote Mazzini on the Education question as an authority against whom Protestants can raise no objections as a reactionist, as the victim of priest craft, or the opponent of progress. The theory of Mazzini on Education is this :--"The sole origin of every Right is in a Duty fulfilled."

To teach men their Duty therefore, in order that by its fulfilment they may attain to the enjoyment of their Rights is the one legitimate end of all Education. This is the principle laid down by Mazzini in a work published by him under the title the " Dvties of Man" about two years ago, and of which a notice appeared in the Montreal Herald some short time since together with extracts from the work itself. But how is man to be taught his Duty? from whom is to be learn its extent and its limits? above all, from what source is he to derive strength to perform it ?---"By means" asks Mazzini-" of the prison of the executioner ?" And he thus continues :---

learn that Duty we must have the aid of Revelation, or a supernatural teacher; no matter whether that teacher assume the form of an infallible Church, or a divinely inspired Book. By mere natural reason alone, men never as yet have been able to convince themselves that they are "all sons of one sole God ;"* and even when through the Christian Revelation they have attained to the knowledge of that truth, never by their mere natural strength have they been able to reduce their theory to practice. The attempt was made indeed in France in the last century. Philosophers who had discarded the Gospel and the use of the Sacraments, discoursed learnedly of the Brotherhood of the entire Human Race, and waxed eloquent upon Fraternity and Philanthropy. We all know that these nice theories culminated in the Reign of Terror ; as they will culminate again should men ever again attempt to carry them out as the products of human rea-

us in the Sacraments. Only through the Christian Revelation have men actually learnt their Duty towards their fellow men; only by the grace of God imparted through the Church have men ever been able to fulfill that Duty even when it had been pointed out to them. The Education therefore, for which Mazzini pleads as alone able to save Society, 15 a Christian Education; an Education which a supernatural teacher alone is able to impart; because an education without the supernatural aids of which the Church is the guardian and dispenser, would still remain practically useless. But this teacher, these supernatural aids, Mazzini ignores and discards, and an Education of which Duty is the Principle " thus become to him an impossibility. Why ! the chief thing that Mazzins proposes to teach, as the basis of those relations which he would establish betwixt man and man, is "that they are all sons of one sole God," in other words he would establish the unity of the human race. We should like to see how the Mazzinian pedagogues would attempt to establish even this little fact without the aid of revelation. Assuredly the philosophers of the pre-Christian world were, intellectually, the equals of the philosophers of the XIX century ; and earnest Catholicity of the deceased, as being and yet the idea of the brotherhood and unity of of the last of those, who, as laymen, formed the the human race was neither acted upon, nor entertained in the most humane and enlightened of Pagan countries. What the human reason is of itself, capable of may be a matter of dispute; what in the brightest days of the non-Christian world it had actually attained to, what were its teachings of the Duties of man to man, and to Society, we know from history. Man is much the same to-day that he was two thousand years ago; and but for the Church or his supernatural teacher, would have progressed in degeneracy, and

would long ago bave fallen far below the moral level of the heathen contemporaries of Saint Paul. Without this same supernatural teacher at the present day man would rapidly re-

The Rev. Mr. Beausang proposes visiting the chief Cities of Canada and of repeating therein his lectures. We have therefore thought it better to allow our friends the pleasure of hearing the reverend gentleman in propria persona, than to report his lectures in our columns, wherein it would be impossible to do full justice to him or to them.

The Committee of the St. Patrick's Society beg to acknowledge with many thanks, the receipt of Ten Dollars from Jas. McShane, Jr., Esq., towards the charitable fund of the Society.

OBITUARY.

On the 26th of last month the Albany City papers announced the death of Michael McGinn. one of Albany's oldest citizens. The deceased was born in the town of Drum. County Tyrone. Ireland, in the year 1789, and came to this Country in 1820; shortly after his arrival he settled in Albany N.Y. where for the last 44 years he has given an example that will long be reson, and without those supernatural aids given to membered of sterling piety, good citizenship, and warm friendship. The deceased had been in

in a few days of his death, and they who then saw him judged from his open honest countenance that another score would be added to his many years.

Monday evening his numerous friends were surprised to hear of his death. On Wednesday a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. John's Church, Albany, by his son Rev. F. Mc-Ginn of St. Patrick's Albany, assisted by Revds. Fitzpatrick and Burke of St. John's as Deacon and Sub-deacon and Rev. Father Ludden of the Cathedral as Master of Ceremonies. Among the Revd. clergy there assembled to pay the last mark of respect to the memory of him whom they all so highly esteemed we noticed the very Revd. Vicar General, Father Conroy, Fathers O'Neil of St. Josephs, Doran and Duffy of St. Marys, Neothan of Holy Cross, Wadhams and Fitzgerald of Cathedral ; Carroll of Guilderland ; Bayard of East Albany ; Finley of West Troy ; Havermans, J. Keveny, and Delaney O.M.C., Troy; T. Keveny and P. Keveny, Cohoes; Edge, O.S.A., Mechanicsville ; Cull and Mc-Whitehall; Falvey, Schenectady; McLaughlin, Little Falls; Daly, Utica; W. Sheean, Onieda; M. Sheean, Salina; Butler, O.M.C., Syracuse. At the end of Mass, Father Daly of Utica, snoke in very appropriate remarks of the quiet, sincere parish of St. Johns, and who had always been of the first in every good work promoting the interests of the parish. After the Revd. gentleman's remarks, the Very Rev. Vicar General pronounced the Absolution. In Paradisum was then entoned by Rev. Father Neothan, assisted by the Choir, and the corose of him who during his lifetime had been so well known as a sincere and humble Catholic, an upright citizen, and warm friend, was accompanied by his numerous friends of the Rev. Clergy and laity to the grave.-Requiescat in Pace.

MEETING OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES, KINGSTON.

The Regular January Meeting of the Roman Catholic Buard of School Trustees was held on Saturlast at the Bishop's Palace. There was a full attend. lie Schools of the City is owing to his exertions and constant supervision. Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Secretary, when the Board adjourned until Wednesday evening next. J. O'REILLY,

Secretary.

-Kingston Whig.

PERTH SEPARATE SCHOOLS. -- We learn from the Courser that, the pupils attending the Perth Separate Schools were examined by the Very Rev. Vicar General Mc Donagh, on Friday, 24th ulto, before the Trustees and a large attendance of visitors. The girls, under the charge of Miss Lyons, and the boys, taught by Mr. Lee, acquitted themselves in the most creditable manner. The Catholic youth of Perth owe a deep debt of gratitude to their zealous Pastor for the care which he bestows upon their education, and the pains he takes to turn to the hest advantage the meagre privileges conferred by our present imperfect School Law. The interest which our co-religionists in Perth-stimulated by the example of the Very Rev. Vicar General-have taken in the cause of Catholic education, leads us to hope that they will take an active and leading part in demanding an equitable Separate School Sill .-- Toronto Free-

We learn that Mr. Potter, U. S. Consul General in this city, has given notice to the Managing Director of the Grand Truck Ruilway, that, on Monday pext, a file of Federal soldiers will be placed at Rouses Point, and another at Moer's innction. to see that the passport regulations are strictly enforced, and that all passengers not properly supplied will be sent back into Canada. The Transit of Americans through Canada is now completely stopped. Both the Great Western and Grand Trunk trains west of Toronto are running nearly empty .- Mont. Gazette.

FENIANISM DENOUCED-We are given to understand that in the course of his service on the morning of Christmas day, Rev. P. Schneider, pastor of the Catholic congregation of this town, took high ground against Fenianism. He told his hearers that secret organizations of any kind were directly opposed to the teachings of his Church and warned them to avoid even the appearance of evil in this respect .---Goderich Signal.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

St Edouard, Rev T E Dagenais, \$12; Dundee, F McRae, \$2; Pont du Lac, Rev A H B Lassisseraye, \$2; St. Anicet, Rev F Rochette, \$2; Centreville, W Garrett, \$2,50; Beauharnois, J Quig, \$4; Dundne, M Bannon, \$2: Orangeville, C A Raukine, \$2; Gananoque, P O'Brien, \$5; Norton Creek, P Sullivan, SI ; Cedar Hill, T G'Connor, SI ; Lachice, P T Me-Manus, 52; St Zephirim, M Purtell, \$4; Alexaudria, John McGillis, \$6; St Sylvester, D Horan, \$5; Malbaie, P Jones, \$1.25; Carillon, J Kelly, 2 dollars; Thorold, Rev C Wardy, \$2; St Hyacinthe, College, Curry, Saratoga; Sullivan, Hudson; Deroche, \$2; Garillon, J Mason, \$2; Fitzroy, M O'Brien, \$2; Whitehall . Falver, Schenectady: McLaughlin. Shubenacadie, N S, Rev E Kennedy, \$2; Plympton, Thomas Enright \$5; Sorel, W McCallian, S2; L'Assomption, P Flanagan, \$1; St Rugene, Rev J T Duhamel, \$2; Cavan, R Smith, \$2; Appleton, E Dowlin, \$2; Winchester, J Devaney, \$5; Melrose, J Dineen, \$3; Huntley, J Mantil, \$2; Albert Mines, N S, John Griffin, \$2; Niagara, P Clarke, \$2; St Andrews, W Chisholm, \$2; St Hugues, J B Langlois \$2 ; Kingston, T Mackey, S1 ; St Catherines, Rev Mr O Grady, \$3; Unauluchie, D F Hagarty, \$2; Brudenell, E King, \$2; Pierreville, G T Folster, \$2; Loughboro, L O'Rielly, \$2; St Polycarpe, R McDon-ald, \$2,50; Roxton Falls, P Kearney, \$2; St Sylvester, Rev E Fafard, \$4; Hawkesbury Mills, P Rodgers \$3; Melbourne, T Doyle, \$2; Paspeblac, Rev. C. G. Fournier, \$4; St. Mortin, Rev A Tasse, \$2; Barrington, S Brown, \$2; New Giasgow, P Shovelin, \$4; Norton Creek, A M Callum, SI; Longwood, John O'Hair, S2; Lacolle, Jas Gaul, \$2; Quebec, Luke Mudden, \$2; New Mills, N B, Mrs C Huyes, \$2; Picton, J O Donnell, \$3; Perth G Northgraves, S2; Tyendinaga, M Gargan, S2; Memrain Gook, Rev Mr LaFrance, \$2,25; Edwardsburgh, P Curley, \$2; St Sylvester, P Scallon, \$2; St Hyacinthe, M Healy, \$2; London, J G Harper, \$2; Creignish, Cape Breton, Rev A McKenzie, \$4; Terrebonne, Rev J Graton, \$2 50; Green Valley, Miss MacDonald, \$1 ; Marysville, P Kilmurray, \$2 ; Lochdarry, Capi, J Kennedy, \$2; St Narcisse, John Byrne. \$2; Clontarf, J O'Rielly, \$5; Hastings, J Hurley, \$2; Dennville, F T Keely, \$2; Ottawa, Chas McCarron, \$2; Vernonville, J Convey, \$5; Prankford, T Jordan, \$2 ;Huntingdon, J Gilmore, \$1 Rev R A O'Connor, \$2; Carronbrouk, Rev L Griffa, \$5; Cornwall, Jas Gillies, \$2; Brockville, Rev J O'-Brien, \$2 ; St Hyscinthe, F A Larocque, \$2 ; H Munro, \$2; Portsmouth, P Hammell, \$1; New York, F Boland, \$2. Per F O'Neill, Antrim-M Galligan, \$2. Per Rev J S O'Connor, Cornwall-D McKeever, Per P McCabe, Port Hope-Self, \$2 : J Trainor, \$1 Per J Munro, Boucherville-Self, \$2; J B Delabroquiere, \$4. Per E. McCormick, Peterboro-Rev G Brophy, \$2 J Lahey, \$2; Youngs Peint, W Young, \$1. Per F Collins, St John, N B-Self, \$5; J G Campbell, \$6; W Doberty, \$2,50 Per George Murphy, Ottawa-Jas Green, \$2; J Gunn, \$2; J Carroll, \$2; M McPike, \$1; M Dalton, S1; M Grady, \$1. Per J Rennie, Napauce-R Thompson, \$2. Per J CREILE, Napatee-R Thompson, 52.
Per J O'Reilly, Hastings - J Gorman, S2.
Per J Hackett, Ohambly-Self, \$1; J Dann, \$2;
V Fryer, \$2; T McNally, \$2; Rev Mr Mignault, \$2.
Per J Doran, Perth-J McKinnon, \$2; J Doyle,
\$2; J Devlin, \$2; M Dorsey, \$1. Per J Meiver, Dewittville,-O Cain, \$2,50 ; Ormstown, E Murphy, \$7,50. Per J B Looney, Dandas-J Burns, \$4; T Cosgriff, \$1. Per E McCormack, Peterboro--W Wier, \$2; Rev Mr Lynch, \$2; South Duoro, J Walsh, \$4; Otonabee, J Doras, \$1. Per P F J Mullen, Toronto-W Paterson, \$2; J a Tyrrell, \$2,50. Per Rev E J Dunphy, Mill Town, N B: R C Total Abatinence Society, \$5. Per Rev T Sears, Port Mulgrave, N S: Self, \$2 Oolin Claucy, \$1,50; Ship Harbor, M Doolin, \$2 Roman Valley, J Walsh, \$2,50 Per F Griffith, Sherbrooke, J Wayland, \$2. Per J McCarthy, Hamilton, P S McHenry, \$2; P. Fitzpatrick, \$2; M Mahoney, \$4; D Smith, \$2; P

Birth.

In this city, on the 9th instant, at No. 55, St. Alexander Street, Mrs. Thos: Bernard Consedine, of a daughter,

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS

Montreal, Jan. 10, 1864. Flour-Pollards, \$2,90 to \$3,10 ; Middlings, \$3,30 \$8,50; Fine, \$3,60 to \$3,80; Super., No. 2 \$3,95 to \$4,05; Superfine \$4,25 to \$4,40; Fancy \$4,35 to \$4,40, Extra, \$4,60 to \$4,65; Superior Extra \$4,70 to \$4,90; Bag Flour, \$2,35 to \$2,37h. Oatmeal per brl of 200 lbs, \$4,75 to \$5,00:

Wheat-U. Canada Spring, ex-cars, sold at 96c.

Ashes per 100 lbs, Pots, latest cales were at \$5,37/2 to \$5,422; Inferior Pots, \$5,40 to \$5,421; Pearls, in demand. at \$0,00 to \$0.00.

Butter-Store packed in small packages at 1513. o 161c; and a lot of choice Dairy 19c. Eggs per doz, 00c.

- Lard per lb, fair demand at 00c to 00c.
- Tallow per 1b, 00c to 00c.

Out-Meats per 1b, Hame, canvassed, 00c to 00d ; Bacon, OOc to OOc.

Pork-Quiet ; New Mess, \$00,00 to \$00,00 ; Prime Mess, \$00 to \$00,00; Prime, \$00,00 to \$00,00.- Montreal Witness.

Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.	\$6,75 to \$6,80
Hay, per 100 bundles	\$8,00 to \$12,00
Strnw,	\$5,00 to \$7,50
Boef, live, per 100 lbs	5,50 to 5,50
Sheep,	\$3,50 to \$5,00
Lambs,	\$2,50 to \$3,00

TORONTO MARKETS-Jan. 3.

Flour, extra Superior per barrel, \$4,50 to 4,60; Fancy, \$4 05 to 4,10; Superfine, 3,90 to 3,97; Wheat, Fall, per bushel, 85c to 92c; Spring, 78c to 83c.... Barley, per bushel, 65c to 70c Peas, do, 55 to 66c. Oats, do, 35c to 40c. Potatoes, do, 30c to doc. Beef, per 100 lbs, \$3,50 to 5,00. Eggs, per dozen, 00c to 15c. Butter, fresh, per lb, 18c to 20c. tub, 16c to 18c. Chickens, per pair, 25c to 35c.



THE next Debate of the above Society will take place in St. Patrick's Hall, NORDEIMHER'S BUILDING, on MONDAY EVENING next, 16th instant.

SUBJECT :- "Whether is total separation from English Rule, or an Independent Parliament, under the protection of Great Britain, the most boneficial for Ireland at the present time?'

Debate to begin at Eight o'clock P.M. F. M. CASSIDY, Rec. Sec.

CATHOLC YOUNG MEN'S SOCETY'S WINTER COURSE OF LECTURES.

THE Second LECTURE of the Course, in aid of the LIBRARY FUND of the Society, will be delivered by

EDWARD MURPHY, ESQ.

BOAVENTURE HALL.

ON THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1865. SUBJECT :

But God had willed it otherwise, and last

man.

the enjoyment of his usual good health, till with-

"Every Society that has existed hitherto has employed these means. But this is a state of war, and we need peace.

that is tyransical repression and we need education. "Education I have said, and my whole doctrine is included and summed up in this grand word. The vital question in agitation at the present day, is a question of Education.

We have therefore to seek a Principle of Education superior to any theory. "This Principle is Duty. We must convince men

that they are all sons of one sole God, and bound to fulfill and execute one sole law here on earth :- that each of them is bound to live, not for himself, but for others ;--that the aim of existence is not be more or less happy, but to make themselves and others more virtuous.

But-and here comes the question-by whom, and how is this principle of "Duty" to be inculcated ? and having learnt their Duty, whence are men to derive the strength necessary to enable them to fulfill it? For it is not enough that we should know, or have sublune theories of our Duty, unless we reduce those theories to practice. Not every one that saith Lord! Lord! but he only that doeth the will of God shall enter into His Kingdom. We require therefore, according to the Mazzinian theory of Education, a teacher competent, not only to teach us our Duty, but to furnish us with means or strength to perform that Duty when it shall have been taught to us.

Now this teacher must be a teacher in the supernatural order, far all the history of the human race shows that the natural teacher has hitherto failed to teach men their Duty; and that left to himself, and destitute of supernatural aid, man m all ages, and under all circumstances, has also always failed in the performance of his Duty. The very idea of Duty implies God, for without the idea of God as the supreme lawgiver, it is impossible to conceive of any Duty of man towards man. This Mazzini admits ; for he contends that neither in the individual, nor in Society is there to be found any Right of man over man ; and thus he recognises that without God there can be no Duty of man towards man. He says :---

"The Rights of each individual are equal: the fact of living together in Society does not create a single one. Society has greater power, not greater. rights than the individual."

Duty of man; therefore, towards man, whether considered as the individual, or as Society, must

vert to the same filthy and brutalised condition as that from which Christianity, and the Sacraments, not natural reason, redeemed him.

Mazzini is right therefore in insisting upon the necessity of Education as the great want of the age. Not such an education merely as is usually contended for, and is given in Common Schools -an education in arithmetic, mathematics, or book-keeping, whether by single or double entry. These things will not save Society from dissolution, for this can be affected only by an Education which shall teach men their duty, which shall have its " principle in duty." So far we agree

with Mazzini; but in that he fails to indicate how and by whom that Principle of Duty is to be inculcated; in that he discards all supernatural teaching, and trusts to reason and natur alone to do the work of revelation and grace, h scheme also must fail again, as it has already fail ed whenever or wherever tried. He speaks brav words, as do all our modern philantropists, a our friends of enlightenment and progress; bu when we ask for something more substantial than words, we find that we have been but mocked and made fools of by a miserable repetition of the absurd theories propounded in the XVIII century for the renovation of society.

Mazzini's testimony, however, is valuable in the Education controversy, in so far as it shows that in the opinion of such a leading revolutionist, education is valuable only in so far as it acts upon and affects the will and the conscience; in so far as it is moral rather than intellectual, and only in so far as it has for its principle the idea of Duty. But this idea implies religion, or the relation of man towards God, since it is only because of his duties towards God that man has, or can be conceived of as having any duties whatever towards man or society; and this again leads to the conclusion that though Education is essential, yet Religious Education alone can be of any service to, or prevent the dissolution of, society. And thus though Catholics and Protestants may disagree. about the religious teacher, whether it shall be the Church, or a Book, yet, if with Mazzini they make Duty the principle of their Education, they must both invoke the aid of the religious or supernatural teacher as the great want of the age.

According to some, man is only a fally developed ape, a Gorilla raised to a higher power.

ance of members present. Thomas McKeever, Esq in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's Report for the year, accompanied with a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year, was received and approved

The Annual Report to the Chief Superintendent of Education was read and duly signed by the members present. It appears that 850 children attended the schools

under the Board during the year, 414 boys and 436 girls. The cost of maintaining the schools for the past

twelve months is shown as follows :

BECEIPTS.

Government Grant in January	
Government Grant in July 229,00	
School Rate 181,25	
Taxes of 1864, say	
School Rate	
	25

DISBURSEMENTS.

ге	Balance due from last year	\$285,00
nis i	Expenses of Obristian Brothers	840,00
••	Sisters of Congregation	250,00
11-	Assistant	100,00
ve	Miss McNeil	100,00
11	House Runt	50,00
all	House Rent	200,00
ut	Enlarging Brothers' School	349,96
		\$2174,96

\$105.29 I: was shown that beyond this amount there is a balance yet required to complete the additions to the Brothers' Schools, of some \$600, which sum must be raised by a special rate during the year. The whole cost of the additions will amount to nearly one thousand dollars. The annual election of Trustees to fill the places

of those retiring was announced to take place on Wednesday next, due notice of which was given. The places of meeting are as follows :--

Ontario Ward, at Mr. Daniel Lynch's. Sydenham Ward, at Mr. Thomas Lovitt's. St. Lawrence Ward, at Mr. James Hogan's. Victoria Ward, at Mr. John Reynard's. Cataraqui Ward, at Mr. John Dunn's. Rideau Ward, at M .s. Jordan's.

Frontenas Ward, at Mr. John Brannigan's. The renewed interest shewn by the Catholics of the city in the Schools, and the encouragement given to education, is highly commended by His Lordship the Bishop in a communication made to the Trustees. He hoped that in a short time the Catholic Institutions of this city would prove second to none in U. Canada. He intimated that the Ladies of the Congregational Convent contemplated erecting a new convent on Johnston Street, the placs and specifications of which are now ready, at a cost of \$18,000. The building will be a great ornament to the city. The plans and designs were prepared by Mr. John Bowes, of Ottawa. It was moved by Dr. Sallivan, and seconded by

Mr. John Smith, That the thanks of this Board are due, and are hereby respectfully tendered to His Lordship the Bishop of Kingston for the valuable assistance rendered by him to the Board during the pust year, and Fortier, 2,00; Mr Angers, 26,23. that the present prosperous condition of the Oatho-

McGowan, \$1. Per J Cantillon, Sillery, Self, \$2; Jas Byrns, \$2. Per P P Lynch, Belleville, Rev Mr Mackey, Tyendiasga, \$2. Per Rev Mr; Bouvier, Renfrew, Self, \$2; Spring-

town, J McCrae, S4 Per W Daley, Compton, F Daley, \$2; Jas Farley,

Fer Rev H Brettargh, Trenton, M Sullivan, Frank-

ford, \$2. Per J Feeny, Brantford, Self, \$1; N Nolan, \$4;

Per J Peens, Brannord, Sen, er, Bronar, 97, P Troy, \$1; R McGregor, \$1. Per O McKenna, Indiana, Self, \$1; W McLaugh-lin, \$2; Patrick Farrell, \$1; John Farrell, \$1; Jas Lynch, \$1.

Per P Purcell, Kingston, John O'Brien, 1,00; Jas Hickey, 2,00; John Cavanagh, 1,00; P Corrigan, 1,00; P Daiy, 2,00; J Brannigan, 11,50; P Brown, 2,00; Bath, J McKenty, 2,00; Jones' Falls, E Mur-ray, 2,00; Wolfe Island, J Delaney, 2,00; Storring-

ray, 2,00; Wolte Island, J Delaney, 2,00; Storring-ton, J Kennedy, 2,00; D Daff, 1,00;
Per Jeremiah O'Brien, Quebec, Rev Mr Grenier, 2,50; Rev Jas Quinan, 2,00; P U'Brien, 2,50; E P Lindsay, 2,50; H McHugh, 2,50; Rev Mr Fortier, 2,00; Rev Mr Lemieur, 2,25; J Ellis, 2,00; Dr R A Fortier, 2,00; ar Angers, 20,25. Stan, Nepean, 2,00,11; Jan; 17,21864; ac ag abilitional and and aster an da e andres de

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a powerful OXYHYDROGEN WAS MIOROSOOPE, a number of beautiful and interesting objects from <i>Natural History</i> , which he has specially prepared for illustrating this Lecture.
Doors open at Seven o'clock-Lecture to com- mence at Eight o clock. Tickets can be obtained from members of the
Committee, and at the door on the evening of the Lecture.
MICHAZL O'BRIEN, Secretary.
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Montreal, Jan. 11, 1865.
COLLEGE OF REGIOPOLIS
KINGSTON, C.W., Under the Immediate Supervision of the Right Rev E. J. Horan, Bishop of Kingston.
THE above Institution, situated in one of the mos greeable and healthful parts of Kingston, is now completely organized. Able Teachers have been pro- rided for the various departments. The object o he Institution is to impart a good and solid educa- ion in the fullest sense of the word. The health norals, and manners of the pupils will be'an object f constant attention. The Course of instruction vi include a complete Classical and Commercial ducation. Particular attention will be given to the rench and English languages.

A large and well selected Library will be OPEN to the Pupils. TBRMS:

Board and Tuition, \$100 per Annum (payable halfyearly in Advance.)

yearly in Advance.) Use of Library during stay, \$2. The Annual Session commences on the 1st Sep-tember, and ends on the First Thursday of July. July 218t, 1861

DALTON'S NEWS DEPOT.

Newspapers, Periodicals, Magazines, Fashion Books Novels, Stationery, School Books, Children's Books Song Books, Almanacs, Diarles and Postage Stamp for sale at DALTONS News Depot, Oorner of Orang and St. Lawrence Streets, Montreal The boards is in-iteration with reduced spring of

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At this moment, Russia, intoxicated with ther complete victory in Poland and in Circassia, with her diplomatic triumph over the Western Powers, and her more recent ascendancy over the policy of Austria and Prussia, is assuming an attitude more dangerous to religious rights and to European civilisation, than even the Emperor Nicholas could have dreamed of occupying had he vanquished the invaders of the Crimea. At every point, from China to Hudson's Bay, Russia sees its policy in these days triumphant; and having no enemy to meet at its gates, no immediate point of earthly interest to attain, its schismatical spirit finds vent in ra furious persecution of the Church. We Tablet translate from the Monde the following thoughtful and timely article. English opinion seems blind to the progress of the one ubiquitous and persistent enemy of the "Empire-unless when the Times utters a thowl of applause at the supression and plunder of the monasteries of Poland :----

The Conduct of Russia excites universal horror ; all condemn the odious actions of the Government which has depopulated the Caucasus, and which is now endeavouring to depopulate Poland. This is a good deal, but it is not enough. These events contain a lesson, perhaps a last warning for Europe. If Europe contents herself with groaning, Russia will feel no fear ; Russia is as barbarous a nation as were the tribes which invaded Europe in the middle ages; she differs only by a varnish of civilisation which makes her all the more dangerous. What afterwards to the Revolution ! Protestantism by dividing Germany, by adding to the discord of Poland, already suffering from her political constitution, has permitted Russia to become a European Power. The age in which Peter the Great lived had not elapsed when Poland was dismembered, when Turkey had lost several of her fairest provinces. and when Russia, threatening in the East, was playing a serious part in the calculations of Western politics. The revolution has only opened still wider roads for her. Napoleon clearly saw the peril, but he saw it only as a conqueror who desired to absorb everything to his own profit, not as a statesman who desired to save all that existed. and to prevent future catastrophes. His fall made Russia the arbiter of Lurope.

At the present time, notwithstanding the war in the East, where is she? She is marching little by little to the conquest of the whole of Asia, she has separated an immense territory from China, she is advancing into the heart of the great continent, she i approaching India; she is mistress of the Caucasus, and she is threatening Turkey at once through Asia Minor, and the Danubian Provinces, while she keeps up intrigues in the Turkish empire itself, by means of the Greek schism, which she sustains with all her power. When, last year, the whole of Europe rose in favour of Poland, when public opinion spoke, when the Governments protested, Russia was so strengthened by our divisions, by our supineness, that she has laughed at those manifestations; she has despised the voice of public opinion, she has disdainfully repulsed the reproaches of the Governments, and, becoming more and more emboldened by the silence which has succeeded to the protestations, she no longer respects anything, she openly declares her design of turning Poland into a desert, of abolishing the Polish name and destroying Catholic institutions. Ah! the Europe of the Middle Ages, which blind publicists treat with so much contempt-the Europe of the middle ages would not have endured such affronts. She knew how to repulse the Mussulman invasions; she tose like one man against the invaders of Christian countries, she thrust back Islamism in Asia, she drove the Tartars into that Russia which to-day menuces her with impunity. This is what Russia does, under our eyes, and she numbers only 70,000,000 of subjects ; she has not yet railroads, she had not, until quite lately, since the abolition of serfdom, all her population under her hand. In a century, Russia will be able to bring five millions of men inio the field, she will be the mistress of the world, if Europe permus her aggrandisement, if England allows her to reach to India. Russia is the common enemy; she menaces Turkey, she menaces Germany, she menaces England, and the remainder of Europe will soon be threatened, if Turkey succumbs, if Germany becomes a satellite of tion of convents, seminaries, and other es- century. The question turns on the nomination the Czar, if England loses her Indian possessions. ' The enemy is known, and nevertheless Europe remains in repose; Russia is at our gates, and instead of joining ourselves together in a common strife to save civilization, and liberty, we are thinking only of as the General eloquently calls her, has been vinces, on condition that she would make relidestroying that which exists, of destroying able to put on foot and maintain three hundred gious foundations, and erect buildings in a certain the religion which forms the common tie between European nations. We are thinking | teers, and that she is in a condition at any the Portuguese Government has done nothing only of demolishing the thrones of those sovereigns who have constituted the unity of Europe, who have given it its civilisation, , who have resuscitated its letters, its sciences, and its arts; who have, in a word, saved true liberty by making right known, by maintaining the purity of the family, by intrepidly supporting morality, by proclaiming the inviolability of property. This is what pacy renders her mistress of the West; she of subjection .- Times.

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tion of Christian Europe.

ceived by even the bitterest enemies of who insists on seeing an "urn? in a ballot box. Catholicism, is it possible not to recoil? Is it possible to continue to adhere to fatal doc- souage high in office in "the kingdom of Italy," trines, to disastrous Utopian schemes? Is has said publicly. 'In three months time, either of the other parts of Italy altogether; and if it it possible to entertain a sincere hope of gain- reaction or bankruptcy.' ing liberty by destroying its safest safeguard? We cannot believe it, and therefore we cannot refrain from acknowledging that the revolution possesses that Satanic maculate Conception, has produced a sum of character which Joseph Le Maistre has so powerfully defined.

WARFARE IN ALGERIA .- A letter from Algerla says :--- " General Deligny, who had gone in search of the great Arab emigration, estimated to amount in number to 20,000, and 200,000 head of cattle, had driven it back into the Desert, where it had suffered immense losses from want of water. From 5,000 to 6,000 insurgents, worn out 'from hunger and thirst, have already surrendered unconditionally, after having lost all their flocks in the midst of the sands. Such of the insurgents who remain cannot escape, owing to the facility given to following their track by the dead bodies which they left on their track .-- Times.

character recently died in Paris, the dwarf Duchess of Orleans (the mother of King - Weekly Register. Louis Philippe.) He was often made useful for the transmission of despatches. He was dressed up as a baby, and important State papers placed in his clothes, and thus he was able to effect a communication between the Paris and the emigrés, which could hardly have taken place by any other means. The most suspicious of sans culottes never took it into his head to stop a nurse with a baby in her arms. For the last 30 years he lived in Paris in one of the houses in the remotest part of the Faubourg St. Germain. He had a morbid dread of appearing in public, and it is recorded that during this long period he never put his foot outside the house. He received from the Orleans family a pension of 3,000f. per annum. He had attained the ripe age of 92.

BELGIUM.

Belgium has been an agitation against Christian burial; and an attempt to establish a society, the members of which should agree to inter each other without any ceremony whatever. The Catholic Association of St. Barbe, of which the object is to visit the sick and to bury the dead, have been stimulatee to new activity by the propagation of the Vicar on earth of that God who is the author this scandalous sect; and it is with pleasure of peace, he yearns to see these wraths appeased we see that King Leopold has felt it to be his duty to give this excellent sociesy a spe-cial encouragement and assistance cial encouragement and assistance.

is full of kindness towards the enemies of is The men of Turin no longer appreciate the of marriage in the admirable harmony of the docsupreme happiness of taking part in an election, trine of the Church with the proper office of the If the horrible designs of the revolution as a panacea for all social and political evils.be one day realised, the extent of the crime The Diritto informs us that, at the elections for committed in the destruction of the Pontifi- the Chamber of Commerce, in that late capital cal throne will be known. The revolution, on the 7th inst., fout of 1,644 voters inscribed, commenced by Protestantism, has commit- only, 12, were present to form the election comted its first great crime by killing a Catho- mittee, and at 3 p.m., the hour fixed for the and shame! I will ever defend the inviolability lic nation; its second will be the assassina- closing of the election, 53 only had deposited of private property, be it that of individuals or of their vote in the ballot urn ?' Note the poeti-Before such consequences, which are per- cal turn of your Italian neo-constitutionalists, tute, and commanded by the eternal principles of The Monurchia Italiana asserts that a per-

The subscription set up for the St. Peter's Pence by the Unita Cattolica of Turin, during the Novena preceding the Feast of the Im-54,000 francs ($\pounds 2,160$). So much for the real voting of the Piedmontese, who certainly prefer

St. Peter's aims ' box' to the national ballot · urn.?

Ever since the beginning of last week it has been reported in Turm that the French Govern- | kingdom until the Italian army has been placed ment had voluntarily extended the time assigned for the transfer of the capital. There does not appear to be the least foundation for this rumor, to which I refer only because it has been very widely spread, and has obtained credit from many .- Times' Turin Corr.

ROME .- The Pope is reported to have at one time decided on sending to the Russian Charge d'Affaires his passports to leave the Papal territory, as a suitable mark of the Pone's just indignation at the ruthless suppression of the convents in Poland, in utter contempt of the Con-AN HISTORICAL DWARF.-A remarkable cordat made between the Holy See and the Russian Government; but the Holy Father has progress has been made in less than two Richebourg, who, though perhaps not quite contented himself with declining to receive any centuries by this redoubtable power, thanks so celebrated as "General Tom Thumb," longer at the Vatican the Russian Minister, to Protestantism in the first instance, and was an historical personage. Richebourg, who accordingly will not form part of the diplowho was only 60 certimeters high, was in matic corps to be presented to the Holy Father his 16th year placed in the honsehold of the on the 27th instant the feast of his patron Saint.

> THE PAPAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CON-FEDERATE STATES .- The Index publishes the subjoined reply of His Holiness the Pope to the manifesto of the Confederate States :---

"Honorable Gentlemen,-Mr. Soutter has handed me your letter of Nov. 11, with which, in conformity to the instructions of your Government, you have sent me a copy of the manifesto issued by the Congress of the Confederate States and approved by the most honorable President, in order that the attention of the Government of the Holy See, to whom, as well as to the other Governments you have addressed yourselves, might be called to it.

The sentiments expressed in the manifesto, tending as they do to the cessation of the most bloody war which still rages in your countries, and to the putting an end to the disasters which accompany it by proceeding to negotiations for The last grand idea of the Infidel party in peace, being entirely in accordance with the disposition and character of the august head of the to Russians of every condition. Catholic Church, I did not hesitate a moment in bringing it to the notice of the Holy Father.

' His Holiness, who has been deeply afflicted by the accounts of the frightful carnage of this obstinate struggle, bas heard with satisfaction the expressions of the same sentiments. Being

State, must we now throw away such gold to pick up a piece of rubbish which comes to us from a foreign land ? [the French form of, civil marriage which the 'Italian' statesmen now want to introduce into Italy]. It would be to our loss the religious corporations guaranteed by the stajustice. Nor should it be left out of account that if the State takes possession of their proporty, Sicily alone would lose as much as the whole feil into the hands of foreign speculators, as is not only probable but certain, Sicily would find herself despoiled of her richest revenues; a state of things which, under the name of absenteeism, is the greatest plague which Ireland has had to suffer."

AUSTRIA.

A great reduction in the Austrian army is rumored, but I feel convinced that not a soldier will be allowed to leave the Lombardo-Vegetian on a peace footing. RUSSIA AND POLAND.

The Russian Despot is greatly annoyed by the refusal of the Pontifical Government to suppress its indignation at the atrocities committed upon the Monastic Orders in Poland, during the time which the Grand Dake, heir to the throne, had intended to spend in Rome, and accordingly the Muscovite organ Le Nord has been employed to revile the Hour FATHER and his Ministers. As the Nord is known to be a subsidised organ, we presume that its strictures " to order" will be estimated at their real value by the world .- Weekly Register.

General Mouravieff has issued a memorandum to the Oivil Governors of the Provinces of Wilna, Kowno, Grodno, Minsk, Witepsk, and Mohylew, on the. means which it is the intention of the Russian Government to apply in order to erase the elements of national life in Poland. The Governors are ordered to repress vigorously "not merely the supremacy, but even the least manifestation of the Perth element which the Administration ought to employ itsel in extirpating completely, as a foreign element to well as to the Russian Nationality." The principal measures directed to this end are the following :---

1. To build up and strengthen Russian nationality and orthodoxy, by careful training of the peasants, to whom shall be given a Russian and orthodox education, so as to prevent the country ever again becoming Polish.

2. To ameliorate the condition of the orthodox Russian Olergy, and to render it independent of the rich proprietors, so that they may, conjointly with the populations confided to them, efficaciously combat the Polish propagands, which, for some time longer, will strive to maintain itself in the country. 3. To prevent the Roman Clergy from impeding the action of the Government, by surrounding them with the closest surveillance, and repressing by sure penalties every act contrary to the established order, and above all, every Polish demonstration.

4. To confide all the superior posts in the administration, as well as those which bring the officials into frequent contact with the people, to persons of Russian origin.

5. To introduce and strengthen the Russian element in the country, by organising colonies of Russian peasants, and by selling the landed properties

In another memorandum, General Mouravieff declares that it is the intention of the Czar's Government to remove the whole of the lesser Polish nobility by instalments to Siberia, or to other Asiatic lands of the Orown, and to replace them by Russian colo-nists. The vastness of design, and the atrocious energy with which Russia is pursuing her present policy in Poland are unparalleled in the history of mankind.

NEW ZEALAND.

As I find from some English publications that great interest is felt among naturalists on the ques-

The soldier's great risk'is that of becoming extinguished before he can become distinguished.

A French General, well-known in English circles, who had the misfortune to be bald-headed, said that he wished to make a pretent to alady, and to give her something rare. Give her a lock of your hair.' said a friend. It was building and group

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ITALY.

the budget for 1865. Lamarmora himself, and that all nations may be united in the bonds on the 30th of November, stated in the of charity. Turin Senate that "the Kingdom of Italy" 'In acquainting you with this benignant dispo-had but £20,000,000 of income, and spent sition of the Holy Father, I am pleased to de-£36,000,000 !

In the Senate of Turin, on the 2nd inst., the Senator Linati, speaking on the Convention of the 15th of September. said :-- " We ought to have persuaded Europe that we serionsly wished to leave to the Pope his spiritual liberty. But what have we done to obtain it? We have withdrawn Priests from the Bishops to make them soldiers, we have dragged Bishops from their seas, we have driven the Religious from their cloisters, we have threatened them with new laws to reduce them to begging for their bread : and by these barbarous acts we have said to Europe that as soon as we reached Rome we should do as much for the Pope. Such conduct has rendered us odions to Europe, and in a recent journey abroad I found that these who bowed to me one day as an Italian, no longer bowed to me on the next day, us soon as they learnt that I was an Italian Senator."

service of the State."

must be some fluw in an argument which KINGDOM OF NAPLES .- The Sicilian Depu-

leans, as far back as Oct. 18, 1862, inviting them tion whether the New Zealand mon is an extinct to exert themselves in bringing about this holy object. You may then, hon. gentlemen, feel PIEDMONT.-A Council of Ministers in well assured that whenever a favorable occasion respondent of the Nelson Examiner, writing on the Turin has ascertained that there is a deficit shall present itself, His Holiness will not fail to 25th ult., informs his readers as follows .-of 400,000,000 of francs (£16,000,000) in avail himself of it to hasten so desirable a result,

> clare myself, with sentiments of the most distinguished esteem, truly your servant,

'G. CARD. ANTONELLI.

'Rome, Dec. 2, 1864. ' Messrs. A Dudley Mann, J. M. Mason, and John Slidell, Commissioners of the Confederate States of America, Paris." The news of the arrest in Rome of three brothers, having in their possession prohibited arms, and who have arrived from Ferrara, is confirmed. As regards the details and the object of their conspiracy nothing is known for certain.

Rome, Dec. 13.-It is positively stated that no Consistory will be held at Christmas, as was expected.

A serious conflict is apprehended as about to take place between the Holy See and the Portuguese Government. The Pope, unable to tolerate any longer the invasions of that Power, has given notice that he is about to take a decided measure, which is not yet defined, but which has led to the recall of the Portuguese Ambassador in Rome, the Field Marshal Duke -The King has issued a decree ordering of Saldanha. The conflict traces its origin to a as a measure of public utility, the occupa- state of things which has lasted now for nearly a tablishments in Florence necessary for the of Bishops for India and China, which had given rise to endless difficulties, until, in 1856, a Con--General Cialdini prescribes a nolicy for corda: was concluded between Portugal and the Italy, but if his view be correct, there is Holy See, to regulate all contests between the glory is that she, once the land of the dead, the nomination of five Bishops in the Indian prothousand men, besidos innumerable volun- number of cases minutely stated. Unfortunately moment to fight great battles for liberty and bitherto to fulfill its engagements, and still preindependence. All this is unquestionably tends obstinately to nominate the five Bishops true, but then it is also true that this system mentioned above, without carrying out any of has brought the nation that has adopted it to the conditions by which this power was obtained. the very verge of destruction. If Italy per- This has led to loud complaints on the part of the sists a very little longer in this warlike Holy Father, and finally to the interruption of policy, she will place her financial position diplomatic relations between the Sovereign Ponbeyond the possibility of redemption. There tiff and the Lisbon Court .- Weekly Register.

Europe does, and Russia watching her at the leads to conclusions so unsatisfactory, and ty D'Oades Reggio, in a recent address to his work, sees no more obstacles before her. the statesman can hardly be thought to rea- countrymen, to thank them for presenting to him a The revolution does her work for her, she son well who plunges his country in bank- gotd medal for his defence of the rights of Silets the revolution go on ; the fall of the Pa- ruptcy in order to deliver her from the risk cily, says, "Sicilians and Neapolitans who, for half a century, are wont to tie the sacred bonds | The largest of all oceans is Pacific.

or not, the following account of the discovery of a moa's egg adds something to the scanty stock of

"A moa's egg is now being exhibited at Messrs. Bethune and Hunter's offices. It is about ten inches long and five inches in diameter, of a dirty white color. It was found at the Kaikoros, in the middle island, under singular circumstances. A laborer in Mr. Fyffe's employ, who was digging the foundation for a house, came upon the egg, and, unfortunately, with his pick broke some portions of the shell. It was found in the hands of the skeleton of a Maori who was buried in a sitting posture, with the egg resting in his hands and held opposite to his head. The egg has been placed in a box of rimu, and protected with a sheet of glass on the top. In a drawer beneath, securely covered with glass, are the fragments of the shell, which have been carefully pre-served. The injury, as the egg is placed in the box, is not perceptible, and it appears to be perfect."

This curious discovery seems to answer one question which has been asked by scientific men at home -viz, Is there any proof that the moa has lived within the time of the present race of Maories? Some of the wandering miners in New Zealand not only answer this question in the aflirmative, but ever that the mon exists now. The description they gave of the gigantic bird has already appeared in the columns of your paper.-Cor. of Times. INDIA.

The Times' Calcutta correspondent alludes to the

dangerous consequences of eating pork :-- " "The Sanitary Commission has been making an inquiry into a very curious subject. The nature of it will be best understood by the mention of an occurrence that lately happened. A stout and ap-parently healthy Englishman was admitted into the Calcutta Medical College, suffering from an undiscoverable disease. It was found that he had triching in a tumour in his neck, and he died. Trichiniasis is said to be rather common in India, and the great cause of it is diseased pork. The Sanitary Commis-sion tell a revolting story of the way in which pigs, and even sheep, are fed in many parts of India. They get nothing but the most fithy description of offal, and then human beings eat the flesh, and get nothing before her but bankruptcy. Her two courts. Portugal then reserved to herself trichina spiralis. Some of the details are so unpleasant that I will not advert to them ; but those who know India and the personal practices of the natives will understand the full force of this statement by Dr. Gordon :--

"In an incredibly short space of time after the villagers have left the field it is as clean as if they had never been there, while the herd by which the clearance has been affected may be found in some shady place near, or close to a tank, with a few of the more insatiable that have gone to hunt for dead dogs, cats, cattle, and Hindoos that have paid the debt of nature since the previous meeting, and have been thrown or left on the plain to be devoured by domestic animals or vultures.

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