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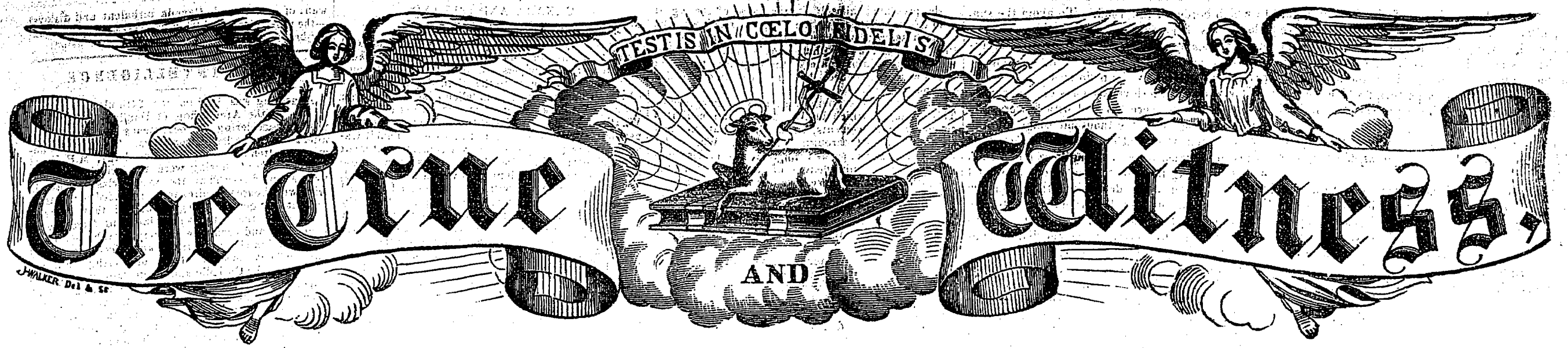
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CHAPTER V.

The Bishop admired the sound and humane views of O'Connell, but had not the remotest faith in their ever being sanctioned by a British legislature; and as the pressing wants of the poor called for immediate relief, charity, he said, imperatively demanded the introduction of the poor laws.

The evening passed on in that delightful manner, which might be expected when two such spirits were the chief contributors to the intellectual treat. I felt that I had enjoyed a privilege never, perhaps, to be expected again, and it was with no slight depression of spirits that I parted from the most eminent characters my dear old country could boast.

Having finished my business in Dublin, I made arrangements to return to that plan, which, in despite of my first intentions, I would hereafter be forced to acknowledge publicly as my own. Father O'Donovan was delighted at the prospect of once more greeting his beloved flock, but felt rather disappointed at my 'stupid dislike' to every species of notoriety, and was half inclined to quarrel with my determination to steal a march upon the warm-hearted people at home.

The time allotted for my sojourn in Ireland had now nearly expired, and I began to yearn for a return to the bosom of my dear family.

Yet, though mercantile affairs no longer occupied my thoughts, I had still much business to transact; my solicitor and nominal land-agent (for Father Edward was my bona fide representative) was to follow me to my estate in the course of a few days. In the interim, availing myself of my cousin's local and practical knowledge, I made myself acquainted, personally with every person who held a farm under me; learned his habits, condition, and probable prospects, and was, therefore, prepared to meet and consider the suggestions of my agent, or any other whose judgment I might rely, for improving the property and securing the interests of the cultivators of the land.

On my first day's experience among them, I had promised those who so kindly welcomed me, that I should afford them an opportunity of meeting me publicly once more before my departure. Accordingly, I requested Father O'Donovan and Father Edward to notify to the congregation that I wished their attendance in the chapel immediately after Divine service on the ensuing Sunday, as there were matters of importance to be communicated to them.

When the hour arrived there was found indeed a full attendance. In pursuance of the plan laid down by the Reverend gentleman and myself, Father Edward opened the proceedings in a short address, announcing the relation in which I had stood to them for several years, and concluded by requesting that they would all listen to what should be said, without returning any mark of feeling whatever.

'In addition,' said he, 'to the strongest argument I can give for this course, which is the reverence due the Lord's Day, your landlord makes it a special request, and I am sure you will oblige him.'

Father O'Donovan then rose, and said: 'My friends—my very dear children—With conflicting emotions I venture to address you.—At our last meeting my heart was joyful beyond measure. Alas, for poor tempest-tossed humanity, my soul to-day is sunk in gloom! And why is this? Our benefactor—your landlord—our more than father—has just made himself known to us—has taught us to feel his value—has appeared like a rainbow among us; and when our hearts were full of gratitude and love, fate comes to snatch him from you. I hope only for a time—but from me—from me—for ever!'

The old man's tears poured in torrents down his furrowed cheeks, and his congregation, in silent agony, sympathized with his sufferings.—Neither Father Edward, nor myself, were able to conceal our emotions; at length he recovered nerve, and proceeded:

'I am a foolish old man, but you will know how to forgive me; you have long and kindly borne with my weakness; and yet I would not exchange my present feelings for all the boasted and vain philosophy of the ancient sages. Well, your landlord (but there is so much of the Yankee about him that he abhors to hear that word) to please him then, I say, your friend is about to leave you for a time—a short time only, if Heaven permit. He will return to you, my children, and that as soon as the necessary arrangements for the disposition of his property can be made; he will end his days among you; he will be a blessing to you all, and to more than you. I have further to inform you that, in the course of a few days, the agent is to be here to make all final arrangements. The mansion house (he won't let us call it the castle) already in sound repair, will be fitted up for his residence, and then!—but I can't stay till then—God's best blessing be about you all. But what name shall we give to the old castle? It once well deserved the name of 'Castle-rack-rent,' but that won't do now. Well, I baptize it 'Mercy's Seat,' and of the fitness of the name you will be satisfied when you see your leases, which are filled and signed, and will be delivered to you on the arrival of the agent. Let me tell you at once, that every man who holds a fur of land upon the estate, is at this moment a freholder—that he holds his property in perpetuity, or in other words, 'while grass grows and water runs.' Well, this is a trying day to me; may the goodness of Him, who has borne with my unworthiness so long extend His mercy, and bear me out. My dear children, my kind and virtuous flock, your poor old broken down pastor, who has labored so long among you, is no longer your parish priest. In compliance with my saintly Bishop's orders, I have this day to induct my successor. I will not harrow up your feelings by keeping you in suspense. Come forward, Father Edward Cahill. Behold my people—behold your future parish priest. I need say no more; you know him well, and he knows you. Be humble, my people; be humble, my son; work in harmony; authority belongs to the priest, obedience to the people; but the Church, in justice, rules both. I am exhausted; but I must add, this appointment has taken place at my own solicitation, and that I am to remain with you till you bear me to my last resting-place in the vault beneath the chapel.—Now God bless you all; I give you to your benefactor.'

There was a deep gloom marked on every countenance, and unfeigned sorrow rankling in every heart. Father O'Donovan was indeed exhausted; every eye beheld his weakness. I wished him to retire, but he would not. 'No, my son,' said he, 'I feel it is the closing scene, and I will not make my exit before the curtain drops; proceed with what you have to say. Speak cheerfully to my people; it will gladden, perhaps re-animate my fainting spirit.'

Acting upon the hint, I proceeded, and endeavored to arouse whatever energy was left me.

'My dear friends,' said I, 'the stillness of sorrow has naturally settled down upon you, and yet there is no just cause; the change which has been made exists only in name, not in reality. You still have your two beloved pastors to think for you, and to labor for you. A burthen has been removed from the shoulders of your ancient Father, and placed on those of his young coadjutor, and this is all. With regard to myself and you, I have but few words to say; I have done what Father O'Donovan has told you; I will only add that, by giving you perpetuities of your farms, I have put it out of the power of my heirs, or a heartless agent, to harass you or your heirs in any shape or form. Under the kind and wise management of Father Edward, you have risen to comparative comfort. You found the rent not too high; but to secure your future progress and improvement I have reduced that rent twenty-five per cent., and have empowered your priest to meet any emergency that may arise.—Sobriety, order, industry, religious habits, I claim from you in return. These virtues will always secure my friendship. I only add, my rent-roll affords me abundant interest for my outlay on the property; so that in having promoted your welfare I have also secured my own interest. I have now to ask a favor—I wish all the heads of houses, male and female, to join me at dinner in the hotel on Thursday next, when I will present you the leases. For the young members of each family, an entertainment will be provided on the same evening, and we, the elders, will forget the cares of the world, and partake of the enjoyment. I shall then bid you adieu.'

A few words from Father Edward, and the congregation withdrew in silence. The drooping heart of Father O'Donovan revived, and we spent a cheerful evening. My uncle, sisters, and brothers-in-law, claimed and had my best attention. Their foresight and industry had rendered them independent of the world, and for themselves they sought no exclusive mark of favor. They were happy in their state of life, and I did not attempt, by lessening their self-dependence, to upset a course of action productive of so much good. I resolved, however, to provide for any member of their families who might desire to turn their minds to mercantile pursuits, whether in their native land or in a foreign country.

My solicitor arrived next day. All our arrangements were soon completed, and we were fully prepared to meet the dinner party at the appointed time. Father O'Donovan continued weak, but gay in spirit. On Thursday morning he said Mass for us, and administered the Holy

Sacrament to several communicants. When the dinner-hour arrived, we all repaired to the hotel. I wished the good old priest to preside, but he would not.

'No, no, my son,' said he, 'I will take your right hand and say grace for you, but no more residing for me in this world.'

There was something singular, I thought, in his tone and manner, but taking the chair I soon forgot all about it in the discharge of my duties. Father Edward, as croupier, contributed much to the hilarity of the house, and my agent, sinking the dignity of the professional man, took his part with much good nature in the rural festivities. Total abstinence from spirituous beverages was observed by the great majority of the party, and with pleasure I remarked that sobriety not only controlled coarse, noisy mirth, but contributed more than any other element to true cheerfulness. Father O'Donovan enjoyed himself. After the cloth was removed, and the standing toasts discharged, I proposed the health of the good old priest. In my preparatory remarks, I took occasion to allude to our early connection in our different characters of penitent and director, and honestly mentioned the influence which his wise counsel exercised over my actions in my varied and bustling career. He rose to reply, and I rejoiced to think that his energies and playful humor had returned.

'My good friends,' said he, 'your hospitable entertainer would make it appear that, in my early days, I was all piety and perfection in personal practice, and a very Solomon in the confessional. Don't take his word for it. You all know he's a partial witness, and what's more, you all know that in youth and in age, as he himself said to O'Connell, 'I was no better than I should be.' But passing that by, I will thank you for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health and beg of the chairman permission to give a toast; and, before I say another word, I require you to fill your glasses to the very brim, and remember, boys, sky-larking won't pass; it must be a bumper. Well, then, I am about to give you the health of a man, who in boyhood was a saint, for he was trained in true humility by his father and mother, who were indeed saints on earth, and are saints in heaven; and they reached that bright abode by the royal and infallible road of suffering. But the boy fell from his duty by one act of disobedience, and terrible were the consequences to himself and his parents—remorse was his constant companion, though deep penitence had stepped in to soothe the poisoned wound. God, in a most wonderful manner, heaped earthly favors on him, but he neither forgot his early and his only crime, nor the bountiful hand which showered honors and riches upon him. He rightly judged that he was only a steward over treasure entrusted to his dispensation, and the poor and the needy fed upon his bounty. Under his munificence, the temples of religion, and schools for disseminating Christian education, sprung up, in grateful thanksgiving, and whole districts, rescued from idleness and want, told the tale of his benevolence; yet, strange to say, the earthly author of all these blessings was himself greatly miserable. He had deeply sinned. True contrition visited his heart. In his judgment he felt that mercy and pardon were vouchsafed to him, but the sting of a morbid conscience remained, and his melancholy spirit sometimes read, in his Creator's mercy, the marks of his own reprobation. He attentively perused the Scriptures, and sedulously studied the lives of the Saints; but he thought, because sufferings were not assigned to him, that salvation must ultimately be refused. He forgot that there are many separate roads to Heaven. He overlooked the fact that love, deep reverential love, leads to bliss as surely as does martyrdom. He forgot the trouble our Saviour paid to love, in the person of Mary Magdalen. He forgot that love procured for St. John the high privilege of leaning familiarity on the very breast of the Loving Jesus. But he is cured of this morbid sensibility that—as an acrid humor destroys the health of the body—corroded and eat away the peace of his soul. Without further observation, I shall give you the health of our host, and I think he will admit that I have pretty fairly turned the tables on him.'

The toast was drunk with rapturous applause, and Father O'Donovan sat down, enjoying the scene. I returned thanks in a few words, and had scarcely taken my seat, when my uncle, who sat on the right of his venerated pastor, treated my attention; on turning round, I found him supporting the head of the aged priest, who seemed to have sunk in some kind of fit. The circumstance attracted the attention of the whole party, and Father Edward was instantly at my side. He took the wrist of his old friend, examined his pulse for a moment, and then, with a look that boded the worst, had him conveyed from the dining room. The fresh air and a glass of water partially restored animation, but it was clear he had overtaxed his decayed energies, and that his life quivered in the balance. We had

him removed to his own dwelling, where we hoped a little peace would revive him. I returned to the party, simply to explain the necessity of suspending the festivities until the state of our loved Father's health might permit us to resume them. But they were not to be resumed. Father O'Donovan sunk rapidly; he clearly understood his own case, and earnestly solicited from his young successor the closing rites of the Church. His wish was complied with, and before the last rays of the setting sun had sunk beneath the horizon, the enfranchised spirit of our dear and venerated pastor stood at the bar of Eternal Justice. I shall not attempt to describe the sensation his death occasioned; those who know the value of an amiable, zealous, and spotless priest, can readily fancy it. His obsequies were performed by his venerable Bishop, attended by a numerous body of priests, and with loneliness of soul I saw his remains quietly interred in the sepulchre designed for himself and his successors. Many a prayer from simple, honest lips, and many a time has the atoning sacrifice been offered up for the repose of his soul.

The death of my old friend hastened my departure. Leaving everything to be regulated by my cousin and uncle, I privately departed for Dublin, took shipping for New York, and, after a happy voyage, landed safely upon the shore of mighty Columbia. I joined my family, found everything to my mind, and in due time explained my views. My two eldest sons chose to remain and continue my mercantile concerns. My nephew, a Cahill also, was assigned a partnership, and on his talents and experience I placed the fullest reliance. It required two years to make the necessary arrangements. My sons, by that time, had become clever men of business; my oldest daughter married a man, whom a parent might proudly choose for the protector of his child. My two younger daughters, and my youngest son, accompanied their mother and myself to the Green Isle; my girls afterwards chose a conventual life, and they are now happily removed from the snares of the world. My sons in America continue to prosper, and my wife, my youngest son, and myself, still endeavor, I hope, in all humility, to make the best atonement in our power for—An Act of Disobedience.

THE MOORISH DOCTOR'S PARCHEMENT.

(From the Catholic Herald and Visitor.)

Speaking of the inns of Spain, a traveller has said that they 'are a species of shelter, where certain men entitled landlords furnish you with smoke and vermin for a night!' Another has added, that, in the hostels of the country of the Cid, 'it is not the host who feeds the traveller, but the traveller who feeds the host!' And a contemporary writer puts it in print that strangers who travel through the eastern provinces of the Iberian peninsula, should carry their beds with them, if they would not lie in sheets sewed for good and all over greasy woolen mattresses, and changed but once a year.

Whichever of these observations may require verification, it is yet certain that the Spanish inns of our day far excel those of two centuries ago. At that period, in fact, they were but a kind of caravanserais, frequented by muleteers, who found in them bedding for themselves and their beasts. The most comfortable, besides the stable and the public hall, had only a garret partitioned into many compartments dignified with the name of chambers, and to which access was gained by a ladder.

Now, it was into one of these chambers that there happened to come a certain Don Jose de Fuez d'Alcantra, accepted Doctor at Salamanca. A hidalgo in his quality of an Asturian, he yet possessed nothing in the world but the coat on his back, a score of reals, and a passable opinion of his own merits.

Though but little past thirty, he had already tried a variety of occupations, without finding in any that opulence which he declared, was as necessary to him as to any one else; and he was now returning to Leon in the hope of obtaining employment with the Count Don Alonzo Mendos, who owned a magnificent domain, to which our Doctor had already paid a visit, and which was on the road between Toro and Zamora.—Unhappily, the first question he addressed the innkeeper, put him in possession of the knowledge that the Count was dead, and he was still burdened with the surprise and disappointment caused by this intelligence, at the time when our story begins.

'Don Alonzo dead!' he repeated in a tone of stupefaction. 'And buried,' added the innkeeper, 'magnificently buried, as became a man of his rank.'

'But the chateau—is it occupied by his heirs?'

'The only heir was the Count's nephew, and he has directed Perez Cavallos, the notary of

Argelles, to offer the domain for sale, and, if I am not mistaken, it is to be handed over to a new proprietor to-morrow.'

Jose reflected that, from the very nature of things, this new proprietor would require agents, at good salaries, to manage his estate, and that, perhaps, in that case, he would be able to make his own services acceptable. So, after a moment of deep thought, he made known his intention of putting up at the inn until the day on which the new proprietor, that was to be, should come into possession.

Of this determination his host warmly approved, assuring him that he would nowhere find better cookery or better accommodations; and he supported this assertion by calling to our Doctor's attention all the conveniences of the chamber that had been allotted to him.

This chamber, in truth, was all the better aired from the simple circumstance that, of the four panes originally in the window, three were now wanting. As the window-frame had been let into the roof, the view therefrom of the illimitable sky was more extensive than varied. As for the furniture, it was composed solely of a wooden bedstead, covered with a straw mattress, a rickety stool, and a shaky table; but the open spaces between the different parts of the framework of the house, formed, as the landlord bade him remark, a multitude of compartments which advantageously supplied the place of drawers and trunks.

Most of these nooks were stuffed with soiled rags, earthen jars, glass phials, or, what occasioned Don Jose no little surprise, with books and manuscripts. The host acknowledged that this rubbish, as he termed the books and manuscripts, had been left with him by an old doctor, who had occupied the chamber for several months, busied, meanwhile, in study, in making distillations from herbs, and in writing. But certain circumstances having excited the suspicion that he was of Moorish origin, and recent decrees of the King having expressly ordered the expulsion of all the descendants of the Moors, he had been compelled to depart hurriedly, abandoning all his baggage, that is to say, the phials, the manuscripts and the books.

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'I have vainly attempted everything,' said he to himself; 'fortune has hitherto invariably thwarted my expectations, and made me the slave of circumstance. Ah! how happy is he who can always follow his fancy, lord it over events, and remain sovereign of his destiny, instead of submitting to every person and to every accident!'

These reflections threw him into a fit of gloom and despondency. He sought to relieve himself from it by opening one of the books left by the Moorish doctor. It was an exposition of the system of nature, written in Latin. Jose ran through several pages, and then selected another volume, which was a treatise on the occult sciences. A third volume related to the subject of the philosopher's stone.

The character of these books clearly indicated the bent of the old Moor's genius. He had evidently been an alchemist, perhaps a necromancer! for at that period it was by no means rare to find men, especially in Spain, who had studied the art of reducing the invisible powers into obedience to their behests.

His curiosity having been excited by the result of his first researches, Don Jose turned from the books to the manuscripts. Several that he ran through appeared to contain nothing but unimportant general instructions, relative to the transmutation of metals; but, finally, he found, enclosed in a leaden case, a roll of parchment; the first lines of which caught his attention. They were magical directions for accomplishing certain wonders, such as rendering oneself invisible, changing oneself into any desired shape, and traversing the greatest distances in a moment of time. At last he came to a paragraph the title of which ran thus:—

'A method by which one may render his wish sovereign law, and cause it to be instantly fulfilled!'

The young doctor sprang from his seat almost wild with rapture. 'By the true cross!' he exclaimed, 'if this method works well, I shall not ask anything more. To render one's wish sovereign law, is not that the very acme of human felicity? But let us see if it is possible to secure this high happiness without endangering one's soul.'

He perused the directions given in the manuscript, and found in them nothing contrary to faith. To obtain the promised gift, it was all-sufficient to recite, before sleeping, a certain prayer, and to drink the contents of a little flask at the bottom of the little case. Jose sought out this flask and uncorked it.—It contained a few drops of a dark and pleasantly fragrant liquor. He hesitated a moment, not

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that he doubted the efficacy of the formula of the philter, as his opinion on that subject were those of his age; but he wished to be certain that he was not self-deceived. So he reperused the lines already deciphered on the parchment roll, and read, besides, a postscript which he had not at first observed. That postscript contained only these few words:—

"Our weakness is a barrier wisely interposed by Almighty God to the promptings of our folly."

"Fine, very fine," he murmured; "the old doctor, like most of his race, loved to season everything with moral maxims of general application; but, for the present, I have no need of his fine maxims. I prefer to try the efficacy of his prescription."

So saying, he carried the flask to his lips, and recited the prayer. He had scarcely finished it, when his eyes closed, and he fell asleep.

Don Jose knew not how long this sleep had lasted, when, as it seemed to him, day broke through his dormer-window. Arousing himself with difficulty, he remained for some time in that half-lucid state which precedes a complete awakening. His ideas at length grew clear.—The sight of the parchment roll, and the empty flask, recalled to him the events of the night previous. But, as he perceived no change either in himself or in the things around him, he was inclined to the belief that the Moorish doctor's prescription had failed.

"Well, well," he said, with a sigh, "it was after all a delusion. I awake in my garret, with my solitary doubtler, and my empty purse.—Nevertheless, God knows if I have not while asleep wished to find it replenished this morning."

As he finished, his eyes wandered to the rafter upon which he had hung his clothes, and settled upon the leather purse depending from his pantalons' pocket. It was filled to bursting with golden crowns!

He sprang up eagerly, rubbed his eyes, stretched out his hand to grasp the purse, and emptied it on the bed. They were indeed golden crowns! more golden crowns than all the marvellers he had ever possessed at any one time previously.—The philter had not failed; he had henceforth the power of realizing all his desires.

Eager to make a second experiment, he wished that his garret might be changed into a sumptuous apartment, and his threadbare garments into an entire new suit of black velvet lined with satin. His wish was scarcely formed when it was accomplished. He next demanded the breakfast of a viceroy, to be served by little negroes in red livery. The breakfast already stood on a table by his side, and the little negroes came in with wines and chocolate. For some time he continued thus to test his new power in all its phases. At length, having become satisfied that his wishes were indeed as sovereign law, he darted out of the inn in an intoxication of rapture impossible to be described.

It was true, then, that this roll of parchment had in a few hours rendered him, humanly speaking, richer than the richest, mightier than the mightiest! He could do whatever he wished!—What an infinity of power was comprised in those words, and how, as he repeated them again and again, he felt himself augmenting in his own estimation. How were they to be compared to him—the kings and the emperors of the world, even the Pope himself? They were all restrained by established rules, by the laws of the possible, whilst, as for him, his domain was the illimitable realm of his own fancy! How fortunate that the Moorish doctor's parchment had not fallen into the hands of an ignorant man—an avaricious man—a man subject to the sway of his evil passions, but into those of a *hidalgo* reasonable in his desires, master of his passions, and admitted doctor of the University of Salamanca! Humanity could lay aside its fears!—Don Jose Fuez d'Alcastra respected himself too much to abuse his unlimited power! In according that power to him, Providence had estimated him at his true worth, and he was firmly resolved to justify that estimate by the propriety of his conduct.

He determined to give a first proof of it by moderating his own ambition. Placed in his situation, any other person would have wished to be king, with a palace, with courtiers, and an army! But Don Jose despised greatness! He would content himself with purchasing the estates of Don Alonso Mendos, and with living there, like a sincere and modest philosopher, the title of Count, and the privileges of a grandee of Spain.

Having thus decided on his future aspirations, he set forward without delay towards the town of Argelles, where the sale of the chateau was to be held.

The road he took led as well to Toro, and was thronged with peasants, muleteers, and merchants, journeying thither. Casting his eyes about him as he trudged along, Don Jose made upon each of his fellow-travellers some trifling experiment of his wonderful faculty. To the young girl who tripped up to him with a smile and courteous salute, he wished a happy meeting with her sweetheart; to the old man tottering painfully over the weary road, a place in the passing coach; to the poor mendicant, a piece of gold suddenly turning up beneath his feet; and all was immediately accomplished. Encouraged by this success, Don Jose exchanged the part of guardian angel for that of the archangel. After having bestowed succor, he desired to dispense justice. And so he punished the swaggering soldier with a gust of wind which wadded his gaudy hat into the river; the muleteer lavish of his whip, by frightening his mules and dispersing them over the fields; the haughty official, in his coach, who seemed to him to look too disdainfully on the dusty foot-passenger, by roughly shattering the wheel that upheld his arrogancy. In all this, Don Jose was obedient to the promptings of his first impressions, distributing rewards and punishments as the appearance of this or that happened to please or displease him, and dealing justice by inspiration, as it were.

At length he came in sight of the Chateau de Mendos, the magnificent woodlands appertaining

to which bordered the road.—To avoid the sun, which was becoming uncomfortably warm, he entered a shady avenue, through which he was acquainted, and by which the village could be reached as well as by the main road.

It was one of the loveliest days of summer. The hedge-rows were covered with flowers, and the forest rang with the thousand songs of the birds. Some wood-cutters, camped in their huts of green boughs, were chopping up a felled tree, and converting it into a variety of household utensils. Don Jose determined that when the land should be his own, he would regulate the execution of this particular branch of agriculture according to certain ideas peculiar to himself. He even traced with a pencil on the corner of his parchment the plan of a forest hamlet, which should admirably combine the convenient with the picturesque. Reaching the meadows, he found that there was room for improvement in the manner of irrigating them, and he calculated the happy results that would flow from such improvement. He was better pleased with the vineyard, in contemplating which he recalled a great number of verses from Horace, and passages from the Holy Scriptures, which naturally led to the consideration of that long-disputed question, whether the first wine manufactured by Noah was white or red. As for the grain-fields he determined that they should be converted into pasturage, and that he would plough up the briarlands and transform them into smiling fields of wheat.

The prospective new proprietor was thus busy with his projects, when a voice, curt and imperious in tone, demanded of him who had given him permission to cross the estate de Mendos.

On turning round, he perceived a young man whose costume betokened a person of elevated rank. He was mounted on a splendid Andalusian, richly caparisoned.

Don Jose was deliberately calculating how long it would take him to answer this question, when the young lord repeated his interrogatory with an accent of impatience. The doctor of Salamanca smiled with that calm look of confidence which springs from the knowledge of power.

"Is permission needed to go over an estate which is without an owner?"

"Who told you that it has no owner?" returned the cavalier.

"Those who apprized me that Perez, the notary of Argelles, was ordered to sell it this very day."

"Then you have come to look at it as a purchaser?"

"Assuredly, sir."

"And do you know what is asked for it?"

"I intend to enlighten myself on that point very shortly."

"It has been valued at four hundred thousand crowns."

"It is worth more than that."

The gentleman broke into a laugh.

"Upon my honor, here is an opulent purchaser, truly!" he exclaimed in a mocking tone. "He travels very modestly, considering his fortune."

"I am accustomed to walking," replied Don Jose, with princely good nature.

"Your style is entirely too humble," continued the young man, "and your lordship would, in truth, find yourself more comfortable on the back of my sorrel."

"Do you think so?" inquired Don Jose, seized with a sudden fancy.

"So truly, that I am tempted to alight and offer you my seat," continued the young man, with increasing mockery of tone.

"It is easy to satisfy you," returned the doctor; "and since it is so, I wish you safely on the ground."

The same moment, the sorrel reared and violently threw the young lord on the turf.

"You frightened my horse," he cried, rising up pale with anger.

"I have assisted you to fulfill your benevolent intention, that is all," replied Don Jose, who had taken the bridle of the sorrel, and was preparing to mount him.

The young man advanced towards him, brandishing his whip.

"Away! clown, or I shall lay my whip across your face," he cried, almost beside himself with rage.

The blood mounted to Don Jose's forehead.

"The gentleman forgets that he is speaking to a *hidalgo*," said he proudly, "and that I carry a sword as well as he."

"Let us see," then, whether you can use it," replied the cavalier, who drew his weapon and advanced upon the doctor.

Under any other circumstances, the latter would have tried conciliation; but the menace of the young stranger had stirred up his bile, and the certainty that he had nothing to fear gave him courage not usual to him. He thought, moreover, that his adversary stood in need of a lesson, and he wished for him a wound that would permit him to reflect on the unbecomingness of his passionate transport. The wish was immediately followed by its accomplishment;—the young lord let fall his sword, uttering an exclamation of mingled pain and vexation. Don Jose, who was sure of having wished the wound to be a trifling one, troubled himself no further; and, desiring to complete the lesson by playing out his part in the comedy, he gravely excused himself to the cavalier for what had happened, adding that he cherished no ill-will towards him, and that, to give a proof of it, he would now accept of his previous generous offer.

So saying, he mounted the sorrel, bade the young gentleman good-day, and proceeded at a trot towards the village.

These various events had added a slight degree of fatuity to the excellent opinion Don Jose usually entertained of himself. He had mystified and wounded his man; and he was equally content with his bravery and his wit. He now knew for certain that his will was not to be resisted; that he was permitted to beat down all opposition, humiliate all pride; and he had already so accustomed himself to that idea, that it no longer caused him astonishment. The only thing he wondered at was, that any one should entertain the thought of resisting him. He could not endure it; he regarded it as rebellion against his legitimate authority. And so, whilst passing thro' the village, he found it necessary to knock down a muleteer who did not get out of his way quick enough. The instinct of tyranny swelled in his soul like a rising tide.

He presented himself at the house of the agent who had the disposition of the chateau, much less like a purchaser who wished to inquire the terms of sale, than like a master who had come to take possession of his own. Unhappily, the very first words of Perez were to the effect, that the Chateau de Mendos was no longer for sale.

"The doctor's disappointment may be imagined. This estate, for which he had before-hand meditated so many improvements, so many alterations, had suddenly slipped through his fingers. Was it for this that he had expended the treasures of his imagination—his reminiscences of Horace?—he, the man whose will was sovereign law!—It was impossible! The simple thought of such an opposition to his wishes filled him with indignation; and it was with almost insulting haughtiness that he demanded of the notary why the estate was no longer in the market."

"Because Don Henriquez, the old Count's nephew, has fallen heir to two inheritances," replied the man of business, "and because this re-establishment of his fortune has decided him to keep the lands of Mendos."

"Why?" exclaimed Don Jose, "whatever may be the price offered him—"

"He will refuse it."

"Are you sure?"

"He told me so himself this morning."

"Is he here, then?"

"He set out a short time since on horseback to go to the chateau."

Don Jose now comprehended who his unknown antagonist was, and he could not restrain an exclamation. The agent replied to it with some polite phrases of condolence, to which he added that Don Henriquez had been especially induced to decide on keeping the chateau, in order to profit by the next autumnal hunt.

"Zounds!" thought Don Jose, who was not in the sweetest of humors, "I wish that I had him wounded a little more seriously—just enough to deprive him of any hope of enjoying the hunt this fall."

And he added aloud that such a motive would scarcely deter Don Henriquez from accepting certain propositions.

"The lands please him," observed the notary, "and I should say that they combine in themselves every advantage. First, an admirable situation—"

"I know it!" blurted out Don Jose.

"With forests, fields, gardens—"

"I have seen them," again broke in the doctor, whose covetousness was only excited tenfold by this description.

"Well and good," resumed Perez; "but what the gentleman has not seen, perhaps, is the interior of the chateau since the embellishments compelled therein by the late Count. First, there is a gallery of paintings by our best masters—"

"Paintings?" echoed Don Jose; "I have always adored paintings—although I rather prefer statues."

"The chateau is peopled with them!"

"Is it possible?"

"To say nothing of a library—"

"There is a library!" exclaimed the doctor.

"Of thirty thousand volumes!"

Don Jose made a gesture of despair.

"And such a treasure will be lost!" he cried;—"that arsenal of science will remain in the hands of a dunskull!"—for this Don Henriquez must be a dunskull!

The notary shrugged his shoulders.

"Eh! well, said he, lowering his voice, "his lordship knows only that he is a young man, of noble family, rich, and fond of pleasure—"

"I am sure of it," interrupted Don Jose; "he is a scamp!"

"And yet he has good in him—much good. He is only a little high-spirited, perhaps, and that has already drawn him into several affairs of honor."

"Ah! that is the best of his genius! A brawler, a duelist, resumed the doctor: "I might have known as much."

And he added in a lower tone—

"It would certainly be nothing more than justice to take away the means of his continuing in such a course, by depriving him of the hand that holds the sword. Yes, that would be justice!"

"Age will correct these ebullitions," remarked Perez; "and also, I hope, the prodigious temper of his lordship. Notwithstanding his wealth, he is always unprovided. He has already demanded all their arrears from his uncle's tenants."

"And they have paid?"

"With much ado; because their last harvests were unfortunate."

"But that is absolute cruelty!" exclaimed Don Jose, sincerely indignant. "What! to press the poor people who have lost their all, when one has a princely fortune, a chateau with pictures, statues, and a library of thirty thousand volumes. Why such a mass is a veritable scourge, and it is really to be desired, for the sake of humanity, that Spain should be rid of him!"

He was interrupted by the mingled sounds of footsteps and voices on the stairway, and by the appearance of a servant who plunged into the room all aghast.

"What is it?" asked the notary.

"A misfortune! a sad misfortune!" exclaimed the breathless domestic. "Don Henriquez has been fighting."

"A gain!"

"And he was wounded!"

"Dangerously?"

"No; but while pursuing his adversary, who had escaped on his horse, he received a fall which seriously aggravated his wound, and he swooned away in the road."

And he was found there?"

"Yes; that is to say, a wagoner who was there driving along the road without seeing him, recovered him from his fainting fit by crushing his right hand."

"Good gracious!"

"They, however, lifted him up to lead him here."

"Is he safe, then?"

"Alas! just now, while passing under the scaffolding that the masons have erected in the court-yard, a stone fell upon him, inflicting a mortal wound."

Don Jose started back like a man before whose eyes a flash of lightning suddenly passes. All that had happened was his work. He had first wished that the wound of Don Henriquez might be more serious, in order to render it impossible for him to attend the hunt; then he had desired the loss of his hand; then his death, for the good of humanity;—and three successive accidents had immediately responded to his three wishes. Thus, after having tortured and maimed a fellow- mortal, he had finally killed him. This thought pierced his heart like a dagger. He wished to drive it from him by crying that it was impossible, but that very moment the door opened and four valets appeared, carrying the still and bloody corpse of their young master.

Don Jose could not support this horrid spectacle; a terrible convulsion shook his whole frame; everything around him faded away—

And he found himself upon his straw bed in the garret of the inn, in front of the window through which the rays of the morning sun were beginning to shine.

Don Jose was a long time buried in deep thought; then, again taking up the roll of parchment, which had remained lying at the head of his bed, he ran through it anew. Stopping at the sentence he had treated with such contempt the night before, he read it over and over again, and, at length, shaking his head with a sagacious air—

"This is a salutary lesson," he said, "and if I am wise, I shall profit by it. I thought that, to be happy, it was sufficient to be able to do as one wished, without dreaming that the human will, when utterly unrestrained, passes quickly from pride to extravagance, from extravagance to tyranny, and from tyranny to cruelty. Alas! the Moorish doctor was right!—Our weakness is a barrier wisely interposed by Almighty God to the promptings of our folly!"

CANADA AND IRELAND.

From the Nation.

There is joy in Great Britain because of the loyal demonstrations that have taken place in Canada. The Government papers are in the best of humour, twitting the Yankees with the rebuff they have received from Canadian spirit, and felicitating "the mother country" on the affectionate attitude of her daughter. What is particularly delightful to them is that the people of different creeds and races who inhabit Canada appear to be possessed by a common sentiment of patriotism. The French Canadians, from whose mother country the colony was wrested by England, have manifested their willingness to defend the land in which they live against an irruption from the United States; of the Irish Canadians we are likely to be right in supposing that at least a considerable number would in like manner stand up for the *status quo*. High dignitaries of the Catholic Church in the French and Anglo-Irish provinces have called on the people to take up arms, and be ready to defend their country, the liberties of which they consider well worth the shedding of a good many drops of human blood. The Bishop of Montreal has published, and caused to be read in all the churches of his diocese, a Pastoral which sounds like a trumpet call and the roll of a hundred drums. In it he promulgates the order of the Government for the formation of companies of soldiers from the militia for active service; he tells the people that one of the best means to avert war is to be ready and able to repel the enemy; he reminds them frequently of the fact that their country enjoys most liberal institutions, and is their own possession and property; he talks grandly of their marching to battle in defence of their firesides, headed by the gallant Crimean soldiers, some regiments of whom are, it appears, at present in Canada; he hopes that many of them will call to mind and be inspired by the deeds of their forefathers on Canadian soil. "It will be seen," he says, "if the heroes of Chateaugay are still alive, and if the blood which circulated in their veins still runs in those of their children and countrymen."

"Furthermore," exclaims the warlike Prelate: "Supposing that the scourge of war with which we are now threatened should burst upon us, we will take courage in the assurance that we are in a condition and quite ready to make a vigorous resistance. All who are called upon to resist in repelling the march of the enemy, to drive him from their homes, will have learned beforehand to march to victory in having learned to fight according to the rules of the military art. They will have, besides, their zealous pastors to absolve them before the battle, and should they be called upon to die the death of heroes, they will have them by their sides to teach them to die good Christians. From these principles, and others which you (the clergy) will speak of when needful, our brave people will comprehend that it is to their own advantage to offer themselves to their officers immediately, to receive arms from government, and learn by military exercise to make good use of them. The Catholics of the diocese of Quebec have heard similar language from their Bishop. He encourages the young men of his flock to take up arms, and "march in the footsteps of their fathers, who, on two memorable occasions, covered themselves with glory in repelling the armies sent by the American Union to conquer the country." These addresses are good evidence that the Catholic ecclesiastics of Canada are well affected to the existing order of things in that country, and are desirous of maintaining it.

One or two Dublin papers have been so silly as to attempt to extract from these facts, a taunt against the Catholic clergy and people of Ireland. In so doing they have made a great blunder. The obvious moral of the Canadian story is one to which it is the interest of Irish people and clergy to point attention. Supposing everything to be as represented in the British press, they can refer to the facts and say—"See what religious freedom and self-government have done for a people! A few years ago the Canadians were discontented, disloyal, rebellious; they disliked English rule, and would, perhaps, ere now have followed the example of the United States, and abolished it, but wise and just concessions were made to them—they received from England 'the inestimable gift of self-government'; they now manage their own affairs; they levy their own taxes, and they expend them in their own country; they have mild, paternal, impartial laws; they have perfect religious equality, and freedom of education—and mark the result! The turbulent have become orderly—the revolutionists have become conservative—the rebels have become loyal! Try us with similar treatment, and see whether it will not produce a like effect!"

The loyalty of the Canadians is a very intelligible sentiment. It is loyalty to laws made and administered by themselves; loyalty to their own fields, and woods, and rivers; loyalty to their own corn, beef, and butter; loyalty to property which belongs to them and to their children for ever. It is not loyalty to anything like the Irish Established Church, for no such monstrous exists in the country; it is not loyalty to anything like Irish land laws, for such hideous and cruel things are unknown there; it is not loyalty to a system of rack-renting, confiscation, eviction, and depopulation; it is not loyalty to arms and coercion acts—in short, it is not loyalty to a government resembling that under which the people of Ireland groan and perish—it is loyalty to a government such as that people have long been striving with heart and soul to obtain, but which England has doggedly and tyrannically denied to them. The loyalty of Canada, therefore, to her own institutions, supplies no argument to shame or silence those who seek for the rights of Ireland; it furnishes rather a justification of their efforts, and it should be a powerful inducement to the British Government to accede to requirements the refusal of which is productive of scandal and danger to the empire—the concession of which would be so honourable to all parties, so fruitful of peace and contentment, and so sure a pledge of stability.

A great and far-seeing statesman would not hesitate to advise that the measure of freedom granted to Canada and Australia be extended also to Ireland; but so just and so politic an idea does not appear to have as yet found favour with English ministers or English writers. Their opinion seems to be that expressed by the *Times*, when it declared that "Repeal must not be argued with; were the Union gail it must be maintained; Ireland must have England as her sister or her subjugatrix"—an opinion still more distinctly expressed by the Rev. Sydney Smith in the pages of a leading periodical, when he said:—

"(Repeal) is such a piece of anti-British villainy that none but the bitterest enemy of our blood and people could entertain such a project! It is only to be met with round shot and grape—it is answered by Shiranpel and Congreve—to be discussed in hollow squares, and refuted by battalions four deep—to be put down by the *ultima ratio* of that armed Aristotle, the Duke of Wellington. They (the English ministers) know full well that the English nation are unanimous and resolute on this point and that they would prefer war to a Repeal.

Threats and declarations such as these go far to prove that to repeal the fraudulently effected Union—in other words; to win for Ireland such a government as Canada now enjoys—would require the employment of a force which would be competent to effect a separation of the kingdoms. That estimate of British selfishness, and obstinacy may be in every way correct, and the Irish people, without abandoning their determination to repeal the Union at the very least, may come to believe it thoroughly. But as the demand is constitutional, and is free from the difficulties which would attend the advocacy of complete separation, the Irish people, whatever may be their belief, their expectations, or their aspirations, will not cease to put it forward. Should the power to effect either purpose be some day placed in their hands—as it may be—England, we think, will have cause for regret if she shall not have given back in good time to Ireland those rights and privileges the

want of which made Canada turbulent and disloyal—the possession of which now makes the same country brittle with arms at the prospect of invasion.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

A meeting was held on the 24th ult. at the residence of the Archbishop of Dublin, for the purpose of considering the best means of procuring an alteration in the Irish Poor Laws. There was a numerous attendance of Catholic clergy, M.P's, and gentry. The following were the principal resolutions adopted:—"That the moral classification in Irish workhouses requires to be attended to; that at present it is generally neglected, and that, in order to separate the virtuous and innocent from the ill-conducted and profligate in every workhouse, moral classification should be really and effectively carried out. "That separate places of worship in every workhouse for Catholic and Protestant inmates are imperatively demanded. "That the rearing of children in workhouses is open to the gravest objections, both moral and sanitary, and that power should be given to guardians to enable them to rear children out of workhouses, in families, until 14 years of age. "That, whereas in England and Scotland the Poor Law Commissioners are natives of those countries, and profess the religion of the majority of the people, it is unreasonable and unjust that the Irish Poor Law Board should be constituted exclusively of Englishmen and Protestants, inasmuch as seven-ninths of the whole population, and more than nine-tenths of the destitute poor, in Ireland are Catholics." A committee was appointed to carry out the objects of the meeting.

A STATE BISHOP.—Lord Palmerston has never been lucky in his ecclesiastical appointments. The Viceroy of Ireland does not seem to be a whit more fortunate. He has made a Dr. Gregg Bishop elect of Cork; and a liberal Protestant Northern paper denounces the selection as a serious blunder. As to what Dr. Gregg is, or is not, our contemporary says:—"If a Bishop, on the one hand, ought to be a scholar; he ought not, on the other, to be a buffoon. When Archbishop Gregg says that, if he followed the suggestions of certain of his advisers, he would be a comical kind of gent. We are, for the moment, tempted to think that we are listening to a successor of Mr. Spurgeon rather than to a successor of Bishop Fitzgerald. We dare say Dr. Gregg belongs to that increasing and flourishing class whom the Professor of Modern History at Oxford has somewhat sarcastically described, in answer to a charge of lack of reverence for Episcopal rank:—'I trust I am not wanting in respect for those who, by their eminent virtues, the cautious character of their theological convictions, and the coincidence of their political opinions with those of the First Minister, backed in many instances, by assiduous and judicious solicitation, have been raised to the highest preferment in the Established Church.'—Dublin Irishman."

We learn from an authentic source that the Parish Priest of Castleisland did not address his flock on the subject of Secret Societies, as alleged in our last number. He had reason to believe that a few young boys in the town, not amounting to half a dozen had been tampered with by a *Tralee* emissary. Having consulted with his curate the latter with his concurrence and approbation, addressed the parties concerned so vividly from the altar on the criminal tendency of such a course that all without exception have expressed their deep regret, and appear truly penitent.—*Tralee Chronicle*.

DISTRESS IN THE KING'S COUNTY.—While sad cries of famine have been for months past heard from the western and southern counties of Ireland, yet not a single word has been said to enlist public sympathy in aid of the destitute poor in this county. Would that there was no need for such an appeal! Alas! hundreds of small cottiers and agricultural labourers who cannot get employment, and many of those who procure it at low wages, are in a state of starvation. With much patience and suffering have they, during the last two inclement months, borne the joint afflictions of want of food and scarcity of fuel. To show the poverty and destitution of these classes of people, I shall state one case out of many similar ones which has come under my special notice. On Thursday morning last an agricultural labourer, about forty years of age, called at the house of a respectable man and asked for something to eat; for, said he, "I am very hungry, and my poor wife and four children are at home without a morsel to eat. I worked last week for a farmer, who gave me but fivepence a day and my diet. The fivepence was all I had to support my family each day. This week I can get no person to employ me, and we are all without a morsel to eat." How can those whose duty it is to provide for a famishing peasantry deny the existence of such distress? If immediate steps be not taken to give employment, or if those whom God has endowed with wealth do not, with a liberal spirit, contribute towards alleviating the miseries of their fellow-countrymen, the deplorable events of 1847 will be renewed in 1862.—*Correspondent of Irish Times*.

It is stated that the Mansion-house Committee are about to take some steps towards the relief of distress in the west. Except in a few instances, the Established clergy have been hitherto silent on the subject. Their activity in former seasons of calamity gives assurance that they would not be indifferent now, were there an urgent demand for their benevolent exertions. Many persons have been waiting for their testimony before making up their minds as to the extent of the destitution. This testimony is now furnished. About a month ago Lord Plunket, Bishop of Tuam, directed a circular to be sent to the incumbent of every parish and district in his diocese which embraces the whole of the county of Mayo and the larger portion of the counties of Galway and Sligo. This circular contained queries relating to the present and prospective condition of the poor of all denominations, and their means of support. Answers have been received from 75 curacies, and the following are the results of the inquiry. In the whole of the diocese there are 544 more paupers in the workhouses than at the same period the previous year, giving an average of some additional paupers for each parish or district. In the opinion of the clergy the potato crop is a little less than one-half of what it was last year. But the oat crop is on the whole but little inferior to that of former years. With regard to fuel, they calculated that, even if the season proved dry, not more than 2-7ths of the turf would be available, and if wet not more than 1-10th. Two-thirds of them apprehend "extreme destitution," while seven seemed to fear that if the winter prove severe there would be in some districts "actual famine."—*Times Dublin Correspondent*.

During the past week the weather has been of the most wintry character. We have had a succession of storms, accompanied by heavy rain and intense cold. A number of wrecks and disasters, attended with loss of life, have taken place in the Channel, and it is apprehended that for some days to come we must expect very dismal tidings from sea. About 200 vessels have run for safety into the Belfast Lough On Saturday morning, owing to the recent excessive rains in the mountains, the Dray River overflowed its banks and flooded several cottages on the south side of the Dargle road. Many other Wicklow rivers are also swollen to such an extent that the lowlands about Newcastle and Killohonger are submerged for miles. The recent inundations have done a great deal of damage to the cornfields and other grounds under tillage along the banks of the Suir and the roads adjacent to it. Many of the environs are impassable, being all under water. The overflowing of the Nore and Anner has been also productive of great loss to the farming classes, vast quantities of hay, turf, and in some instances even cattle and sheep, having been swept away by the violent mountain torrents. The houses along the quays have been submerged, and all traffic on the river Suir has been suspended in consequence of the

Inundations. There has also been an unusually high flood in the Barrow, on each side of which the low grounds are inundated. The Queen's county side has suffered very considerably, the floods being the highest experienced during the last ten years.—Times Dublin Correspondent.

At the present time the River Shannon for miles above and below Banagher presents a spectacle disgraceful in this age of civil engineering. It could not have been worse in the pre-historic times when the bogs along its banks were in process of formation, than it is now, after Government Commissions have inquired, engineers reported on it, and much money been spent in improving it.

The Birr river has overflowed a great extent of land on the estate of the Earl of Rosse, and between Parsonstown and Roscrea a small river running through the meadows has extended into a lake, converting valuable pasture land into a swamp, to the great loss of farmers, but evidently much to the satisfaction of the flocks of willow, that play on the surface.

The recent inundations have done a great deal of damage to the grounds under tillage along the banks of the Suir. Kilganey, Two Mile Bridge, and other environs, are all under water. The overflowing of the Nore and Anner has been also productive of great loss to the farming classes; hay, turf, cattle and sheep having been swept away.

There is no doubt that this metropolis partakes of the general prosperity of the country, if we may judge from the increased demand for houses; the bright, busy aspect of the shops in the leading streets, the throng in the thoroughfares, and the driving about of English cabs, which are fast superseding the old Irish cabs, especially the inconvenient "covered cabs," with the shafts pitched so high on the horse's back that the "fare" finds the greatest difficulty in keeping in an upright position, and apprehends that the breaking of a portion of the harness, which seems to be lifting the horse off his legs, may cause him to be flung at any moment upon the street, on which the chances are that he would be half covered with mud, especially during the present excessively wet season.

Handsome villas rapidly increase in the suburbs, and along the coast towards Bray. The omnibuses and local railways do excellent business; the markets are well attended, butchers and bakers multiply and thrive, and there are many other signs of prosperity visible to the eye of the stranger, though it must be admitted that the shop-keepers complain that the season is a dull one, they, like the farmers, having a chronic habit of grumbling. This is the bright side of the picture. But there is a dark side. The mass of the working people live in the most wretched way that can be imagined. The Dublin Corporation have lately been extending their charity to the peasantry of Connaught. It would be well if they remembered the maxim that charity begins at home, and attended to the wants of those whom it is their special duty to protect. Mr. Nugent Robinson, a gentleman in their employ, read a paper on the dwellings of the Dublin poor at the late meeting of the Social Science Association, which then, in the multitude of the matters brought forward, escaped attention. It has been now printed, and the disclosures it makes on the domestic life of our poor are perfectly appalling.—Times Dublin Cor.

FACTS AND FIGURES.—There is a party in this unhappy country of ours whose official duty it is to cry up our "prosperity" and "progress" whenever an opportunity is afforded for the pleasing, delusive, declaration. In the Castle, where authority must be beneficent, because it is radiant with smiles and smiles and from which happiness must emanate, because flowers of Poetry bloom within its precincts, the announcement is daily made, and the same dulcet tones are repeated wherever a plithoric ox, an adipse pig, or a monstrous turnip invokes their strains. What Viceroyal metaphors glorify, landlord pride substantiates—the ready subserviency of the agent confirms, and the sycophancy of the bailiff places beyond the possibility of a doubt; and so savoury dinners are consumed, flowing bumpers are drained, conscience is relieved, and the satisfaction of duty done safely acquired at the small expense of fibs, fatteries, and hyperboles. And yet, whilst all this mockery is going on, the country is drifting to ruin as hopelessly as an abandoned wreck on the angry tide. Poverty is on the increase, industry is declining, wealth and the means of its production are diminishing, and, above all, the population is wasting away and disappearing from the land at a rate that threatens, in another decade or two, to leave our towns and cities desolate, and our hills and valleys silent and abandoned as the recesses of the desert, over which the breath of destruction hourly passes. This is no mere assertion, no heated exaggeration of slight and unimportant facts—it is a statement unfortunately too true, and borne out and substantiated by statistics whose stern array is beyond cavil or dispute. An able paper, entitled "Historical Statistics of Ireland," which was read by Mr. D.C. Heron, Q.C., before the members of the Statistical Society, gives an alarming but faithful account of the present and prospective condition of the country as regards its population and general prosperity. In this document, compiled with all the care which industry and research could bestow upon it, and rendered doubly valuable by the enlarged philosophical views introduced into it, we have an accurate estimate of the population of the country from the year 1625 to the present, and of the causes which led to its successive increase and decay. With the statistics of remoter periods we need not now trouble our readers; the historian, the political economist, and the philosopher may speculate on them; but for us, the real and tangible fact which it is necessary to contemplate at present is, that the population of our country, which in the year 1841 amounted to 8,175,124, has, in two successive decades suffered the fearful reduction of 2,410,697—a reduction which, in the words of Mr. Heron, is, considering the circumstances of the times and of the country, "unparalleled in ancient or modern history." 20 years ago the population of Ireland was less than a third of that of the United Kingdom—now it is only a fifth. During these 20 years the population of Great Britain and the islands in the British seas increased from 18,813,735 to 23,428,176, while that of Ireland not only did not increase at all, but diminished to the fearful amount of two millions and a-half.—Nation.

We see it stated in one of the Conservative morning papers that "the usual monthly meeting of the Duke of York Orange Lodge, will be held this evening, at 8 o'clock, in Gardner's Row, when an address will be delivered by one of the brothers—subject, 'The Volunteer Movement.'" We believe that since King Wm. IV. addressed parliament against the secret and disloyal Orange confederacy, it was never more rampant in this city than at the present moment.—Evening Post.

A letter written by a soldier of the 1st battalion of the 15th Regiment to his mother at Parsonstown, King's County, gives a fearful account of the sufferings of the troops on board the Adelaide, which had to put in at Plymouth after 12 days' knocking about in the Atlantic. They left Dublin on the 3d inst. for Cork, and on the 4th they embarked for Canada. On the 8th it began to blow a strong breeze, which increased next day to a storm, which caused the sea to run mountains high. A lad of 16 or 17 years of age was washed overboard, and nothing could be done to save him. On the 11th it blew a hurricane, which washed away all the boats, and split the sail into pieces. The men were standing to their knees in water for four days without a morsel of food of any kind, with the exception of some saw-pork and wet biscuit, served out to them on the morning of the fifth day's fast. The captain was ultimately obliged to return and make for the nearest port. They arrived at Plymouth on the 17th, where they wait till the ship is ready to go to sea again. The letter stating these facts has appeared in the Dublin Express.

The Irish papers contain a very painful expose of the affairs of Mr. William Smith O'Brien. After the Ballynarry affair, and before his conviction of High Treason, Mr. O'Brien executed a Deed of Trust by which he conveyed his property to Trustees (his brother, Lord Inchiquin, and Mr. Woronzow Greig, of the Temple, who had been his second in the duel he fought with poor Tom Steele, some thirty years ago), for the use of his wife for her life, and after her death for the use of his seven children in equal proportions, no tenant in common, as on their respective attaining their majority. On returning to Ireland under Her Majesty's free pardon, by which the attainder was reversed, Mr. O'Brien resided at his old seat, Cahermoyle, where he managed the property for his wife. But her death, some months ago, altered circumstances immensely. The three or four children then of age, became by the Trust Deed entitled absolutely to their respective sevenths of the estate, with which they could deal as they might think proper; while the Trustees stepped in as owners on behalf of the minors, and thus, in effect, ousted Mr. Smith O'Brien out of his property and all control over it. To remedy this flagrant hardship for it was notorious that the conveyance to the Trustees was intended only as a bar to any claim of the Crown to the property in the too certain event of Mr. O'Brien's being convicted of High Treason), Mr. O'Brien requested the Trustees to re-convey the estates to him after his wife's death. They declined, on the ground, as we collect from Mr. Woronzow Greig's letter to Mr. O'Brien's Solicitor on the subject, that such an act on their part would be illegal and reversible by the Court of Chancery as fraudulent; but Mr. Greig, on the part of Lord Inchiquin and himself, proposed another course, by which it appeared to them that the same object could be achieved; for it is only fair to them to state that they do not appear at all averse to the rehabilitation of Mr. Smith O'Brien in his original proprietary rights, provided that it can be effected legally and without involving them in any future difficulty as regards the violation of their trust. As the parties could not come to terms, the Trustees petitioned the Lord Chancellor to order the Deed to be carried into effect by the partition of the estate in their rightful portions among the sons and daughters who are of age, and by making the minors wards in Chancery. This seems, under the circumstances, a harsh proceeding; and Mr. Smith O'Brien, with the concurrence and, indeed, at the solicitation of his affectionate children, has taken steps to defeat it, which we hope may be successful. The nature of these measures the reader can best gather from the following report of the proceedings at a late meeting of the Newcastle Board of Guardians, of which Mr. O'Brien has long been Chairman.—Weekly Register.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Newcastle Board of Guardians on Thursday last, Mr. William Smith O'Brien resigned the Chairmanship of the Board, which he has held almost every year since its formation in 1839, with the exception of the eight years of his exile. Mr. O'Brien read an address explaining the cause of his resignation—the course pursued by the trustees of his estate. Mr. O'Brien, in the course of his feeling and suitable address, said:—"Acting under the advice of several very able lawyers, and of several experienced friends, whose advice has been reinforced by the earnest solicitude of my own children, I have met the petitioners of the trustees by a family settlement or sale for value of my life estate to my eldest son, to whom I have made over all my legal right, present and future, in my estate, upon condition, one of which is that an adequate annuity shall be placed at my disposal.—(Hear, hear.) Should this family settlement be upheld by the Court of Chancery, to override the voluntary deeds of 1843, he will occupy my place in the county of Limerick. He will reside in Cahermoyle, and perform all the duties of a country gentleman. (Hear, hear.) I venture to bespeak for him the same kind indulgence.—(Hear)—the same favorable interpretation of his acts, which you have always accorded to his father. (Applause and emotion.) In such case I shall probably take a house in the vicinity of Dublin, and devote myself to literature and politics, and I hope to spend a few weeks occasionally, as a visitor, at Cahermoyle.—(Hear, hear.)—so that I shall thus be able to keep up with the people of this neighbourhood the friendly relations which have always subsisted between us. (Applause.) On the other hand, in case the prayer of the trustees be granted, and that I be sent adrift on the world without any independent provision, I shall probably leave Ireland immediately.—('No, no')—and seek a premature death in some honourable adventure in a foreign land.—('No, no')—for I could not live here to witness the operation of a severable division of my property, and the intrusion of Lord Inchiquin's solicitor into the affairs of my family and of my estate. ('No, no') I could not live here without employment, without property, and without any control over my own children, except such as might be accorded by their sense of duty—even though they might be the most dutiful children on the face of the earth. (Hear, hear.) These are the prospects before me." The Board unanimously refused to accept the resignation; but Mr. O'Brien having strongly urged the necessity and propriety of the course he had adopted, the resignation was accepted with painful reluctance. During the proceedings Mr. O'Brien appeared deeply affected. He then shook hands with the chairman, the other members, and Mr. Moore, clerk of the union, every one of the guardians and officers being profoundly affected. Some there were who turned away to hide their tears, and others could not utter a word, owing to the emotions with which they struggled. We never witnessed a more truly painful separation.—Munster News.

For ourselves, while we quite approve of the conduct of the trustees, we readily admit that Mr. O'Brien's position is hard and painful. In the first place, the legal right to confiscate the property of a man convicted of high treason is an absurd and barbarous power. Let a man pay the penalty of his own deeds with his own life or liberty; but for the government of the country to step in, and strip his wife and children of their means of support, is surely an act of the most monstrous vindictiveness and oppression. In the case of Mr. Smith O'Brien, we can hardly think that his precaution, even if efficacious, was necessary. We do not believe that any English Government would have proceeded, in 1848, to rob Mrs. O'Brien and her children of their estate and turn them adrift on the world. But since the legal conveyance was executed for a distinct object, and with a clear understanding, it certainly seems an extraordinary condition of law that the parties who adopted the precautionary measure cannot annul their own act when it becomes no longer necessary. Mr. O'Brien is clearly the rightful owner of the estates in a moral point of view. Every one of the parties to the conveyance is anxious that he should be acknowledged the legal owner as well. But the secret spring has snapped; the lid has shut down; and they who closed it cannot open it again. Who can Oust the Irish Court of Chancery restore Mr. O'Brien to the full ownership of his estates, or will it need an act of parliament to do so? We really think Mr. O'Brien entitled to claim that whatever is needful to be done shall be done to restore him to the rights which no one ever intended that under such circumstances as the present he should be compelled to forfeit. We have little sympathy with Mr. Smith O'Brien as a politician. We believe him a man of the highest personal honour, but weak, vain, and precipitate. We admire neither his actions in 1848 nor his political letter-writing in 1861. But we sadly mistake the temper of our countrymen if any considerations of Mr. O'Brien's political views, prejudices, or follies, could induce them to withhold their sympathy from a man of honour and character placed in so embarrassing a position. Writers who have just made Mr. O'Brien's unhappy career and present difficulty a theme for vulgar jeering and coarse banter are surely not

representatives of English feeling towards a man who, whatever his political errors, has suffered deeply and now verging upon old age, suffers still the consequences of his rashness. Mr. O'Brien paid the penalty of some ten or a dozen years exile for his treason of 1848; and it should be remembered to his honour that he refused to escape, as his companions did, but held to his parole in the spirit as well as in the letter. Mr. O'Brien has laid his case open to the verdict of public opinion; and it is even possible that public judgment may hereafter be brought to bear more directly upon the solution of the difficulty. We feel, therefore, justified in expressing our own opinion that if Mr. O'Brien can be restored to the full possession of his property, the restoration ought to be effected; that common sense cannot but recognise the fairness of his demand; and that the public of England will not refuse their sympathy to a man so circumstanced, no matter how unwise may be his political creed—no matter how wasted, misguided, even mischievous, may have been his political career.—Morning Star.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Drumlanrig has written to the Freeman, to authorize the addition of his lordship's name to the list of those placed on record against Sir Robert Peel's College Endowment project.

THE EVICTED TENANTS OF DERRYVEAGH AND GREBORE.—On the 25th ult. one hundred and forty-four young men and women, who have been evicted from their holdings at Derryveagh, county Donegal, arrived at the Amiens-street Terminus of the Dublin and Drogheda Railway, on their way for Plymouth, whence they are to sail for Sydney on the 27th. They were accompanied by the Rev. James McFadden, of Ballcarraig. Amongst those who were present at the railway station to receive the emigrants on their arrival in Dublin were the Rev. Mr. McDevitt, Dean of St. Patrick's House, Catholic University; Mr. B. Smithwick, Kilkenny; Mr. A. M. Sullivan, Mr. A. J. McKenna, &c. All the young men and women were comfortably clad, and presented as noble specimens as could be found of the rural population of any country. They were conducted to Mr. Fleming's restaurant, Mary's Abbey, where a substantial dinner was prepared for them. After dinner the assemblage of emigrants was addressed by the Rev. Mr. McFadden in the native language of Ireland, and the touching and heart-moving speech of the Reverend gentleman elicited feelings of deep emotion amongst all present. After leaving the hotel the emigrants were conveyed to the North-wall, where they embarked on board the screw steamer Lady Eglinton. At the same time and place one hundred and thirty persons, male and female, who had been evicted from Grebores, embarked on board the same fine ship, which soon after left her moorings, and proceeded on her voyage to Plymouth, whence this crowd of noble peasantry, remarkable for physical proportions and stalwart health, but downcast and half-hearted-looking at quitting their native land, will embark on their voyage to Australia.—Freeman's Journal.

MR. O'HARA DENY.—The name of the explorer of New Holland shows that he was an Irishman, and we now find that he was a citizen of Galway. It is a curious coincidence that the discoverer of the North West passage, and the explorer and almost the discoverer of the mainland of Australia, should be Irishmen.

AN IRISH HOUSE-LESSON.—The Church Establishment is a great Institution. We may guess at its power and influence, especially over the money of Ireland, when we find that it can (setting tithes, glebes, and all other such trifles aside) come down upon the Grand Juries themselves, to support its occasional expenses. Wonderful things are done under the Grand Jury Laws in Ireland—marvellous jobs are perpetrated in the most legal manner. We all know the story of that liberal Irish gentleman who, wanting to improve the approach to his own house did

— "Out of his bounty Build a bridge at the expense of the County."

But entreprising as that Grand Juror was, he never thought of building the house itself at the county's expense. So delightful a privilege as this it appears reserved for the happy dignitaries of the Established Church. That interesting establishment pockets about a million every year of the people's money. Yet it would seem that when any dignitary of it wants a few hundreds extra to build what he calls a school, or anything of that kind—say a gable to his house—he has only to "go upon the county," and demand the money at once. We are not jesting.—Here is the case in point furnished by a Protestant newspaper in Belfast. The clerical superintendent of a thing called the Diocesan School in the county Antrim has presented before the rate-payers' sessions for Seven Hundred Pounds, to repair said school; and the money has been actually voted to him. Our contemporary describes the case thus:—"In 1829, it appears, a Diocesan School was established at Ballymena, at a cost of £1,000. An application is now made for a grant from the county of £700 more, for the repair and enlargement of the school.—Twenty-two young gentlemen receive their education in this institution, eleven of whom are boarders, and eleven of whom are day-scholars. The boarders pay about £50 a year, the day scholars ten guineas; so that they can scarcely be said to belong to the indigent classes, for whose training the county ought to provide. But the pupils' fees are not the only resources of the Diocesan School. It receives £70 a year from the clergy of Armagh, and £50 a year from the diocese. That under these circumstances, the master should have asked, and magistrates should have found to present to the Grand Jury for, a sum of £700, strikes us as morally creditable in the very highest degree, to all concerned. To present it, in a certain sense, to recommend; and in this case the act recommended is one in every sense unwarrantable and wrong. To all intents and purposes the school in question is a private school, with aids and resources which the majority of private schools do not possess. It is, moreover, a sectarian school; for it is under the superintendance, not of the National Board, as was understood from the first-examination of the Commissioners of Education, Kildare-street, Dublin." Nevertheless, it appears, the lucky proprietor of the school has the legal right, to demand this money at the cost of the poor Catholic ratepayers of Antrim. The school has only twenty-two scholars, who contribute the handsome sum of about six hundred pounds a year.—Some one hundred and twelve pounds extra is also contributed. And thus upwards of seven hundred pounds sterling per annum are received for the labour of teaching less than two dozen boys. Yet, with such a revenue, the proprietor is empowered to go openly before the court, and demand seven hundred pounds extra, levied from the poor ratepayers, to touch up and ornament his establishment. Comment upon a thing of this kind is unnecessary; it could only occur in Ireland. But it proves two things; how admirable in its workings is the Irish Grand Jury system, and what an invaluable Institution is the Irish Church Establishment.

NAVAL PREPARATIONS.—No cessation of activity is observable in the proceedings of government at the principal Irish naval station, Queenstown. It is now being formed into something like a naval reserve depot of steam gunboats, six of which lie moored in a line from the Hawk flagstaff towards Haubowline. Two of them, the Rose and the Blazer, were conveyed into the harbour on Thursday by Her Majesty's steamship Virago, a large and powerful war steamer, heavily armed, and equipped with a strong body of Royal Marines. On Sunday morning the fine steamship Brenda, belonging to Messrs Malcolmson, of Waterford lately employed in the Mediterranean trade, arrived in Queenstown from London, to take in military stores and supplies for the troops in Canada. Having taken in these, and filled up with coal at Haubowline, she will sail for Halifax on Wednesday morning.—Cork Herald.

"GOMBEEN" MEN.—The system of borrowing money from loan offices and "gombeen" men, as they are called, is universally practised in this county, and as the rate of interest charged is enormously high, the unfortunate people who resort to this mode of obtaining money are constantly in a state of embarrassment which an unfavorable season develops into one of great distress. A "gombeen" man is one of the peasant class who has contrived to accumulate some money, which he turns to account by lending to his poorer neighbors at usurious interest. For instance, suppose a loan of £1 is asked, the borrower only receives 17s 7d—1s being stopped for interest, 3d for the price of the card, 2d for the 100 U; and 1s for the first instalment. Nineteen shillings must then be paid back to the lender in weekly instalments of one shilling each, and there is besides a fine of one penny in the pound imposed for every default in the weekly payment. Shopkeepers are also in the habit of selling meal and guano to the country people on credit, and charging high prices. The giving out of guano in this way is practised by some land agents, who sell quantities of it to the tenants in spring, the debt thus incurred to be paid at Christmas, and the price charged being seventeen and eighteen shillings per cwt for what is selling in the market for cash at fourteen shillings per cwt. When the tenants come to pay their rent this private debt is first demanded, and the landlord's rent must afterwards be forthcoming. The result of this practice is injurious in many ways. Heretofore the farmers did not know what artificial manures were. They used seaweed, mud and lime mixed, and farm-yard manure which they collected throughout the year. Now, however, the facility of obtaining artificial manures engenders laziness and idleness. The small farmers will say—"What is the use of killing ourselves collecting manure? Sure won't we get a cwt of guano for sixteen or seventeen shillings, and no carting or working or trouble at all?" Accordingly, instead of consuming their own straw, as formerly, in turning it into manure, they sell it to the large farmers for that purpose, and buy guano, which, with the imperfect mode of tillage that they pursue, is most injurious to the land.—Saunders' Correspondent.

A curious instance of the manner in which serious charges are made in this country, and of the slender evidence upon which men's liberties are sacrificed, is offered by the Ribbon case in Donegal. Ten men were arrested about ten days since, in their own dwelling houses, upon a charge of being connected with a Ribbon lodge, and were cast into Lifford goal. It appears that there was no shadow of evidence against them, but the oath of a fellow named John M'Gowan, who, at the time he made his information, was in Lifford goal himself, on the charge of attempting to murder two people. The men arrested were ready to make oath that the charges brought against them by this would be murderer were untrue. According to the ordinary rule of law, the testimony of an approver, such as M'Gowan stated himself to be, required some independent corroboration; and the magistrates in their ministerial capacity were bound only to commit upon such evidence as, *prima facie*, would be sufficient to convict before a petty jury. Clearly the Donegal magistrates did not act upon that rule, and violated their duty. Unless corroborated, they were bound to assume that the statements of an admitted approver, and a person resting under the accusation of enormous crime, were insufficient grounds to deprive men of their liberties. Instead of this, however, the magistrates not only received informations, and committed the men incultivated by the swearing of M'Gowan, but they actually refused to admit them to bail. Application has accordingly been made to the Court of Queen's Bench to reserve the decision of the Donegal sages. The organization of Secret Societies, now so much spoken of, would be just the baronet for men of the M'Gowan stamp. Men with a natural inclination for blood, and false swearing, and treachery would have fine times of it, such associations took any root amongst the people. We hope our young men will take to their hearts the warning offered by this affair, and should they ever offer the secret oath, to regard the tenderer as a possible—nay, as a probable M'Gowan.—Cork Examiner.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Earl Russell has replied to Mr. Seward's long-winded despatch, announcing the surrender of Messrs. Sledge and Mason. His Lordship replies to all the points raised by Mr. Seward, contends that neutrals, sailing from one neutral port to another neutral port cannot carry "contraband of war," no matter what their cargo; and thus summarily disposes of the impetuous bluster of Mr. Seward—that the prisoners would not have been given up, if the interests of the Northern States had demanded their retention:—"I cannot conclude, however, without noticing one very singular passage in Mr. Seward's despatch. 'Mr. Seward asserts that if the safety of the Union required the detention of the captured persons it would be the right and duty of this Government to detain them.' If he proceeds to say that the waning proportions of the insurrection, and the comparative unimportance of the captured persons themselves, forbid him from resorting to that defence. Mr. Seward does not here assert any right founded on international law, however inconvenient or irritating to neutral nations; he entirely loses sight of the vast difference which exists between the exercise of an extreme right and the commission of an unquestionable wrong. His frankness compels me to be equally open, and to inform him that Great Britain could not have submitted to the perpetration of that wrong, however flourishing might have been the insurrection in the South, and however important the persons captured might have been."

Happily all danger of hostile collision on this subject has been avoided. It is the earnest hope of Her Majesty's Government that similar dangers, if they should arise, may be averted by peaceful negotiations conducted in the spirit which befits the organs of two great nations. "I request you to read this despatch to Mr. Seward, and give him a copy of it." "I am, &c., 'RUSSELL.'"

It having been rumored that the wives and families of non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Engineers who are not to proceed with their husbands to Canada will not receive the Government allowance, we have authority to state that ample provision has been made by the Government for the wives and children of soldiers of all branches of the services embarked for British North America, the same liberal allowance having been granted to them as was done in the case of the families of soldiers ordered off to India at the outbreak of the mutiny of the native troops in that country.—Globe.

THE DIVORCE COURT.—The Divorce Court has astonished everyone. No one believed that there was such a mass of festering matrimonial misery floating under the surface of apparent social happiness. The act has been in operation for only four years, and from Parliamentary returns it would seem that nearly 1,300 petitions for dissolution of marriage and for judicial separation have been filed. The impression entertained generally, when the first rush of business took place in the new court, that it was the arrears of past wrongs, has proved to be erroneous. The business of the court at the end of the fourth year of its existence, shows that, instead of diminishing, the number of cases increased. Sir G. Cresswell sat daily from the beginning of November until Christmas Eve, and yet at the commencement of the present year the list of causes ready for trial is considerably greater than before. At the beginning of Michaelmas term the number of cases for trial was 79; at the opening of the present term the

list, published on Friday, shows that there were 105 waiting to be disposed of. The labour of the judge during the last twelvemonth has been excessive. He has striven manfully to get through the long list of causes, but as yet without success. Now that it is found there need not be much delay between the filing of the petition and the hearing, many avail themselves of the opportunity thus given to release themselves from a load of misery. The list printed, even to a casual observer, shows that the marriage rows have been broken pretty equally by all classes in society, from peers and peeresses of the realm down to the poor wretch who is driven to sue in *forma pauperis*. Judging, however, from the reports of the causes already disposed of, it does not seem that the sweeping allegation formerly generally accepted, that the aristocracy as a class was more depraved than any other, is borne out by facts hitherto established. Cases certainly have been made public in which parties high in life have figured; but, taking an average of all the cases, it does not seem that there is greater licentiousness among the lofty than among the lowly. From the mass of business before the court, it would seem hardly possible for even the indefatigable Sir Cresswell Cresswell to get through it. It is contrary to human nature to expect any man can sit almost every day for nine consecutive months, hearing and disposing of cases, many of them, involving great thought and untiring research. None of the other judges have such intense labor thrown upon them, and it is very questionable, should anything happen to the present judge, whether another could be found who would undertake the whole of the matrimonial causes in the kingdom, as he does, unaided. The amended act will however, shortly expire, and it is therefore quite possible that then the whole question of the constitution of the Divorce Court will be gone into. Observer.

There is prospect of another Verteron trial. It seems that the Hon. W. H. Verteron, of Whitehall Abbey, North Wales, uncle to the notorious Major, and next heir to the title of Avonmore in case the Major's second marriage should be declared void, has all along taken up Mrs. Longworth-Verteron's side of the case; and at the end of last year invited her to stay at Whitehall Abbey during Christmas. While she was staying there, Mr. Walker, of Dalry, a Scotch advocate, who is married to Major Verteron's sister, wrote to the Hon. W. H. Verteron, expressing indignation at his "publicly associating with this most degraded woman." In consequence, Mrs. Longworth-Verteron, has entered an action for libel against Mr. Walker, claiming £3,000 damages.

The following is a statement, compiled by the clergy and parochial authorities, after a house-to-house visitation of the bereaved families left destitute by the awful calamity at Hartley Colliery.—

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| Widows | 102 |
| Children | 257 |
| Sisters supported by brothers | 27 |
| Orphans | 2 |
| Parents supported by sons | 15 |
| Aunt supported by nephew | 1 |
| Grandmother supported by grandson | 1 |
| Total | 407 |

The exact number of men and boys killed in the mine is 210. Of the male population employed at this colliery, only 27 remain alive.

One of the facts which have most struck the English public since our eyes have been fixed upon New York and Washington has been the very general contempt into which the House of Representatives has so unquestionably fallen. The accounts long since published in Europe as to the prevalence of "practices known as 'lobbying' and 'log-rolling,'" and the assertions made by conspicuous public men that measures might be passed through Congress for money, have been received with little credence, and were thought to be either the hasty assertions of partisans or the results of a too hasty generalization. We have, however, recently had reason to see in the rash proceedings and the absurd speeches of the House of Representatives how little that Assembly itself thinks of its own dignity and importance. We have seen also the contemptuous disregard of its votes by both Government and people, and the general refusal to admit that foreign countries had any right to attach any importance to what its speakers might say on any question. To what a low ebb has the authority of this Assembly fallen, and how general is the sentiment of contempt in which it is involved. Nothing but a belief in its corruption could have so debased it. Let us, if we can, imagine our own House of Commons in such a position as that held by the Federal House of Representatives, who have formally rendered thanks to an officer for a most important public act, which has since been disowned and apologized for by the Government. Such a circumstance could never happen in any free country until the procs of Parliamentary Government had rotted away, and the nation was prepared to welcome its fall.—Times.

SENTENCE OF DEGRADATION AGAINST THE SECEDING STATES.—It is now evident that a party at least in the United States intend to set to work to consolidate the government of the United States. Long ago it was hinted that the sovereign States which had seceded would, as a punishment be degraded to the rank of territories, to be governed directly from Washington. But Senator Sumner is the first, we believe, to lay down the manner in which this is to be done. He proposes in a series of nine resolutions having four preambles, to effect this degradation from the rank of States to that of dependent territories. We subjoin the last two of these preambles and the first of the resolutions, (the first two preambles merely declaring the insurrection to exist in certain States):—"Whereas, The extensive territory thus usurped by these pretended governments and organized into a hostile confederacy, belongs to the United States, as an inseparable part thereof, under the sanction of the Constitution, to be held in trust for the inhabitants of the present and future generations, and is so completely interlinked with the Union that it is forever dependent thereon; and

"Whereas, The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, cannot be displaced in its rightful operation within this territory, but must ever continue the supreme law thereof, notwithstanding the doings of any pretended governments, acting singly or in confederation, in order to put an end to its supremacy; therefore

"Resolved, That any vote of secession or other act by which any State may undertake to put an end to the supremacy of the constitution within its territory is ineoperative and void against the Constitution, and when sustained by force it becomes a practical abolition by the state of all rights under the Constitution, while the territory which it involves still further works an instant forfeiture of all those functions and powers essential to the continued existence of the state as a body politic; so that from that time forward the territory falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of Congress as other territory, and the State being, according to the language of the law, *de facto*, ceases to exist.

The motto on the shield of the United States is *E pluribus unum*; the theory of government universally accepted by the State Legislatures possessed no powers but those conferred upon them by the people in their conventions, the President and Congress of the United States possessing no authority but what was expressly conceded by the conventions of the several States in like manner. "Whereas Congress derives the right to degrade the 'Dixie Dominion,' mother of many States from a rank she enjoyed ere Congress and the Constitution existed, will it require no little ingenuity to explain... The corollary from Mr. Sumner's proposition, as laid down by himself in the subsequent resolutions, is that slavery has ceased constitutionally to exist.—Montreal Gazette.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Northerners have at last shaken off their apparent lethargy, and rising in their strength, for the time seem to be carrying everything before them. They have captured Roanoke Island, where they also made prisoners 2,000 of the Confederate troops, who had been foolishly exposed, without any means of retreat open to them, to the attack of an enemy vastly superior in numbers. Fort Donelson has also, after a smart contest, fallen a prey to Northern arms; and here again a body of 15,000 Confederates, with an indefinite number of Confederate Generals, have helped to swell the triumph of the victors. But of worse omen to the cause of Southern independence, is the reception which the Federal troops are reported to have met with from the inhabitants of the districts which they have wrested from the Confederates. The ears of the victors have been greeted with cheers for the Union, and everywhere a strong Union sentiment is said to have displayed itself. These reports, coming to us, as they do, through Northern channels, must be received *cum grano salis*, or perhaps with an entire spoonful of the condiment; but after making every allowance for Northern exaggeration, and Yankee braggadocio, it must, we think, be apparent, that the victories claimed by the Federalists are real substantial victories; and that amongst large masses of the population, hitherto claimed by the Confederates as favorable to their cause, a profound indifference, if not a warm Union sentiment, obtains. Upon either hypothesis, the prospects of the South are at present gloomy indeed.

Its Generals seem to have been much over-rated; and the stern determination of its inhabitants to assert their independence has been ludicrously exaggerated. The former leave their men to be cut off in detail, and expose small bodies of troops—as at Roanoke—to the attacks of overwhelming forces; whilst the latter do not fight as men who wish to conquer their independence, but fight, if they wish to succeed. Ten, eight, or six millions of armed men, determined to be free, cannot be conquered; but if they are not prepared to make every sacrifice, and to lay down their lives to the last man, they are unworthy of freedom, and if unworthy, will never conquer it. Still, though the military subjugation of the South seems now in a fair way of being accomplished, the political difficulties in the way of a restoration of the Union are as many, and as stubborn as ever. The real difficulty will only emerge when the last Southern soldier shall have been driven from the field, and when the Northerners remain military masters of the disputed territory. How is the conquered country to be governed? What is to be done with the slaves? If emancipated, are they to be admitted to the full privileges of American citizens? or are they still to be treated as an inferior race, and debarr'd from the exercise of those political functions which American citizens of a different colored skin, and with hair of a different texture, challenge as their inalienable possession, and as the birth-right of every man? These are some, but only a few, of the questions with which the victorious North will have to deal; and we doubt much if there be a statesman capable of grappling with such difficult questions. We do not believe that even amongst the most ardent of Boston Abolitionists the proposition to give the blacks, in the United States, a perfect equality of political rights with the children of European parents would be favorably entertained; and yet an emancipation which should not make of the emancipated, American citizens, but should still leave the millions of African origin on this Continent excluded from Congress, and therefore a politically inferior and subject race, would be so pregnant with incongruities, and so irreconcilable with the theory of American liberty, that it would be far better to leave the blacks still slaves, than to endow them with such an imperfect measure of freedom. In the Old World, with its feudalisms, and social hierarchy, the distinction between "active" and "passive" citizens—may be logically maintained; but in America the thing is impossible. There is therefore no alternative permanently possible betwixt maintaining the actual order of slaves, and the con-

fering upon the African race all the privileges of American citizenship. The intense *negrophobia* of the North renders the adoption of the last named solution of the problem almost impossible; if, when victorious over the South, the Abolitionists do not redeem their pledges by immediate, unconditional, emancipation, they will become the laughing stock of Europe, in whose eyes they will appear as the active supporters of the very system which they took up arms to overthrow; and if they emancipate the blacks, without conferring on the latter a full equality of political rights with themselves, they will have established in America that very system of privilege, of invidious class legislation, and social inequality, on which, as manifested in Europe, American writers delight to lavish their ridicule and invective. Neither can it be credited that the emancipated Africans will be long content to remain in a state of political inferiority to their fairer-skinned fellow-citizens. Like the *tiers état* of France in the days of Louis XVI, they will make their voice heard; and if that voice be not respectfully listened to, the American *villains* will take the administration into their own hands. Thus at every turn, the "Everlasting Negro" rises up to complicate the question; and yet the problem, apparently insoluble, must, on the hypothesis of the triumph of the North over the South, be by the former solved, and solved immediately; and as we do not believe that the most ardent of the Abolitionists are yet prepared to declare the "nigger" eligible to a seat in Congress or to the Presidential Chair, we do not believe that the victory of the North can result in anything except a monstrous social and political anomaly.

Our European news by the *Asia* is of little general interest. The tone of the French Emperor's speech seems to have given satisfaction in England; and the promised reduction in the force of the French army is accepted as a pledge of peace, or at all events of a renunciation on the part of Louis Napoleon of any aggressive designs upon his neighbors. On the other hand his language towards the Sovereign Pontiff would seem to indicate the withdrawal of the French army of occupation from Rome. The Sovereign Pontiff, however, continues his undaunted and dignified attitude towards all his enemies, and firmly refuses to make any concessions towards the robber King and his unscrupulous allies. He gives a decided negative to the insidious proposals of Louis Napoleon; and at the same time informs the Russian Emperor that until the Catholic ecclesiastics confined in Warsaw, be released, and those exiled to Siberia be recalled, he will send no Nuncio to St. Petersburg. In the Kingdom of Naples the Piedmontese are making no progress. The *Times* correspondent writes complainingly on the subject that, "There are considerable bodies of brigands who weary out the soldiers"—and that unless "new tactics be adopted by the authorities, this game of fast and loose may be carried on for a long time." The Piedmontese succeed occasionally in dispersing a body of these "brigands" or loyalists; but as the *Times*' correspondent despondingly admits, "these dispersed bands re-assemble, and so we go on in a circle." Which being interpreted, means that the conquest of the Kingdom of Naples is still a long way off.

CONDITION OF IRISH IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—Upon this point there is a wonderful unanimity of testimony, though the witnesses themselves are as different as can well be imagined. They all concur, however, in this. That the condition—moral and material—of the immigrant, and of the Irish Catholic immigrant especially, is by no means an enviable one; and that even the physical advantages which the United States, from their vast extent of unoccupied fertile territory, are able to offer to the laboring classes emigrating from Europe, have been much exaggerated; whilst on the other hand, it is scarce possible to exaggerate the moral and social grievances to which Irish Papists are exposed in the blessed land of democratic liberty, and self-government.

Upon these points we have before us the testimony of three witnesses—representing generally three distinct classes. We have the evidence of Dr. Brownson, a native American, of warm American and Union sentiments; whose tendency is rather to exaggerate than to depreciate, the beauties of Yankeeedom; and to exalt the civilization, the social and political institutions of his native land above these of all other countries past or present.

We have secondly the evidence of the *New York Citizen*, an Irish Protestant paper, established by Mr. Mitchell some years ago, and whose columns he continued to inspire long after he had withdrawn from its ostensible editorship.

And thirdly we have the testimony of Mr. Russell, the world-renowned "Special Correspondent" of the *London Times*. It upon any one point, we find these three witnesses agreeing; we think that we may accept that point as fully established.

Now what says the first witness, Dr. Brownson, to the condition of Catholics, of whom the

great mass of Irish immigration is composed in the United States? We quote from the *Review* of April, 1855—wherein the above-named witness deposes as follows:—

"That in the United States, Catholics are—
"What the Christians were under Diocletian, Galerius and Maximian"—that "their lives and property are insecure"—and that "their rights as Catholics, as citizens, as men are every day trampled upon with impunity."—*Brownson's Review*.

The same witness further deposes that,—
"Our Churches are blown up, burnt down, and desecrated."

That:—
"The sanctuary of our private schools and colleges is invaded."

That our—
"Dead all but denied a burial."

That our children,—
"Are kidnapped and placed in Protestant families to be brought up in damnable heresy."

And that the several State Legislatures,—
"Are devising ways and means to confiscate the funds given by Catholic charity for the support of divine worship, and feeding of the poor."

The next witness whom we shall call upon is one of a very different stamp—the *New York Citizen*—who, inspired by Mr. John Mitchell, a Protestant of Protestants, cannot be suspected of a bias in favor of Papists, or as likely to exaggerate the hardships of the Catholic immigrant in the United States. This witness deposes—
That:—

"From the founts of Maine, and the snows of Vermont, to the factories of Massachusetts and Rhode Island—from the field to the kitchen, and from the kitchen to the scullery they (the Irish Catholics) were but 'brewers of wood, and drawers of water'—ridiculed for their brogue, despised for their country, and blasphemed for their religion."—*New York Citizen*.

Why!—exclaims this witness in indignation at the sight of this foul wrong done to his fellow-countrymen, and at the constant, systematic suppression of the truth of which the so-called Irish press in the United States is guilty—why are these things not published to the world!—

"What is the reason the Catholic papers have never taken the trouble to point out these facts to the people of Ireland?" And he answers the question thus—"Their love of paltry gain and self-aggrandisement;" and because it would not do to tell the Irish at home the truth; as emigration might thereby be checked and their subscription lists injured in consequence. Our witness concludes with the following earnest appeal:—
"Would to God that at this moment of hope for Ireland, any priest would with his own hands post it"—(the above given testimony)—"up on the door of his church, that our men may see and feel what he has to hope for here."—*Id.*

The last witness whom we shall summon into Court is the Special Correspondent of the *London Times*. His depositions refer to the material or physical condition of the immigrant, and run as follows:—

"The papers of all the large cities are filled with 'appeals from the friends of various eleemosynary and benevolent societies and institutions for aid, in which the sufferings of orphans, widows, and children are set out in the most touching terms. Washington is filled with misery, nor have I ever been in any cities in the world in which the Irish and other poor populations appear to live in more squalor, or to endure greater privations than in the vile alleys of New York itself, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, New Orleans, and the other large towns of the Union. Food is cheap enough, no doubt, but clothes are dear; rents are high, and the accommodation inconceivably bad—miserable sheds and wooden houses, with glassless or plank and paper filled windows, admitting cold and wind and rain. No delusion can be greater than to suppose the poor emigrant at once attains a greater degree of physical comfort in the States than he has in his own country; it is long before his wages are high enough to enable him to advance himself in any way; and a mechanic or labourer in any of the large towns, though he may have higher wages, pays more for food, rent, and clothing than he does in Europe, and does not, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, improve his social position by the change. It is in the chances open to industry and perseverance, in the larger field for the strugglers in life, and in the ease with which a man may shift from one position to another and get higher and higher at every change, that the United States offer advantages superior to those possessed by the old country; and these will disappear as the population increases, and the great material resources of the country are absorbed at home by the native-born races.

If the New England States, of which I have seen nothing, be taken, there may be some reason for the boasts in which Americans are so apt to indulge regarding the effects of their institutions; but, so far as I can judge from the States I have seen, there is an absence even of that material comfort on which so much stress is laid by Americans, North and South, to a degree unknown in very rude communities in Europe. The habits of the people in their social life seem to me exceedingly uncivilized. Their houses are comfortless, their manner of existence comfortless, their meals and diet of gross plenty in pig and the like, but exceedingly squalid in all table apparatus and neatness. The large towns of America are as full of foul haunts, misery, and vile populations as the oldest cities in the world, and there is an increase in these ingredients every year. There is, so far as I can see—and I use this qualification in all these remarks—considerable intelligence among the people, but it extends only to their own country and affairs, and there is enormous ignorance of all matters outside the Great Republic."

To the above most ample and most conclusive evidence, we might add that afforded by the state of the School Question in the Northern States, which shows that the anti-Catholic bigotry of the Yankees is as strong as ever; though since the outbreak of the civil war, they have been less rude and offensive in their language towards the Irish, than they were when the services of those gallant men were not in such urgent request. As yet however not one of those barbarous and penal laws, of which Dr. Brownson complains, has been repealed or essentially modified. But a short time ago, a Catholic boy in a Boston school was cruelly flogged for refusing to read the Protestant Bible; and still in New York, Catholic

children are stolen from their parents, and in due process of law handed over to Protestant proselytising establishments to be brought up in what Dr. Brownson calls "damnable heresy." An instance of this occurred but a short time ago, and was reported in the columns of that able and excellent Catholic journal, the *New York Tablet*, from which we copied it.

We lay these facts before our readers; and in the words of the *N. Y. Citizen*, we wish that they could be posted up in every market place, on every church door in Ireland! in order that the people, duped and deceived as they have hitherto been by mercenary demagogues and dishonest journalists, might know what awaited them on this side of the Atlantic; and might learn to appreciate at their proper value, the benefits which their fellow-countrymen and kinsmen have received from the hands of the Yankees. The debt of gratitude from Ireland to the United States is small indeed; unless kicking and cuffing are to be esteemed as favors, and convent burning, and church desecration as marks of good will.

HOUSES OF REFUGE.—A plain unvarnished tale of the working of these institutions in the United States, and of the manner in which, by a Protestant majority, they are perverted into *Swaddling* shops, may we hope be of service in putting the Catholics of Canada upon their guard. The details which we are about to lay before our Catholic readers are also valuable, as showing how their co-religionists in the United States are treated, even during the present crisis, when it is the obvious interest of the Protestant majority to manifest a scrupulous regard for the civil and religious liberties of their Catholic fellow-citizens. The story originally appeared in a Protestant paper; and its allegations cannot therefore be impugned on the pretext that they are Romish forgeries.

In Allegheny City there is a House of Refuge supported by public funds, and to which Catholic, as well as Protestant children are consigned. Some years ago, the Rev. T. Mullen, Pastor of the Catholic Church of that city, made application to the Directors of the public institution in question to be allowed to give religious instruction to Catholic children therein confined, at such times as should not interfere with the routine, and the internal regulations of the House. This modest application was taken into consideration by the authorities, and "after mature deliberation" was refused.

Nor did the injustice of the authorities end here. A short time ago, a Catholic girl, an inmate of the House, was taken dangerously ill; and being, as she believed, about to die, she earnestly implored the authorities to be allowed to receive the visit of a clergyman of her faith, in order that she might make her confession, and receive from his hands the consolations and last Sacraments of her Church. This request in like manner was positively refused; and by way of adding insult and mockery to their brutality, the Protestant authorities replied to the agonised entreaties of the trembling sinner before them, that she should not be allowed to make her confession to the priest, unless she would consent to do so in the presence and hearing of one of the guardians, or "police" of the establishment.—Thus, in the United States, the curse of Protestant Ascendancy pursues its victims to the grave; and when it has the power, refuses to them even the permission at their last moment, to make their peace with God. These facts, are given in the Protestant press, and are corroborated by the correspondence upon the subject which has passed between the President of the House of Refuge, and the Rev. Mr. Mullen, and which is published *in extenso* by our able and zealous contemporary the *Pittsburgh Catholic* of the 8th instant. Its perusal should make the Catholics of Canada thankful that they are not Yankee citizens.

The first letter of the series is addressed by a gentleman named James P. Barr, to John T. Logan, President of the House of Refuge. In it the writer directs the attention of the latter to the statements emanating from "a respectable source" which appeared in the columns of the *Despatch*, a Protestant journal. Mr. Logan, as President of the House of Refuge, had defended his conduct, and that of his fellow-officials, in refusing the last consolations of her religion to a dying Catholic girl, by the plea, that "the moment a child is received into the House of Refuge, all authority and control of the parents, guardians and friends, over such children is suspended"—and that therefore the State authorities have the right to do what they please. To this monstrous plea, J. P. Barr replies as follows:—

"It is unnecessary for the Managers to remind the public (that the moment a child is received into the House of Refuge all authority and control of the parents, guardians and friends over such children is suspended). The public has long since been convinced of that fact by the awful disclosures made in open Court; when it was proved that the young women consigned to the guardianship of the Refuge, would have been far safer in the vilest den in the city;—in the latter, resistance, rescue or flight would have been easy; in the former they had no choice but submission to the brutal instincts of an unscrupulous ruffian.

"This same individual, who prostituted to his own purposes the daughters and sisters of our citizens, was defecated to the last by an indulgent Board, who

might have discovered long before his unworthiness, had they faithfully fulfilled their duty. Yes, Mr. Logan, we all know to our cost and our shame, that by the rules of the Managers the control of the parent ceases when the child is received into the Refuge.

"Had this rule been less rigidly enforced—had the parents, the brothers or sisters of some of those girls, who perhaps took their first step in a career of misery and disgrace under the guardianship of him who had sole control over their bodies and souls, been allowed a private interview while visiting the Refuge; had this privilege been accorded to any respectable Catholic or Protestant clergyman in either city, the infamous proceedings of the Managers' pet, would have been soon arrested; and an institution which, if properly conducted, might be a blessing to the community, saved from public infamy."

The next letter furnishes us with a copy of the request preferred to the Committee of the House of Refuge by the Rev. Mr. Mullen, to be allowed, at convenient times, to give religious instruction to the children. This request was couched in the following terms:—

"Being desirous of imparting religious instruction to the Catholic children inmates of the House of Refuge, I called at the institution for the purpose of ascertaining when such instruction could be given without interfering with their other duties. The Superintendent informed me that any application such as I made should be presented to your Committee, as he did not consider himself warranted to act in the case without instructions from you. I therefore very respectfully solicit from you permission to instruct the Catholic children at the Institution in their religion, while I disclaim all intention of interfering in any way whatever with those of any other denomination. I feel I state a fact well known to all, that while many Catholic parents would be anxious to place their children under the protection of the House of Refuge, few of them would regard that protection in any other light than that of a calamity, were their children deprived of all means of instruction in that religion which they themselves profess. Hoping that the Committee will make such arrangements as may enable me to concede my ministrations to such as may require them at the Institution, and in such a way as to secure effectually what their parents prize above anything else, their religion.

I am respectfully, &c.,
[Signed] T. MULLEN,
Pastor of St. Peter's."

To this modest request the Committee replied at length, positively refusing to grant its prayer; basing their right to refuse religious instruction and consolation to Catholic children confined in their institution, upon the "Rules and Regulations for the Government of the House of Refuge," which enjoined that all "religious services take place on Sunday under the immediate charge of the Committee, and that the American Sunday School Hymn Book—a Protestant compilation—be used."

This answer not being considered satisfactory, another effort was made by the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Connor, to obtain occasional access to Catholic children; which the authorities met again with a positive refusal—justifying their refusal by the action and legislation of the several States of the American Union with reference to schools. They said:—

"The several States of the Union have uniformly opposed the introduction of separate moral and religious instruction into any public institution for the education of children; and as Houses of Refuge in their efforts to enlighten and instruct those who have been so sadly neglected, are in fact but a progressive development of the Public School System, therefore the Managers of this institution cannot feel at liberty to adopt any rule, that as a precedent, would interfere with the generally expressed will of the public."

Again, the Rev. Mr. Mullen came to the charge; and confining himself to the question, whether he would be allowed by the authorities to administer, when called upon to do so, the last rites of the Church to young persons dying in the said House of Refuge, he again wrote to the authorities in the following terms:—

"Should I, when called upon, be allowed to administer at the Refuge to any of the Catholic inmates, the rites of the Church, including as a necessary part, those of hearing confession in such a way that secrecy desired by the penitent shall be respected?"

But still the answer was No! The Papist inmate of the House of Refuge, even when dying shall not be allowed to make his peace with God according to the rites of his religion, the dictates of conscience, and the precepts of his Church.—To the last request of the Rev. Mr. Mullen, the President of the Committee replied as under:—

"Section 8 of the Act establishing this House of Refuge authorises the transfer of the parental authority over such infant to the managers of said House of Refuge; and Section 5 requires them to provide for the religious and moral education of the inmates in such a way as they may deem expedient and proper.

It follows, therefore, that the moment a child is received into the House of Refuge all authority and control of parents, guardians or friends over such child is suspended. The very fact of a child being so committed presupposes either inability or unwillingness on the part of such parent or guardian to discharge the natural or legal duties such parent or guardian owed to such child.

This being admitted, all right to interfere with the moral or religious instruction of such child is taken away.

Your Committee are of the opinion that to grant the privilege asked for by the Rev. Mr. Mullen, would involve the violation of the rule just spoken of. He asks that "the secrecy desired by the penitent shall be respected." This of course excludes the officer of the institution, whose duty it is to take cognizance of all that passes between the confessor and the penitent so far as the ear is concerned, the only organ of sense of any importance in the case.

And, finally, whatever denominational distinctions may have existed in the families of the inmates previous to their admission, the committee are of opinion that it would be a great error to recognize them within the walls. A uniform system of religious truth is there taught, embracing the fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion, well adapted, as they believe, to reform the morals, regulate the life, and save the souls of those whose vicious practices brought them within the institution."

JOHN T. LOGAN.
The intrinsic importance of the subject, and its immediate bearing upon several social questions which may be expected shortly to come up for discussion in this country, will, we hope, excuse us for the length of our extracts from the above correspondence. From them we may see how

foolish it would be for us to co-operate in the establishment of Houses of Refuge, without first taking ample guarantees against such monstrous interference with the rights of conscience, as that of which the authorities in the U. States are guilty. We may learn too that mixed "Houses of Refuge" are impossible; and that if such establishments are to be introduced into Canada, we must insist, as a condition sine qua non, upon having our own separate establishments, free from all Protestant control, or supervision of any kind; on any other terms we should never consent to one cent of the public funds being devoted to Houses of Refuge, especially in Upper Canada, where the spirit of Yankee intolerance is as strong as it is in the United States.

Intimately connected with this question is the School question; and as our readers will perceive, the authorities of the Houses of Refuge justify their exclusion of Popery in all its phases from their institutions, by the legislation of "the several States of the Union" with regard to Schools. There is no tyranny in short so brutal, no despotism so grinding, as that of a brute Protestant majority; and democracy, where it has full sway, openly and boastfully denies the rights of individuals and of the family. The State, that cruel Moloch, is all in all; and to it must be sacrificed the souls as well as the bodies of the little ones—more wretched than they who of old were made to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom. This is the state of things, thus the social order, thus the degrading despotism which the Liberals, the Clear-Grits of Upper Canada, are ever seeking to establish, and for this do they cast longing wistful glances towards Washington. It is not only because Protestant Houses of Refuge are places of abomination from which the Catholic priest is carefully excluded, lest he should detect their filthiness and interfere therewith—but as an outrage upon individual liberty, and the sacred rights of parents, that we should strenuously protest against their establishment in Canada; and should insist that, if for the interests of society, and a means for checking the spread of crime, the Government think fit to organise such asylums, and alight them out of the public funds, there be from the first a perfectly separate and distinct organisation for Catholics, and one exempt from all Protestant or non-Catholic interference of any kind. This it is our right to ask, and our duty to ask; and in that, thank God! we are not yet Yankee citizens, and that our political institutions are not yet thoroughly democratic, we have the power as well as the right to insist that these our demands be complied with. In the United States our unhappy coreligionists have no power to help themselves; they are under the heels of the vilest despotism that ever pressed upon the children of the Church. But here we are freemen; we can still think, speak, and act as freemen; and shame be to us if we do not speak and act on all occasions when the interests of religion and morality are involved, as it behoveth freemen and Christians to speak and to act.

DIVORCE LAWS.—Some very important facts have been clearly established with reference to the effects of divorce laws upon public morality, by the proceedings before Sir Cresswell Cresswell's Court, which should induce our Canadian legislators to hesitate about adopting a similar institution for this country. One fact to which we allude is this. That the business in the English Divorce Court is rapidly and constantly increasing; being greater, far greater, now in the fourth year of its existence, than it was in the first and second years, when the Court had to deal with a long accumulating mass of arrears.—At the commencement of Michaelmas Term last, the number of cases was 79; at the opening of the present term, no less than 105 cases were waiting to be disposed of; and this increase, therefore, establishes the fact, that the power to procure divorce upon the plea of adultery, encourages the commission of crime.—Married couples often disagree; but where a Divorce Court exists, and is ready to separate them upon proof of adultery, leaving them free, as before the law, to contract fresh sexual unions, a premium is set upon impurity; and the condition which the law exacts before it pronounces its decree of divorce is complied with, as a means for obtaining the desired separation. Divorce Laws put a premium upon adultery; practically, they say to the discontented couple, "So long as you are chaste, your union, though unhappy, shall endure; but if either of you will go through the formality of an act of adultery, which is all that we require, we will give you the boon you ask." For some details, we refer our readers to an article on the subject from the London Observer, which will be found amongst our items of English news.

CARD OF THANKS.—Our best thanks are due, and are hereby respectfully tendered to, James Doyle, Esq., of Aylmer, and James Bonfield, Esq., of Eganville, for their active exertions in behalf of the TRUE WITNESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Owing to the detention of the Mails, several important communications were received too late for insertion in this issue of the TRUE WITNESS. They shall however appear in our next.

A Peterboro' Catholic is informed that anonymous communications cannot be inserted.

VERY PROFANE.—The editor of the Commercial Advertiser is evidently an unregenerate person, quite a stranger to the blessings and peculiar privileges of the saints. Never can he have "experienced vital religion," or he would not presume to speak as he does of such an illustrious professor, and brilliant light of the conventicle, as is the editor of the Montreal Witness.

The latter has, it appears, for a consideration, inserted an insolent advertisement against the Victoria Rifles, designed to bring discredit upon that corps. Now the Commercial Advertiser treats the matter as if a saint, a professor, one who has had experiences, who has passed from death unto life, who is an elect vessel, and has attained to a full assurance—were bound by the carnal laws to which gentlemen and men of honor yield allegiance. This a grave mistake. As men put away childish things when they assume the toga virilis, so do the "elect" put away all scruples of conscience, all regard for such worldly considerations as the "laws of honor" when they assume the white choker of the saints. How then can the Commercial Advertiser presume to write in the following strain of such an eminent professor as the editor of the Montreal Witness:—

"It appears that the advertisement in the Witness relative to the election of officers for the Victoria Rifles, was not authorised by the members of the corps in whose behalf it appeared; was inserted in the Witness contrary to an agreement that nothing of the kind should appear in its columns; and the author and publisher appear to have had the common object of injuring the corps and bringing the Volunteer movement into discredit, for which the one paid, and the other received fifty cents.

"We are not surprised to find that its insertion in the Witness was not an oversight, but a deliberate act after reference to the Proprietor, with the explanation that it was anonymous, and that the person who brought it looked like a butcher. Nor are we astonished that that eminent authority on religion and morals should consider fifty cents an adequate remuneration for a broken pledge, and for assisting a base and wicked attempt to bring the Victoria Rifles and the Volunteer movement into discredit, and thus strike a deadly blow at the defences of the country. The question remains:—What would the gentleman not do for a dollar?"—Commercial Advertiser.

The Montreal Herald would err greatly were he to assume, as he seems disposed to do, that "we may take the City bills of mortality as indications of the" comparative mortality of Catholics and Protestants throughout the "entire country." It is true that in our City Bills, "the greatest portion of this excessive mortality is among children set down as belonging to the Catholic Church;" but there is one fact connected with this, which our contemporary does not take into account, though we have already endeavored to direct his attention to it.

The City mortality amongst "Catholic children" may at first sight seem excessive, but it may easily be accounted for. It is caused by the deaths of numbers of children—parents unknown—left at the Foundling Hospital of this City, but who, being therein baptised, are put down as Catholics. The tenure of life of these children is necessarily insecure. They are for the most part the offspring of vice; they are left exposed, often for hours, by their cruel parents to the inclemency of the weather; and even when taken charge of by the Sisters, they are necessarily deprived of that nourishment by nature especially designed for them, and which can at best be only imperfectly supplied by the strangers with whom the Foundlings are put out to nurse. That the mortality amongst children so exposed and brought up must be far above the average of that of the children of virtuous parents who nurse their own offspring, is not to be wondered at;—and since the Foundlings are all registered as Catholics, it is equally natural that the excessive mortality should appear to be amongst Catholic children.

In other parts of the world, and where institutions such as those which exist in Catholic countries are unknown, children, instead of being sent to a Foundling Hospital, are quietly put out of the way, and no registry is kept of the affair. Abortion doctors destroy their hundreds and their thousands, and City Bills of mortality report nothing about it; some are thrust into the sewers, and devoured by rats, and civic officials take no note. But here, where child-murder is, as compared with the United States and Great Britain, a rare crime, the children of Protestant parents are left at the doors of our Catholic institutions, and are by the latter carefully registered. Could the sewers of New York, Boston, and London give up their dead, or could the abortionist doctors, for whom snivelling philanthropists in Canada plead so warmly that they be not hung—be prevailed upon to divulge the secrets of their foul trade, it would appear that the infant mortality of Montreal is—as compared with that of other communities—by no means excessive.

MONTREAL IRISH RELIEF FUND.—The Committee met on the evening of Friday last, and through the Assistant-Treasurer, J. Mullins, Esq., made the pleasing, and to this city the honorable announcement that they had already remitted to His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, the handsome sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty dollars—and that in a few days they would be able to remit a further sum of Four Hundred dollars. The Committee adjourned sine die.

QUEBEC.—We learn that the amount collected in Quebec for the Irish Relief Fund is about One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty dollars, which will be remitted to His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, through the hands of the esteemed Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. Mr. McGauran. Amongst the names of contributors to the fund, we find that of the Reverend M. Bonneau of St. Laurent.

ST. COLUMBA OF SILLERY.—The collection made in this parish for the relief of the sufferers by the famine in Ireland, amounted to the very handsome sum of Four Hundred and Forty dollars. This sum, so creditable to the zeal and charity of priest and people, was forwarded on the 8th inst., to His Grace, the Archbishop of Tuam, by the Rev. P. H. Harkin, P.P. of St. Columba of Sillery. The latter has good cause to be proud of his people, and they may well be thankful for such a pastor.

The congregation of St. Mary's Parish, Wilhamstown, with a truly noble generosity have contributed One Hundred and Eighteen dollars for the relief of the suffering poor in Ireland.—This, considering the many calls lately made upon them for the finishing of their church, the purchase of an organ, and sundry other objects, is indeed a very handsome sum, and certainly most creditable to the warm-hearted Highlanders of this portion of Glengarry.—Communicated.

To the Editor of the True Witness. Kingston, 17th Feb., 1862.

SIR.—The appeal of our beloved Bishop, in behalf of the suffering poor of Ireland, has been generously responded to. The magnificent sum of Five Thousand dollars has been already subscribed in this Diocese; of which upwards of Two Thousand have been subscribed by the people of Kingston. Too much praise cannot be given to many of our Protestant fellow-citizens for their charitable liberality on this occasion.—Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars have been already forwarded to His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam for distribution, and the balance will be sent by the next steamer.

I have now much pleasure in acknowledging, through your columns, the receipt of Forty-four dollars, generously contributed to the "Irish Famine Relief Fund" of this city, by the people of St. Angele, and forwarded to His Lordship by G. J. Horan, Esq., of that place. I am directed by the Committee to return their grateful thanks to Mr. Horan, and the other subscribers, for this liberal and unexpected donation towards the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland.

The following is the subscription list from St. Angele, which you will oblige us by publishing in the next issue of the TRUE WITNESS:—

"St. Angele, 11th Feb., 1862.
"We, the undersigned, deeply sympathising with the Irish people, who are now suffering from want of food and fuel, do hereby subscribe the amount placed opposite our names, to be forwarded by your Lordship to the proper party in Ireland, for the relief of the suffering Irish.
"To the Right Rev. Doctor Horan, Bishop of Kingston,
Rev. J. David, \$2; Stephen Tucker, \$4; W. Chamberlain, \$1; D. A. Cameron, \$5; Thomas Cole, \$4; James G. Black, \$2 50c; Maurice Conway, \$3; G. J. Horan, \$5; Mrs. G. Horan, \$2; Samuel Gillis, \$2; J. P. Austin, \$5; T. S. Mackay, \$1; John McDonald, \$1; Harriet Hardy, \$2c; James Hall, \$3; Edw. Cole, \$2; William O'Brien, \$2; Alanson Cooke, \$2; Jos. Jonbert, \$5c; Louis Racine, \$2c; Mrs. Cannings, \$5c; P. McOlinotte, \$2c; William Brown, \$2c.—\$44.

Yours, &c., D. MACAROW, Secretary Kingston Irish Relief Committee.

Again we say, "Well done, Kingston." Not to the City alone, but to the entire Diocese does this remark apply.

To the Editor of the True Witness. Prescott, C. W., 10th Feb., 1862.

DEAR SIR.—In forwarding you the following list for publication in your widely circulating journal, I entertain no fears that you will consider it too great a trespass; especially when it is considered that the donors cheerfully responded to the appeal made by their well beloved and truly patriotic Irish Pastor, Rev. F. P. Roche, (on receipt of their venerable Bishop's Circular) without the formality of preliminary meetings and sympathetic resolutions; the one appeal from the Altar being sufficient to arouse their sympathies into action, and, according to their means, endeavor to relieve the distress to which their well-beloved, but unfortunately suffering country is exposed. Without further comment, I send you the names and amount contributed, and remain, dear Sir, yours most respectfully,
(Signed) C. F.

Peter Moran, \$100; Michael Tracy, 50; Rev. E. P. Roche, 20; P. O. Murdoch, 20; Timothy Buckley, 20; Mark Kieley, 10; James Sweeney, 10; J. R. White, 10; Philip Gallagher, 5; Edward Dungan, 5; James Moony, 5; Patrick Herbert, 5; Widow P. McAuley, 5; Mrs. Captain McDonald, 5; Mrs. M. Gray, 5; John Savage, 4; Francis Portrie, 4; James Quin, 4; John Kinella, 4; John Dillon, 4; John Duff, 4; David Wilkinson, 4; Hugh Boyle, 4; Alexander Mullen, 4; Captain Patrick McGrath, 4; Captain Maurice McGrath, 4; Mathew Cullen, 3; Michael Murphy, 2; Friends, 2 20c; Thomas Kavanagh, 2; Thos. Dissut, 2; Patrick O'Gree, 2; Edward McGannon, 2; James Boyle, Jun, 2; Michael O'Flynn, 2; Hugh Moony, 2; Francis Ford, 2; Bartholomew White, 2; Charles Cowan, Jun, 2; James Manion, 2; John McCarthy, 2; John Hughes, 2; Wm. Prendergast, 2; James O'Connell, 2; Martin Ryan, 2; John Ford, 2; Lawrence Byrns, 2; Roger Nugent, 2; John Nugent, 2; James Horan, 2; John M'Govern, 2; Michael Murphy, Jun, 2; T. P. French, 2; Miss Ellen Cullen, 2; Miss Mary Cullen, 2; Mrs. Doctor Scott, 2; Mrs. Widow Quin, 2; Mathew Delany, 1 60c; Christopher Farley, 1 50c; Cornelius De Courcy, 1 50c; Daniel McDonald, 1 50c; Patrick Delany, 1 50c; John Bann, 1 50c; Michael Meagher, 1; John Nowlan, 1; Michael Murphy, 1; William Pellsworth, 1; Michael Fitzgerald, 1; Joseph Flynn, 1; James Dungan, 1; Daniel Horan, 1; Gideon Lantier, 1; Charles Cowan, 1; Jeremiah Crowley, 1; Oreeo Murphy, 1; Patrick Higgins, 1; Patrick Coghlan, 1; Wm. Tobin, 1; Michael Whyms, 1; Adolphus Gadsden, 1; Nicholas Redmond, 1; James Boyle, 1; Daniel Kelly, 1; Laurence Redmond, 1; Thomas Milton, 1; Michael Walsh, 1; Edward M'Keown, 1; John Murphy, 1; John Murphy, Jun, 1; James Ooss, 1; John Nidd, 1; John Wheaton, 1; Dumas Lontier, 1; Roderick M'Millan, 1; Patrick O'Brien, 1; Henry May, 1; S. Bertrand, 1; Michael Foley, 1; George Bolton, 1; James Hurley, Jun, 1; John M'Gannon, 1; John Manion, 1; Daniel M'Cartin, 1; Michael Manion, Jun, 1; Hugh Gallagher, 1; Martin O'Connor, 1; James Byrns, Jun, 1; Patrick Furlong, 1; Patrick Lillis, 1; Patrick Redmond, 1; Martin Cahill, 1; Wm. M'Gannon, 1; R. B. Macdonald, 1; John M'Faul, 1; George Murdoch, 1; Charles Boyle, 1; Michl. Hogan, 1; Michael M'Keever, 1; Daniel Leahy, 1; Joseph M'Quinn, 1; James M'Quinn, 1; John Kelly, 1; John M'Ellen, Jun, 1; John Mallon, 1; Jas. Murr, Jun, 1; Jas. Oyle, 1; Edw. Delany, 1; Edw. Bennett, 1; Jas. Burke, 1; Wm. M'Mahon, 1; Oreeo Murphy, 1; P. Smith, 1; John Sheehan, 1; Patrick Gahan, 1; Thos.

Murphy, 1; John Crowley, 1; Francis Headen, 1; Doctor Evans, 1; John Black, 1; James M'Mahon, 1; Terence O'Reilly, 1; Miles O'Reilly, 1; Jeremiah Mahony, 1; Mrs. Sarah Howes, 1; Mrs. Dorrige, 1; Mrs. Laurence Byrns, 1; Mrs. Hugh Moony, 1; Mrs. Sloane, 1; Mrs. Charles M'Anley, 1; Miss Mary Anne O'Flynn, 1; Miss Sarah Redmond, 1; Miss Ellen Burke, 1; Master White, 1; John O'Neil, 1; James Cosgrove, 1; A. Friend, 50c; Patrick Maddeu, 60c; John O'Neil, 50c; D. J. Crowley, 50c; John Crowley, 50c; James M'Ellen, 50c; Charles Murphy, 50c; Joseph Lortier, 50c; Jas. Boyd, 50c; Daniel Dempsey, 50c; M. M'Farland, 50c; Denis Crowley, 50c; Michl. Gahan, 50c; Maurice Cotter, 50c; Wm. M'Alley, 50c; Joseph Poor, 50c; Robert Paterson, 50c; Wm. Brennan, 50c; John Halpin, 50c; Patrick Halpin, 50c; Daniel Dempsey, Jun, 50c; Bernard Carroll, 50c; James Byrns, 50c; Patrick Goulan, 50c; Robert M'Gill, 50c; L. J. McGlow, 50c; William Carroll, 50c; Peter Whelan, 50c; Patrick Kelly, 50c; William Madden, 50c; Alexander M'Connell, 50c; Mrs. O'Conner, 50c; Mrs. Edward Conway, 50c; Mrs. M. Walsh, 50c; Mrs. S. Dwyer, 50c; Mrs. Redmond, 50c; Mrs. Michael Smith, 50c; Mrs. James Young, 50c; Mrs. John Mallon, 50c; Mrs. John Higginson, 50c; Mrs. Bolton, 50c; Mrs. Connors, 50c; Widow O'Connell, 50c; Mrs. Dove, 50c; Miss Anne Hannon, 50c; Miss Sarah M'Gowan, 50c; Miss Bridget Walsh, 50c; Miss Jane Lillis, 50c; Miss Elizabeth Appleton, 50c; Miss Margaret Morris, 50c; Miss Elizabeth Macdonald, 50c; Miss Rosa M'Gowan, 50c; Miss Sarah Manion, 50c; Miss Janet Macdonald, 50c; Miss Anne Horan, 50c; Miss Bridget Carton, 50c; Miss Mary Anne Tate, 50c; Miss Mary Anne O'Connor, 50c; Miss Anne Derlin, 50c; Miss Mary Devlin, 50c; Miss Anne O'Kane, 50c; Mrs. Widow Crowley, 45c; Wm. Davis, 45c; James Walsh, 37 1/2c; Mrs. Michael Gahan, 37 1/2c; John O'Halloran, 25c; John Mahony, 25c; A. C. Collins, 25c; Edward M'Gaskin, 25c; James O'Brien, 25c; John Barry, 25c; Mrs. Robert Delany, 25c; Mrs. Watters, 25c; Miss Gertrude Garvey, 25c; Miss Mary Payment, 25c; Miss Sarah Loughlin, 25c; Miss Elizabeth Bolton, 25c; Miss Mary Anne Connolly, 25c; Miss Anne Lafferty, 25c; Widow Meagher, 25c; Widow Bridget Cullen, 25c; Mrs. S. Barlow, 25c; Mrs. Betsy MacGillivuddy, 25c; Miss M'Alley, 25c.

The total collected amounted to upwards of \$521.

An Extra of the Canada Gazette, published on Friday, contains the proclamation summoning Parliament for the 20th March.

The first session of the Court of Queen's Bench (Crown side) was opened at St. John's on the 13th inst., Mr. Justice Aylwin presiding. The first case for trial was that of the Hon. J. B. Guereumont, indicted for perjury, in swearing that he was possessed of the property qualification of a Legislative Councillor. Mr. Drummond, Q. C., is retained for the private prosecutor, Mr. Crebassan, a relative of the deceased candidate for the seat Mr. Government occupies, and Mr. Loranger, Q. C., for the defence. Mr. Fortier, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, being subpoenaed to bring with him the election record, declined to appear, declaring the records to belong to the High Court of Parliament. Mr. Drummond moved for a Bench warrant to arrest him for contempt, which Judge Aylwin has granted, and we are now likely to have a *cause celebre* respecting the privileges of Parliament and its officers.—Montreal Gazette.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.—A detachment of the 63rd Regiment—60 men arrived in town from Riverview Loup, on Saturday morning, and proceeded yesterday morning by the Grand Trunk Railway to the Upper Province. A detachment of Artillery—2 officers and 20 men of the 8th Battery, arrived in the same train. Parties likely to be correctly informed, state that 11,000 men will be quartered in and about Montreal in the Spring, and that Chambly St. John's and Laprairie, will once more be re-occupied by the troops. Fully 6,000 men are now quartered in Montreal.—Id.

LARGE PURCHASE OF ARTILLERY HORSES.—We understand that the purchase of horses in the Townships and the Ottawa country for the use of the Imperial Artillery exceeds the sum of \$40,000. Supposing that the regulation price—\$100 was paid in each case, this sum would represent 400 horses.—Id.

DESERTERS.—Two deserters from one of the regiments quartered here have been tried by Court Martial, and one sentenced to fourteen years transportation, the other to seven. We understand the General Commanding in Chief has issued an order warning the soldiers, that desertion in the present aspect of affairs will be regarded as a capital offence, and punished as it would be were England really at war with the United States.—Id.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Pittsburgh, M. Wafer, \$3; Atherly, J. Clarke, \$1; Ernestown, J. M'Connell, \$2; St. Cesaire, Rev. Mr. Desnoyers, \$1; Quebec, Rev. M. Plante, \$4; St. Ant. East, D. M. Killon, \$2; Lochiel, D. M'Fellan, \$2; West Rutland, U. S. Rev. T. Lynch, \$1; Riverdale, Rev. J. St. Aubin, \$2; New Richmond, P. Walsh, \$2; Mont. Marie, F. Fortier, \$2; Jantour, Me. Rev. H. Gillin, \$5; Rigaud, A. M'Dougall, \$1; Mars, P. Clarke, \$8.50; J. Heslin, \$3.50; New Glasgow, P. Shovlin, \$2; South Mountain, J. Herring, \$2; Grandy, Rev. M. M'Alley, \$2; M. Gannon, \$2.50; Westport, T. Martin, \$1; St. Bridget, O. Donnelly, \$4; Ormatown, Rev. J. J. Vinet, \$2; Leeds, W. Donald, \$2.50; Merrickville, J. Brislan, \$2; Boucherville, Dr. De Boucherville, \$2; Madisons, Rev. P. D. Laurent, \$1; Errol, D. F. Heugarty, \$2; London, R. Ditchan, \$1; Cote St. Andrews, Alac R. M'Donald, \$2; Alexandria, G. O'Brien, \$2; South a Recollet, Rev. Mr. Vinet, \$4; Sillery, Rev. P. H. Harkin, \$4; Alexandria, M. M'Donald \$2; Windsor, Rev. Mr. Fautoux \$2; Oakville, Rev. Mr. Ryan, \$2; Worcester, U. S. Rev. J. C. Moore, \$2; N. Lancaster, A. M'Ra, \$2; Sorel, J. M'Carthy, \$5; Stanboro, J. Wright, \$2; St. Croix, A. Laliberte, \$1; Marysville, B. Scanlan, \$4; South March, C. Villeneuve, \$2.

Per J. Bonfield, Eganville—Self, \$2; J. McKeirnan, \$2; T. O'Gorman, \$2; D. Maddigan, \$2; G. Lapointe, \$2; T. Sheridan, \$2; A. M'Dougall, \$2; J. Corley, \$2; I. Corley, \$2; T. Hickey, \$2; Douglas, J. Rico, \$2; W. O'Toole, \$2; J. Reynolds, \$2; Brudenell, D. Payne, \$2; J. Coughlin, \$2; C. Whelan, \$1.50c; J. Whelan, \$1.50c; J. Dooner, \$1.50c; S. G. Lynn, \$2; D. Lynn, \$2; D. Leacy, \$2; D. J. Walsh, \$2; H. Gallaher, \$2; W. O'Gorman, \$2; T. Smith, \$2.

Per H. O'Connell, St. Mary's—J. Killom, \$1; W. Duger, \$1; A. Roonan, \$1.
Per J. Birmingham—Bowmanville, A. O'Loughlin, \$4.
Per B. Supple, Osawa—P. Prudhomme, \$1; J. O'Regan, \$1; J. M'Mahon, \$2; T. Malcahe, \$1; J. Scanlan, \$1; W. M'Kittick, \$2.
Per E. J. Durphy, Sixsex Vale, N. B.—Rev. J. Venerker, \$4.
Per W. Chisholm, Dalhousie Mills—F. M'Leod, \$2.
Per W. McManamy, Brantford—Mrs. Carroll, \$1.
Per Rev. O. Wardy, Newmarket—P. Sullivan, \$1; Mr. O'Brien, \$1.
Per J. Coughlin, Jr., St. Cath. de Fossam—Self, \$2; Miss Carroll, \$1; A. Maher, \$2; J. Griffin, \$2.
Per J. M'Ever, Beauharnois, J. Kelly, \$1; Huntingdon, J. Narey, \$1; O. O'Gain, \$2 50; T. K. Murphy, \$1.
Per J. Kevill, Amherstburg—T. M'Ginn, \$2.
Per P. Lacombe, Maskinonge—The Est. of Dr. O. Boucher, \$7 50; Do of J. O. Boucher, \$6 85.
Per M. Connolly, Watertown—H. Connolly, \$1; C. Laberge, \$1 45; A. Bradley, \$2.
Per D. J. McDonald, Summerstown—A. Grant, \$2.
Per H. Barker, Lacolle—Self, \$2; Rev. F. Rochette, \$2.

Died.

At Sherbrooke, on Sunday morning last, 16th inst., Alice Unsworth, after a brief illness. The circumstances which attended the death of the deceased, cut off in the morning of life, are particularly distressing. Her three brothers and one of her sisters have only just recovered from a protracted attack of typhus fever. During a long and dangerous illness, she attended them with the solicitude and tenderness of a loving sister. How strange then it appears that, as they returned to health, she who had watched over them so long and well, and been the prey of many anxious, painful thoughts on their account, should, herself, fall a victim to the same disease, hastened at the close by the rupture of a blood vessel. Truly it is said, the ways of Providence are inscrutable. The memory of this young lady will be held in esteem by all who enjoyed the happiness of her friendship. She was indeed the type of everything that is excellent; a loving, amiable, affectionate friend—a most dutiful and worthy daughter. The friends of Mrs. Unsworth and family will sympathise deeply with them in their severe affliction.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

[It is to be borne in mind that the following quotations, unless otherwise specified, are for round lots sold to shippers or produce dealers, and that the latter as a matter of course, must charge higher rates to their customers.]
Flour.—Dollars, \$2.25 to \$2.75; Middlings, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Superfine, \$1.80 to \$2.00; No. 2, \$1.60 to \$1.80; Fine, \$1.40 to \$1.60; Fancy, \$5.10 to \$5.20; Extra, \$4.45 to \$5.50; Bags, U. C. Spring, \$2.00 to \$2.70; Scotch, \$2.70 to \$2.75 per 112 lbs.
There is little doing except in Supers, for which \$4.95 is the ruling rate. The other grades are in demand, but scarce.
Wheat \$1.07 extra for U. C. Spring. Demand active and supplies small.
Oatmeal per bbl. of 200 lbs. nosales; holders ask \$4; per bag of 112 lbs., 10s to 10s 6d
Ashes Pot. \$6.00; Inferiors 10c more. Pearls, \$6.60 to \$6.65.
Butter Sales at 11 1/2 to 12 c for Store-packed; choice Dairy, 13c to 14c
Cork Holders have advanced their rates, but we hear of no transactions to quote.
Dressed Hogs \$4 to \$4.50; few in market and holders unwilling to sell.
Seeds Clover Seed, \$9.75 to \$14.25, for common to good; Timothy, \$1.75 to \$2.—Montreal Witness.

WANTED, BY A LADY of several years' experience, a Situation as Organist and Teacher of a Catholic School. The best of references given. Address, if by letter, post-paid, "M. Y. R.," True Witness Office, Montreal. Feb. 1862.

INFORMATION WANTED, OF MICHAEL HENNESSY. When last heard from, in 1858, he was in Ogle County, Illinois. Any information concerning him will be most thankfully received by his wife, MARY HENNESSY, St. Rochs, Quebec.

BOSTON PILOT & IRISH AMERICAN For Sale at T. RIDDELL'S every week. Subscriptions received for DUBLIN NATION and other Irish papers.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY. A GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT, WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ST PATRICK'S SOCIETY, IN THE CITY HALL, On the 17th of March next. Proceeds to be devoted to Charitable purposes. MDE. LAURA HONEY STEVENSON has kindly volunteered her services for the occasion. Feb. 13, 1862. NOTICE. Newspapers, Periodicals, Magazines, Fashion Books, Novels, Stationery, School Books, Children's Books, Song Books, Almanacs, Diaries and Postage Stamps, for sale at DALTON'S News Depot, Corner of Craig and St. Lawrence Streets, Montreal. Jan 17, 1862.

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the weaver are disastrous. This is the explanation of the diminution of the number of labor in the cotton manufactures.”

being accepted, we will employ sincere and energetic efforts to insure the adoption of a plan of conciliation, the bases of which we should settle with the Government of His Holiness. Italy and the Papacy would then cease to be in opposite camps and would soon return to their natural intercourse.

NAPLES, Jan. 21.—Several of our deputies left for the scene of action on Saturday last, and in a very warlike temper. The enemy they seek is not so much Ricasoli as Ricasoli and his Government, and the ground on which they mean to fight is that of the army, the finances, and public security.

have no other than a depressing influence upon our brave, patient fellows. If there was any prospect of a speedy ameliorative change, the men would stand it better; though, to do them justice, I believe the world has never seen an army, since the days of '76, as enduring of hope deferred, so patriotic and courageous, and equal to either fate.

to the risk of being taken at so fearful a disadvantage. Canada must not suppose that we can always lean on our efficient assistance, and she will do wisely to take her own defence henceforth into her own hands. It has been said that unless we continue to throw upon the people of this country the whole burden of defending our Colonies in time of peace, our Colonies will separate from us. This is but shallow reasoning. The Colonies are actuated partly by feeling, but a good deal also by a clear and enlightened view of their own interest. So long as we are willing to pay for their wars and fight their battles ourselves, without perpetrating in return any of those injuries or insults which are apt to fall to the lot of an unarmed and unwarlike people, the Colonies will willingly acquiesce in so one-sided an arrangement—an arrangement in which all the good is for them and all the evil is for us. But it by no means follows that, even if they should be called upon to undertake their own defence in time of peace, and to look only for such assistance as we can spare in time of war, the Colonies would think the union with England burdensome and oppressive. They might, indeed occasionally find themselves engaged in wars for quarrels in which their peculiar interests were not involved; but against this evil are to be set the considerations that, except in the case of America, they have no civilized continental neighbors, and are therefore protected from the dangers of war by our maritime superiority. In the case of a quarrel with America our Colonies, if not the pretext, are almost sure to be the cause of the war. Our experience has shown that against American enemies England is strong by land to protect them. On the other hand, the Colonies gain by remaining part of the British Empire all the innumerable advantages which attend on large States as compared with small ones. The American Government arrested citizens of the Confederate States in the territory of New Granada, in defiance of the Law of Nations and with the most perfect impunity; but the American Government would offer no insult to Colonial territory or property of Great Britain itself. The knowledge that they cannot be involved in a war while England remains at peace is a tower of strength to our Colonies, and saves them from heavy expenditure and loss of life.—Times.

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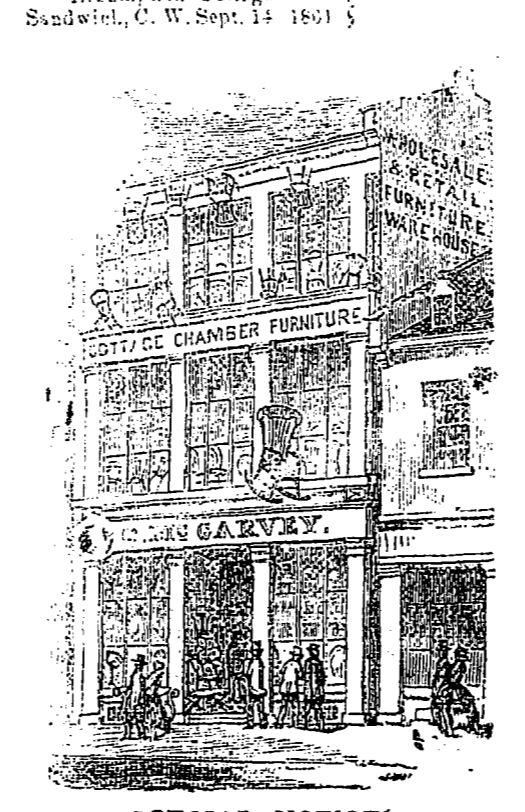
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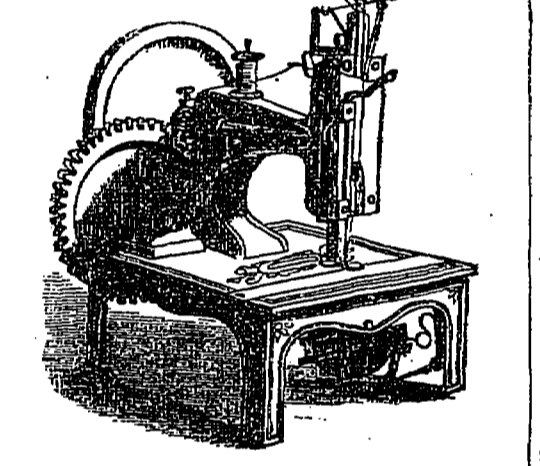
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