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## THE QUEBEC AGITATION.

The Riel agitation in the Province of Quebec ought to open the eyes of English speaking Canadians to some important facts with which we have to reckon in our nation-making. The first and principal of such is the presence of a very large population in Quebec whom we must fairly recognize as alien. French-Canadians of all parties, the small Protestant remnant excepted, are imbued with an interest which turns their hearts and plans solely toward-the centre of their own circle. The Church and Ultramontane Party have always cultivated this spirit of exclusion; the Senecalists, of whonı Chapleau is leader, seized upon it as a demagogue's tool of trade; and the young. men of the Liberals, since the deposition of M. Joly, have been wholly led into the same direction under the excuse of "patriotism." This "patriotism" is a very different thing from what Ontario might think it. So is the term " national." There has been more than one attempt, for the sake of appearances, to make out the "National Party" of recent harangues to be other than a party of race. But the word has a history which immediately enlightens us. So far back as 1839 , in a report on the causes of the Lower Canada rebellion, the Hon. James McGill said: "It is this exclusive Erench-Canadian spirit alone which has given rise to all the discontent existing in this Province; it is this which has in fact made the question one of national origin and not of political party." (Christie, Hist. Can., Vol. IV., 506). See also IV., 536 :
"the desired nationalité looked for by his compatriots." Also V., 402, in a despatch of Sir James Craig of 1st May, 1810: "Indeed, it seems to be a favourite object with them to be considered a separate nation. La nation Canadienne is their constant expression." It should not be forgotten that national does not mean "national" with French-Canadians. The prominent figure, though not the one most conspicuous in action, has been, as might be expected, the able Mercier. He has played the Riel card-for it is little more than a card with him-from the beginning. At one time he was on the point of defending the Metis chieftain at the trial : lately it is he who controls the organization of the aritation and gathers in the Conservative deserters. That he has played an immensely strong card among his own people there is no doubt whatever. He has succeeded in any event in heavily crippling Sir John Macdonald personally, however the quicksands of their opinions may shift on matters of party hereafter. It is probable that an indelible impression has been created with many. An uneducated people forgets most impressions easily, but frequently retains a prejudice ingrained so deeply and skilfully as this has been with strange persistence. There is little doubt but that the success of the new tactics of the Liberals will undermine the Church more rapidly than open war. It is only to be regretted that the party itself is departing from its old noble stand of true Liberal principle, for there never was in any country a more glorious group than those of the Institut Canadien, and they will be remembered and named with pride when the whole of the mere politicians of their generation have passed into contemptuous oblivion.

The work of converting the scaffold which Riel mounted in expiation of his crime into the platform of a new party goes on vigorously. No scruple is allowed to stand in the way of success. The decision of the

Privy Council, in which the legality of the trial was upheld, does not prevent the execution being stigmatized as a judicial murder; the admission of Riel's own counsel that he had a fair trial goes for nothing with people who are bent on exciting race prejudice by representing the trial as a mockery of justice. Very often the angry critics, without intending to do so, confute one another. Many, including M. C. J. Coursol, assure excited French-Canadian audiences that the real cause of the execution was the murder of Scott, to which they give another and a softer name. Others allege that the signing of the death warrant was the result of a cold estimate of how many seats in Parliament would be won and lost by deciding against mercy. These two theories are mutually destructive, and it is not necessary to accept either of them as true. The theory of a Government punishing a man for a crime of which the guilt had been wiped out by pardon supposes that its counsels were dominated by the desire of revenge, in the indulgence of which law, justice, humanity, and conscience were trampled in the dust. But what possible motives could the Government, constituted as it is, have for revenge? The three French members, if they had given rein to their sympathies, must have decided the other way. The Government, as a whole, had cause for anxiety, but none for desiring revenge. Deliberation was shown by the reprieves that took place from time to time, and the responsibility of the decision must have been keenly felt ; a cold calculation of chances in the constituencies could not co-exist with the passionate feeling of revenge with which the murder of Scott is alleged to have fired the breasts of Ministers : but if both these inconsistent motives be put aside the reasons for the execution remain, and it is not necessary to seek any other. The law of Edward III., under which Riel was tried, contains the terms in which the framers of the Constitution of the United States defined treason: Riel's crime, in the Republic, would have been what it was in Canada. When the Government was asked to commute his sentence, it might fairly take his general character into account. A man who has been twice convicted of larceny is more severely dealt with for the second than for the first offence: a man who has twice been guilty of treason, though the first offence has been forgiven, has no ground for complaint if, on the repetition of the crime, Mercy refuses to stay the hand of Justice. The Executive simply abstained from inter fering with the decisions of the judieiary ; and the passionate demands of an excited populace, the offspring of race and religion, formed no rational ground for interference.
M. Ouimet is a member of the House of Commons of the French race who has pledged himself to join in a vote of censure on the Government for the execution of Riel ; but he candidly expresses his belief that some of his countrymen, who are among the most vehement in condemnation of the act, are in their heart of hearts pleased that the hanging took place, They rejoice because they think the event may open to them the way to power. The opinion of M. Ouimet receives corroboration in various ways. The men who chiefly distinguish themselves by the loudness of their demands for a united French-Canadian Party have in vain tried every other resource open to an Opposition. The cry of race and religion brings recruits, and gives a better chance of success than any other expedient. Both recruits and veterans paint the crimes of the Government in the blackest colours. M. Desjardins draws a touching picture of Riel, betrayed by three of his compatriots, suffering for his patriotism. M. Beaudry, not to be outdone by any competitor, tells his excited countrymen how a crowd of "vagabonds" spread themselves over the North-West, committing all sorts of enormities, despoiling the Metis of St. Louis de Langevin, chasing them from their homes and their lands and their chapel. M. Laurier backs up this statement by saying that if he had been on the banks of the Saskatchewan, he too would have grasped his rifle and taken part in the struggle. All the chasing done was confined to what was necessary to put down the insurrection. M. Laurier goes to the extent of saying that a free pardon to Riel should have been granted on the extraordinary ground that in surrendering he helped General Middleton to put an end to the rebellion. When Riel surrendered, the force of the insurrection was broken, Dumont was a fugitive, and it would have been impossible to collect the broken remnants of the insurgents to make another stand. And the surrender was unconditional. General Middleton promised to secure the safety of his prisoner till the Government could decide what was to be done with him. No trap for the leader of the insurrection was set ; he was not trepanned; no promise was ever
held out to him except a guarantee of personal safety while in the General's hands; his co-operation in putting an end to the insurrection was neither asked nor accepted. "Avenge his death,"' is the advice which M. Laurier gives to his countrymen, on the pretence that Riel was entrapped and dishonourably dealt with after aiding to put an end to the rebellion. In this way popular indignation is being manufactured; and the FrenchCanadian is assured that his present attitude has frightened his worst enemy out of the country. "Sir John Macdonald," Du Marcil assures him, "is a fugitive." And he adds this execration: "May the spectre of Riel pursue him, and the tears of the widow fall on him like drops of hot lead." M. Coursol's first object is to defeat the offending Government, and then the claims of the ex-police magistrate may go for what they are worth, when a leader for the new party has to be chosen : in the words of M. Ouimet, "this national party of which every one desires to be leader."
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## NOTES FROM QUEBEC.

Party politics never appeared to greater disadvantage than they do at the present moment in the Province of Quebec ; indeed, they have reached such a state of acute repulsiveness that every right-minded man in the community instinctively shrinks from the contamination. In a few instancesand only a fow-English-speaking citizens, or those having business intercourse more or less directly with the French-Canadians, have prominently identified themselves with the " Riel agitation," but in the main it has been confined to the French Liberals, who are desperately anxious to reach up to power by standing upon Riel's coffin. It is just possible that they may eventually overreach themselves, and that the end of the present agitation will prove a veritable Soudan to their hopes. It is absolutely certain that not even a respectable minority of English-speaking people will help forward the present agitation, becauso there is a deep-seated conviction in their minds that the unfortunate rebel chicf richly deserved the utmost penalty, and the only regret expressed is the regret that he was not hanged years ago. But the whole agitation is simply a move in party politics, and has no deoper foundation than the well-feigned indignation of a hungry set of office-seekers.

It is curious to observe some phases of the movement: for example, a sudden and most unaccountable love has sprung up between the French and the Irish-at least, so it is said-and unitedly they are asked to make common cause against the Government for the execution of Riel. The chances of an alliance between the French and Irish on this, or in fact on any other, question, are not very promising. The French-Canadian, for some cause or other, detests the Irishman, and the Irishman returns the feeling with interest. In Quebec the Irish interest possesses no special attraction for "Jean Baptiste"; he knows nothing about Irish grievances, real or imaginary, and he cares less; and besides, there is an old legacy of hate between tho nationalities which is not likely to be obliterated for many years to come, if at all. But the politician works by numbers, and to control the French and Irish vote would be very much better than controlling the French vote alone; but the thing is not likely to work, and if the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald is not defeated until it succumbs to the fiery indignation of an Irish-French-Canadian alliance, it will survive for a long time. Father O'Dowd, of Montreal, ought to be thanked by every honest Irishman for having saved his countrymen from making fools of themselves about a matter which in no way concerned them. The Montreal Post has throughout the agitation championed the most violent remedies on the part of the Irish in Canada for the purpose of expressing their indignation against the Government on account of Ricl's execution, going the length of insisting that the Hon. Mr. Costigan should resign his seat in the Cabinet. It may be said that the advice would have been more opportune if it had followed the resignation of the French members of the Cabinet and "Senator Trudel" of l'Etendard. The Post can hardly be looked upon as an organ of Irish-Canadian opinion, and on a question of this sort one can hardly forget that the paper is managed by and in the interests of a Provincial contractor. The Irish on this continent will find it very much to their interests to mind their own business, and if the French-Canadians have any quarrel with the Government they are quite able to settle it in their own way, as they undoubtedly will to their own interests in the long run. But, on the whole, prominent Irishmen have not been forward to identify themselves with the agitation; indeed, less prominent than some others from whom better might have been expected. A certain Colonel Rhodes, who evidently knows more about fruit than he does about politics, attended a public meeting at Sillery for the purpose of weeping an entire barrelful of tears with his French-Canadian fellowcitizens and customers. He denounced the hanging of Riel for a
political offence, and was almost as severe upon the Government as the Hon. P. Garneau, whose senatorial aspirations have been nipped by Sir John's party. It is, perhaps, a fortunate thing for the world in this emergency that Colonel Rhodes' opinions are not valued as.highly by the public as they are by the worthy Colonel himself ; still we cannot help thinking that Colonel Rhodes is neither prudent nor patriotic in joining with those who seek to convert a base criminal into a martyr. It was evidently hoped that a great and overwhelming wave would have swept the Conservatives into the sea, and that the so-called National Party would have ruled all the other Provinces into harmony with what may be practically described as French-Canadian national ideas : that is to say, that French-Canadian criminals are above all constituted authority.

It is to the lasting credit of the French Canadian clergy that they have not permitted themselves to be made the tools of the politicians, and, with few exceptions, their attitude on this question is that of dignified and patriotic Christian gentlemen. I take great pleasure in bearing this testimony, and in adding that to them, more than to any one else, will their countrymen be indebted if they pass through the present agitation without serious political loss, if nothing worse. An impression has hitherto prevailed among a large body of French-Canadian writers that they could indulge in their Anglophobian literature with impunity, and without moving their phlegmatic fellow-countrymen to make even a reply, and your readers can readily imagine the consternation that has seized them, in the face of the particularly vigorous protests that have come from Ontario since the inauguration of the present unfortunate agitation. The most thoughtful among them feel that they were "reckoning without their host" when they supposed that they could dictate terms to the great Province of Ontario. "The National Party" and the "Irish Alliance" both collapsed in the most ignominious manner on Friday night last (27th Nov.) in the Champlain Hall. The incident will have historic importance, and I therefore make somewhat of a trespass on your space to reproduce the facts as told in the daily papers :-

Councillor Power, in answer to repeated calls, stepped forward on to the platform and the chair. This was at once objected to by the other party in the meeting, who insisted on Mr. Hearn being elected chairman. Amid the confusion caused by the counter-cries which prevailed for some time,
Mr. Power was hustled out of Mr . Power was hustled out of the chair, and a number of the partisans of the opposing faction succeeded in purhing him from the platform. The ejected chairman was loudly protesting all the time and vainly endeavouring to make himself heard above the prevailing din. A strong body guard of friends, some of whom supported him on either side, while others pushed on from behind, rushed him again on the platform, but so turbulent was the meeting that not a word that he uttered could be heard a dozen feet away. The crowd on the platform, which could not have been less than fifty to sixty men and boys, seemed to be about equally divided, one portion of the crowd endeavouring to force Mr. Power from the platform, while the other hustled him in an opposite direction, and both appearing perfectly unanimous in their determinåtion to prevent any of the opposing element making themselves heard. For some minutes Mr. Power was thus unceremoniously dragged on and off the platform by the swaying of the crowd, amid shouts of approval and counter-cries of disapprobation. In the course of the struggle for supremacy Mr. Power received a severe blow on the head, from which the blood flowed for a while profusely. He was taken away by his friends, and still nothing could be heard but a perfect Babel of tongues and a din of contending voices. As each of the most prominent of those present endeavoured in turn to make himself heard, his voice was certain to be drowned by the clamour of the partisans of somebody else, while every now and again cries were uttered for Mr. PowerMessrs. C. A. Pelletier, F. Barbray, M.P.P., Owen Murphy, P. B. Cas grain, M.P., Charles Fitzpatrick, in turn vainly attempted to make themselves heard over the existing confusion, but the crowd remained obdurate, and it was not an infrequent sight to see the would-be orator and a number of his friends and surroundings unceremoniously precipitated from the platform. The outlook was not seldom of the most unpleasant description, and it frequently seemed as if the striking of a single blow would be the signal for a general free fight. At one time matters assumed so threatening an aspect that a dozen policemen, headed by Deputy Chief Walsh, marched into the hall and surrounded the platform. This was the signal for more derisive cries, and still the tug-of-war went on. Every few minutes some one or other of the would-be orators of the occasion stepped the clamour of the rival factions to attempt to drown in stentorian tones the clamour of the rival factions. It was, however, but the signal for further tumult, aided by the voices of a score or so of youthful disturbers, whose particular mission it seemed to be to drown the voice of each and every one of those who attempted to speak by the singing of "En roulant ma boule roulant" and "Climbing up the golden stairs."

The country is safe! In the bleeding form of the persecuted but heroic Councillor Power we recognize the short-lived glories of the Irish-FrenchCanadian Alliance. Costigan could not resign now if he would, and, perhaps, he would not if he could; anyhow the blood of "Power" will have to be revenged on somebody, and unless it can be shown to have been the work of some Englishman, or some member of "the bloodthirsty

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Orange faction," and it is more than probable that it was, "Power," with all the blood of his ancestors, from Tyrone Power downward, boiling in his veins, cannot be expected to submit tamely to such an insult as has been placed upon his civic dignity. We await developments.

OUR winter series of entertainments was opened by an organ recital given by Mr. Bishop in the English Cathedral on Friday night. The attendance was respectable and decidedly appreciative, but it fell far short of the merits of the high inusical treat that was provided. For nearly an hour and a half the fine organ of the Anglican Cathedral poured forth a perfect flood of the richest music, now stealing along in the softest whispers and then reaching the swelling torrents which shook the sacred building us if it were labouring under the effects of an earthquake. Mor feel particugreat musician and as modest as he is great, and we shall not accidentally fall larly astonished if some of our great city churches should accider. Quebec apon him and wonder why they had failed to discover him ber Mr . Bishop is far too narrow a sphere for such rare musical powers as Neme. possesses.

## HEREDITARY GENIUS IN AMERICA.

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As I have already pointed out in a former portion of this paper, in his catalogue of eminent names, illustrative of hereditary genius, Mr. Galton has included only four instances gathered from the history of the No to World. In these Canada has no share at all. It may be worth wh there enquire, however, whether in this spacious corner of Greatacity such as Mr . are not a few examples of transmitted intellectual Few countries offer Galton would accept in confirmation of his theory. Few countries avelle better facilities for engaging in this kind of research then these labours of Abbe rance enjoys in her long chain of parochal yuguet-Latour and other Tanquay, Abbe Daniel, Mr. Sulte, the Chevalier Huguet-1are, drawn from Writers have placed at our disposal a wealth of genealogical to civilization in general sources which, unless Canada is ance to the student of heredity. General, must yield some facts of importance the this continent there hardly one whose descent cannot be traced back to the cis-Atlantic founder of his family with the help of the Dictionnaire Généalogique. As Mr. Sution justly says, that compilation of registers is unique. No the families of possesses such a sepher toldoth. There we lea Courcelle, Tilly de Beauvais the Gardeur, with its branches; Repentigny, Courcele, , and St. Pierre ; of D'Alleboust, with its branch, D'Argenteun, St. Ours, seaux, Perigny and Manthet; of Contrecœur, La with the De CarigCarrieu de la Pérade, and others who came to Canada with etc.), Aubert, nan Regiment in 1669 ; of the Le Moynes (de Lon. Simon, Denys de a Roude Godefroy, Denys (with its branches, Louis Hebert, the premier Roude and Bonaventure) ; of D'Amours; of Louillard and Abraham Martin (the blood of New France; of Guillaume three of which brave pioneers is in the veins of Monseig. heur and Dr. Taché); of Jean Coté, the patriarch of thousands of palrio by sons and daughters of Canada; of Pierre Paradis, whose name is the Do
 Bouchervilles; of Bertrand Fafard, dit Laframboise, foreare, ancestor of Bishmboise family of Montreal ; of Guillauravelle, whose name and bloops Bourget and Tourgeon; of Joseph Jracques Archambault, the oot of live in a numerous pos. Gabriel Duclos de Celles, ancestoreof M. a far-branching family tree; of Gabriellaume Pepin, dit Francheof M. A. D. de Celles, of Montreal ; of Guillau of mark as Sir Hector, Montagne, from whom have descended such men of marterpreter, le petit roi de and Vicar-General Langevin, ofies has supplied many parishes with priests Tadoussac, who for over two centuries merchants and hardy cultivators; of ${ }^{\text {prests, advocates, notaries, physicians, merchanhes name is borne by the }}$ son of ques Hertel, ennobled by Louis XIV., whose name of Juchereau, Sieur de Maure of Montreal's most prominenly three hundred years have De the bravest of soldiers ; of Jean Guyon, forefather of Guyons, Dions, De Youngs and Youngs, innumerable, in the United States and Cancestor of the Patre de Launay and Noel Langlois, and Jean Cocha Gagnon; of Réné Meex-Governor of Manitoba) ; of the three bron, ancestor of the late Sir R. E. and of François Bélanger ; of Robert Caron, anceria; of Jean Joliet, from and of Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of name; and many another Whom whom sprang the famous discoverer of that great continent which they helped to plantants inherit a large share of the great civilization.

The plant and to win over to Christian to begin with the appearance of Jacques Cartier in the River St. Lawrence. He was of a family of mariners, and ser in the River St, Larary kinsmen and connections were men that went down to the sea in ships. Mace Jallobert, who married daughte's sister, was captain of the Petite Hermine, of his son received the daughter, Perrine, married Michel Odieure, and their son Cartier's elder sister, Jo Jacques in honour of his maternal grandsiro, though baptized Pierre, is also was the wife of Jean Noel, and their son, though buas had three sons also known in history as Jacques. son. Berth Michel, Jean and Jacques-the last of wa cousin of her own of the same name, Cartier's younger sister, ma six daughters, the youngest of whom married She had one son, Jean, and Jo Jacques Noel, the younger, and Etienne, son Chaton de la Jaunaye. To Jacques Noel, January,

1588, by royal patent, the monopoly of the Canadian trade; but, objection 5eing made by the merchants of St. Malo, the privilege was revoked in the summer of the same year. Evidently no member of the Cartier family in the sixteenth century equalled in merit the famous discoverer of Canada, nor, as far as we know, did any of them take part in the foundation or organization of the Colony. We meet with the name, it is true, and probably those who bore it were of the stock of the great navigator. At any rate the opinion largely prevails that Sir George Etienne Cartier was of that stock; and it is not a little curious that the name which is inscribed in monumental characters on the very threshold of Canadian history should also be so intimately associated with the formation of the Dominion of Canada more than three centuries later. The grandfather of Sir George was the representative of Vercheres in the old Assembly of Lower Canada. Otherwise he is isolated in his elevation above the rest of his sindred of the later generations, and no son morits his mame and honours.

Champlain, like Cartier, came of a sea-going race, his father being a captain in the French marine. Like Cartier, also, he had no peer among its
Similar solitary figures are Do Maisonneuve, La Salle, other members. Joliet. In later times, the Hon. Barthelemy Joliette was Marquette and Jolish which had won imperishable renown. The administraors that succeeded Champlain, being generally of the Fronch noblesse, tors that a sed relatives distinguished in arms and diplomacy. But except sehem Marquis, Count and Chevalier Vaudreuil and Duquesue de Mennéville, who inherited some share of the genius of louis tho Fourteenth's grand dmiral, we can hardly admit them as illustrations of Camadian heredity. In the Le Moynes, father and six sons and several of their descendants, and in the Verendryes, father and two sons, wo have, howevor, fair examples of it. Abbe Fenelon, who played a prominent part in the conroversies of Frontenaces first almimistration, was a brothor of the great Quietist bishop and orator, but he was of a different order of mon. Montcalms father seems to havernally precocious. The father of Wolfo, was a died in childhood, was wonderfully precocious. the falmer Ilis uncle, with soldier of distinction, and, was also a military man. II m mother was a woman of remarkable beauty, which, however, ho did not inherit, though, what was better, hes shared in her gentle kindlinoss of nature:
Among the carliest British immigrants of note after the conquest was illiam Brown, who, in conjunction with Mr. Gilnour, founded the Quebeo Gazelle in 1761. Ifis sister, Isabel, married William Neilson, whoso son, Samuel, succeeded Mr. Brown as oditor and proprictor of that journal. When Mr. S. Neilson died in 1793 his brother, John, was still a minor. In 1796, on coming of age, he took charge of the Gazette, which had, in the interval, been conducted by tho Rev. Dr. Sparks. In 1818 ho entered the Provincial Legislature as the representative of Quebee County, and from that time forward took a prominent part in the politics of the country. Though consistently loyal to the Crown, he was the equally oyal defender of the people's rights, and won the gratitude of the FrenchCanadian population for his fidelity to their cause, evon whon ho could not approve of their mothols of making known their grievances. On the lst of February, 1818 , he closed a long, successful and usefully patriotic career, including the half century of lower Canalian separato rute and the early years of the umion with epper Camuel, was for many yours associated with him in the management of the Gazette, which, after surviving its hundredth anniversary, was merged into the Morning Chronicte. Hoth the Quebec Gavete and the Neison family deserve to be remombered by the people of Lower Canada.

Associated with the Hon. John Neison through an important period of his political life was the Hon. L. J. Papineau, still regarded by thousands of Canadians as the vindicator of their hiberties. Mr. Papi neau's genius as an orator and a had their raison fidelity to his King than of aritator ho is eclipsed by the record of his more Canadian subjects. As and fourth generations of that distinguished family, famous son. The third the ability of the first and second, affect the stable while not wanting in the former rather than the violent chauvinism of order-loving loyalty of the formed that the late Mr. C. S. Cherrier, Q.C. he latter. It may be ment of the Lower Canadian Bar, was a cousin of for many years the
Mr. L. J. Papineau.

No reader of Canadian political history can be a stranger to the name of Baldwin; nor in the annals of any land could thero be found a more striking instance of the heredity of genius. The father of the grent Liberal statesman was the Hon. William Warren Baldwin, who, in 1798, a year of trouble for Ireland, left hat cher. The Hon. W. W. Baldwin was originally father, Robert Baldwician, having studied medicine at Edinburgh. On his by protession a pho, or York, as it was then called, he betook himself to the arrival a law, in which he soon won a successful practice. The case is not isolated in Canada. Dr. Rolph was a man of briefs as well as of pills, and the Hon. Dr. Church is a member of the legal profession, for which he forsook the cult of Asculapius. Others, again, like Drs. Trenholme and Nichols, have relinquished law for medicine. To the Church it has given a has the name of balergymen; to the Navy an admiral, and to the Army bishop and several ant soldier. By marriage the family is connected with more than of the late Judge SuHivan, of whom Mrs. Robert Baldwin was a sister, and with that of the Hon. John Ross, who married Mr. Baldwin's sister. Colonel Baldwin, a distant kinsman of the family of the great Liberal leader, was a cousin of Daniel O'Connell, and of Count O'Connell, a general in the French service.

The mention of Bishop M. S. Baldwin suggests some other instances of hereditary distinction in the Anglican Episcopate of Canada. The Rev. Charles Inglis, born in 1734 , was incumbent of Trinity Church, New York, from 1764 to 1783 . Adhering to the Royal cause, he came in the latter year to Nova Scotia, and in 1788 he was consecrated the tirst Bishop of year Church of Eagland in North America. In 1825 his son, Dr. John Inglis, was consecrated to the same high offee, and given charge of the diocese of Nova Scotia. A son of the second Bishop Inglis was the brave defender of Lucknow, Sir John Eardley Wihnot Lnglis, who died in 1862. Surely that is a record which even Mr. Galton migut not reject from his list of kindred colebrities. Coming to Quebec, we tind that its tirst Protestant Bishop was a descendant of a younger branch of the family of Montaigne, the essayist. One of these Mountains, transplanted for their faith, was, whether by faith or, as has been said, at his own witty and timely prompting, cast into the see of York by James the First. The Right Reverend Jacob Mountain, born at Thwaite Hall, Norfolk, in 1750 , was in 1793 consecrated Bishop of Quebec. Of his four sons, three adopted his own sacred profession, and one of these, George Jehoshaphat, on the retirement of Bishop Stewart, the pious and zealous son of the Earl of Galloway, was appointed to rule the diocese first administered by his father. The remaining son entered the army, and was well known in Canada as Colonel Armine Mountain. Another Armine, son of the second Bishop Mountain, was for many years his father's chaplain, and, after his decease, received several votes in the Synod which elected his successor, Bishop Williams. Still another instance is afforded by the Bethune family, which gave the Canadian Church a bishop, a duan, and several clergymen, one of whom is Mr. Bethune, the entomolorist. Bishop Hamilton, who succeeded the late Dr. Fuller in the see of Niagara, is a member of a distinguished family, of whon the Canadian foumder was Colonel George Hamilton, of Hawkesbury, and the actual representative by seniority the Hon. John Hamilton, Senator, of Montreal. Another family which has given several sons to the Church is best known in Camada by che statesman whose recent melancholy fate was, alas! the lirst signal blow of one of the most terrible epidemics that ever invaded a city. A list of the members of the Hincks family who achieved distinction in one or another walk of life would be boch large and interesting. For the present it may suffice to mention the Reverend and learned Dr. Hincks, whose Greek lexicon I have reason to remember, and his four sons, of whom Francis was the youngest. The eldest of this gifted brotherhood has won an honourable name, with the Layards, the Rawlinsons, the Sayces, and the Smiths, as a palrographist and orientalist. The second, William, has done good service as a naturalist, while the third, devoting himself mainly to the duties of the profession to which all three belong, occupiess a post of dignity in the Irish Church. Sir Francis, the most distinguished of them all, after a successful political careor in Canada, extending over nearly a quarter of a century, was twice appointed Governor of the West Indies, whence he returned to the scene of his former controversies and triumphs just in time to take the position of Finance Minister and to deliver the Dominion, which had been consolidated in his absence, from the plague of a debased foreign coinage. Having performed that service, Sir Francis retired permanently from political life. Like some others of the world's greatest statesmen, he has left no heir to his name and fame. Even Sir Louis Lafontaine and Sir Georgo Cartier, who wero created baronets, are without representatives in the land which they served with such earnest devotion. The son and heir of the former died in childhood; the latter left only daughters.

But if honours are rarely hereditary in Canada, not so is the ability that wins them. Sir Adolphe Caron has only lately been raised by his own werits to the rank which his father, the late Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, honourably held beforg him. Then there are the three generations of the Morrises. Bouchette, the geographer, was followed by Bouchette, the jurist. The Haliburtons* are never without living representatives of their manifold talents, and the same may be said of the Nova Scotia Archibalds and Wilmots. Sir Hugh Allan was the most noted member of a fanily marked throughout by business capacity and enterprise. The Dunns have been distinguished both in the council and the tield. John Galt's fane as an author is equalled by Sir Alexander's fame as a statesman and diplomatist, while Sir Alexunder's brother is a judge in Ontario. Sir Richard Cartwright is a politician by birthright, though he has gravely swerved from the narrow path of ancestral Toryisin.

As I have already said, there is hardly one of the distinguished FrenchCanadians of the present day who cannot trace his origin back to one or other of the founders of the Colony. It is only in the nature of things that men with such a record should rise to prominence, if not eminence, under the new, as under the old régime. But, apart from any consideration of ancestral claims, it is no uncommon thing for one family to furnish a series or group of men of thought or action, occupying positions of honour in the church, on the judicial bench, in the councils of the nation, or in one or other of the professions. Thus we find Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works; Bishop Langevin and Vicar-General Langevin-three brothers; Sir A. A. Dorion and the late J. B. E. Dorion, founder of the partie rouge ; Archbishop Taschereau and the Hons. J. T., H. E. and A. T. Taschereau ; Sir E. P. Taché and Dr. Taché, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the author of several important works; the Hon. J. E. Turcotte and the late L. H. Turcotte, the historian; Bishop Fabre and the Hon. Hector Fabre, journalist, littérateur and senator; the late Hon.
*The family of Judge Haliburton is connected with that of Sir Walter Scott, whose paternal grandmother was Barbara Haliburton. The Nova Scotia Haliburtons are descennled from a younger branch of the Newmains family which settled in Jamaiaio. One
member of the latter migrated to Massachnsetts, and his son, the Judge's father, moved momber of the latter migrated to Massachnsetts, and his son, the Judge's father, moved
from there to Nova Scotia. The grandmother of Lord Chancellor Campbell was Mag-
dalene, daughter of John Hallyburton, of Todderance.
D. B. and the late Hon. L. M. Viger ; Garneau, the historian, and his son, the Hon. Pierre Garneau; the Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, nephew of the late Judge Hamel, and his son, Judge Chauveau, and other instances too numerous to mention.

If we turn to British Canada we also find that among the leading men of the present in all the Provinces are the descendants of those who took an active part in their first settlement or early organization. Whoever consults the records of any of our cities and towns will tind the fact abundantly illustrated. At one stage in the history of Canada, it is well known that so closely connected were those who bore office under the Government that the "Family Compact" became a term of reproach. When Mr. W. L. Mackenzie was writing his "Sketches of Canada and the United States" he went to the trouble of preparing a statement of the ties of relationship which bound the various members of the so-called Compact to each other. In the list there are no less than thirty names of persons connected with each other by birth or marriage. "This family connection," he says, "rules Upper Canada according to its own good pleasure, and has no sutficient check from this country to guard the people against its acts of tyranny and oppression." That there was corruption in such a distribution of power and office cannot be gainsaid ; but that among the contrivers and mangers of the scheme of spoil-division there must have been considerable ability is equally certain. This is made evident from Mackenzie's own words: "This Family Compact surrounds the Lieutenant-Governor and mould him, like wax, to their will; they fill every office with their relatives, dependants and partisans; by them justices of the peace and officers of the militia are made and unmade; they have increased the number of the Legislative Council by recommending, through the Governor, half-a-dozen nobodies and a few placemen, pensioners and individuals of well-known narrow and bigoted principles; the whole of the revenues of Upper Canada are in reality at their mercy; they are paymasters, receivers, auditors, King, Lords and Commons."* Among the names are several the bearers of which still hold positions of trust and responsibility in the Dominion. It would be out of place, however, to put forward the "Family Compact" as an illustration of hereditary genius. At the same time we must allow for a possible tinge of exaggeration in Mackenzie's description. It was a Napoleonic usurpation on a sunall scale, and, whatever else Napoleon Bonaparte may have been, he was certainly no fool. Neither were the Tory politicians fools who made themselves supreme in the Upper Canada of a day that is happily gone.

It is pleasant to turn from the "Family Compact" to kinsmen who have attained to eminence by no arts or influence but their own unaided merits. The Ritchie family of Nova Scotia, for instance, numbers no less than four judges, of whom one is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and a Knight of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The Robinsons, Rylands, Boultons, Marshalls, Denisons, Johnsons, Abbotts, Bowens, Molsons, Sewells, Ryersons, Moncks, and other families of consequence in the Dominion, have never lacked representatives capable of sustaining the honours won in past generations.

In science, literature and journalism Canada can boast of its quota of the Strickland family, two of the gifted sisters having spent most of their lives in the country. Mrs. Moodie's literary capacity has descended unimpaired to the third generation. Her daughter's marriage to Col. Chamberlin bas created one of those circles in which the higher culture is never set aside at the urgence of more vulgar claims. Though apart from journalism, to which (in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. John Lowe, he devoted the best years of his life, Dr. Chamberlin has not written, or, at least, has not published, much, his name will ever be associated to those who know him with clear judgment and refined taste; nor are those qualities monopolized by the male representative of the family, a family which, proscribed for its loyalty at the Revolution, has given Canada four generations of the best class of citizens that a country can be blessed with. Another union of literary families was effected by the marriage of Mr. Achille Fréchette, the artist brother of Dr. Louis Fréchette, the laureate of the French Academy, to Miss Howells, sister of the author of "A Chance Acquaintance." In the same category may be placed the marriage of Mr. E. W. Thomson, author of "Petherick's Peril," to Miss St. Denis, a niece of the Rev. Dr. Lachlan Taylbr. Another family which, like the Stricklands, Canada has the honour of sharing with the Old Country is that which includes Dr. Daniel Wilson, the late Dr. George Wilson, author of "The Five Gateways of Knowledge" and other works, and not less distinguished by the moral beauty of his character than by intellectual superiority, and Miss Jessie Aitken Wilson, who has written his biography. During the present century Great Britain has been won drously rich in such clusters of genius-Arnolds, Newmans, Coleridges, Tennysons, Darwins, Kingsleys, etc., etc.-and it is pleasant to note that Greater Britain has not only shared in some of them, but is also beginning to produce clusters of its own. The Rev. John Antisell Allen, of Kingston, who has written an impressive poem on the days of the Commonwealth, is the father of Mr. Grant Allen, who himself has for a time left off dissecting daisies to demonstrate the anatomy of lovers' hearts. The author of "Animal Intelligence" is also so far a Canadian that his father was once a professor at Queen's College. We can also lay some claim to the author of the "Apotheosis of Jingo," who has lately undergone a political metamorphosis which "Bonnie Dundee" will not away with, though inclined to do so with the transformed himself. Mr. Evan McColl earned a reputation as a Highland bard before he came to Canada, but Canadian he has long been by reciprocal adoption. His daughter, who not long since published a little volume of poems, evidently inherits his
*The Story of the Upper Canadian Rebellion, by John Charles Dent, Vol. I., p. 75,
genius. The Bibauds, father and son, were eminent French littêrateurs. In. Quesnel, dramatist and poet, gave his country two sons as starescical politice manner, the son of Garneau, the historian, engaged in practimes the succession became a member of the Quebec Government. But son of Senator Bouricession is reversed, as where Mr. John G. Bourinot, son a work on Parliam, devotes himself to constitutional history, and writes a

Again, as in the case of the Marchand family, literature and politics Th Hon F. Marchand has written poems and dramas which have attracted attention in France, and Mr. W. Marchind gives his leisure to historical studies and to natural history. One of the est French versions of Kalen's "American Travels" is from his pen. Mr. J. M. LeMoyne, whose praise is all over the continent, not only bears one of the most illustrious of Canadian names, but represents a distinguished Scottish family. Miss Murray, the novelist, is the daughter of an officer Who took part in the War of 1812. The father of the late Hon. George Brown and Mr. J. Gordon Brown was a man of superior intelligence, and rom him also the autocrat of the Globe derived his strong will and magnetism of character. Father and son were co-workers in journalism Peter years. The daughter of Mr. George, and grand-daughter of Mr. Toronto, clearly, who has distinguished herself at University Mr. Hugh Graham, of the Star, is a intellectual power of them both. Mr. Hury years editor of he Advertiser and Telegraph, Montreal, and regarded as one of the most vigorons writers on the Canadian press. The Hon. Thomas White, inister of the Interior, is succeeded in the chief editorship of the Gazette by his son, Mr. Robert White, who inherits his father's gifts, both as a riter and a speaker. Mr. Richard White, whose business abing business one so much to build up that journal, is also assolder son, Mr. W. epartment by his son, Mr. Smeaton White, while an olde and force, his J. White, B.A., B.C.L., advocate, is a writer of taste ands of Europe having ondence during a year's stay in Paris and other W. J. White has of Histaken an active part in founding a good servical Studies," which is now in opere. Mr. John Dougall has ong been to the cause of historical literature. Mr. Couna and the United States. In his son, Mr. John R. Dougall, he has a worthy sucessores. In his son, Mr. Joh but well-read and thoughtful man, and ano is not only an able writer buta weblems of mental and moral philosophyrnest student of those higher problen our age. Mr. Dougall has fophy which have occupied the Follow of McGill College in the Faculty of Arts. In Quebece three generations of Careys have been conected with the Nercury, as founders and conductors of that paper. The Lanigans, of Three Rivers, have given two members to journalism : the late East George Lanigan, for many years connected waist, satirist, a kind of eastern Townships, and Mr. G. T. Lanigan, poet, essayin the United States hiversal genius, in fact better known now, perhaps, in th in 1879 caused Borrow Canada. Mr. Charles Belford, whose early Mrath Beaty, M.P., proprietor to many friends, was the grand-nephe journal he was for a time connected editor of the Leadr. Mr. Belford was subsequently editor-in chief of the Toronto Mail and was a man of recognized ability.

These instances of heredity could be easily extended in every direction effort through all parts of Canada and through all departments of human the $H_{o n}$. The great leader of the Opposition in the Cansdian Par Of Uper Canada. E. Blake, had a worthy ensample in the late Chis. S. H. Blake, ex-Vice, the Hon. W.H. Blake; while his brother, the of the family. As a man-Chancellor, shares in the genus walks worthily in the steps of his illustrious father, Dr. G. M. Dawson walks worthly mily, which has been establishs father, Sir William Dawson. factors as in Montreal for mor, founder of the Art Gallery; Mr. Charles Gibb, who has done so much for horticulture in Quebec; Mr. I. N. Gibb, equally munitione so much for horions; and the late Sir V. Gibb, the Moninent physician. The Fishers, the Nelsons, the Shanleys, the Murphys, mans, the McGregors, of Halifax ; the Thompsons, of $Q$, have in various Ways, the McLennans, * the Oslers, are other families wr. Burns, of Halifax, equals done great service to their country. The Rev. Dr. Barn, The pablishing houses in reputation as a preacher his distinguished father. United States, compris Canada, like to those of Great Britain and the Dawsons, the Maprise some meritorious family groups-the Lovells, the Daw Brothers, is the illans, etc. Mr. S. E. Dawson, head of the firm of Dawsicism. His "Study" Atlantic of "the Princess" was deservedly praised Lord Tennyson himself. $M_{r_{r}}$ Benjamin elicited a flattering letter from Lord Tenrgman in the Reformed Episcopal Dawson, founder of the firm, is now an Philip Robinson, editor of Tar Wermed $^{\text {Episcopal Church. Mr. W. Philip and publisher of Bolton-le- }}$ Moors, Engson of Mr. W. Robinson, journalist and pubted with the Lovell tamily. Mr. G. Mercer Adam was for several years editor of the Canadian Monthly. Mercer Adam was for severle volume on the recent rebel in the in Who served, or were called out to serve, in that campaign must be struck by the number of names which had already earned a reputation Bond Oumet politics, literature names which had already ar labour. Todd, Bond, Bett, Montizambert, Denison, Merritt, Smith, Bremner, Tobin, Fair $\mathrm{MoC}^{*}$ Mr. William McLennan
 are all end the old songs and ballads of Canada.
all endowed with genius and tast of
banks, Macdonald, and other names of well-known families or prominent men, show that one generation seldom exhausts the powers of those who achieve distinction. I have still such a long list of unmentioned instances, gathered from various sources, that I fear my readers must forego, for the present, at least, any mach more extended enumeration. I intended to have said something of the Alleyns, the Vansittarts, the Bahy family, the Torrances; W. and C. A. Bircay; the late Dr. Holmer, Dean of the Medical Faculty of Meciill Collegr, and his brother Benjamin Holmes, M.P.P.; the late L. H. Holton, whose son wherits his ability and public spirit; the late Hon. Sandfeld Macdonald and his hrother, the ex. (Governor of Ontario-a family which is connected with Dr. Hingston, ex-Mayor of Montral, and with Mr. W. MacMaster, M.P.; the soldier clan of the De Salaberrys; the Shepherds, of whom one is an amatomist of move than promise, and another an eminent horticulturist; Dr. R Macdonnell, of the family of Sir Richard Graves Macdonmell; Mr. (iforge Murray, scholar and poet, whose father was long literary alitor of the Lomion Times; the Racines, of whom two are bishops; the Irvings, of whom the first Canadian representative, Col. Paulus . Hmilius, was horn in 1714, and who served under Wolfeat Quebec as Major of the theh Foot: He Rev. Dr. Jenkins, divine and author, father of Mr. Edward Jonkins, M.P., and uncle of Prof. Moyse, of Medid! Colleg", anthor of "Poutry ns a Fine Art"; the Bourasses; the Howards, of whom four are physicians, includ ing Dr. Henry Howard, the well known alimist, and Dr. R. P. Howard, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Meribll Collore; (hinf Justice Sir J. B. Macaulay and his family, Mr. Wuthor of the " Commentaries". Gen Quebec, son of Sir Wher of the famous physieinas, Willimen and John), who Peter fiunter (hocee as fovernor of Upper Canada, and died at Queboe in 1805; the Harts, of Three Rivers; John Young ("Aprioola") and his four sons: the Botsfords, both ex Speakers of the Now Brunswick Legishature, and of whom one is now a senator and the other a judge; Sir J. B. Robinson and his family; the family of Richards (Sir W. B., the Hom. H. N. and the Hon. S.) ; the Lorangers, the Meredithe ; Mrs. Dr. Moore, of London, Ont. (ne F. J. Hatton), port and composer, aon of Hatton, the musician: Dr. Fenwick, distinguished as a surgeon and physician, and long Professor of Surgery at Medill College, who is related to the Wigeworth fanily, and whow wife in a drecemdant of Hertel, one of the founders of the Colony; Mr. Wicksteed, lawyer and poet, and the talented Fletcher family, with which he is comnected; the philanthropic Mackny brothers, and a large number of others. But 1 drem it nemedoes to rontinue my llustrations. My and is gained if 1 have shown that intollectually and orlly Conda is not inferior to the mother-hads from which ite twofold tock is derived, and that in "xamples of herolitary genius it in an rich the older lands beyond the sea.
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## SORROW

Tur mystery is revaled, ohuman pain,
And thine, bost sacred Sorrow, tho' dinguised,
The angel who is love's conservator,
To whom is given in trust the keys of lleaven,
Hides her sweot, chastened face within the folds,
The dinesest folde, of life's vicissituden,
And mortals know her not; a heavenly guest,
Among the angels mamed "lmmortal love;"
But Marah, Marah, to our bleeding hearts
Mra. J. Oitver Smith.

Yrofessor Gof,dwin Simith is just recovering from a severe illnesw.
It is an expensive business being tried for abduction. It has cost $\mathbf{M r}$. Stead and his fellow-defendants over thirty thousind dollars. Most of this has beell subscribed, hatis "hanquat of nastimess."

Japas has made education compulsory on all children between the ages Japar fourteen, " anless there be unavoidable circumstances preventing of six and atcending school." There must be thirty two woeks of tuition, and the hours of instruction must be neither more nor lass than six daily. The expenses are to be difrayed from the local taxes.

Whes not playing the part of lackey to his royal wife, the Marquis of Lorne has occupied his time in various ways. He has represented his country in Canada, has writhen poctry, contributed articles to magazines, cessayed the role of missionary to younis men, apprared as the patentee of an improvement in bicycles, and has just made an unsuccessful attempt to and House of Commons as a legislator. He does not appear to have been born under a lucky star.

Tirare is to be something new in the way of conventions. Wo are to There is Parliament, to be held either in London or Now York. have a This grand gathering will take in all verse-makers of any ability. But according to an American paper, the chief matter of consulation will be the commercial side of poetry-how to make rhymes pay. As well try to square the circle. Poetry, except that of the loftiest flight, such as the Laureate s, Swinburnes ane man laid it down as a dictum ther did and never will. Indced, a wise man laid it dory below the above standard was a discase of the brain, of a nature akin to punning.
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The commencement of a new voluine of The Werk affords us a welcome opportunity to express the pleasure we have felt in ohserving a steadily growing appreciation of our endeavour to establish a high chass journal, impartial in its treatment of the political and social questions of the day, free from the trammels of party, zealous for the maintrnance of liberty of conscience. It has been our constant aim to make Tre Werk such a journal ; and that we have succeeded fainly well is, we think, attested by a continually increasing constituency of readers. Wo have no change to announce: what The $W$ eek has been in the past it will continue to be in the future.

Vice-President Hendmicks, who has suddenly passed away, was singu larly out of place as the нecond executive officer in the miministration of President Cleveland. His oflicial surroundings mud responsibilities could not suppress tho demagogic instincts which formed the most prominent feature of his charactur. One shodders to think of what misht have happened, had he become like Johnson, an accilental presilent. By the removal of that danger another is called into being. Should President Cleveland, whose health is fortumately good, die before Congress olects a President of the Sunate and a Speaker of the Ilonse of Representatives, the nation would be without a hoad. The same contingeney was possible under President Arthur; and Congress has certainly been remiss in not making provision against an interregnum which might prove oxtremely inconvenient. In face of a recurronce of the danger Congress may be oxpected to supply tho deficioncy next session. Under the circumstinces special importance will attach to the election of a President of the Semate, on whom the Vice-Presidancy of the United States will fall. There are two possible candidates, whose character and qualifications are about as wide apart as it is possible to conceive, Semator Logan and Semator Edmunds. Logan is a domagogee somewhat after the pattern of Ben Butler, whose friend ho is; Edmunds is every way qualified for the post, by experience, character and disposition. It is very important that the hetter elements of the legislative body which stands on a higher plane than any assembly in the world with which it could be compared should, on this occamion, get the mastery. Not only would a contrary result mark the decadence of the Senate, but it would in a possible eventuality beget a real peril for the nation.

Hon. M. Joly may be depended upon to do what he believes to be right under any given circumstances. Of this quality he has just given new proof. Being asked to attend a public meeting at* which it was proposed to pass a resolution favouring the formation of a great national party of French-Canadians, he was unable to give the movement his countenance, and not being in accord with the majority of his constituents on a question which both he and they regard as vital, he resigned his seat as a means of givin, them an opportunity of electing a nember who slatres their own views. From one point of view there is an excess of generosity in the resignation which M. Joly was not called upon to show; as the representative of Lotbiniere in the Local Legislature, he was entitled to hold the seat till a dissolution should take place; and if he could not have accepted the instructions which his constituents wished to force upon him, he could have performed the higher duty of answering their passionate appeals by calnly showing them wherein he conceived them to be in the wrong. This duty, performed in the very act of resignation, could not the less have been done if he had retained his seat. In that case, no doubt, he would have brought on himself the malediction of his electors, and the sacrifice could have brought no satisfaction either to himself or to them, other than that derived from the consciousness thet he had acted upon a survey of the whole position from a point of view to which the surging passions of the hour did not reach. In ordinary cases resignation would not stem the current, but give it new impetus; but when the leader of his party, who has held the office of First Minister in the Government of his Province, resigns his seat in the Legishature as a protest against a line of policy which his constituents mark out for him, the event may well cause the more reasonable of them to pause and consider the possible consequences of the course on which they are entering. If, at this
stage, the movement be capable of being checked, it will receive a check from M. Joly's resignation. In selecting a new member, the electors of Lotbiniere will have no difficulty in finding a man after their own hearts; the local effect of the resignation may not be otherwise visible, but the general effect, in its tendency to call back to reason men who have taken leave of their reason, must be salutary; if the resignation had been necessary, the necessity would be one which it would be impossible not deeply to regret, for M. Joly belongs to the highest type of public man which Canada has yet produced. In the belief that the formation of a national party on race lines must prove injurious to the country, all soberminded people, of whatever nationality, must agree with him.

Rifl's extravagant admirers are not content with proving that he was a patriot and a martyr: they insist that the country owes bim a large sum of money, and that the figures at which he put his claim, though they range all the way from $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 35,000$ or less, if so much as the smaller of these sums could not be got, are reasonable and even moderate. L'Etendard finds $\$ 35,000$ a very modest demand when the value and the nature of Riel's services are considered, and his land claim is taken into account. As a Metis, we are told, he was entitled to two hundred and forty acres of land, like the rest of his race. By a remarkable feat of valuation $l^{\prime \prime} E t e n-$ dard finds $\$ 100$ an acre not too much, and in this way $\$ 24,000$ of the 835,000 claim is made out ; then there is ten years' interest to be added, which, we are told, would bring up the total to at least $\$ 35,000$. And, lest any awk ward question about interest should arise, we are assured that "he had a right to interest, the unhappy man, persecuted and proscribed, who hat never enjoyed the property to which he had a right." It is, we learn further, a mistake to suppose that Riel and the Metis revolted in 1869: what they did was to establish a legitimate Government, of which Riel was the head; and this Government, it seems, rendered very important services to the country. "The execution of Scott was the act of this legitimite Government," a "wretch who deserved no sympathy." "But Riel, though innocent, was persecuted and proscribed." And is he to be blaned if in December, 1884, he thought the time for indemnity had come' $L^{\prime}$ Etendard is anxious to be informed "whether $\$ 35,000$ is an excessive indemnity for a man who governed his country without having taken any salary; who for fifteen years suffered exile and persecution; and who had, in addition, a land claim equal to the whole amount." In this way does l'Etendtrd justify the demand which Riel asked Father André to make on the Government on his behalf. Riel made it a condition in December, 1851 , that if he got this sum he would leave the country and the Metis to their fate. There is not a word in the evidence given at the trial to show that the money was not for himself : even if he hat used it to set up a journal, of which the evidence says nothing, the enterprise would have been in furtherance of his own purposes. That he was willing to desert the Metis if he got his price, Father Andre's evidence distinctly proves.

Ir was inevitable that political partisanship should attempt to turn the excitement in Quebec to its own advantage. The Opposition was in a position to protit by the commotion ; the supporters of the Government bent before the storm, and a large number of them declared their intention to join in a vote of censure. But some who take this position reserve the right to refuse to vote non-confidence on other questions. The French members of the Government may have contended for commutation; but, by retaining their portfolios after the execution was decided on, they assumed their full share of the responsibility, of which they cannot now divest themselves. They cannot even claim the merit of having taken a particular line on a question which was necessarily decided in the privacy of the Cabinet; what was done there is a State secret which it would be a violation of their oaths to reveal. They can say, in a general way, that if it had depended on them a different conclusion would have been arrived at. What would have happened if they had resigned is necessarily a matter of conjecture. One journal assumes that the effect would have been the withdrawal of the French element from the Government, and that the English would have been left undisputed masters of the field ; but this is a state of things which could be brought about only by something like the unanimous desire of the French themselves. When Lord Sydenham's Administration was formed the French stood aloof, and in Draper's Administration they had only a nominal representation. Then Lower Canada had an equal representation in the Legislature with Upper Canada; now, in the larger sphere to which Confederation introduced us, the representation of Quebec is much less than one-half in the House of Commons. Quebec still holds the balance of power; but even this would cease to be true if she forced herself into a position of race isolation. If the three French members of the Government had resigned, the Premier would have had to fill the vacant
places as best he could. If he had been unable to obtain as colleagues representative Frenchmen he would have had to take such as he could get. Whatever his embarrassment might have been, the French would have sacrificed the advantage they enjoy of being represented in the Government by their natural leaders. It requires much more courage in M. Chapleau and Sir Hector Langevin to retain their posts, and be the targets for all attacks levelled at the Government, than it would to have resigned and have joined in the shouts against the hangmen of their countryman. . their duty to see that justice was not disregarded, and there winnent is to reason why they should give up their portfolios. If the Governmen ill not fall, it is better that it should fall united. The frenzy of to storm or not; last forever, whether the Macdonald Ministry survive the storm orting they and though the French-Canadians may be capable of starth, ablest of their are not likely to cast a way forever as useless two of the abled heined Mr. public men. On Old Viger they turned their backs Draper; but Viger had never been more than an ery, in the latter years of not they, was the real deserter. Papineau's Papineau, besides being at his public life, lost its power to charm ; but Pape crossed the frontier a all times unpractical, had run his course when he crossed a part of his old political fugitive in 1837. He could only have roz of recognizing the authority with his countrymen on his return on cond this he refused to do. altered state of things under the Union Act, and eased their countrymen Sir Hector Langevin and M. Chapleau have displeased then to the winds. on a single question on which their countrymen throw the the suppression The French may find new leaders for the time being, basy or even possible. Of their old leaders without their consent will not be easy dis enguises but ill.conceal names the old fight is being carried to cover. Want of reason on the part of Quebec may put a strain upon Confederation which will prove to be the severest test to which it has yet been subjected.

Several of the Indians, eight in all, hanged at Battleford for murder, acknowledged the justice of their doom, and one of them warned his brethren to avoid their example. Such warning was not unnceessary; the sentry at Fort Otter having been fired at early on the morning a Snider. execution. The two shots fired, judging by the sound, we, had their senEnfield. Two of the culprits, who had killed was done, in this case, in tences commuted to imprisonment. The killing was denerally have some accordance with a tribal custom. These customs when convicted of the reason in their favour. A wetego, or man-eater, whis nearest relative, the frime, is always condemned to die at the hands Possibly the word windigo, tather becoming the executioner of the son. Possiby meaning. The wetego used in this case, is intended to convey the same his crime is discovered generally begins by committing murder ; and when his crime is one shunhain $_{\theta}$ is held in universal detestation, not unmixed wime, fortunately as rare as it $\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{h}}$ him and calling for his execution. Tribal custom ; and it is quite ${ }^{\text {it }}$ is detestable, is visited with death by a tribal custhe North-West who, until vable that there may have been Indiandian mode of executing any one very recently, did not know that the Indian such executions have taken guilty of it was no longer permissible. tence, place since the Hudson's Bay Company received of the Indians could, and no one has been called to account. The to crime was not to be given. not have been avoided, if a dangerous license to crime the is foregone Only fro the Indian being apt to believe that extring of clemency. Happily these rom motives of fear and not from a feelno North-West: it remains for Mercy are the last of the executions in the Nor and any others who may equally be proper subjects for pardon.
$W_{\text {HEN }}$ preat political parties and their principles part company the attitude they great political parties anding. The struggle for the Treasury benches in the British House of Commons, now virtually over, has not $b_{\text {been a }}$ very striking example of the benefits of Party government. To all $h_{\text {onest }}$ Conservatives the alliance with the Parnellites must be distastefists and humiliating. The substantial aid rendered by the Irish Nation under $\mathrm{irl}_{\text {insom }}$ the party led by Lord Salisbury and Randolph but gentle obligations of which they will no doubt when the election excitement herms when the fitting time comes. Whan many will regret the ${ }^{\text {el }}$ ection hasering subsided, and common sense returns, The preering devices to which in a frenzied state of for securing the defeat of John Indian Secretary's characteristic stratagem lo will look back With sof John Bright is not one on which sensible people by far. Eng.
lish matisfaction. The Primrose Dames were too histriouic by
maitrons and daughe scurrying
along the streets in search of votes. The Birmingham clectors were courteous to the fair canvassers, but at the same time they cast their trallots for the venerable Tribune of the prople. Nrithur was the: contest in Chelsea a very edifying one, but perhaps the less said of it the better. The game of politics in Great Britain is lweoming desperate, and until a better code of political ethics prevails, those whi, look for devotion to their country's service of men possessed of true statesmanlike yualities will look in vain.

The defeat of the Right Hon. James Lowther, faithful henchman of the Tory Party in England, and candidate for the South Hivision of Lincolnshire, is a severe blow for the Protectionists. Mr. Wowther was the champion of Fair Trade-the apostle of the fiveshilling duty on cereals; and although there is little reason to suppose that the Fair Trmbe ry beame a real issue in the elections as a whole, it is more than probable hiat in South Lincolnshire it was assigned promineme, if ant provedence. The fath in Free Trade in England is deeper and more widesprat than the Tory larty appears to suppose, and even the cry "the Chur his in daner" was insufficient to secure the return of the whocate of a tax on fomb. Whatever may be thought of Lord Salisbury's polition honsity in this combection, Mr. Lowther's attitude to Free Trade prohally represents his real comvie. tions. One phase of tho Fair Trade nutation, reforted th hy an ablo writer, is rather curions: The 'Torics constantly appoal for public support on the ground that they are loyal to existing institutions they are the are clearly shown to be necessary. Their present athitil. thwardy Phe eom
 Many of them, including respomsible leaders of the party, appath the sub. ject of Free Trade in a spirit which savours of ahsolato melhessumss. With out waiting for proof that Free Truble is respmablef fir the prevalent com mercial depression, they ask the mation to retraco its steps, at any rate partially. Lord Salishary in a reent apuch mbabmed an elatwrate arga ment in favour of retaliatory duties, and drew a distinetion belwen this proposal and Protection a distimetion that in invisible to all hat those who at heart are Protectionists. Mr. Mrisht had hare the wakness of this reasoning, and showed that the cemse of trade depreswion are not to be found in the Free Trade system. The volume of tral: is an groat as ever: what England is in the main nulfiring from is a fall in prices, and that in turn, Mr. Bright showed, in largely due to execesvice expansion of industries which followed the poor times from $1 \times 70$ to $1 \times 7.3 \mathrm{4}$. Anothor cause of depression is to be found in the impowrishod state of the agricultural districta, due in part to a nuccession of bat harvests, nad in part to the generally ungatisfactory condition unher which agriculture is carried on in England. It in diftioult to beliner that whe will haveily give up at system under which the nation has reaped emormons hendita.

FOR a fow days it neomed as if King Milan with his army was to mak, a triumphal progress through Bulgaria and dictate torms at wotia. The onward march was speedily ehocked by the detormined remiatane of the Bulgarians under Prince Alexander. Elated over the capture of the Dragoman Pass, the hitherto victorious Serlis met with the first stuhborn resistance at Slivnitza, and after the disastrous atruggle there they have had to retrace their steps, with the Bularian fores acolorating their retreat. The tide has completely turnel, amd survia is itself invaled. Were the actual belligerents left alone the war wond soon cone to an end. It is tao costly a game for the Balkan States to play. Their resourees are unequal to a prolonged contest. Howover anxions the Powers who signed the Treaty of Berlin may ostmailly be for the restoration of the state of affairs existing bufore the union of Bulgaria and Roumelia, it is doubtful if the parties most intrested are willing to nequiasce in such a decision. Now that Bulgaria has sucorsmfally driwen the invader from her territory she will not be willing to forego the mivantage hor arms have gained. Servia will no doubt be in a morn plant mood, and Greece would be disinclined to look on complacently while Macedosia eluded her grasp. The principal arbiters in the prespent puarel are Russia and Austria. To them chiefly the present phase of the Eastern question is most interesting. The policy of the Cour was exidently to secure ascendancy in Bulgaria, and at the opportune moment make a forward move in the direction of Constantinople. Neither the Bulgarians nor their ruler have proved as pliant as Russia expected them to be, henees the efforts to humiliate and remove Prince Alexandre. This has been Austria's opportunity, and, although her inspiration has been disestrous to Servia, she will not cease to resist Russian advances in the Balkan Peninsula.

## THE AMERICAN SIDE OF ANNEXATION.

## Washington, November, 1885.

An absent friend, English born and bred, but with his life's work and stake in this country-one well acquainted with Canada and intimate with many Canadians-has written me a letter, from the varied contents of which I make the following extract:-
"My own belief is that annexation would be the best thing for Canada, but I am not clear that it would be of any advantage to this country, or that a movement in that direction would be popular here. It rather seems to me that there is nothing but sentiment. in the matter, so far as the United States are concerned, and no tangible benefits. The idea, of course, of a great Republic, from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is an alluring one."

To me, the parts of this extract that I have understood suggest entirely novel questions. I have never heard, nor heard of, any official discussion, on this side of the border, of a union of Canada with the United States, nor anything fairly approaching a public consideration of such a question but in the freedom of social intercourse I have, at times, heard public men, men of letters and men of business, make passing and superficial allusions to the subject; always, however, from the standpoint of Canada's interest and upon the assumption that, if she should ever knock, our door would immediately swing wide open.

In the present nascent and almost speculative state of the question of Canada's future, any commentary upon the utterances above quoted can be little more than an academic thesis. Yet, because there may be those of your readers who value the functions of The Week as a record for future generations of the daily life and thoughts of the present, and because the doubts expressed by my correspondent are such as must some time be examined and resolved before Canadians can say that they have settled their future upon consideration of all the alternative courses, I will venture to offer now and here some suggestions toward a just conclusion of the Anuerican side of the question of annexation.

Not having the gift of a seer, I must perforce take as my premises the present state of Canada and of the Union; so that I ain met at the threshold by the difficulty that at the time of action the situation may be ensentially changed, and my conclusions thereby vitiated. Still, upon the doctrine of probabilities, I am justified in assuming that changes during the next half-century will be those of degree rather than of kind.

Speaking, then, as of the present, the addition to the population of the United States of three and a-half millions of English speaking Canadians, the congeners of ourselves in every political, intellectual and moral sense, could not fail to be an unmixed good to us. To assert the contrary would be to admit that Ohio or Illinois might be depopulated without loss to the general community. Even the one and a-half millions of French-Canadians would not be an undesirable addition to our population, for they have their virtues, and, by annexation to so populous a country as the United States, they would lose the power for mischief that they can use so effectually in the small Confederation of which they now form a part. They could still control the internal polity of their own commonwealth of Quebec, it is true; but the rest of the Union would be big enough for the remainder of its people, and doubtless their separatist and reactionary tendencies would decline with their political importance. See how thoroughly Louisiana has been Americanized within less than a century! The natives found that they had to move on or move out, and they naturally connected themsalves to the movement that promised survival.

Politically considered, the union of Canada with the United States would be little more to us than the addition of a certain number of senators and representatives to the Federal Congress; the addition of a few more eligibles to the lists from which Federal administrations are constituted; the addition of some millions to the population whose national interests are the care of the national Government; an increased area of territory upon which to expend the Federal grants for public improvements, and, possibly, the occasional addition of a local or class issue to the party platforins which accompany the nominations of Presidential candidates every four years. Socially, there would be a considerable growth of personal intercourse travel and other means of intercommunication, and this would be beneficial so far as it affected us at all. Intellectually regarded, political union would mean an extension of the historical, philosophical, romantic and dramatic vista of American authors and readers, and this would be a distinct gain

But it is on its commercial side that the question of an American Canadian union is of most consequence to the United States. Our people would acquire a new and important market, capable, under the stimulus of a common political destiny, of almost indefinite extension as the decades and centuries should roll on. Nearly all the fund now spent in the maintenance of a national Government for Canada would return to the channels of trade, and thus increase the resources and comforts of the people. The territorial area over which the enterprising, the unsuccessful, or the restless American could spread himself would be greatly enlarged; a sensible relief to both political and industrial congestion. The rapid growth of Canada is population and wealth, when dispensed from the burdens of a national organization and a hostile tariff, and admitted to a rightful share in the enormous internal comwerce of the United States, would be felt beneficially throughout the Union. Lastly, the "plant" of civilization that Canada has accumulated would be a clean addition to the common wealth and resources.

I attach no importance to the sentimental consideration of "a great republic from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico." It is time that Americans and Canadians ceased the fetish worship of vastness, and I believe they are so ceasing with reasonable expedition. But that a political
union of the two countries would be substantially beneficial to the United States, I think, has been fairly indicated herein; and as to the remaining branch of the question-whether "a movement in that direction would be popular here"-we may answer it by a simple reference to certain wellknown and fundamental principles in $\cdot$ human nature.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## TO REÀDERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

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To the Editor of The Week
temperance teaching.
SIR,-Some thirty to forty years ago Maine startled the world by becoming a Prohibition State. Ample time, one would think, has elapsed to attest the soundness or otherwise of the principle. The New York Sun reveals the result in more pauperism crime, suicides, insanity, idiocy, blindness, and bodily defects arising from a vitiated stock, than before. The advocates of the measure prophesied a "millennium." Yet, notwithstanding all this, prohibitory ideas still cling to many worthy people, open enough to the evidence of fact upon all other subjects. How is this?

We are told by scientists that the nervous system of the brain, examined under a microscope, resembles a forest in its many and varied features: trees, branches, twigs, and foliage ; that a destructive storm passing through the natural forest has its correspondence in the physics of the brain when swayed by strong passions or madness; that a healthy and temperate breeze corresponds in its results to molecular movement caused by pleasant emotions; and a dead calm to repose, sleep, or death. Science, further to illustrate its point, supposes a continuous and strong breeze passing through the natural forest; so continuously and for such a length of time that even after it ceases the woods would still present the appearance of a field of grain moved by the wind; this optical illusion being caused by the elasticity of the branches, twigs, and foliage having been destroyed, and remaining fixed in the inclination in which the wind had blown, and still appears to be blowing.

So the fine fibres of the brain, when acted upon continuously and for a given length of time by emotions of any kind, become gradually inclined and finally fixed in that one direction to which the idea, whatever it may be, has been so long tending. So much so that the thinker hecomes at last a devotee upon the subject. He has, by his persistence in excluding all other ideas as utterly irrelevant, succeeded in fixing the physics of his brain so that at last contrary evidence simply cannot enter, being barred by the physical state of the nervous wires of communication leading to consciousness. Instead of being master of the subject, the subject has become master to the thinker, and it is quite in vain to attempt to argue with such a person. He becomes abusive and dangerous when any such attempt is made. He will, under the impression that he is advocating eternal truth, give utterance to the most absurd ideas, and expect people to accept the most exaggerated statements. And if they decline to do so he characterizes them as enemies of truth and religion and children of the devil-" devilish," and so forth.

Hence the importance -mentally, morally, and physically -in training youth not to force them to exercise their intellects in making everything to circle round dogmatic truth as uttered by their teachers, but rather to strengthen their faculties by making them find out, and giving impartial consideration to, all that can be said against any dogma, however ancient and respectable, or however contrary and new-fangled. By and by our educated young men will be called to the senate and the bench and the bar, and to municipal and other offices; and a one-idead man who makes everything subservient to his one pet principle is simply an obstruction in the eyes of intelligent men.

Yours, etc.,
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## WELSH STUPIDITY.

To the Editor of The Week
Sir, - At the meeting of Home Rule Irishmen recently held in Kingston, a Roman Catholic Bishop referred in contemptuous terms to the "stupidity of the Welsh," because he supposen they submit patiently to the existence of the Established Church of England in their country. The reverend speaker must be very ignorant of the state of public feeling in the Principality if he believes that the Welsh people submit patiently to the injustice. Nine-tenths of them are Protestant dissenters-Methodists, Baptists, and Presby-terians-and the feeling of antagonism throughout the country is universal against that injustice. On the eve of the general election great meetings were held throughout the country to secure members pledged to disestablishment.

The Welsh people are stupid, if by that term is meant an obstinate resistance to every effort made to destroy their nationality. The possession and use of a distinct language is a high mark of nationality ; and while the Irish have, with signal failure, made many efforts to preserve that mark, the Welsh, after six centuries of subjugation, have not only retained their language in general intercourse, but it is almost the only language used in all the churches of the land; and the English Church is compelled to submit to the "stupid" prejudice which induces the people to cling to their mark of nationality by making a condition in the appointment of her clergymen officiating in Wales that they shall be able to preach in the Welsh language. This obstinacy in clinging to that language is further manifested in the publication and support of newspapers and magazines in Welsh. Even in the United States the Welsh people "stupidly" cling to their country and their national literature ; for in a large number of leading cities and many country districts Welsh churches are established and well filled.

This obstinacy no doubt operates against the worldly success of the Welsh people. But they cling to old traditions which tell them they shall never be utterly extinguished as a nation, and in the words of a distinguished Irishman, D'Arcy McGee, who admired this kind of "stupidity," and commended it to his countrymen, "The Welsh keep the lion bravely at bay." If they sacrifice worldly interests to maintain in its integrity as a mark of nationality the language of their fathers, they at least give proof that with them the sentiment of patriotism ranks higher than that of personal welfare ; and if they do not display their discontent and their love of country by indulging in private assassinations and by expertness in the use of dynamite, they surpass the countrymen of their reverend assailer by preserving and using the highest mark next to independence of national existence-a national language. Their strength is in their passive resistance, which the: Bishop misnames "stupidity"; and while they win their object with less noise and bluster
than his countrymen, they never degrade the cause of national justice by crimes against bumanity, or treachery to their friends.

When nine-tenths of the Welsh are opposed to a church establishment, their claims for disestablishment must be heard, and if they manifest the same "stupid" pertinacity in pressing these just claims as they have done in clinging to the use of their ancient language, they cannot fail, especially as they will be supported "by the gity" has been the body of English dissenters to accomplish their desires. Their "stupidity" ind defiance of element of strength in preserving their chlracteristics as a distinct nation, in dicmacessful in all the power of their conquerors, and it will no doubt make which taxes nine-tenths of throwing off the oppression of an ecclesiastical establishmene whe-tenth who belong to it. the people who never enter its churches for the benefit of the ous equal claims to If Home Rule be granted to Ireland and Scotland, the Welsh, who have equal claims the same justice, will no doubt demand, and, by the exercise of that obstinacy, distiaguished them through so many ages, win Home Rule for the Principality.
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## MUSIC.

## toronto monday popular concerts

The fourth of the series of Monday Popular Concerts took place last Monday evening in the Pavilion Music Hall, and was attended by a large and fashionable audience. The programme, so far as the instrumental numbers are concerned, was of a much more ambitious character and at any of the previous concerts. The demands upon broad and difficult executive ability of the quartette club by two such be Bethoven quarworks as the Mendelssohn quartette, Op. 44, No. 1, and the Bealoting, but, tette, Op. 59 , No. 2, were, it is needless to point fire and brilliancy, with strange to say, the club never played with greater Gire and music they were. a better ensemble, or with a deeper appreciation of chdelssohn quartette, a interpreting. The andante expressivo of the Mendelsath much delicacy most beautiful and original bit of writing, was played wrilliant quaver passages, and execution, while the fiery finale, with its brocal melody, was given interrupted here and there by suatches of broad vartete is characterized by with dash and animation. The Beethoven quartete is er, and requires a greater depth of feeling than the Mendelssohn number, anctation. The higher artistic intelligence to give it an adequated and it was not to be adayio grows in beauty as it is repeated and stiade it on first hearing. The expected that the audience could fully appreciate it on trow fact that this inherent power of the music was, however, pred to the expression of a movement created a deep impression, and huring the season.
desire to have it performed a second time during of evening, who has a
Mrs. Annie Louise Tanner, the vocalist of the evening, who has a most pleasing soprano voice, of light timbre and ex aria of the Queen of the audience to enthusiasm by her singing of light of the executive diffiNight from the "Magic Flute." She made light of the exe stave, with culties, and delivered the high notes, extending to $F$ above the sang as an encore unfailing accuracy and with inuch beauty of tone. She sang as an Mr . "Annie Laurie" in a very winning manner.
 who made his first appearance. Mr. Martin is a. valuable preat powers of pecution, a flexible the ranks of our artistes. He has great powers is hoped that an opportouch, and a broad and expressive delivery. It hopata, as it is said he tunity may be given of hearing him in a Beethoven mastro.
is an intelligent student of the works of the great matestro. the programme It may be interesting to quote, by way of comparison, Monday Popular cionof this concert, and also that of the London, Eng., A glance at the two cert of November 23rd, which is just received. schemes will show that the Toronto concert was the for two violins, viola important :--Quartette, in D major, Op. 44, No. 1, for two vart; Allegro, and violoncello, Mendelssohn; Aria, "Magic Fluel", Schumann: Song. from the trio in D minor, for piano, violin, and 'cello, Sch; Adagio and "The Daisy," Arditi; Piano Solo, "Polonaise," Chopin, A, Beethoven; Allegretto, from the quartette in E minor, Op. 59, No. Popular Concert, Song, "Spring Flowers," Reinecke. London Nonday Pop violins, viola November 23rd, 1885:-Quaftette in E flat, Op. 51, for two "Old French; and violoncello, Dvorak; Song, "La charmante Marguerite, Ballade in G Sonata in C major, Op. 24, for pianoforte alone, Wolkslieder, Merie Wurn; minor, for violin, Franz Neruda; Two German Volkslieder, Beothoven. Sonata in A major, Op. 30, No. 1, for pianoforte and violin, Beothoceright. The next concert (December 14th) will be an New York, has bren Miss Henrietta Beebe, the distinguished soprano, of Sherlock, tenor, of engaged specially for the occasion, in addition to Mr. Sharacter, to be in Kingston. The instrumental numbers will

## LITERARY GOSSIP.

IT is thought that Canon Farrar will clear $\$ 25,000$ by his lectures in America. $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{HE}}$ most original and readable part of Julian Hawthorne's " the title.
"Querizs" is responsible for the extraordinary statement that Victor Hugo considered $J_{\text {ames }}$ Fenimore Cesponsible for the extraordinary statems.

It has now been definitely decided by the London Imperial Federation League to publish a sixpenny journal on the 1st of every month, beginning with the new year. The last article penned by General McClellan will shortly appear in Harper's Daga"ine. It is a valuable pned by a subject upon which the Ceneral was a good authority, "The Militia and te paper on a subject upon especially interesting in view of possible socialistic troubles ; and the connection of the military with this phase of the labo.
tion is said to have

The Goethe papers, shortiy to be published, are a rich mine of literature, and one of the most interesting veins will be the Carlyle correspondence, which has been discovered entire, including not only the English sage's letters, but copies of the letters of Goethe.
"Habper" has in preparation an article on literary life and society in New York, accompanied by many interesting portraits. The literary movement of this generation in New York is to be discussed carefully and impartially. The author of the article is Mr. George Y. Lathrop.

As has been the custom of recent yearn, Harper's Magazine for December is a superb Christmas number. Among the contributors are Georse William Curtis, Chas. Dudley Warner, William D. Howells, Constance Fenimore Woolsom, Charlos Eghert Craddock, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Edwin Arnold, Willian Black, and l. D. Bhackmore, and the
 illurtrations are from sach Smedley.

Tur frequent issue and closely filled pages of Littell's Living Age enable it to prosent with satisfactory completeness an well an freshness what in ensential to American readers in the best periodical literature of the day. This literature envers a constantly broadening Geld, and now embraces to a greater extunt than ever before the proluctions of the most eminent writers in all departments of knowledge and literary work. The Liviny Aye was therefore never before no valuable, so convenient and wo important an now ; as with it one can easily and economically keep abreast of the best lituratire of the time. The prosectus of this magazine for 1886 is worthy the attention of all who are relecting their reading matter for the new year.

Johs Habberton, author of "Helen'a Bahies," nays: " ' What Tommy Did' would we worthy of the serious consideration of parents if it were pownible for any one to We other than wildly mirthful over the waintliness and dreadfulness of the little hero. Tommy is an ideal boy -one of the kind which are by turus unendurable and angelic, which changes parents frou young to old, and from ohd to young again many timos a day. We pity parents who fail to read this book ; there is mo timo in the day, nur any day in the week, in which its pages will not dispel care." It has juat beon pullished in dainty, delightful shape, fine clath, richly ormanented biading by Alden, the "Ruvolution publishor, at half its former price, 50 centw.

Wa have before us the first instalment of a Nuw English Dictionary, from the Clarendon Preas, Oxford -a great work that has been in preparation for more than a quarter of a century. Only two parts are yet published, but thoy are nutficient to convey a good idea of the vast learning and ability brought to bear on its compilation. It ${ }^{\text {a }}$ edited by Jamen A. W. Murray, ILL.D., President of the Philological Sociots, assisted by many scholars and wen of scienco. It is fuunded mainly on the materials collected by the Philological Society ; and its aim is "to furnimhan adequate account of the meaning, cisin, ad hetory of Enulimh wordy now in general use, or known to have heon in use at origin, and haning the lakt meven humdral years." A pecrlose work.

Tur list of suhscribure (to "(irant's Memoirs") contains nearly all the well-known names in the country. President Cleveland haw whemeribed for a copy hamal in morocoo, General Sheridan not only subscribed but he camsed tho War office to be ranuacked for a month, hunting for the original document of Lee's surrender, $a$ fac-sinile of which we have in the accond wolume. Governor Howly, however, reflused pint blank when approwhed and ankel to aubscribe by ono of our keneral ngenta wome time before the General's death. "Genoral Grant ian'ta literary man," said he; "I don't know that I have any use for him book." One of our less trustworthy canvassera told me that Mr. Conkling hearly annihilated him when he penetrated to his private office to try to sell him a copy nearly anm the ex-Somator fairly raved nad swore. I can't vouch for the truth of the story, however.

It has only recently become genarally known in Englam that a remarkaile writer har ariven in America under the name of Charlen Eghert (raddock. Tho author in a lady, and the name, therefore, is a pseudonym. Her books aro novels, or at lonst are called wovels. The bext of them han juut boen publiwhed in thin comutry. It is colled "The Prophet of the Great Smoky Mountains." There can bo no quention that it is a striking and beantiful book. Itw bent qualitien are its ntmonphere and picturonquenoss. A trong feeling for acenic nature, keener eyen to nee nature, and a firmer and nubtler hand to describe nature, we have not enoountered in moxlern literature. Aud the human nature is only lean vividly realized. The types are limited, and they aro not complox. They are rude, almost savage typen, but, auch an they are, thoy are well dopioted. So much and such sustained atmosphere we hardly know where to find outnide this author'n best book. But the merit of the "Prophet" atope here. As a novel the book acarcaly deserves attention.--Liverpool Mercury.

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## THE SCRAP BȮOK

## the chinese quarter of san francisco.

In Mrs. Pfeiffer's recent volume of travels, "Flying Leaves from East to West," the following account is given of a visit to the Chinese quarter of San Francisco: "In the afternoon we visited the Chinese quarter-Chinatown as it is called-and saw all that was to be seen from the outside. The Chinese population in California numbers at this time 100,000 souls, 3,200 of whom dwell in San Francisco, occupying but six blocks of the part of the town they have appropriated to themselves. They live close, like bees in a hive; and as bees, they aro industrious. There is said to be no trade or calling known among men, save only that of blacksmith, which has not its adepts among the dwellers of Uhinatown. The Chinaman, though tolerated, favoured even in California as nowhere else in the States, is not permitted to become the possessor of freehold property ; but, taking his houses upon long lease, he has contrived in many instances so to surround some big hotel, or better street, the objects of his ambition, as to drive away the white occupants and step quietly into their places. One hotel thus taken possession of is now the resort, workshop, and dwellingplace of no less than 600 of these busy bees. In the later part of this day we took a survey of the interior of one of their restaurants, and afterward found our way, by the paying of half-a-dollar, into a joss-house."

The inside of the restaurant did not justify the promise made from without. "I can imagine nothing short of being one of the 'useless mouths' of a city in a state of siege that could make me partake of any of the kickshaws of that devil's kitchen; even then I think I should have grace to prefer a more lingering death. Hashes of tubular organisms looking like earth-worms, birds of the size of chickens and the form of cranes made ready for the spit in the cruel mockery of flight, multifarious messes in little saucers, pots and pans, and refuse of all sorts mixed with shells having a fatal affinity with thoses of smils, must have sufficed to rebut any but an appetite to the manner born. I am aftraid my polite endeavours to look pleased, as I walked from one table to the other and examined these dainties, were very unsuccessful; for the Chinamen watched my movements with angry eyes, and their loud voices bawling to each other in the harsh accents of the native tongue made me fear that we were hardly wise in having entered this elysium unattended. Be that as it may, the clamour and the odours exhaled drove us down the dirty stairs into the stroet quite as quickly as we had ascended."

The joss house was not more fragrant than the eating-house, and the impure air was further loaded with the fumes of a not very aromatic incense. "We faced the darkness and endured the closeness, upheld by an
irresistible curiosity. The Chinaman at the wicket had the dull irresistible curiosity. The Chinaman at the wicket had the dull eye and falling lip of what we had now learned to recognize as the 'opium face'; but he managed to pull himself together when we spoke to him, and to shout out a monosyllable which brought to our service that other one of the servants of the temple who was now our guide. This last had a very limited acquaintance with the English tongue, but we contrived to make out that the idol occupying the first shrine was the representative of one who in life had been an unsuccessful speculator. Passing on to other tabernacles, our attention was called to kings and einperors, black, white and red, and always three together; and in a shrine, shut in by a black veil, to a 'good woman,' to whom Oriental politeness had allowed a head. The 'good' lady, also making one of three, was seated between two others unaccommodated with characters. The last image to which we were introduced was that of an aged man, who had walked or crawled the earth for 150 years, and who possessed the power of imparting in some occult manner, the secret of longevity to his worshippers. At one of the tabernacles of the kings, by the side of the burning incense, we remarked a sort of lots, the notches on which would inform the drawer of the number of doses of medicine to be taken in order to a cure of his particular malady. We made some attempts to extract from our guide the nature of his religious convictions; but he was either very reticent on the point, or his imperfect vocabulary was a bar to the exchange of abstract ideas."

From the joss-house they went to Chinese Alley, where they had the sad sight of several vacant girlish faces, hapless rather than unhappy, planted behind little latticed windows, and looking fair, with their glabrous black tresses and eyes aslant, upo: the sunless background of their dens. "Here, as in China proper, where polygamy is and always has been in full force, the plea of Mormonism, that it is a preventive of prostitution, receives emphatic contradiction. We hurried from this hapless inferno, and, unattended as we were, thought it better not to venture into the opium dens, and indeed had seen enough of what was unsavoury, darksome and pestilent in Chinatown for one day. What strikes one as anomalous is the look of personal cleanliness and high-keeping of these ill-living Orientals. The barbers' shops, which abound in every street, are never without customers, whose figures are to be seen through window and door, with heads thrown back, resigned to the play of razor and tweezers and other mysterious little instruments, in all which they seem to find a kind of lazy delight. No well-licked puppy can look more sleek than these quaintly-dressed beings as they issue from under the hands of the professional manipulators, razed and plucked, with not a hair of shining pig-tail or interrogative eyebrow awry. We occasionally saw women of the decent classes, but not of that distinction which is marked by crippled feet, gliding or shuffling on their white-soled shoes, apparently unsoiled by the dirty street, passing on their way with a furtive air and look of haste, often beautifully dressed, and always with carefully arranged hair: But the most grotesque of all these figures were those of the little children, whose wadded garments made them as broad as they were long, and whose little pig-tails generally stood out on end. On the whole we did not regret the time passed in this transplanted portion of the Flowery Land, however villainous the perfume of many parts of it."

Grant's defeat of johnson's plot
paper by Ex-Secretary Ber of the North American Review contains a paper lyy Ex-Secretary Boutwell, on "Johnson's Plot and Motives.". This interesting article makes Johnson's general position very clear, and probably establishes it about as it will go into history. Mr. Boutwell gives, also, a conduct, which had so murant's relation to the matter, and of his firm plot. Mr. Boutwell says. plot. Mr. Boutwell says

Upon my arrival in Washington to attend the session of Congress which began December 3,1866, I received a letter from Mr. Stanton askcalled without delay. He Department at the earliest moment possible. "I called without delay. He directed me to his private room, where he soon
joined me.

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Wuntry than I was at any tim: "I am more concerned for the fate of the cannot recall, was at any time during the war." His exact words further orders to officers he gave me to understand that the President had issued knowledge, and that the army, of which neither he nor General Grant had away from Washington was danger that General Grant would be sent way from Washington.

At the request of Mr. Stanton, I wrote at his dictation the substance of what afterward became the second section of the Army Appropriation Act, approved March 2, 1867.

In that section it was provided that the headquarters of the General of the Army should be at the City of Washington, and that he should not vious approval of the Sewore except at his own request or by the premilitary operations the Senate ; that all orders and instructions relating to issued through the Gsued by the President or Secretary of War should be the officer next in comal of the Army, or in case of his disability through other manner should be null and, finally, that all orders issued in any orders, and all issued in any otheers that might obey them, knowing that they had been

After the election of General Grant guilty of a mistemeanour.
count of his interviews with Pral Grant to the Presidency, he gave me an ject of sending the Giews with President Johnson, in reference to the prosubstance this: "At a casual meeting the President said, ' I may have occasion to ask you to go to Mexico.' I said in reply, 'I am so situated that it will not be convenient for me to leave.' Not miny days after this conversation the President sent for me to come to his office. Upon my arrival I found Mr. Seward and the President. Mr. Seward opened his portfolio, and read a long paper addressed to me, and containing instructions for my guidance in Mexico. When Mr. Seward had concluded, I said to the President, 'You know I told you that it would not be convenient for urge. go to Mexico.' The President then began to argue with me, and to urge. I as steadily resisted his arguments. The President grew warin and finally, rising from his chair and striking the table violently with his fist, he said, ' I would like to know if there is an officer of the army who will not obey my orders!' I rose, took my hat in my hand, and said,' I am an officer of the army, but I am a citizen also. The service you ask me to perform is a civil service, and, as a citizen, I may accept it or decline it. I then left the room."
The distinction thus made by General Grant left to the President authority to assign him to duty as a soldier in any point within the United States that the President might select, and hence the solicitude of $\mathbf{M r}$ March for the passage of the section in the Army Bill of the 2nd of March, 1867
the danish crisis.
"Scandinavia" has from time to time explained the state of social and political affairs which has necessarily led to the present crisis in Denmark There are on one hand the classes formed under the absolute Governmenta university-educated bureaucracy, with some feeble remnants of an aristo cracy ; on the other, the peasantry, labourers and yeoman proprietors, now well-to-do, but who were depressed into miserable serfs until the latter part of the last century. The liberal constitution of 1848 , which was of the common European pattern, gave the power in the House of Cominons, organized Upper to the peasants exclusively ; while later a differentlyorganized Upper House, or "Landsthing," with a majority of the higher and middle classes, was in sharp opposition to the "Folkething," and with out the conciliatory provisions of the Swedish constitution in its provision for common preparatory committees and a joint vote in matters which, like those of the budget, must be decided. The present situation is a sufficient demonstration of the absolute necessity for trying a Parliamentary Gover $n$ ment-a Government through the leaders of the majorities in the Chambers, and not simply through a Cabinet formed from one side of the Upper House. The recent attempt of a Copenhagen compositor to shoot Mr Estrup is an isolated, unfortunate happening, not in the usual line of Danish character ; but there undoubtedly exists such an increasing bitterness within the parties that it does not leave any other solution possible than a change of persons in the Govermment. The very fact that men origin ally liberal and popular can arrive at the present deadlock and arbitrary oppressive method of goverument, show's the necessity of recurring to the popular means : that of Parliamentary Government. There can be no doubt about the progress of democracy in the Scandinavian countries, but it is questionable whether the progress will be entirely salutary. The Norwegian democracy has not yet proven itself the most intelligent part of the nation. There is a general absence in all the countries of true, liberal ideas and practical common sense. Prominent authors continue to write in an impractical, pessimistic strain. Nothing would be more healthy in practice or in an intellectual way than a lively connection with the
Anglo-Saxon nations, with all their individualism and practical freedom Anglo-Saxon nations, with all their individualism and practical freedom.Scandinavia.
how home labour is protected.
On the 12 th November Mr. Joseph Chamberlain made a speech at Birmingham in support of the Liberal candidates for Parliament, in the course of which analyzed the dogmas of "Fair Trade" which Lord Salisbury had expounded a few days before to the South London Conservatives. Incidentally he let out a secret which will excite some wonder on this side of the water. Mr. Chamberlain, during his business carer, was a manufacturer of screws. His success in this line of trade was due in a large part, he said, to an American patent. The screw-making machines which he used were in use also in America and on the cries, notwithstanding the he was able to export screws to all those countries, Busin. The seret lower rates of wages paid in France, Germany and Russia. The secret, which he casual
"At that time the Americans put a duty of one hundred per cent. on screws, and in spite of that his firm sent these articles to America in large quantities. The result was that the American manufacturers came over here and said: 'We are making one hundred per cent. on capitab, be obliged to continue to send screws to America we shal, of will reduce our profits, reduce our prices. That will shat you out, but, therefore, make a bargain ; which will not be good for either of us. Let us, therefore, mand a screw to we will pay you so much a year to sit still, and not send a income for America.' Well, they did it, and his firm received a has they were, by the years from the American manufacturers-pion-to sit still, and not send folly and stupidity of protectionist legislation-to sit still and nom screws to America."

So the cat is out of the bag-that is, one additional cat. An American company has a patent monopoly for making screws. this, it gets a duty of one hundred per cent. to keep on spite of the daty. screws. The foreigner still sends screws to our marke bearly bonus not to send So the American company agree to pay him a yeary bess of their spider's screws here, but to leave them in undisturbed possession of house-builders in the web, to work their will upon all the carponters anderlain by the American United States. The bonus paid to Mr. Chamberlain by the workmen Screw Company of Providence, R. L., of course camo of the net result was who paid for these indispensable toobour." Mr. Chamberlain went on to extolled as "protection to home labour. some years, the American Serew say that, after paying him this bonus for some and got the duty raised to a Company became greedy, went to Congress, and him out, they were enabled still higher figure, and, thus effectually shutting hey were enabled to secure to discontinue the subsidy. We suppose that they were enar of the United the increased duty by electing and maintangton some years ago that Now States, for it was a common jest in Washingten Senators, one print mill, England was represented in the Senate by ten Senators, ons are as follow and one screw company. The exingo six cents per pound; one inch and On all screws two inches or over in length, six cer pound ? over one-half inch ess than two inches in length, eight cents per pound; one-half inch aud and less than one inch in length, ten cents per less in length, twelve cents per pound.-Nation.

Some curious intelligence has been brought out lately about hailstones. Thus, a correspondent has written to Nature to tell of coloured hailstones found in Ireland in 1885, and others that fell in Russia in exists in the colouring is supposed to come from the a the temperature of hail have solar atmosphere. Some researches about the much as $18^{\circ}$ below freezing led to $t$
point.
Sir John Macdovald's method of govermment by the purchase or subsidizing of corporations and leading interests here and there had failed to satisfy the people of Quebec. They were dissatisfied because, though their leaders got much, the people were treated as of little account. The heir leader got Ricl execution is made the occasion, but it is not by any mas been galling for years.St. John (N. B.) Telegraph.

In what a terrible state of alarm the Mail is all at once at the prospect of French domination! What have we had in Canada but a "supremacy of the minority" ever since the present Government took office? When has Quebec had her demands refused? Has she not been allowed to plunder the Federal treasury session after session? Has Sir John ever held out after the ringing of the second division bell? Why is the country going to "eternal smash" because Quebec now seems Jikely to go over to Mr. Biake? She cannot possibly do more harm there than she has been doing with the assistance of Sir John. But the "Chieftain" will be out of office ; his friends will lose their "fat jobs" and be deprived of their opportunities for plunder ; his organs will get no more printing contracts. Therefore the Mail goes into hysterics. - Manitoba Free Press.

Our playwrights have been indebted to the French so often that it is time we began to pay them back. There has been very little "rociprocity" in this branch of international traffic so far. However, a change scems to be coming. The "Silver King" has been transported to Paris, and was brought out at the Ambigu Comique. The French translator, it seems, has stuck to the text pretty closely, and the temptation to throw in local colour has been avoided. The Lord Mayor does not come on in the final scene to pronounce judgment upon "L'Araignée" (otherwise "The Spider"), nor are Mr. Wilson Barrett's and Miss Eastlake's French representatives regaled upon plum-pudding at any point in the play. Something of course was due to the feelings of a French audience. A picture of English life which left out Highlanders in kilts and jockeys in silk and tops, could not be permitted. It is well-known also (in the country of M.

Max O'Rell) that English workingmen usually wear red whiskers meeting under the chin. The play is said to have been very well acted, and the struggles of Wilfrid Denver with fateand the difficnlties of English proper names were much appreciated by a large audience.-St. Jtomes's Guzette.

Tue good old English custom of robbery on the Queen's highway seems to be coming into vogue again. One of the revivalists has been in active practice near Accrington. A young man was walking in the fields in the neighbourhood of that town "with his sweetheart," when the interesting conversation was interrupted by a porson with a blackened face, who presented a pistol at the gentleman's head and demanded his valuables. The unfortunate wooer handed over his watch, chain and money, and under the circumstances, even though the eyes of beauty were upon him, he cannot be blamed for his surrender; but the gentleman of the road was not satisfied. A few minutes later ho robbed somborly else at the samo spot. Other members of the fraternity are reported at Camborne, in Cornwall where farmers have been stopped on the road (of course by the invariable pistol) and made to turn out their pockets. After all there is no roason why adventurous spirits should not take to the brigand's trade. In former times highwaymen were under the risk of being shot and the cortainty of boing hanged some time or other; but we do not hang footpads now, even when we catch them, and wo wisely prohibit the police from encroaching on that monopoly in the use of firearms which properly belongs to the criminal classes.-London Paper.

In reference to Mr. Augustus Marris's artiele in tho Fortnightly Rovicw, a theatrical correspondent writes:--Of course Mr. Harris goes ton far when he says that "stirring melodramas are what the public want." In Mr. Harris's own case the stagomounting of his "stirring molodramas " has certainly had more to do with their success than have the plays themselves. But may it not be that thero are two sections of the public, ench of which has a distinct want? Some of the ordinary pit and most of the gallery occupants revel in molodrana; the stalls and balcony profer wit, and so make the success of the modern farecical comedy, which is the nearest approach to wit, within their remeh. Any one who visits an Eistend or transpontine theatre can sew for himself the oxistence of the former taste. On Saturday I was at the Surroy Theatre. "Dead Beat" is not a fine play; it is an inartistic jumble of unhappy and happy coincidences. But to the "gods," who are full of romance, it is a "stirring" melodrama enough. "Where is my husb:and?" cries the-horoine of the pieed, as sho rushes into a warehoust oceupied hy the " villain," who has just hidden the lost husband in the eellar. "Down in the hole!" shouts an excited "gol," carried away by the lady's ovident distress. Not long ago, in a provincial thoatre, on the stage of which the villain was ill-treating the heroine, an excited auditor in the pit, rose to his feet and shouted angrily, "Why can't you let the gal alone?" Do such incidents as theso prove nothing ?-English Paper.

Lord Salisbury has shown again and agrain that he is quite at sea on questions of trade. Ho has done himsolf injustice for many years if ho has made a serious stuly of political economy. He regards the Liberal party as bound up with the cause of Free Trade. IHe has prolably seen reason to suspect that Freo Trado is a solvent of Toryism. Lord Salisbury cares but little about trade. The great aims of his ambition as a statesman are to maintain the House of Lords, to restore and prolong the power and privileges of the aristocracy, to keep intact, as far as he can, that system of law which favours the growth of largo estates as the means wheroby great hereditary families are held together for successive generations. He knows that ho has fallen upon a democratic age, but he is not yet convinced that the democracy cannot be hoodwinked and quietly lod by their old masters. This is the experimont he is now making. If they want a little protection ho is willing to let them have it. If ho could work upon their passions so as to get up an outcry for retaliatory tariffs, he would be so much the more delighted, and retaliatory tariffs they would have. . If economical blunders woro involved they would not be found out for ycars. No harm would be done to him or his order, or to the exalted interests for which he is solely concerned. Trade might suffer, but that would help to chastise the insolence of trade, the great rival of feudalism and the prime author of the calamities which have shaken the aristocratic fabric to its foundation.---Manchester Examiner and Times.

Loyal Irishmen commonly say that, if the English people only know the whole truth about the Lind League, there would be a spedy end to the Irish question. The difficulty is to bring the facts homo to them. Tothe frish of the many thousands of our fullow-sulyjects now enduring the grinding tyranny of an illegal conspiracy tells the plain, unvarnished talo of his own sufferings. We commend it to the study of all who would have us believe that law and order reign across the Channel. In June, 1884 , Mr. D'Arcy took a farm, from which the former tenant had been evicted for non-payment of rent in 1880 . He was then boyeotted, and here are the results: He cannot procure labour at any price; he cannot get a horse shod; he cannot in the town whers be was born buy bread, meat, or groceries; he cannot engage domestic servants; he camot sell at any fair or market the produce of his farms. His acquintmes have, from sheer terror of the League, begged him and his family not to call upon them. On the lst of October his liay-ricks, containing 180 tons of hay ready for the English market, were fired ; and while they were burning $£ 20$ were offered to a man, on behalf of the National League, to come forward and swear that Mr. D'Arcy's steward was the incendiary. Mr. Parnell's official newspaper published resolutions calling the attention of the Cork and Limerick branches to the fact that this "notorious grabber" was being supplied with the necessaries of life hy firms in those cities.-Londan Paper.
the bird and the shadow.

## After the Persian.

Through the blue heaven, with sunlight on its wings, The free bird flies and sings;
Beneath upon the ground its shadow plays In endless, aimless maze.

O fool, who only seest the shadow blurred, And not the bright-winged bird!
And all the years, thine arrows, squanderest
On such insensate quest!
O lift, though it be late, thine earth-dimmed eyes, Where on the darkening skies
Still flush the white wings!-If one shaft remain,
With that thou mayst attain!

## -Spectator.

A rechnt inquiry shows the character of the reading of the Swedes. The sales of the modern realistic authors do not exceed a thousand copies. The great middle class still buys thousands of books of Emilie Carlén, Herman Bjursten, Crusenstolpe, and excellent August Blanche, no longer those of Marie Sophie Schwartz. The upper class takes the poems of C. D. af Wirsèn and Snoilski, and the books of Victor Rydberg, and an astonishing number of French novels; also several German, such as Marlitt and Samgron, and of English-American, Hugh Conway. The taste in Sweden has always been cosmopolitan and sensational.-Scandinavia.

The London Spectator makes this point upon Mr. Alexander Nicolson's " Memoirs of Adan Black," just published at Edinburgh :-" Mr. Nicolson's modesty as a biographer is so great as to suggest the suspicion that it is not altogether unalloyed with indolence. It is fully eleven years since Mr. Adam Black, the friend of Macaulay and his successor in the representation of Edinburgh, died at the great age of ninety. Mr. Nicolson devotes the most important, portion of his preface to an emphatic protest against that 'brutal realism' which is the besetting sin of modern biography. We fail, therefore, to see why it should have taken a decade to produce a thin little volume of 260 pages, composed, to no inconsiderable extent, of autobiographical reminiscences-a book which it is safe to say such a biographer as Mr. Froude could have prepared in three months. 'The lapse of time,' says Mr. Nicolson, 'between Mr. Black's death and the appearance of this memoir is not in accordance with modern prastice, which allows as little delay as possible from the death of the deceased to the publication of his biography. The sentiments that influence that practice are not those of the publishers of this volume, or of its compiler.' Mr. Nicolson's calmness in stating a fact, by way of excusing it, is on a par with that of the clergyman who took his congregation into his confidence over an exegetical problem, by saying: 'There is a difficulty in this passage, a great difficulty, my brethren; but let us look the difficulty boldly in the face-and pass on.' Besides, there is surely a happy medium between Mr. Froude's hot haste and Mr. Nicolson's reluctant delay."

The comparative importance of English statesmen, from the newsvendors' point of view, may be seen in the fact that, according to the London Central News it reports all speeches of Lord Salisbury, Lord. R. Churchill, Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Chamberlain verbatim; Lord Spencer,
Lord Hartington, Lord Granville and Sir Charles Dilke to the extent of one column each; and Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Sir R. A. Cross, Sir W. Harcourt, Mr. Trevelyan and Mr. Childers half a column each.

A well-Autienticated case of petrifaction is reported by the Springfield Repiblican from the town of Topstield. The sexton has been engaged in removing bodies from the old part of the cemetery to the new, and in doing so the body of Israel Gallup was removed in the ordinary way. It was found impossible to raise the body of his wife, which lay by his side, and a plank was put down as an inclined plane and the coffin in this way drawn to the surface. A hasty examination showed that the body, which had been buried thirty years, had become petritied, the eyes and a portion of the nose only showing signs of decay. The rest, even to the folds of her robe, was changed to solid stone.

Englisir papers relate that a lady who used dead canaries as a trim. ming for her ball-dress was snubbed, and left partnerless, by every man in the room at a recent dance. Instead of being the belle of the ball, she became a conspicuous wall-flower. Her punishment appears to have been greater than she could bear, for we are told that by supper-time she had disappeared. We cannot proffer any sympathy for the devotee of effect, and would greatly rejoice if the fashion of wearing the carcases of birds were to be frowned down as unworthy the "gentler" sex. Had ladies who thus adorn themselves any conception of the cruelty and torture inflicted upon their feathered victims, in order that their beauty may be preserved in death, hats and bonnets would soon be otherwise trimmed.

A romantic story appears from Holbrook, U. S. Leonard Poole, a young man, thirty-two years ago bid his wife and infant daughter good-bye and started West for gold. He determined not to return until he had gained a competence. He had worked and wandered about ever since, and two months ago he hid his money, a considerable amount, about himself, and started home. His train was raided by robbers in crossing the plains, and his own treasures taken. He was knocked from the cars, picked up
badly hurt by wood-choppers and cared for till he recovered. He then proceeded to Boston and wandered over the city in a dazed manner that led to his arrest, and he was sent to the State workhouse at Bridgewater, where he was found the other day by his son-in-law who had married the daughter he had left an infant. His wife died some time ago.

Miss Mary Anderson announces that she is going to retire from the stage for two years, partly to rest and partly to study for her future career. It is alleged that her success has made her ambitious. She is hurt at the suggestion that she has not reached the highest mark of genius, and she imagines that study will widen her range and increase her power. But that is not what most of us would predict. Public speaking is like fiddle-playing, said Mr. Disraeli. It can be kept at its highest mark only by constant practice. Acting also, one would imagine, is like fiddle-playing it can be kept at its highest mark only by constant practice. To retire from the stage for two years' study is to surrender the only means of discipline. When Miss Mary Anderson comes to think it over, her temporary retirement from the footlights is likely to have as much foundation in fact as the constant announcement that she is going to get married.

A flood of Christmas books and cards is forthcoming. As usual, the bulk and the best of them will appear a long way in advance of Christmas, so that when the Yule-tide comes we shall be ready for next year's summer numbers. This is not a serious drawback. Christmas literature often bears about as much relation to Christmas as to Midsummer, and there is no reason why it should be otherwise. The book market brightens as the year draws to a close, and we presume the long nights and dark days are responsible for this periodical return of the reading passion. Christmas cards are prettier than ever, and of those submitted to us prominent place must be given to the productions of Messrs. Prang, of Boston, and of Messrs. Hildesheimer and Faulkner, of London. The Toronto News Company are Canadian publishers of the last named. Merely as specimens of the perfection of modern colour-printing these cards are wonderfully interesting, and their "artistic merit" is unquestionable. Many of the miniature landscapes and figures are exquisite, and all are marked by refined taste.

Apropos of the turn in the Scott Act tide, of the crushing defeats inflicted upon its advocates of late, and of the cumulative evidence in favour of its impotence where adopted, the following remarks from a dispassionate and independent American paper may commend themselves to those Scott Act supporters who have been inveigved by perferlid advocates into supporting Prohibition: "The advocates of Prohibition are too apt to forget that the capacity of municipal government to enforce law is limited. We may have mayor, aldermen, police, and so forth, all right. The final test, after all, is the superior court and the jury-box, and such is human nature at present in Massachusetts that Prohibition cannot be enforced but a few months at a time without an utter blockade of business and total miscarriage of justice in the courts of the Commonwealth. This has been shown again and again. The advocates of both policies are too apt, after the contest is over and the result decided, each to let the other alone-the defeated to stand back and throw the administration of the law wholly upon the other. This is not the way to make progress in the suppression of illegitimate dealing in liquor."

We are reminded by a contemporary that Leopold von Ranke, the greatest of living historians, and the creator of the modern historical method, was ninety years of age last week. He is busily engaged on the crowning work of his life, the wonderful "Weltgeschichte," which has already come down from the earliest authentic records of ancient Egypt to the death of Charlemagne. A sixth volume, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Times, is about to appear, and the venerable student hopes to complete his vast undertaking in three more years. In vigour of handling, fulness of detail, and breadth of treatment, the "Universal History" is admittedly worthy of the author of "The Popes of Rome." "The style is as fresh, the statement as clear and accurate, the reavoning as just, original and profound, as in the book that moved Macaulay's admiration some forty years ago. Still the grand old scholar plods on with his task, and year by year gives the world a lesson of what industry and genius may accomplish in despite of time. Von Ranke's friends are many in every land where history is loved and studied. All of them will join in congratulating him on his great age, and in hearty wishes that he may live to bring his last design to a successful end."

We understand that a proposal is about to be made by the German Government which must be of great interest and importance to all the commercial nations of the world, and especially to those that have a large carrying-trade by sea. Many of the perils of the deep arise when versels are approaching land and the coast-line is unfamiliar to those in charge, or when it affords no indication of the precise locality. Most shores have sunken reefs or sandbanks lying at some little distance from the land, which are a constant source of danger to passing vessels. In civilized countries these are generally marked in some way by lighthouses or other means, but there are vast stretches of coast where no such warnings exist. The German Government propose that a conference be held in Berlin, attended by representatives from all countries interested in the matter, to prepare the way for dealing with the subject internationally. There are few coast lines in the world where, collectively, the maritime powers could not bring sufficient pressure to induce the inhabitants, if any, to consent to the erection of beacons or signal stations. By the same means it is also hoped that wreckage might be stopped, and protection for shipwrecked crews be obtained. It is recognized that considerable outhay and an expenditure reaching over many years are involved in the proposal ; but the anticipated benefits are great and enduring, amply sufficient, it is thought, to justify
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