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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

His Worship the Mayor read a letter he had received from the Prince, thanking him for the kind attention paid by His Worship in accompanying H. R. H. to all the Festivals and Concerts.

The Mayor, in a neat and appropriate speech, disclaimed any design against the Western Division of the city at the next general election, and hoped the Council would reduce the salary of his office to £300.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

COUN. G. W. STEPHENS—That water-tight coffins be presented to each of the members of Council, and that the expense thereof be paid out of the revenue derived from the Recorder's Court.

COUN. KAY—That an Inspector of Lumber Merchants' Accounts, as furnished to the Corporation by firms represented in the Council, be appointed. Also, that the by-law on sidewalks, allowing householders to retain four inches in depth of snow before their respective properties, be changed so as to allow them to keep it twelve inches in depth.

ALD. DAVID—That all future expropriations be conducted on a cash principle:

Also, that all the members of the Union St. Joseph Society be exempted from taxation:

(The worthy Alderman being President of this Society, this is looked upon as a bid for the Mayoralty.)

ALD. BERNARD—That the license law be changed so that taverns, &c., should be closed at half-past nine, or later:

Also, that Sub-Chief Hughes be granted unlimited leave of absence to visit foreign countries, and there examine the various athletic practices, Isthmian games, &c., and report at length thereon.

ALD. RODDEN—A variety of amendments, too numerous to mention.

COUN. MCSHANE—That the horses owned by the Road Committee be sold, and replaced by jackasses, or any other slow beasts of burthen, horned or otherwise, (not members of the Corporation):

That a dollar and fifty cents each, be presented to his (Coun. McShane's) constituents, as a New Year's Gift:

Also, that the Mayor be ordered to employ immediately, (and pay out of his own pocket,) four thousand day laborers, whether there is anything for them to do or not:

(This Councillor is evidently aspiring to the leadership of his people.)

COUN. JORDAN—That the Corporation lumber be purchased at the wharf as it arrives.

COUN. HENDERSON—That Nicholson pavement be adopted generally, and that the rule prohibiting Councillors from contracting, directly or indirectly, be rescinded.

COUN. MCGAUVRAN—That the Aqueduct be enlarged by building another canal, double the size of the present one:

Also, that Reports on the Water Question be prepared by all the eminent Engineers in Europe, and that each Engineer be furnished with a copy of Alderman Rodden's pamphlet on the same subject.

ALD. DEVLIN—That Commissioners for the great Central Park be appointed, with power to add to their number:

Also, that an additional steam engine be purchased immediately, on the non-condensing principle, as proposed in a late report:

Also, that the oratorical members of the Council, including Councillors Jordan, Munro, and McShane, be hereafter compelled to make their speeches on the condensing principle.

COUN. LYMAN—That new self-acting fire alarm boxes be purchased, capable of shewing which member of the Fire Brigade was at the fire before it occurred:

Also, that the present Fire Commissioners be discharged,

and their places filled by some of the Aldermen and an ex-Acting Mayor of Brooklyn celebrity,—men always ready and willing to immolate themselves upon their country's altar.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Who built the Drill Shed; how much did it cost over and above the estimates; and what did the extra work consist of?

How much money has been spent in excavating Little St. James' street, and how little in repairing Notre Dame and Great St. James' streets?

If it takes seven years to pick a little hole in the stone quarry at the base of the Mountain, at an expense of \$80,000, how long will it take to finish it? And how much will it cost? And will the Youngest Inhabitant's children drink any water flowing from this charming reservoir extension?

If Alderman Rodden were to leave the council who would take charge of our finances?

If Councillor Lyman were to give up the Fire Department what would become of us, and who would look after Perry?

If Councillor McGauvran were to resign, would the proposed extension be carried out?

Is Councillor Kay in earnest about the sidewalk question?

Is Alderman Devlin sound on the Park question, and will he vote for a small one if he can't get a large one?

Will Alderman Bastien answer the Drill Shed question?

All these questions being answered satisfactorily, Councillor McShane moved an adjournment, which was carried unanimously.

A SERIOUS PARAGRAPH.

DIOGENES was present at an entertainment given by the Working Men's Society one evening last week. The Rev. Mr. Cordner delivered a sound, thoughtful and suggestive lecture on the late George Peabody,—a lecture which the intelligent portion of the audience listened to with marked attention. The Cynic felt, however, not a little "riled" at the conduct of a few lads, who were not only inattentive themselves, but the cause of inattention in others by their ill-timed and childish levity. They were not, as might be supposed, of the street-arab class, but young men becomingly attired, and from whom more decorous conduct might have been expected.

On the same evening, within the walls of McGill University, the conduct of some of the students attending a public lecture by Professor Cornish, was, it is said, so reprehensible that it brought down a cutting rebuke from the Principal.

The punishment following upon such behaviour ought to be summary and severe. Policemen should be stationed in lecture rooms, as well as in circuses and theatres, and those who are guilty of improper conduct should be forcibly removed and fined or imprisoned.

While on this subject the Cynic would also protest against the present almost universal custom of a certain noisy few in every audience, insisting on the repetition and re-repetition of songs,—*encoring* as it is called. It has become a nuisance to both performer and audience, and should be "stamped out."

ADVISABLE.

Jacques & Hay, the eminent cabinet-makers of Toronto, will be blind, dumb and deaf to their own interests if they do not immediately, and at any cost, secure the services of J. A. M., the Knight of the Jovial Countenance, who has again given indubitable proof that, although rather unsteady at times, he is unapproachable both at making and mending.

HERALDIC.—Device for a sausage-maker:—Two sausages rampant and the motto, "Cave Canem."

A DIFFICULT CASE.

The sidewalk of that former paradise of the men of law,—Little St. James' Street,—resembles, at the present moment, the famous bridge of Al Sirat, described in the Koran. It is true that only the good pass over the Mohamedan structure, while large numbers of the wicked scramble over the equally narrow space of the other. A visit to Little St. James Street was always a hazardous adventure, as many worthy citizens of Montreal have found to their cost; but now, it is not the pocket only, but life and limb that are in danger. The morning papers inform us that one of those unhappy victims, usually called clients, when coming from the chambers of his legal adviser there, was grievously injured,—not by the said adviser this time, but by falling from the sidewalk into the yawning depths of the Corporation "improvements." DIOGENES would weep for this unlucky wanderer, but, considering the locality in which the mishap occurred, and the business on which the sufferer was engaged, the doubt arises if he was not preserved for a worse fate. "Death before dishonor" is a sublime sentiment, and better a thousand deaths than fall into the clutches of the lawyers. The Philosopher enunciates this grand moral axiom without prejudice or malice against the gentlemen of the long robe. He has, however, been humbly requested to issue an Ukase ordering the Mayor and Corporation to abate the nuisance they have caused in Little St. James Street; and he would comply with the prayer of the petitioners were it not for divers weighty considerations which restrain him therefrom. In the first place, the whole world knows that his single weakness is a spirit of universal philanthropy and benevolence, extending from man to the lower animals; and he would be merciful, even to lawyers. That extraordinary tribe all agree, with extraordinary unanimity and piety, that the existing condition of the street in question is a regular god-send, which it were wicked in them not to turn to the best account. They expect to find in it a perfect El Dorado, in the form of actions for damages against the Corporation. They are already deeply studying the most scientific modes of breaking an arm or a leg, without peril of amputation. One eminent juriconsult is strenuously persuading his wife and mother-in-law to tumble from his office door to the street on the first formation of ice; and our friend "Briefless" has taken an oath, on the "Rules of Practice," that he will risk his neck rather than lose his share of the good things going. Some wary old practitioners suggested that the bad state of the road might scare away clients; but it was decided that the suits instituted by their killed and wounded customers, their heirs and successors, would make up for all deficiencies in that respect. On the other hand, the Corporation insist that they cannot complete their operations in Little St. James' Street, inasmuch as it is an ancient custom with them, in such cases, either not to do a thing at all, or only to half do it; and that, to depart from this time-honored rule, in the premises, would be inflicting an injustice on the rest of the city. Besides which, that distinguished ornament of the Bench,—the Recorder,—has pledged his legal reputation, that any number of lawyers killed, from the causes aforesaid, or any similar cause, will come under the provisions of the Criminal Code known as "Killing no Murder." Lastly, people in general are strongly of opinion that matters had best be left as they are, in the event that most of the learned denizens of Little St. James' Street may meet with fatal accidents between this and the month of May,—a providential dispensation which would not grieve the public overmuch.

DIOGENES sympathizes with all of them, especially "people in general." He cannot, therefore, fulminate his Ukase, in the meantime, as desired by his admirers and friends, to say nothing of his patriotic and beneficent curiosity to see a fine batch of dead attorneys.

"CAPITAL" WIT.

A new luminary has arisen to shine over us. It rules the *Times*—the Ottawa *Times*. It is charged—over-charged—with brilliancy and fire and power. Conflagrations unexampl'd are commencing to smoulder in and around "the metropolis." "No ice-bridge this winter," say some. "Fish, in future, will be landed ready-cooked," exclaims Piscatorius. The electric *bon-bons* are retailed in the Ottawa *Times* establishment. (Additional insurances have been effected.) Permit me to tender you two or three, culled promiscuously from an ample store:—

SPECIMEN NO. 1.

"Parsons is editor! where is Lanigan?"

Should any one, undazzled by the sheen of this bright particular star, be bold enough to ask, "Where is the *Times*?" the response certainly would be—"OUT OF HIS PLACE."

No. 2.

"No *Picks* tolerated round the *Times* office."

If you, great DIOGENES, can penetrate this more than Delphic obscurity and light us to a meaning of the oracle, a bran new Tub and a pound of short sixes will be yours!

No. 3.

(From a column headed "Curiosities of the Press.")

"The *Globe* quotes the Ottawa *Daily News*."

Long, long, I opine, will it be before it can be said that the *Globe*, or the most insignificant fraction of it, quotes the Ottawa *Times*.

I am sure I hear you say—"Hold! quite enough."

A PUZZLING CASE.

Mr. Timothy Quidnunc writes as follows:—"If, in the suit of Redpath *versus* the Sun Insurance Company, Mr. Theodore Hart was the agent of the Company, and, at the same time, was *not* the agent of the Company; if the questions submitted to the jury were confused and unintelligible, yet *not* confused and unintelligible; if the jury understood those questions, and yet did *not* understand them; if Mr. Drummond and others swore that they held certain conversations with Mr. Theodore Hart, and Mr. Theodore Hart swore that they never held such conversations with him; if Mr. Justice Torrance talked a great deal of shallow twaddle and bad law, and, nevertheless, did *not* talk shallow twaddle and bad law,—if these and other facts be taken into consideration what does the sage DIOGENES think of the whole concern?"

ANSWER:—The sage DIOGENES does not think much of the whole concern. He will merely say, here, that the verdict of the jury has left the case vastly more complicated and difficult of settlement than it was before they took it in hand.

PROVIDENTIAL.

What a "god-send" is the North-West! The Military Schools are used up; every one has gone through. No more "hundreds" for Firsts,—no more "fifties" for Seconds. But the North-West looms up, and all is smooth and pleasant. The entire rising generation of "ne'er-do-weels" were packed off thither for a summer trip, and, cold weather approaching, they are flocking back in shoals to their accustomed bars and billiard rooms. And they are squealing because payment of their stipends was delayed for a couple of hours! There may be sport in this for the happy tourists;—it is anything but funny for the unhappy tax-payers.

THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER.—The rose of the watering-can.

MRS. MCGROOTHER ON "NAGGING."

"What, then, dear madame, is the reason that all the ladies are making so much ado about Woman's Rights, and abusing the tyranny of mankind? We, as representing a certain class of the Lords of Creation, are quite unconscious of any wish to curtail Woman's privileges, and we are quite as ready to acknowledge her charms as ever we were. To put our question in a concise form—'What's all the row about among the darlings?'"

"You remind me," said Mrs. Macgroother, "of the puzzling question which set all the Wits, Wise Men and Philosophers of Charles the Second's time by the ears. He asked how it was, that, when a fish was put into a glass globe of water, the weight was not increased? Many learned answers were given, much disputation and many angry arguments had, on the subject. The Philosophers were at their wits' ends, for in spite of Logic, Euclid, and Algebra to boot, no satisfactory explanation could be given of the strange phenomena, and it was long ere it occurred to some one, a little more practical than the rest, to weigh the globe with the fish in it and the same globe without the fish. It was then discovered that the King had sold them all,—that there was no mystery to explain!"

"You mean then, that the ladies are quite contented," we asked, "that, so far as they are concerned, there is no agitation at all on the subject?" "That is precisely what I would say," was the reply, "a few of the loud-talkers have got the ear of some credulous *litterateurs*, and, with the help of the Press, which, like the horse-leech, always keeps crying, 'give give us copy' a mighty noise is made; but, in reality, Woman is too firmly set on her vantage ground to trouble herself much on the subject. Except from tough, leather-headed and leather-heeled single men like yourself, Woman can get all she asks. You admit that, I suppose?" added our elderly friend.

"Granting your premises,—which, in fact, we see no chance of controverting,—what then?" said DIOGENES.

"Just this," said the lady, "that if she wanted to vote at the elections, or sit in Parliament, she would do it. Mrs. Bright, they say, has made her husband bring in a Bill to give Woman the purse strings, by law, with reference to her own property, and all the married men will follow suit at the instigation of their wives; the unmarried men will do the same thing to please the young ladies; none but the bachelors of forty and over will venture to oppose, and they will only be laughed at. What do they know about Woman's Rights! As for voting at elections, widows may ask that, but the rest of us know that we can always vote by deputy; like the Lords, we can vote by proxy, and that is enough. Every man is under the influence of his wife; by coaxing or driving she must have her own way. The first is the pleasantest way, but, failing that, she must take to 'nagging.' Do you know what 'nagging' is?"

DIOGENES said he was not "horsey," and knew little of any nag except Plooky Peter's, which was groggy.

"Fiddle faddle, with your slang!" said Mrs. Macgroother, "a 'nagger' is a persevering lady;—'nagging' is the systematic urging upon the husband the adoption of her view of any subject. For instance, if she wishes her liege Lord and Master to quit the Lodge or the Club, she first complains that it is no place for married men. She finds out the name of some silly or wicked MASON or member of the WESTERN; she finds out all she can by cross-questioning, she pitches into his friend at breakfast time, when he is reading his paper, and makes him glad to gulp his coffee, and be off to the reading-room, exchange, or office. She receives him with smiles at dinner time, but as the cloth is removed she gently asks some other question; the reply does not quite tally with his morning explanation; he tries to reconcile the two statements; she is silent for a minute or two, letting him hope the subject is settled; he takes up the interrupted leader of his morning paper, when, in pops another question about the Club. Impatiently, this time, he answers pettishly; she thinks his friends must be great brutes, and that if he does not take care he will lose his genteel manners; he protests that he is quite gentle; she repeats her question; he groans an answer; another long silence with renewed hope for him that he may continue his political studies. She watches till he is engrossed in them, and then breaks in with, 'I thought you said so-and-so, and now you tell me so-and-so'; again—but unpleasantly hot about the temples—he sets to prove that 'so-and-so' is quite the same as 'so-and-so'; she cannot see it; he is angry; she pouts; he reads now in peace, but is conscious that his wife meditates further attack. At last, she gathers up her work, rings emphatically for candles, and leaves him to go to his Club and his friend, to whom in reality he never speaks. In the morning she makes peace; she cannot be angry with her 'dear doodle-doo-Charlie!' He is happy in her smiles; descends to his breakfast, takes up his paper, reads to her the births, marriages and deaths, and all is pleasant. She remarks that he never reads the police reports. He protests that such trash is not fit for a lady's ear; she thinks it is because he is afraid he may find his bosom friend's name in the report, for a row on his road home from the Club; angry reply; off to the news-room; back to dinner; same process.

"This, Old Cynic, is 'nagging.' How long will you give the boldest man to stand the application and remain a member of Lodge or Club?"

"By Jupiter!" exclaimed the Philosopher, wiping drops of agony from his manly, age-furrowed brow, "By Jupiter! By Bacchus! By Vulcan!

(and he did wallop his wife), in the words of poor Robin Burns, 'I'd break her spirit or I'd break her heart!'"

"So you all think, you terrible bachelors; but even the gods of Olympus, with all their power, gave in to their wives, and Vulcan lost his by his coarseness. You are not married or you would sing another song. The Chinese torture their prisoners by fastening the head in a yoke, and letting a single drop of water fall from a reed, at regular, slow intervals on the shaven crown of the victim. It is said, that, under this apparently simple punishment, men go mad. Do you heads of families, who would rule your own households, and who would go crazy under a few drops of cold water, do you flatter yourselves that you could resist a faithful 'nagger?'"

"Mrs. Macgroother! Mrs. Macgroother! let us hear no more of it! the 'creepie' is mercy compared to the 'nagging!'"

"Just what I wanted to show you, my simple Philosopher!" said the triumphant old lady; "the 'creepie' is my own favourite plan for putting things to rights in a family; but we have 'nagging' to fall back upon, and between the two it is easy to see, that if there is any agitation for Woman's Rights it proceeds only from idle men, and single women who are not likely to have husbands to manage!"

"A jolly picture of Matrimony you draw, madam! If the world were to take you at your word, few men would marry," we replied.

"There you are right, old gentleman; but no man will believe me; all that I have said has been said a hundred times before, but every man thinks it true of his friends, and that he will do better himself, just as some philosopher has said, 'We believe all men mortal but ourselves.' Besides, there is a great difference between the young girl who smiles and looks all gentleness, and the wife who finds that her lover is only a man. Both are mistaken, and the wife, by patience, 'nagging,' and the 'creepie' gets the best of the bargain."

"Why, madam, the word is not even English; we can find it in no Dictionary of our language, not even in WEBSTER, who inserts mere Yankee provincialisms. We protest it is unknown in any Dictionary, and it is unconstitutional and illegal to invent or use unknown weapons. The act against carrying secret arms will apply to the case. We shall have you up before the Recorder."

"Never mind Dictionaries,—a fig for the Recorder! The word is to be found in every woman's vocabulary, but you should not lose your temper when speaking to the fair sex," said Mrs. Macgroother; and off she went, leaving us as down in the mouth as Falstaff was in the bucking basket.

RABIES No. II.

ODE TO LAKE ONTARIO.

1.

Green are thy waters, Lake Ontario,
Green as glass—
(Fine Maskinonge is mostly caught there—
Them, and Bass.)

2.

Every day there ploughs the waves
Boats without number—
There's some on 'em laden with coal,
Some with lumber!

3.

Some on 'em with fish,
And some with sassengers;
While some—(them's the steamboats)—has
Nothing but passengers!

4.

Some on 'em's laden with stones,
And some with Fall
Wheat—whilst there's some which has
Nothing at all!—
That's all!

BEAUFORT BLOSSOM.—When Canadians, in the year 1872, are weeping over an attenuated Exchequer, let them remember the familiar quotation, "Hine(ks) illa lachryme."

Father Hyacinth was recently ordered by the Pope to *repre* to Rome. His answer was, "Pio, No, no!"

FLOWERS OF THOUGHT.—Not "Sweet Williams"—Christmas Bills.

Madame Rachel's motto—"Do or die."

A BARBAROUS OUTRAGE DREADED.

Tearfully, though philosophically, does DIOGENES deplore the misfortune that has overtaken his friend, Governor MacDougall, of Red River, on his first visit to the scene of his future great labours. Yet it is consoling to know that by the latest advices received here, His Excellency and his official advisers were still in possession of their scalps. But how long the savages, in whose power they are, will spare their flowing locks, it is impossible to say, aware as we are of the Indian passion for these trophies of skill and valour. We can only hope that our fears will be disappointed.

"AM I RIGHT?"

"The doughty Sir Francis made a great parade in Renfrew of certain testimonials and certificates of character, anent his Governorships. Now suppose, Mister DIOGENES, that you or I dispensed with the services of a person in our employ, and, loading him with signed and sealed approval, yet declined to employ him again, though we had plenty of work in his line, would he not,—(everybody else certainly would,)—regard the praise and approval, as rather more flattering than complimentary or sincere? Such would be the case with ordinary mortals, but Governors' and such-like mastodons, it may be supposed, are above ordinary considerations."

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND OFFICIAL

(From the Montreal Daily Snooze.)

We have been officially and exclusively instructed to give timely notice that several distinguished members of the Dominion Government intend to honor Montreal with a visit on the first day of April next. As the public are already acquainted with the ordinary titles of these august visitors, we here attach to their names some of the additional dignities which they enjoy and adorn. We copy them from that repository of the glories of royal and noble personages, the *Almanac de Gotha*, in which they lie embalmed between those of their Imperial Majesties, the Autocrat of All the Russias, and the Emperor of China, Brother of the Sun and Moon:—"The Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta; The Right Hon. Baron Cartier of Anticosti; The Hon. Sir Francis Hincks, Knight of the Golden Fleece; Professor the Hon. Sir Christopher Dunkin, K.C.; The Hon. Chevalier Langevin, Knight of the Sacred Bib and Tucker."

We are further directed to announce that Sir John A. and Sir Francis, will be found at "Dolly's" every day, from 11 a.m. to 1 or 2 o'clock next morning, especially by editors, office seekers, contractors, speculators, and other loyal gentlemen; that his Lordship, Baron Cartier, will be at his private offices in St. Vincent street, employed on Grand Trunk business; that Sir C. Dunkin will be in the St. Lawrence Hall Reading Room, holding a daily talk of sixteen consecutive hours, about things in general; and that the Chevalier Langevin may be seen at the Jesuits' College or the Seminary.

Now that His Excellency Governor Macdougall has made a masterly retreat out of Rupert's Land, and is reported to be safe on neutral territory, it is hoped that he will join his eminent friends on this festive occasion. In that event, it is probable that His Excellency will, at the request of a learned judge, sing in open Court a familiar Creelove-song which will throw much light on the celebrated Conolly case, the decision in which has spread such consternation among the first families of Indian extraction in Lower Canada. We understand, moreover, that, if specially desired, the Governor and some Hon. Members of his Privy Council will be ready to perform a War Dance, in full native costume, as now practised by the "braves" of the great Ojibbeway tribe. We congratulate these gentlemen on the zeal and industry they have displayed in gathering valuable information showing the resources of the immense country which is to be the field of their future labours,—when they can get there.

QUERY.—What is an Agent? Ask Mr. Theodore Hart, and if he doesn't know, or won't tell, ask some Yankee Marine Insurance Company.

HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE.

The *Waterloo Advertiser* says that a true bill was found against the Township of Potton at the last term of the Court of Queen's Bench for the District of Bedford, for not repairing a public highway.

The above intelligence has fallen like a shell with the fuse well burning, among the Mayors and Councillors of every Municipality in Lower Canada. Few know what the dire consequences may be of finding a true bill against a Township. A meeting of all the Mayors of several counties was held at Crow Corner, when, on comparing notes, it was found that all were equally exposed to pains and penalties. This was some comfort, for there is safety in numbers. The Finance Minister of the Little House, who is Mayor of one of the Municipalities, said that their case was like that of the wives of the ancient town of Aberlady in the Kingdom of Fife. One day a husband came home when he shouldn't have come, and found proof that he was just what every man would hate to be thought. In direful wrath he drew his gully and tried to stab the "faithless she."

The row and the murder-cry brought all the women of the burgh out to hear the cause. This, of course, the aggrieved "gudeman" soon told, when the angry fair sex took their threatened "cummer" under their protection exclaiming, "if that's a' the trouble, ye may stick us a' in Aberlady!"

HARD.

It has been rumoured that *L'Homme Qui Rit* intends starting a bran new *Pilot*, in order to wake up "Sleepy Hollow,"—the helm to be given to "Mat," and the printing to Rollo. The Cynic is better informed. The expenses incurred in Renfrew have necessitated economy, and DIOGENES is assured the ex-Finance Minister, before leaving for England, satisfied his successor, that, at least one journal in the city, might be relied on to give him any amount of support provided he held out expectations of "favors to come." There is reason to believe Sir Francis has taken the hint, and that he chuckles vastly over his easy bargain. It is needless to add that he has not the least intention of paying for such services, otherwise than by empty promises.

MILITARY.

It is reported, on the highest authority, that Sir George E. Cartier has telegraphed Lord Granville that he is prepared to take command of the Dominion Army in the forthcoming Red River war. He makes only one condition;—that he be, forthwith, appointed a Field Marshal in the Imperial Service. Prince Arthur is to be Sir George's Chief Aide-de-Camp. There can be no question that his two year's experience as Minister of Militia, well qualifies the gallant veteran for the post to which he aspires.

DISINTERESTED PRAISE.

The *Toronto Globe* says that Mr. Edward Blake has just been delivered of an oration "the most brilliant and masterly ever heard in the Assembly." Who can doubt it, since the last part of the said oration was borrowed from one of the old speeches of the Hon. George Brown, editor-in-chief of the *Globe*!

A FRIGHTFUL PENALTY.

A newspaper paragraph states that Hare, the accomplice of Burke the murderer, is still alive and a beggar in Regent street, London. The Cynic knows better. Coincident with Mr. Burke's execution, Mr. Hare was very properly and appropriately *jugged*, and never appeared thereafter.



"A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS."

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OR,

"HE MAY SMILE ON MANY."—(After Glover.)

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Let them seek his side;
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Let no snobbish feeling
Stir their hearts again,—
So those in flattery dealing,
May be saved some pain!

Careless he of any
Flutterers round the *Sun*,
Smile he may on many,
(By grace of Elphinstone;)
Let them in the dances
Clasp his Royal hand,
Boast, his kindly glances,
And sweet words,—underhand,—

In his ears their voices
Whisper vulgar praise;
His young heart rejoices
Not in vulgar gaze.

Careless he of any
Flutterers round the *Sun*,
Smile he may on many,
(But through Elphinstone!)

A FRIGHTFUL VISITATION.

The Hon. John Sandfield McDonald had better look out, and his friends, we doubt not, will keep a guard over his premises those dark nights. A most unlooked for danger is hanging over him and his house, for Miss Rye has arrived with eighty orphan babies to deposit somewhere in Ontario, and the *News* recommends that they should all be left at his door. There is a new Rye House plot! We often enough hear of a baby, neatly done up in flannel, being left at a grave Elder's or Churchwarden's door for forced adoption; but *eighty* at a batch! The thing is impossible! Common sense will acquit poor Sandfield this time. The people of Ontario will hardly believe, but on reference to the *News* they will find an article minatory, monitory, and lachrymose by turns, pointing out how England has opened a fountain of benevolence from which babies,—“gutter children,” the article calls them,—are to be poured forth in a perennial stream into Mr. Sandfield McDonald's bosom, who, being “a father, and one by nature kind and considerate,” is conjured to take them into his keeping:

“Let him remember that English liberality gives him, free of cost, the most valued form of labour,—that English wealth conveys to Ontario a population it so much covets.”

We cannot quote the whole article, though it is worth preserving, but if we can understand the drift of it, it means that Miss Rye, having been charged by Mr. Bumble with a cargo of little cherubs,—cherubims we ought to say, we believe,—she is directed by our contemporary to lay them, all nicely combed and washed, at Sandfield's door!

We are afraid that the “Premier of Ontario” may decline the precious charge, and allow the “blessed babbies” to remain at Niagara; but who would or could have thought of asking the Hon. Sandfield McDonald to turn wet or dry nurse to eighty little parish innocents? Kind-hearted, soft-headed *News*! Who let you out?

MR. GLADSTONE AND THE FENIANS.

How is it that some newspapers can never admit any virtue in their political opponents? The *Evening Telegraph* is quite disappointed because of the Prime Minister's recent firmness. It expected that the Fenians would have been released, and that it would have had an opportunity of abusing Mr. Gladstone. The following is, to say the least, ungracious:—

The dilemma in which the demand for the release of the Fenian prisoners placed Mr. Gladstone was this, that he dare not grant it, and by refusing it he was exciting the displeasure of an element on which he counts to maintain his majority. That this has turned out as we predicted the denunciation of the recent idol, Mr. Gladstone, proves; and the tone of Mr. Gladstone's letter to Mr. O'Shea shows how eager he is to disarm, as far as possible, the hostility of those who look favourably on Fenianism.

Discontented politician! would you have him *arm* it? Mr. Gladstone received a petition, couched in respectful terms, and signed by men of standing in Ireland, praying for the release of the Fenians. He declined to comply with its prayer, and stated his reasons in a manly, statesmanlike letter, approved of by loyal men of all parties,—the editor of the *Telegraph* excepted. He has followed up this letter with a speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet, which certainly shows no signs of truckling or time-serving. Had Gladstone been in Canada, we should have had no releasing of Father McMahon,—an act the *Telegraph* cordially approved of.

If Ireland had always been governed with the same even-handed justice as British statesmen are meting out to her now, we should never have heard of '98, of “Repeal,” or of “Fenianism,”—at least so thinks DIOGENES.

O'NEILL ON McMAHON.

In referring to the many advantages which the Kingston Penitentiary possesses, Mr. O'Neill says, “The moral advantage convicts have is, that over thirty of the Keepers are Roman Catholics, all of whom err on the side of humanity and conscientiousness.”

The public must be highly gratified, and any one contemplating a short stay in the Dominion Boarding House will be consoled by the knowledge of this fact, though Father McMahon seems not to have been much affected by the high-toned “humanity and conscientiousness” of these thirty erring keepers. The patriotic Father does not appreciate errors on the side of “humanity and conscientiousness,” as is proved by his speech in New York. He seems to think that humanity consists in raiding on a neighboring country, and carrying rapine and massacre amongst an unoffending population. Verily, Mr. O'Neill, your “humane” keepers must hereafter err on the other side. It is doubtful if any other prison on this continent contains so many erring keepers. And it is no doubt due to this circumstance that the Kingston Penitentiary is conducted on such economical principles. Mr. O'Neill must be mistaken in his estimate of Roman Catholic character, judging from the effect on Father McMahon of contact with so many specimens of “erring” humanity.

“JOLY TO THE RESCUE!”

Joly is leading the Opposition in the Small House at Quebec, and there are signs that he intends to be “Joly under creditable circumstances.” If he will strip the imposture of its tinsel, feathers and finery; make Sir Narcisse drop “His Excellency” and stick to “His Honor,” keep Cartier and Cauchon in order, reduce the number of the employes of “My Government,” and go in enlightened progress and a wise economy, DIOGENES will pat him on the back once more and declare him to be a “Joly good fellow!”

NOTES AND QUERIES.

ANSWER TO QUERY 1, VOL. III., No. 1.—In the original chronicle on which that of Geoffrey of Monmouth was founded, Leicester is called "Caer Llyr, or, in another language, Leir Cestyr." By Nennius it is called "Caer Lleirou."

This prefix, which is undoubtedly Cymric, and which is found in "Carnarvon," "Carlisle," "Carmarthen," &c., is probably akin to the Gaelic "carrag" and "carragh," and to the Erse "carrick,"—a rock, a fortress, and, ultimately, a town or city.

If we believe Caesar, the Ancient Britons used a good eye in selecting places for defence. The Romans, therefore, had no reason to quarrel with the sites of their forts or towns. So the Roman cities of Britain were built on British foundations.

This known, it is not difficult to account for the change of name. As the British towns, which fell into the hands of the Romans, must have been, with few exceptions, in the vicinity of a Roman camp, they were marked by their new masters with the terminational badge of conquest.

"Cester" is, I believe, neither Celtic nor Saxon. It is one of the comparatively few linguistic traces of the Roman domination in Britain, though, no doubt, it was received by the Britons into their vocabulary. But even if it were purely Celtic, the fact would not, in the present case, be of much benefit to us, as many Celtic and Latin words are derived from a common root. "Fear," for instance, and "vir" (man); "leabhar" and "liber" (book); "innis" and "insula" (island); "heigne" and "ignis" (fire) are plainly akin. And these are only a few out of thousands.

I can think of no better answer to the query about Shakspeare's spelling of Gloucester than the one "A. B." has given, that "it was a phonetic" corruption common in his time, and afterwards abandoned.

J. R.

QUERY.

Sir Massey Lopes, M.P. for South Devon, in addressing the Agricultural Society at the annual dinner said, among other things, that "Agriculturists were too much like their own sheep,—they seemed to like being shorn and fleeced." The farmers present are not reported to have entered any protest on their own behalf against this left-handed compliment, and, therefore, we may conclude that the Devon yeomen like the treatment referred to, but as for the sheep, was it the fish-wife who said eels liked skinning who told Sir Massey that sheep liked losing their tweed suits?

WHY NOT?

The Middlesex rate-payers, alarmed at the prospect of being obliged to raise £130,000 for a new jail, have held a meeting to remonstrate, and propose that their extra prisoners should be sent abroad, or to country jails which are not so well filled. The prisoners do not object to country quarters;—a change of air and scene will quite suit their tastes.

DIOGENES thinks the cheaper plan would be to reduce the police force, and only make arrests as vacancies occur, or, when punishment is really intended, send their prisoners to the workhouse.

CONS.

Why is the *humerus* always humorous?
Because it contains the *funny-bone*.

Why is colouring matter one of the greatest anomalies in nature?

Because it dyes (dies) before it fades.

What perfume resembles a stormy night?
Some "night blowing Cereus," (serious.)

CURRENT SHIPPING NEWS.—The little ship "Constitution" has just sailed for England, with a crew of five men and two dogs. We suppose he is what may be called *barb-rigged*!

TRUSTING IN PROVIDENCE.

The Bishop of St. Davids said the other day, when speaking of disestablishment, that the future of the Irish Church was, under Providence, in her own hands.

A child fell into a horse trough, and by the timely exertions of a milkmaid, was saved from a watery grave. "If it had not been for Providence," said the mother, "my child must have been drowned." "Yes," said a bystander, who, like the Bishop, did not wish to ignore human help, "your child would have been drowned, had it not been, as you say, for Providence and that other woman."

The Bishops and Clergy of the Church in Ireland will, we honestly believe, trust much in Providence; but it must be a great comfort to them to see how liberally the laity are furnishing funds to support the cause. They, too, DIOGENES thinks, are trusting a good deal to "that other woman."

A NICE LITTLE SINECURE.

The Rev Samuel Dendy has been appointed to the rectory of Pensthorpe, near Fakenham, vacant by the death of the Rev. H. Dugmore. The living is described by the *Clergy List* as being worth only £50 a year with twelve inhabitants and no church.—*Full Mill Gazette*, Oct., 1869.

A great deal of the *odium theologorum* has been called forth by the appointment of Dr. Temple to the See of Exeter; but except the foregoing short notice, no interest whatever is expressed as to the principles of the Rev. Samuel Dendy. He cannot be either High, Low, or Broad church, seeing that there is no church at all; in fact he must be a man of no principle, and consequently ought not to have a cure of even twelve souls. But of the twelve inhabitants, we may presume half only to be adults; of the remainder, half are probably Dissenters; for the curate, three will be a congregation, not even a "few,—that is, eight souls." £50 a year is not much, but it is still something for a man of easy conscience, and not ambitious of hard work.

Dean Swift's congregation, it is said, once consisted of himself and the beadle; so he commenced the service by reading, "Dearly beloved John, the Scripture moveth you and me," &c. The people of Pensthorpe, DIOGENES thinks, ought to dine with the Rector, and sing, "When shall we three meet again."

The marvel, however, is, how death or anything else could make such a small place vacant. One cannot empty a quart pot with the bottom out;—*ad nihil nihil fit*. Then, where did they find a Rector small enough to fill this imperceptible vacancy? This must be the parish of the "old wife who lived in her shoe," but before she had the children whose numbers "worry'd" her so that "she did not know what to do." Jolly Mr. Dendy! We have at last found the only happy man. £50 a year, twelve inhabitants,—no church,—nothing to do,—*contentus parvo*. Perhaps, however, he has "a view of the distant sea."

A CUNNING PADISHAH.

The Sultan did not entertain the Empress Eugenie at the opening of the Suez Canal. Her visit to him in Constantinople had eaten him nearly out of house and home; and the *Caleb Faldstone's* of his household say it would be cheaper to burn a palace or two than to receive another infidel Empress. The duty of hospitality thus devolved upon the Pasha of Egypt, who has, in this manner, been severely fined for his late presumption in assuming regal airs. In Ireland they quarter a regiment of soldiers upon a troublesome district; the Turk sends the Empress of the French to live at free quarters on his recalcitrant vassal, and DIOGENES thinks he has taken the better plan. How the descendant of the Prophet will laugh in his sleeve when he hears of the Pasha's "littic bill!"

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

—A correspondent, dating from Beauport, writes to ask whether the root of Father Hyacinthe's theology partakes of a *bulbous* character? The unfortunate is, evidently, gone past redemption. Dr. Landry ought to see that he is carefully watched day and night.

"H. M. K."—Thanks;—but hardly suitable.

"THE HISTORY OF A LOAFER."—The continuation is unavoidably held over till next week.

* * It is not true that the American ladies, who took charge of the refreshment tables at the Bazaar, in addition to a *hot lunch* provided *cold rag*. The whole was conducted on strict temperance principles.

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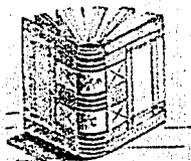
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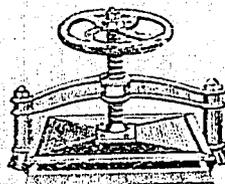
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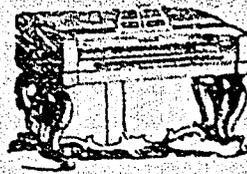
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