

THE COURIER.
SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1851.
Enlargement of the "Courier."
We this morning present our Subscribers with an enlarged sheet of the Courier, which the increased patronage bestowed upon us since the commencement of the present business season enables us to promise will be continued in future. And we beg to assure our readers and friends, in both city and country, that no efforts, on our part, will be lost sight of or neglected, by which their interests may be advanced, or their patronage secured. The earliest notices of every circumstance conducive to public advantage will be found in our columns; nor will any fear of consequences deter us from holding up to public reprobation the abettors of Civic and rural misdemeanor, or Parliamentary forgery.

The Position of the Government.
We are inclined to think that, notwithstanding the apparent inertness of the opposition, as evidenced by their suffering the Address in answer to the Speech from the Throne to pass without moving the customary amendments, the Government will have its work to do in the present Session. The Clergy Reserves is a pretty stiff question, and we venture to predict that the spoliation of that property, formerly devoted to religious uses, will not be accomplished quite so readily as the Globe has imagined. That journal appears to be very sanguine as to the results of an appeal to the country on this question, and he may be right; being on the spot, he must be better acquainted with the opinions of the constituencies than we can pretend to; but still we have heard, from various persons who have been lately in Upper Canada, that there is a very strong feeling, in many quarters, against the alienation of those Reserves, and that the Church Union, formed under the auspices of the Bishop of Toronto, has already had the effect of rallying round the Church of England men who were either hostile or indifferent, some of them even from the ranks of the Radical party. It is also alleged that many of the French Canadian Members, with Mr. Morin at their head, are averse to any measure of the kind contemplated by the Ministers; and we are not surprised at it. When interference with vested interests once begins, no man can say where it will stop; and the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical property, solemnly guaranteed as it is, will be held no more sacred than that of the Protestant Churches. It is all very well for the Globe, and such journals, to tell us that the rights of the Roman Catholic Clergy stand on a different footing—that they were guaranteed by treaty at the conquest of Italy, &c.

We shall give a more extended notice of this work in our next.

DIVINE SERVICE. Will be held (D.V.) next Sabbath, on the Commandment, at 3 o'clock, and at the Bethel School Room, in Queen Street, at 9 o'clock, A.M., and P.M., to which Seamen and Strangers are respectfully invited.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have received the letter signed "All Christians and Patriots." The writer means well, we have no doubt, but his communication is too incorrectly expressed for our column; if he would look it over, and send it to us in a more intelligible and correct dress, we would have no objections to gratifying him by publishing it.

THE NUBIAN MINSTRELS.—This band of young negroes have been giving Concerts here during the past week at the Odd Fellows' Hall, to delighted audiences. We substantially say they are the best band of the kind that ever appeared in this city. The Nubians have decided advantages (ever setting aside their musical talents) over white men, who endeavor to portray the Negro character, as it requires no effort of the imagination to realize the Southern Negro, depicted as true to nature in the performances of the whitest Company. Cooper's singing of the "Black Boy" is admirable, and for which he was most appropriately appointed. As an encore he sang a "Laughing Negro" of his own composition, which caused even louder applause—in fact this solo itself well worth the price of admission. Gillian's comic solo was a success. The Nubians were beautifully dressed. Harry's dancing in "Lucky Long, and the Nubian Business" was remarkably good. The Burlesque Lecture on "Memory," in which Dixie figured as Dr. Garrison, is very laughable; we question whether the Dr. could have chosen a better subject to elucidate the science than this, while typifying the character of the Negro. The Nubians in this piece is excellent, and shows that he possesses no mean abilities as a good Comedian. We may be permitted to opinion, he would suggest a continuation in the length of this lecture, as the more forcible performances of this description are, in our opinion, the more they please our audience. We cannot but express our admiration of some of the chorus, which were singing in

the lower. There is already a very strong feeling against titles implying up amongst the French Canadians, and their Clergy may be sure that their docks will not long remain contested, when they find themselves subjected to an impost from which their Protestant fellow subjects are exempted.

It is perfectly useless to attempt to gloss over the matter; silence the Clergy Reserves, and a general onslaught on all payments and endowments for Religious purposes will follow; if it may be to-day, or to-morrow, but a quarter of century will not pass till the whole are swept away.

It is an article of our faith that there ought to be compulsory payments for the maintenance of public worship; we detest the voluntary system, believing it to be unscriptural, and we therefore deem it our duty to draw the attention of our Roman Catholic countrymen to the certain consequences if they are weak enough to aid the Radical party in plundering the Protestant denominations. If by their aid the Reserves are alienated, we shall certainly lend our humble assistance to alienate their properties in a like fashion, and we trust that every Protestant in Canada will do the same.

PANORAMA OF THE MISSISSIPPI.—We had the pleasure of being present at the exhibition of this highly finished painting last evening, and are glad that we can conscientiously add to the number of its admirers. The City of St. Louis which is the first scene presented to the audience, is full of interest, as a large populous and opulent city, situated on the banks of the River. The number of large steamers at the several wharves, the grandeur of the numerous public buildings, the domes and spires of halls and churches, present a singularly imposing appearance to the eye, and the general effect of the scene is managed in a very artist-like manner. In the course of the exhibition, the audience are presented with almost every variety of River scenery, treated in a manner entirely different from any other Panorama we have ever previously seen. Other and more common-place Artists content themselves with going up one side of a river or street and painting themselves down another; but here the Artists at once stretch out into a better and bolder conception, by which they are enabled to represent long and interesting reaches of the stream, to their own honor as Artists, and to the delight of the spectators. Our space will not permit us to notice of an appeal to the country on this question, and he may be right; being on the spot, he must be better acquainted with the opinions of the constituents than we can pretend to; but still we have heard, from various persons who have been lately in Upper Canada, that there is a very strong feeling, in many quarters, against the alienation of those Reserves, and that the Church Union, formed under the auspices of the Bishop of Toronto, has already had the effect of rallying round the Church of England men who were either hostile or indifferent, some of them even from the ranks of the Radical party. It is also alleged that many of the French Canadian Members, with Mr. Morin at their head, are averse to any measure of the kind contemplated by the Ministers; and we are not surprised at it. When interference with vested interests once begins, no man can say where it will stop; and the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical property, solemnly guaranteed as it is, will be held no more sacred than that of the Protestant Churches. It is all very well for the Globe, and such journals, to tell us that the rights of the Roman Catholic Clergy stand on a different footing—that they were guaranteed by treaty at the conquest of Italy, &c.

We are indebted to Mr. Dawson, Place D'Armes, for the April number of the *Edinburgh Review*, (American edition, from the Press of Messrs. Leonard Scott & Co., New York.) Its contents are fully equal to the celebrity it enjoys, and will repay perusal. Amongst the articles we notice, "England as it is," "Spain and Spanish Politics," "Should we retain our Colonies?" "The Defeat of Italy," &c.

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INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.—PLAN OF AWARDS.—Mr. G. Coley, who is himself appointed chairman of one of the awarding juries at the World's Fair, describes the plan of awards for the deciding premiums. We extract from the Tribune:

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