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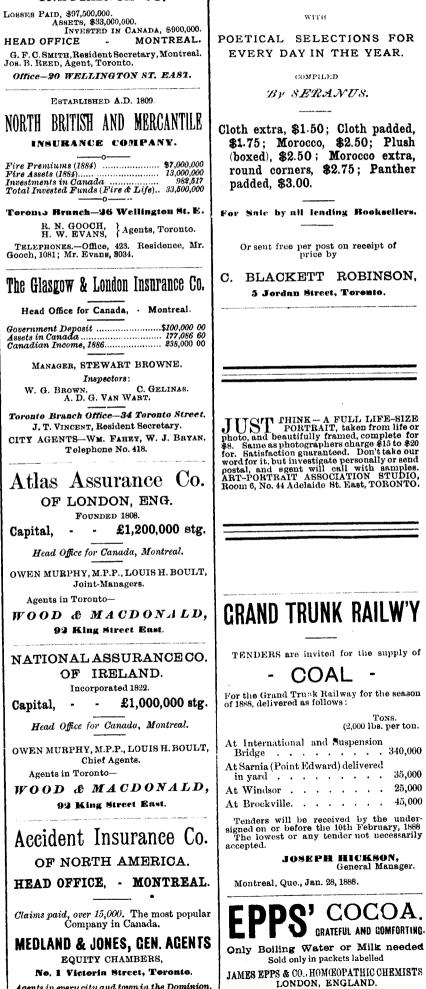
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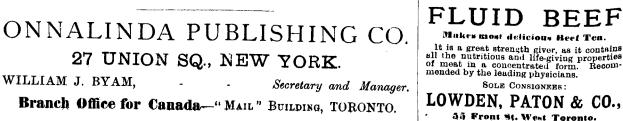
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THE announcement that Lord Lansdowne is to leave in the short space of a few weeks has taken Canadians by surprise. The duties of Governor-General of Canada are happily not very arduous. Genius of a very high order is not required for the discharge of functions which are mainly matter of form and routine, and strictly defined by constitutional limitations. These functions, and the very varied and by no means unimportant social and extra-official duties inseparable from his position, have been discharged by Lord Lansdowne to the fullest satisfaction of all concerned, and his departure will be witnessed with very general regret, a regret that will be, however, very agreeably tempered by the knowledge that he leaves us only to assume the highest gubernatorial position in the gift of the British Crown, - the Indian Viceroyalty. He follows, in this respect, in the footsteps of his brilliant predecessor, the present Viceroy. Should the precedents thus established be followed up, the post of Governor-General of Canada will itself come to be coveted, in a degree hitherto unknown, by Britain's prominent statesmen, who may regard it as a training ground and a stepping-stone to the high honours and emoluments of Viceregal rule in India. Though Lord Lansdowne's successor, Lord Stanley of Preston, has achieved no special renown as orator or statesman, he will, no doubt, bring to the position that sober judgment and quiet dignity which are its chief requisites.

THE succession of defeats of the Dominion Opposition in the Parliamentary bye-elections continues with but here and there an exception to vary the monotony. Nor are the party leaders and press more successful, apparently, in their search for a policy on which to reunite the disconnected, and in some respects inharmonious, fragments into which the party seems to have become divided. Commercial Union itself, from which so much for a time was hoped, has now been modified and toned down to suit fancied exigencies, until it wears half-a-dozen different names. It can sometimes scarcely be recognized in its shifting aspects as "unrestricted reciprocity," "continental free trade," "free trade with the United States," "tariff reform," etc. To add to the sources of weakness and disunion, the nominal Liberal leader seems to shrink from assuming any of the responsibilities of leadership, and, no doubt, heartily wishes himself out of the complication, especially when he sees the need and even the hame of a successor openly discussed. Possibly in due time the man and the policy may be found which will evoke order out of confusion and strength out of apparent weakness. There is, no doubt, in the multiplicity of large and difficult Canadian questions, which are now, or will very shortly be, pressing for solution, a fine opportunity for the reorganization of the great Liberal party on a solid basis. It may be hoped, in the best interests of the Dominion, that both a strong leader and steadfast and patriotic policy may soon be forthcoming.

BOARDS of Trade are usually peaceful, conservative bodies, and the tension of feeling in Manitoba must be becoming very serious when President Ashdown, of the Winnipeg Board, felt constrained to conclude his address in terms so significant and suggestive as the following: "Should the Dominion Government attempt to continue the tyrannical restrictive policy hitherto adopted, it is a question for the authorities at Ottawa to consider how long, while hundreds of thousands of our fellow-Canadians are scattered over the country south of us, prosperous and contented, while many others from this side are continually joining them, and while the 1,200 miles of rock and morass between here and Pembroke has left little but sentiment to unite us to the east, that sentiment is likely to prevail against so many interests and the feelings of exasperation so rapidly growing here." Such language from such a quarter, taken in connection with Premier Greenway's announcement that he has already received several offers from prominent contractors to complete the Red River Valley Railway, and that he has every assurance that during the coming summer there will be through connection by rail from the boundary to Portage la Prairie, shows that the railway crisis, averted for a time by the failure of Premier Norquay's attempts, will shortly become again acute, unless some solution is found in the meantime.

SOME of the evidence offered before the Labour Commission during its sitting in Montreal has been of a startling character, and has naturally created no little excitement and indignation. It is to be hoped that the facts may be probed to the bottom ; indeed it seems surprising that any members of the Commission should have thought it possible to stop short of anything but the fullest and most searching inquiry. Enough has already been proved to show the need of stringent legislation, following the lines taken for many years in England, and recently adopted in Ontario, for the protection of the young and helpless amongst factory operatives. It is a reproach that feeble women and children of both sexes should have been left so long without the protection of strict laws and careful, systematic, inspection, from the thoughtlessness or worse of overseers, who are not as a class, likely to be specially soft-hearted or considerate, or in any way fitted to wield irresponsible authority. It would be premature, perhaps, to express any very strong opinion in regard to the facts already established ; suffice it to say that enough has been proved to show that the young and unprotected are far too much at the mercy of their taskmasters, and that facilities are not wanting for the infliction of cruelties such as should not be tolerated in any humane or Christian community.

EVERY honest and thoughtful citizen of both the United States and Canada must deeply regret the action of the American Senate in postponing consideration of the Extradition Treaty. That action opens invitingly wide for another ten months the double door through which defaulters, embezzlers and betrayers of trust in either country find in the other a refuge from the just consequences of their misdeeds. It is hard for even charity to ascribe to the Senate majority who have taken this responsibility any worthy or patriotic motive. The alleged danger of impairing in any way the right of asylum which each country holds sacred for purely political offenders can be little more than a shallow pretext ; for this class of offenders was especially excepted from the operation of the treaty. The opposiition of Senator Riddleberger and others which have led to this lame and impotent conclusion has too much the appearance of a discreditable truckling to the cowardly dynamiters and other assassins who have their living by traffic in explosives and servant girls' pence. The refusal to ratify the treaty can only be prejudicial to the cause of Irish Home Rule, by more distinctly identifying it with the murderous designs of dynamiters and dealers in infernal machines. As the Chicago Tribune observes, the fact

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that the father of the proposed treaty is Lord Rosebery, Mr. Gladstone's Foreign Secretary, and a staunch advocate of Home Rule, should have been of itself sufficient to commend it to all good and law-abiding Irish citizens, however much it might offend the few who are of the O'Donovan Rossa persuasion. It is but a sorry consolation to Canadians to be told that their neighbours will be the greater sufferers from the absence of the treaty, because the number of American defaulters, fleeing to Canada will be greater than that of Canadians escaping to the States. In the first place, recent events seem to indicate that Canada is rapidly lessening the inequality in the disgraceful barter, and, in the second place, it is not clear that the country which receives and absorbs the criminals does not really suffer worse injury than the country which is rid of them, by the same process.

THE retirement of Lord Dufferin from the Viceroyalty of India naturally gives rise to unlimited speculation. The apparent suddenness of his withdrawal adds to the general mystification. The most opposite conjectures are put forth by wiseacres, according to their political leanings. Some, for instance, see in his resignation proof that he is hopelessly at issue with the Government's Irish Policy, though what that policy can have to do with the administration of Indian affairs, or even how it differs materially in its underlying principles from that in accordance with which Lord Dufferin has been so energetically carrying on the government of India may be very hard to discover. Others, with different proclivities, prophesy that the brilliant Viceroy is returning to take a prominent place in the Home Government, and strengthen its hands in its Irish warfare and other imminent contests. This is, to say the least, arguing a greater poverty of material for Cabinet Ministers in England than has as yet become apparent. The one point on which all seem to be agreed is that Lord Dufferin is not the man to be allowed to retire from public life, or to be withdrawn from the high post he has so ably filled, save to be promoted to some one, if possible, still more arduous and responsible. The movements of so prominent a man are perhaps legitimate matters of national interest and concern, but according to present indications the nation will have to wait as patiently as it can for the gratification of its very natural curiosity.

BRITISH Statesmen of all shades of politics drew a sigh of relief at the conclusion and acceptance of the work of the Afghanistan Boundary Commission. Yet those who are accustomed to suspect the Russian, even when making treaties,-and they are many-will scarcely hope that this delimitation ensures anything more than a temporary rest. A writer in the London Mail points out the two-sided nature of the problem which now confronts the British in India, in their relations to the great Northern Power. Formerly the rivalry was for the friendship of the feeble tribe of Afghans whose territories lie between the British and Russian possessions in the West. The conquest of Burmah has now interposed the great Chinese nation between the same two great rivals in the East, and the contest bids fair to be equally keen between them for the friendship or alliance of the Mongolian. The inducement to Russia to continue to push southward toward the open sea is still even greater at the Eastern than at the West. ern end of the great mountain range which has hitherto barred her way southward. She has already secured in Vladivostock a port which is open for nine months of the year, but the Corean peninsula is invitingly studded with harbours open the whole year round. In this light the rather unusual course of England in ceding to China the strong post of Port Hamilton in the Corea becomes explicable. To have retained this stronghold would have materially weakened China's power, and possibly her disposition to resist the Russian desire for a harbour on the Northern Corean coast.

IF Lord Charles Beresford's resignation of his position as Junior Naval Lord of the Admiralty does not bear fruit at some early day, in some radical retrenchments and improvements in the administration of the Naval Department the fact will be a singular tribute to the strength of British red-tape, and the indifference of the British taxpayer. Some general notion of the causes of Lord Charles's resignation had already been conveyed by the cablegrams, but no adequate conception of the state of affairs which led to it can be gained without a careful perusal of his elaborate defence before his constituents. Assuming the accuracy of his statement of facts, which has not, we believe, been questioned, it will scarcely be wondered at that, when he saw the officers of the Intelligence Department which he had been instrumental in organizing, and for which he shows a remarkable record of useful work accomplished, unfairly treated, by having their salaries suddenly cut down, while glaring extravagancies in other departments were left untouched, he refused to be a party to the

injustice. It would be impossible to give in a paragraph any adequate idea of the state of things Lord Charles reveals, but the following condensation of his description of what would have occurred in case of war being suddenly declared with some Maritime Power will help the reader's conceptions. This would have been the routine : The Controller would have been asked how many ships are ready, and would have taken two or three days to answer the question. Then the Admiralty list of these ships and their complements would have been prepared. Then the list of ships and complements would have gone to the First Lord, who appoints the captains; then to the first Senior Lord, for the appointment of commanders; then to the Second Senior Lord, to get officers and men, then to the civilians, to see that everything was correct, then to the military branch, for suggestions and approvals, then to the naval branch, to see if it had any objections, and then back to the First Lord for approval. At least two or three weeks would have been consumed in this process, even if no two branches got up one of the paper quarrels they are so fond of, and after all there would have been no provision for reserves, or coal, or equipment. Lord Charles is just now under the cloud, but his plucky protest will win him deserved honour sooner or later, when the inevitable overhauling comes.

A FURIOUS controversy has been raging in England between the Allopaths and the Hom copaths, or the "A's" and the "H's," as Lord Grimthorpe terms the combatants. The immediate cause of the wordy strife was the application of Dr. Millican for an injunction to restrain the committee of the Jubilee Hospital from dismissing him from the medical staff of that institution. The injunction was not enlarged by the Court of Appeal, which decided that the applicant's redress must be sought, if at all, in an action for damages. The central point, around which the din of battle waxed loudest and fiercest, was the question of the infinitesimal dose. The familiar illustrations on the side of the "H's," such as the serious effects of the sting of a fly, the scratch of a poisoned arrow, a single whiff of malarial air, etc., were skilfully presented ; also, those drawn from the diffusive odour of a grain of musk, the power of scent on a dog, etc. To these and similar arguments various answers have been given, one Allopath disputing the common theory of smell, another admitting that very minute particles may produce a sensory thrill, but denying that still more minute ones can cure disease ; a third pointing out that, though two grains of strychnine, or an eighth of a grain of digitaline will kill, "they are a whole universe greater than a decillionth of a grain," while still another, Dr. Dupre, of Westminster Hospital, essayed to crush his opponents at a blow by declaring that he had analyzed a large number of pilules obtained from well known houses in London and Liverpool, and had never found any trace of medicine, save in a single instance. The battle is full of interest to the serious as well as the cynical onlooker. It might be supposed that such a question should have been long since decided beyond possibility of dispute in the field of practical experience. But account for it as we may, it is well known that the "H's" would have as little difficulty as the "A's" in marshalling an unlimited array of restored patients prepared to testify with all the ardour of honest conviction to the most wonderful cures wrought in accordance, ostensibly at least, with the similia similibus mode of treatment.

PRINCE BISMARCK'S speech in the Reichstag on the Military Bill, which was awaited with so much interest in all parts of Europe, did not really throw much light on the situation. The Prince spoke with his usual apparent frankness, but the world has long since learned that that characteristic bluntness of speech, so different from the stereotyped diplomatic verbiage, may nevertheless .be made equally effective in concealing such ideas as the man of iron may not choose to make public. In this case, however, it is very likely that there was no design of concealment. There is no reason to suppose that Prince Bismarck understands better than any other shrewd observer the real intentions of Russia. He is not in the Czar's secret councils. The salient fact is that Russia is steadily and rapidly concentrating immense bodies of troops on the Prussian and Austrian frontiers. For what purpose ? To attack one or the other of those nations? That is highly improbable, as she could have nothing to hope for and would have everything to fear from an encounter with those Great Powers, united, as they are shown to be by the recently published treaty, in a close alliance. Still those great Russian armaments cannot be without a distinct purpose. Prince Bismarck says that perhaps Russia is simply making ready for the next European crisis, or the next turn in the Eastern Question. But how long is Russia likely to wait for the coming crisis or turn of events, after all her military dispositions have been made, and she feels ready for the conflict? Already on the verge of bankruptcy,

she cannot afford to keep those expensive armies of observation inactive for an indefinite period. She must mean to precipitate the crisis, or the turn in the Eastern Question, when she is ready for the one or the other. Hence neither her own protestations nor Bismarck's assurances can have much effect in permanently allaying anxiety. Prussia herself is not rolling in wealth that she can afford to keep a standing army of a million of men on each frontier, year after year; nor is Austria. The inference seems almost irresistible that Russia anticipates the struggle in the near future, or means that it shall come when she is ready for it. When that time comes Bulgaria will afford a ready and convenient *casus belli*, if no other presents itself.

It is hardly an hyperbole to say that the eyes of the world are upon M. de Lesseps, in his magnificent struggle to carry through to completion his great project, the Panama Canal. The man's courage is simply marvellous; his strength and steadfastness almost sublime. He knows no failure. So far as appears his recent great defeat, in the refusal of the French Government to sanction his lottery scheme-a defeat which would have been fatal to any ordinary resolution-has but stimulated him to devise new plans and put forth fresh efforts. The French Premier, M. Tirard, was no doubt right in refusing to intervene, with the influence and prestige of the Government, in a scheme which, apart altogether from its uncertain and perhaps visionary and impossible character, is in no respect a national undertaking. In fact, seeing the immense hold M. de Lesseps and his great project have upon the French imagination, it must have required no little courage on the part of M. Tirard to meet the proposition with a direct negative. The irrepressible de Lesseps refuses to accept the refusal, and is already appealing from the French Ministry to the French nation. He has issued a circular urging all the Panama shareholders and bondholders to go or write to the nearest correspondent of the company, and to sign the petition to their representatives in the Chambers, a form of which petitition will be at the correspondent's. He thus hopes to bring such pressure to bear upon the representatives as will enable him through them to force the Ministry to reconsider their decision. His appeal to the shareholders and bondholders is in its turn backed up by one still wider in its scope-to the pride of the French people. In the same breath in which he reminds those who have already invested so heavily in the undertaking that failure to carry it to a successful completion means total loss of the sums already advanced, he invites the whole people to come forward and avert the national disgrace of having the great work fall into the hands of foreigners. There is no reason to believe the hint a meaningless one. Failing help from his own countrymen M. de Lesseps is not the man to shrink from enlisting, if possible, British or American capital and ambition in his stupendous undertaking.

ONE of the most perplexing things in connection with the Panama Canal Scheme is the apparent impossibility of gaining any reliable knowledge of the present state and prospects of the undertaking. M. de Freycinet's Government commissioned M. Rousseau, its Chief Engineer of Roads and Bridges, to visit and report on the work. He did so, but the public seems to be little the wiser. M. de Lesseps quotes his report as favourable in tone, but while M. Rousseau holds a canal to be a possibility, his report asserts that the present work is impracticable unless substantially modified and simplified. Numerous other engineers have gone to look, but, as an English exchange puts it, they, "with equal knowledge, reputation, and apparent faculties of vision, see diametrically opposite sights. To one a deep and wide channel is apparent where a second beholds nothing but a shallow ditch already filling up and a row of dilapidated rusty engines." Estimates of the sum already expended vary from \$80,000,000 to \$200,000,000, and the canal is, it seems pretty certain, not nearly half completed. The Boston Globe says that "upwards of 12,000 labourers are employed and 20,000 more are wanted. The hospital establishment is itself a colony, employing thirty physicians and fifty apothecaries. The obsequious undertaker is dispensed with, and with little ceremony the seven per cent. of labourers, which covers the average death roll, are deposited in neighbouring trenches," and adds with charming indefiniteness that "a rough estimate of the final cost is \$600,000,000, though double the amount may be required." And yet he would scarcely be an over-bold prophet who should predict that the canal will be completed and in operation before the beginning of the twentieth century.

Nor only America but the world has suffered loss in the death of Professor Asa Gray, the eminent American naturalist. It is probably not too much to say, that botanical studies have become invested for all time

with a nobler influence and a profounder significance through the results of his labours. As one of his eulogists has observed, "Botany is to be regarded as far more than the research of an awakened curiosity, seeking fresh stimulus from each new discovery; it is something besides a classified account of the structure, organs, growth, and reproduction of plants; it is an apprehension, more or less vivid and full, of a most important part of the vast scheme of creation." It will redound to the lasting honour of the departed specialist that he not only devoted himself to his favourite study with the minuteness of research and the enthusiastic devotion which have made him famous among men of science, but that through his genius for classification and simplification he has done more than perhaps any other man to make the science of Botany a recreation and a delight to the million.

THE Schoolmaster is becoming more and more a power in all lands, but the sources of his strength have hitherto been in the main intellectual and moral, rather than legal. The tendency is now strong in certain quarters, and notably so in England, to call in the aid of legislation as a supplemental, or perhaps we should rather say, complemental force. The College of Preceptors in England already exercises very important functions in connection with the grading, etc., of members of the profession. The newlyformed Teachers' Guild, which held its first general conference a few weeks since, seems to cherish a still higher ambition. Already the Guild has a membership of nearly 2,600, and these, recognizing fully the advantages possessed by other professions which have become close corporations, are earnestly endeavouring to have their own converted into one. The question of registration of teachers took up a good part of the first day's discussion, and it was unanimously agreed that registration of some sort was a desideratum. But legal registration means virtual exclusion of the unregistered from the ranks of the profession, and consequent inability to gain a livelihood by practising it. It is not easy to see any good reason why the profession of teaching should not be accorded the same status in this respect as the professions of law or medicine, and yet many and serious objections will readily suggest themselves against erecting the great body of teachers in any country into a close corporation. Practically the same question in a modified form has been raised in Ontario, in connection with the proposed establishment of a College of Preceptors. It is not improbable that the weight of opinion and argument, in this country at least. will be found in favour of lessening rather than increasing the sphere of close corporations.

ENGLISH POOR LAWS AND CANADIAN NEEDS.

CARDINAL MANNING has been reading the Times a timely lesson in regard to the present perplexing problem of the distress of labouring men in London through inability to procure work. The Times recently accused His Eminence of "countenancing the fallacy that under the poor law men have a natural right to work for bread." He had also been accused of advocating the giving of out-door relief, and censuring the present system of administering relief through the workhouse only. To both these counts he pleads guilty, and ably defends his position. by a reference to the natural right of man to live, and by showing what has been, since the Elizabethan era, the tenor and spirit of British legislation as to the aid of the poor and needy. As to the first point he shows that, as there is a natural obligation on men to give bread to the hungry, so "the law of natural charity recognizes in each the same right to live, and imposes upon us all, according to our power, the obligation to sustain the life of others as we sustain our own." In regard to the second, he shows clearly, by quota. tions from old English statutes, that the provision of work for the unemployed was one of their main objects. One of the Elizabethan Acts which he quotes is particularly explicit on this point. This was "for the punishment of vagabonds and for the relief of the poor and impotent. It made it penal to give money to any rogue or vagabond, or sturdy beggar, but provided relief for those 'who are whole and mighty in body and able to labour.'" Another had for its "intent that youth may be accustomed and brought up in labour and work, and that they may not grow to be idle rogues: and to the intent also that such as be already grown up in idleness, and so are rogues at present, may not have any just excuse in saying that they cannot get any service or work, and be then without favour or toleration worthy to be executed, and that poor and needy persons may be set on work." Justices, too, in every city, town, and market-town, were enjoined to order "a competent stock of wool, hemp, flax, iron, or other stuff-by taxation of all-so that every poor and needy person, old and young, able to work and standing in need of relief, shall not for want of work, go abroad begging, or committing pilferings, or living in idleness.'

And in case that persons in need of relief and able to work should refuse to work they were to be sent to the House of Correction. A later Act provided for the industrial employment of children the "provision of wool, hemp, and other stock for work, and also competent sums of money for and towards the necessary relief of the lame, impotent, old, blind, poor, and not able to work. It also comprehended an enactment of mutual liability; that is, of parents to support their children, and of children to support their parents," which latter would be a very salutary provision now in Canada, where children are far too prone to marry early and leave their parents to the charity of others. Finally, he cites 43 Eliz. chap. 2, a statute which is, he tells us, "the foundation of the Poor Law down to the present day." It provides for compulsory assessment for the four following purposes: "1. For the setting to work of all such persons, married or unmarried, having no means to maintain themselves, and who use no ordinary and daily trade of life to get their living by; 2. For providing a convenient stock of flax, hemp, wool, thread, iron, and other ware or stuff, to set the poor on work ; 3. For the necessary relief of the lame, impotent, blind, and such others amongst them being poor and not able to work." And it provided, too, that grandparents should be supported by their grandchildren, where it was possible for these to do it,--which, it is to be feared, would be a very unpalatable statute among ourselves.

Cardinal Manning well contrasts the judicious and enlightened spirit of these statutes with a system which relieves the natural relatives of the support of the old and helpless, and refuses to aid distress except by breaking up homes and throwing whole families "on the rates." As he says-the great mass of the deserving poor will suffer any privation rather than avail themselves of the alternative of renouncing the humanizing influences of home life and going into the workhouse. And, as Cardinal Manning remarks, this provision of work for the poor is by no means restricted to the deserving. "How much more," he says, "does it include the deserving and willing to work who are thrown out of employment by winter, which suspends a number of trades and industries, or by the vicissitudes which so often paralyze the employers of labour ! The indiscriminate refusal of out-door relief pauperizes those who break up their homes and go into the workhouses, aggravates the poverty of those who refuse to break up their homes, multiplies the number of those who are idle because they are not relieved by work, and drives multitudes into the dangerous classes who become desperate and hardened."

And he adds a query which might well lead to a doubt whether the human race is advancing quite so fast as some would maintain. "Does not our present administration of the Poor Law, as compared with the old statutes, imply a decline of Christianity, and an application of political economy uncontrolled by the moral laws of human sympathy and the compassion which wealth owes to poverty?"

The considerations that Cardinal Manning thus enforces upon the people of England, we should take to heart in Canada. Already some carnest philanthropists are impressed with the feeling that the distress which every winter exists among ourselves should be relieved by some means that would press more equally upon all than does the present old and simple expedient of voluntary contribution. But, if we can learn anything from the result of the English Poor Law system-whether these are depicted by novelists like Dickens, or by moralists like the writer just quoted-it is that legalized, State-bestowed relief tends to harden the administrators and to pauperize the recipients. Unlike voluntary charity, or mercy which is "twice blessed,"-State aid seems twice cursed. Instead of kindly giving as from brother to brother, we have a hard officialismnever so offensive as when bound up with charity, and, as a necessary consequence, the recipient, instead of feeling any emotion of gratitude, is first humiliated and then pauperized. Better far that the illiberal and selfish should deprive themselves of the privilege of helping their fellow men, and the addition of their contributions would be more than swallowed up by the expenses of machinery, than that the moral effect of voluntary benevolence should be lost to both giver and receiver !

But the point so strongly emphasized by Cardinal Manning—that "the law of natural charity recognizes in each the same right to live, and imposes upon us all, according to our powers, the obligation to sustain the life of others as we sustain our own" is one that should be very fully considered in all our towns and cities. The length and severity of our winters, which throw so many men out of employment for a much longer period than in England, make it still more important to endeavour t_0 relieve distress by the provision of work for all able-bodied men, so far as this can by any possibility be done. This should be a recognized duty on the part of those who are in charge of the public affairs of our communities; for no community, which is largely composed of labouring men, can be thoroughly contented and prosperous without some such provision Whether the provision is to be made at the public expense or by charitable boards is a matter for consideration. The money a man *earns* is not *charity*, and the State may well, so far as it is within her power, provide the unemployed with the opportunity to work in ways which will eventually benefit the public. Taxation to this end would be so manifestly beneficial to the poor and eventually to the whole community, that no good citizen could complain.

Only in regard to two things, let us be deaf as adders to the voice of the charmers—charm they never so wisely.

First, let us never consent to degrade even a tramp, by setting him to work which has no result save that of mere muscular exertion, such as digging holes and filling them up again—expedients so clumsy and heartless as to justify Mr. Ruskin's severest denunciations.

And second, let us never allow the tender and humanizing graces of brotherly sympathy and aid to be crushed out of our charity by the degrading and pauperizing influence of a Poor Law system of public relief.

LONDON LETTER.

WITHOUT being taken in by the inferior conjuring of a medium who for a consideration professes to call our dead friends from the vasty deep, with. out being tinctured in the least with spiritualism, most of us like a good ghost story even though we know that in nine cases out of ten, in speaking to the person who first started it, we shall find the whole thing so exaggerated as hardly to be recognized by its originator. Forster always declared Dickens had a hankering after the supernatural. But no man was readier to apply sharper tests to the tales he heard : and that but for the strong restraining power of his common sense he might have fallen into the folly of believing the impostors who a few years ago (are we wiser now ?) made their harvests in London drawing-rooms out of people in want of a new sensation, and consequently ready to fly with avidity to table-rapping, to the séance, to any other performance to which Mr. Studge chose to treat them. Do you remember all the queer incidents in connection with Mr. H.'s Story told in All the Year Round ? Dickens heard it first from Lord Lytton and published it in September, 1861 : and "upon its publication" he writes to Forster, "up has started the portrait painter who saw the phantoms! His own story is out of all distance the most extraordinary that ever was produced, and is far beyond my version or Bulwer's, as Scott is beyond James. Everything connected with it is amazing; but conceive this; the portrait painter had been engaged to write it elsewhere as a story for next Christmas, and not unnaturally supposed, when he saw himself anticipated in All the Year Round, that there had been treachery at his printers. 'In particular,' says he, 'how else was it possible that the date, the 13th of September, cou'd have been got at? For I never told the date, until I wrote it.' Now, my story had no date, but seeing when I looked over the proof the great importance of having a date, I [C. D.] wrote in, unconsciously, the exact date on the margin of the proof." Dickens does not tell how Lytton knew about it in the first place; anyway the coincidence was an odd one, calculated to make him a firmer believer than ever. But last night a young gentleman -who seemed a truthful young gentleman enough-told me something stranger still, to which I will not add, and from which I will not take away, one word ; and if at the end of it you wish to accuse any one of falsehood do not suspect me, for I shall simply repeat exactly what I heard, except that of course the names are fictitious :

"Iwas staying with the Martins for Christmas," said my friend, "when a most extraordinary thin, happened. We got up a play—A Lesson in Love—in which a Miss Carew, a very pretty girl whom I met there for the first time and whom we all liked immensely, took the part of Lucy. Every-thing went right to the day of the performance, when she complained of a headache at the day's rehearsal in the morning, and said she felt so ill she could hardly remember her words. All sorts of remedies were suggested, but she would have none of them, and at last it was settled she should go for a ride, and see if that would do any good. She fell in with the plan, and she, and I to take care of her, went as far as the old Windmill on the G. But when we returned I saw she was worse rather than better. It road. was then about four o'clock. She went listlessly into the library and sat talking by the fire till five when Mrs. Martin told her that if she were to be fit for anything in the evening she ought to lie down a little : but tea coming delayed her, and then there were other things to arrange, and so it was nearly seven before she attempted to go up stairs. 'I won't dine,' she said to us, 'for I'm not a bit hungry : so I'll dress at once, and be ready in the green-room by nine.' Just before dinner Mrs. Martin went into her room, and found her on the sofa, still in her riding-habit, and half asleep. She was told that was not the proper way to rest; she should take off her habit and put on her dressing gown; and on her promising to do this, Mrs. Martin left her. Well, not a second before the performancewe didn't begin till nearly ten-Miss Carew came hurriedly through the green-room looking ghastly white : she nodded at us, but didn't speak, and as Lucy has to be on the stage when the curtain draws up, she at once took her place. We remembered afterwards no one had noticed where she was or what she was doing between the acts; but after the play was well over, and every one was in the ball-room ready to begin dancing, I went to my hostess to ask where Lucy had got to. 'I don't know,' she said, 'but I'm just going to look after her. Her maid told mine she had never been rung for, so how she managed to dress herself I can't think ;

such a curious thing for her to do.' I went with her as far as the corridor as I wanted to catch Miss Carew coming down, and so secure the next valse, but before Mrs. Martin had well opened the bedroom door she gave a scream. 'Call my husband,' she cried, 'go for the doctor. Come here.' And I saw on the sofa, in front of the grate in which the fire was out, the poor girl, *still in her riding habit*, lying dead. They say it was heart-disease, and that she had died some time before we found her. I can't explain anything. I can only tell you exactly what happened. The gowns she wore as Lucy were hanging in the wardrobe, seemingly untouched, just as her maid had left them after the morning rehearsal. It upset us all awfully, for, beyond the liking we had for her, it is such an inexplicable, ghastly affair. We either played with a dying girl—who by a superhuman effort dressed herself, acted, and then instead of putting on her ball-gown got back into her habit—or we played with a ghost. And, on my soul, I firmly believe it was a ghost."

Loitering in Chiswick the other day I came in a back lane on Hogarth's house which stands on the edge of the road with half an acre of overgrown garden, the famous mulberry tree still in its midst, stretching to the right of its windows. On each side of the entrance are the leaden vases Garrick gave his friend for the adornment of the villa, and till quite lately the gravestones erected in memory of a dog and canary belonging to the actor were fastened into the wall, but some lodger with an eye to antiquities must have taken them away, as they are there no longer. A woman washing the paving stones in front of the Queen Anne porch rested from her uninteresting labours to tell me she rented the dining rooms, and if I liked I might see them with pleasure; so I was taken into the low oak parlour where the little man in the scarlet roquelaure whom Sala describes in the biography, entertained so often his boisterous friends,-Scott, the landscape painter, John Thornhill, Hogarth's brother-in-law, Tothill, and Forest. This was first the grand Sir James's parlcur, and here Hogarth, the apprentice, must have been bewitched by pretty Miss Jane with her bright face and sweet voice, and out of this very window—so goes the legend at the villa-he helped the wilful young lady to fly to the post-chaise in waiting round the corner. The room is characteristic of the last century, and is hardly injured, if at all, by the scanty pieces of modern furniture which have taken the place of the heavy chairs and tables with which in the days of its prosperity it was tilled. Here, long after Hogarth's death in Leices-ter Square came Cary, the translator of Dante and writer of the epitaph on Lamb in Edmonton Churchyard, who sipped his dish of tea in company with other learned souls, surrounded by spindle-legged stools and Italian "In other learned souls, surrounded by spindle-legged stools and Italian engravings, and then, last of the celebrated tenants was "Hicks, the great actor," said my hostess. "Maybe you know his name?" And I think how much it would have delighted "Bravo 'Icks," of transpontine memory if he could have heard himself described as "great,"—almost as much a triumph as securing the house where Garrick visited so much, which, no doubt, he thought was half-way towards Drury Lane, and the applause of the Town. The dining-room lodger warned me from attempting to see the the Town. The dining-room lodger warned me from attempting to see the upstairs lodger on the score that her temper was "crusty," and she detested strangers, but I climbed the pretty old stair-case to the first floor bent on propitiation, and after but a short parley, conducted on both sides, I hope, with perfect good breeding, I was led into one of the grandest old drawingrooms I have seen for many a day. The rounded, small-paned, triple window I recognized as painted in the background of the "Lady's Last Stake," though here it is bow, while in the picture Hogarth, for his own Stake," though here it is bow, while in the picture Hogarin, for his own purpose, has made it flat; and the pann-lled walls, painted pale green and pink (whose taste was this: Hogarths', Cary,'s or Hicks'?) on which once were pinned and nailed rough sketches of the "Marriage à la Mode," or the "Rake's Progress," boast the possession of a suggestion of a draw-ing, a faint tracing of two figures, "which when the sun shines," says the first floor lodger, comes out beautiful." She was maligned by the dining "⁰⁰ms, this brick young woman with her right arm about the last baby. aret floor lodger, comes out beautiful." She was maligned by the dining rooms, this brisk young woman with her right arm about the last baby. She touched in gentle fashion with her left hand the round rough head of the last baby but one, speaking the while in a cheerful tone of the many advantages they enjoyed. How 4s. a week is little enough to pay for the quiet garden out look, for the southern aspect, for the hundred and one Convert conveniences of these delightful old rooms. There is an inner apartment, used, I should say, by Mrs. Hogarth as her especial sanctum, where this contented family lie down to rest every night, the sun waking them the first thing in the morning: and here I left them, all leaning over the crumbling sills of the Georgian windows (little touzled locks blowing about in the winter air) watching with interest the arrival of the boy with the milk for their tea. "Ain't she a tartar?" said the ground floor as I **Passed** by, vigorously brushing her mats in preparation for the home-coming of her husband. "She didn't let you in, did she? Well, I never! I just gave that sarcy lad of her's the least mite of a clout the other day and she flew at me like a tiger."

It is Lamb who says that other people's pictures we look at, but Hogarth's we read. The rough, vigorous, coarse pieces appeal comparatively to few, I think, and those few are artists who appreciate the many admirable technical qualities one knows nothing of. That speech of Miss Burney's, in which she says she will not go through mud to look at a fine view, is like an old maid's, and Walpole's finnicking fine-lady criticism is worth nothing in the face of the great painters, in the last century and this, who appreciate Hogarth : but study most of these pictures as carefully as I may, I see nothing in them (I except the portraits) that gives me the genuine pleasure one derives from nearly every other artist's works, though they are interesting, of course, on the score of the costume, the furniture, the manner of life, of the time of the first Georges. There are thirteen at which I have been looking this afternoon on the walls of the Grosvenor Galley—"The Sleeping Congregation" caricature of the ugliest, most repulsive type is the worst, the picture of Mrs. Hogarth the best, to

me-and I feel when I have done my scrutiny I am not competent to judge of their merits or demerits when I see present-day artists linger with delight over what appears to me is in many cases ill drawn, ill coloured, and offensive in taste. How pleasant it is to turn from these to Constable's beautiful breezy landscapes, standing before which I seem to feel the scudding rain in my eyes, or the sun-kisses on my face : or to Mulready's Dutc -like, quaint pieces wrought (cherry stone carving) with such a loving hand : or to find one of Reynolds' charming girl-faces gazing at me from under her tall hat and waving plumes : or to linger by the work of men like Gainsboro', Turner, Morland, Collins, or Linnel, and watch the strokes of their brush. And here you may see Mrs. Thrale (how annoyed that quick-tempered little lady would have been had she known of Mr. Stephens' curious denial of her story that she sat to Hogarth) by the side of "Queenie," her eldest daughter: and here is Morland in his studio—a garret out-at elbows, in which a friend is cooking over the little dull fire while the artist works away (what a contrast to the Fitzjohn Avenue painting rooms of to-day !)—and I am taken to Italy, and brought back to the Midland Counties, or up to Scotland, all in half-an-hour : and before I leave the galleries am caught for a moment by Lady Hamilton's figure riante glancing over her shoulder, restless for admiration, or am attracted by Stothair's delicate compositions. It would take days properly to see all the treasures Sir Coutts Lindsay has gathered together, but half-an-hour suffices for most of us. Then we declare we have "done the Grosvenor," and we are competent to discuss all the pictures with any one who WALTER POWELL. may choose to listen to us.

AFTER-THOUGHTS.

WHEN the battle is fought and the desolate plain Is strewn with the shapes of the wounded and slain, A thousand throats shout, ere the mourners' tears cease, That a way there had been to have reared mild-eyed peace.

As our bowed heads are mantling with snows for a shroud, We too often can look on our life as a cloud, And vainly lament—could we call back the years We would enter the future with praise and not tears.

When the friends that were near to our heart and our hearth Have been grasped in the arms of the All-Mother earth, We, who coldly would turn from their smile or their moan, Now carve deep our love on the soul-chilling stone.

Vain, vain are our cries when the battle is fought; How useless regrets when our lives are as naught; Our flowers and our love fall like lead on the grave Of the one who unheeded would sympathy crave.

Then let us cry peace ere the war bugles blow; Have our hands ever open kind deeds to bestow; Keep the garlands and love-words, my friends, for each other, And our hearts shall see God in the face of our brother.

T. G. MARQUIS.

MONTREAL LETTER.

THE apocalyptical tendency of our press grows apace, but still more depressing is the fact that our associations and institutions should appear at times in such a condition as to warrant revelations of a most disheartening nature. However, I don't suppose that after all much more censure than others we deserve; and if two columns and a half are devoted to a case which might satisfactorily be dismissed with far fewer words, let us not forget the vast disproportion that exists here between the supply and demand for news, and again the Quixotic temperament of some of our journalists, only too apt at times to mistake a windmill for a giant.

If we look calmly at both sides of the question, the solemn investigations of the Labour Commission do not seem to have revealed facts which must make us despair of our community. On the other hand, the Lacrosse Scandal, and the ill-advised decision of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association to retain as its member one who had disgraced it so thoroughly, are to be deplored. However, the over-chevalresque young gentlemen who carried the day last Friday may have reason to regret their vote, inasmuch as not only the wiser heads of the Association, but also its most influential well-wishers outside, are heartily against them. It is one of the laws of the Association that "ungentlemanly" members shall be asked to resign. But perhaps you have remarked that resignation is one of the last things an "ungentlemanly member" ever thinks of under the circumstances. The directors of the M. A. A. A. called a meeting for last Friday evening, for the purpose of expelling the offending members. The motion was lost, in so far as one of them is concerned; what is in store for the other has not yet been decided. Though the yeas were 225 and the nays 125, the law requires a two-thirds majority. However, the young gentlemen whose votes turned the scales on Friday may perchance be persuaded before the next meeting that at times justice is much better seasoned with common sense than with mercy, and thus save the reputation of a historic and a most praiseworthy Association.

I can't give you any very good reason for it, but every effort is made to keep the undergraduates—men and women—of our College in an antipodal position to each other. Even when they wished to give a conver-

sazione together the idea was looked upon with horror by the powers that Of course this only made the young ladies and gentlemen of the gown be. more determined that they should vindicate their right to be treated less despotic way. The consequence was the Arts men invited all their fair sisters in learning to be present at a conversazione on Monday evening, and the compliment was returned by the lady students on Saturday afternoon. Both of these entertainments proved quite charming in their way. They were held in the Peter Redpath Museum, the finest of our collegiate buildings. It seemed like sacrilege for thus hilarious a crowd to invade the last resting-place of so many mighty dead; to joke and chatter at the fleshless feet of the monster Delphinaptherus, to coquette after that charming fashion peculiar to the college girl in the august presence of the gaunt Balænoptera. Or, as our poet-laureate very aptly hath it :--

The glitter of innumerable lights, The happy throng's unceasing monotones Amid the tombs of mummied trilobites, And silence of the secret-hugging stones. The radiance of bright gowns, the sheen of hair, The dazzle of white bosoms kissed by flowers, Denote that of earth's daughters the most fair Have slaved the wise men even in learning's bowers.

The "wise men," on the whole, were very inoffensive enough, and when one contrasted them with their sprightly companions, all flash and peril-ously quick, one felt inclined to mutter ominously, "Beware the ides of *April.*"

There are at present on exhibition here some very excellent portraits, together with a few water-colours, by Mr. Henry Sandham, of Boston. Mr. Sandham, I believe, began his artistic career as a portrait painter in Montreal, but his rise has been great and rapid since those days, and he now gives us specimens of some beautiful work. Nothing, of course, in the collection is equal to his portrait of the Rev. J. T. Duryea. The reverend gentleman stands in the pulpit with one arm outstretched; the figure is animated, he has paused an instant in his discourse ; we see the cleverly modelled face en profile, a face earnest and handsome, to which the severe architecture immediately behind serves as an admirable background. Almost as attractive in its way is the picture of a child-a tiny, ad thing, with huge brown eyes, black hair, and impertinent little nose. The artist has caught very happily the unconscious, albeit pathetic, expres-sion of the little creature's face. Mr. Sandham's portrait of his daughter is less pleasing. There seems to be far too much pose about the young lady, who appears as if the fact of being painted weighed heavily on her soul.

The artist's well-known cult for salmon fishing has been manifested in a number of water-colours, that represent every department of this inte-resting occupation from "An Exciting Moment," and "The Last Struggle," to "Victors and Victims." One must really have all Mr. Sandham's love for the sport fully to appreciate a repetition of canoe, river, and fishermen quite wearying to the uninitiated. "In the Old Orchard Sheltered Island" one is pleased to stand on *terra firma* again, though our companions may only be some grave, clumsy geese, waddling down a narrow, green-arched walk, now in shine and now in shade, with a bit of white wall behind. LOUIS LLOYD.

AN EXAMINATION PAPER FOR MGILL COLLEGE.

[To Canadians, and especially to Montrealers, interested in education, the following Paper is submitted.]

HAS not the world decided that there is nothing in an arts education which must inevitably interrupt the natural current of mutual improvement of man by woman recognized by every other institution of human civilization ?

Was not McGill College napping when she began to wipe her spectacles on this question ?

Was it a principle, or a policy, which induced her to evade the question of co-education on its merits, by the bribe of a partial special endowment for anti-co-education; and to adopt the theory that this temporary shift has been accepted by the public as a settlement of the difficulty?

Does policy instead of principle win more friends than it loses?

When men and women are born in one family, are hushed to sleep in one pair of arms, lisp at one knee the same "give us" and "forgive us," are protected by one smile at play and at work, are together in health and in sickness, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death, must they be separated only in their collegiate course in McGill?

While admitting that an institution possessed of infinite wealth may consider separate education as an effectual means of spending it, what annual income should entitle McGill to include herself in that category?

Does not this special course for women, which owes its birth to the recent endowment, owe its existence to the self-denying labour of overworked professors i

Is there anything peculiar to a college more than to anything else which renders an extreme vigilance over young men and young women a necessity?

Would a proposal to participate in a joint conversazione be regarded as an occasion for a college to depart from its sphere?

Would such a course of action ensure the respect of the outside world, maintain the dignity of the college, and reflect credit upon its students? Must we not have a few additions to the teaching faculty when its leading members devote themselves to the work of special constables?

If our young men during their collegiate career are not fit and proper companions for our young women, what special reform do they undergo before they are converted into fit and proper companions when they leave as doctors and ministers?

If our young women do not carry with them to college the refinement, the inexpressible but unquestionable fragrance of what is womanly, which is ascribed to them, how much of the almighty dollar can excuse their admission ?

Do students exist for a college or does it exist for them ?

When students are prohibited from debating subjects which the college supposes might give offence to a particular phase of society, which of the propositions in the above question is answered?

Is the function of a college to be moulded or to mould?

Does the imposition of a fine for absence from a class tend to create a regular and enthusiastic attendance on the part of students so well as a daily standard of supreme efficiency in every lecture?

Is it abreast of the age that the school of experience for officers at the head of a college should be limited to Canada?

If the principle pays in a business house to send representatives abroad at its own expense, should a proposal to send the buyers, sellers, and manufacturers of ideas in colleges be received with derision ?

Does the principle that constant contact and competition with the world at home and abroad is essential to healthy prosperity make an exception in favour of institutions of learning ?

Should the students and the professors have no representation on the **Board of Governors**?

Should this board be a self-elective body, a close corporation, in no way amenable to public opinion?

Does it indicate life or stagnation when a board boasts that it has never come to a division on any point? Will a college which shuts her eyes to questions like these prove a

friend to herself, or her own and only enemy? SPECTATOR.

SOME BOOKS OF THE PAST YEAR.

INTEREST in the literature of the past year has somewhat suffered eclipse through the wider interest awakened by the Jubilee in the literature of the reign. It has been a year of retrospection, a year of reviews and summaries, in which, while we have counted up the intellectual gains of the Victorian era, we have had, alas, to bring into the reckoning its many personal Those who are old enough to remember the literary lights that losses. illumined the period of the Queen's accession have not only seen them quenched in night, but, in great measure, have also seen a succeeding generation of authors pass into the darkness. The work, it is true, of the great writers who flourished at the opening of the century was over when Victoria came to the throne; but a few, like Wordsworth, Southey, Moore, and Landor were aligned to have a the light to be of the particular to the and Landor, were alive to hand on the lighted torch of the native intellect and to keep aflame the glory of English literature. Sydney Smith, De Quincey, Douglas Jerrold, Leigh Hunt, and the poets Hood, Campbell, Moore, and Rogers, all belong to the opening years of the reign; though to a generation that has known, and perhaps heard, the living voice of Car-lyle, Thackeray, Dickens, or George Eliot — who have all gone from us-they seem to be part of a long distant past. There is no need here to recount the literary achievements of the Victorian era, or to pile up adjectives on the work of any one of its great writers. The lines of literary progress along which the English nation has travelled these fifty years back are sufficiently familiar to the general reader, while to the student of literature we are unlikely to have anything special to say. Those who wish, for purposes of reference, however, for a sober, well-informed, and sympafor purposes of reference, however, for a sober, well-informed, and sympa-thetic survey of the reign in all its-features, will find it in the two portly volumes edited by Mr. T. Humphrey Ward, M.A., to whose industry literary students are already indebted for his admirable edition of *The English Poets*. Mr. Ward's work, *The Reign of Queen Victoria*, forms one of the chief issues of the past year, and it is not only well conceived, but, being contributed by the most eminent authorities in the several subjects of which it treats, it is well and happily executed. Its scope will be somewhat comprehended when we say that Lord Wolseley writes on be somewhat comprehended when we say that Lord Wolseley writes on the Army, Lord Brassey on the Navy, Lord Justice Bowen on the Administration of the Law, Sir William Anson on the Development of the Con-stitution, Professor Huxley on Science, Rev. Dr. Hatch on Religion and the Churches, Dr. Richard Garnett on Literature, Mr. Matthew Arnold on Schools, while other specialists deal with Trade, Finance, and economical subjects, including the record of progress in other lines of the national The story these volumes have to tell is one of felicitation development. over the achievements of the half-century, though the writers have by no means given themselves up to exaggeration or to indiscriminate eulogy. The work is of too solid and informing a character to be a panegyric, and must be considered, on the whole, as a faithful and honest survey of the gains of the period.

Those who care to take the measure of the half-century from the retrospect of a poet who, at its dawn, wrote of it as a seer, will not miss reading Tennyson's Locksley Hall Sixty Years After. There we learn, in nuce, something of the great movements of the thought of the period, with their drift and tendencies; and if the reader will not quarrel with the pessimism, but put himself in the poet's mood, he will see that "every new light has its new shadow," and realize that the energies of the time have not been wholly a gain to the age. To-day, as fifty years ago, there is the same admixture of good and evil; while there are vastly increased demands upon one's time and attention and consecutive little brives for cuiet. upon one's time and attention, and consequently little leisure for quiet, deliberate and fructifying thought. "Everything is on a larger scale," writes Professor Seeley, "but evil also is larger and more appalling. Even good things come in a deluge which threatens to drown us. We are hampered with new ideas which we have not energy to assimilate; new sciences we have no time to learn. There is even too much pleasure.

Enjoyment, which used to be associated with idleness, has become now an exhausting industry. The literary sense perishes for want of repose, and all those delicate, sacred things which ask time, habitude, quietude, discipline, reticence, abstinence—all such things as art, manners, idealism, self-sacrifice, religion—seem to inquire by what new arrangement they may be enabled to live under such new conditions. This," remarks the author of *Ecce Homo* and *The Expansion of England*, "is what we learn from the second Locksley Hall."

Amid the distractions of the age, literary enterprises not only come to be put on foot, but manage to advance themselves successive stages, and finally see their way to a conclusion. The new (ninth) edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, commenced in 1874, is now fairly within sight of its completion, three important volumes dealing with contributions under letters R and S, having been issued in the past year. Mr. Leslie Stephen's Dictionary of National Biography, an enterprise likely to extend to some sixty volumes, is another great achievement of the time, the twelfth issue of which, embracing the letter D, has just appeared. Another great work -Kinglake's Invasion of the Crimea-instalments of which have been coming from the press at long intervals during the past thirty years, has just been brought to a conclusion. The narrative closes with the death of the been brought to a conclusion. brilliant author's hero, Lord Raglan—if the real hero of the work be not the English but the Russian General, Todleben—and the concluding volumes recount the story, told with amazing elaborateness and effect, of the weariful days that followed the Battle of Inkerman, and of the chafing of the allied troops before Sebastopol, while the French Emperor was play ing his childish and pitiful game of a hard and selfish diplomacy. The judicious historian, though his leisurely narrative was apt to fret the reader, has gained much by not being in a hurry to complete his work. He has had the advantage of perusing the Russian account of the siege, and had access to Napoleon's perfidious, intriguing correspondence with his Gen-erals, Canrobert and Pelissier, disclosed by the Republican Government in ransacking the archives of Paris under the Empire. The latter throws much light on the vexatious delays and misunderstandings between the Allies that thwarted the plans of those in command, and brought discredit and repeated discomfiture on the brave besiegers. Mr. Kinglake's work, though it has lost much interest through the tardiness of its appearing, will remain perhaps the first and greatest of modern military histories, and one of the most vividly and graphically written of contemporary narratives. It is a pity, we think, however, that the great work should terminate so ignominiously for his countrymen—with the English failure against the Redan.

In the department of military history, the Hon. Mountstuart Elphin-stone's The Rise of the British Power in the East, published in the past year, is deserving of notice. The work is a continuation, posthumously issued, of a history by the same author dealing with the Hindu and Mo-hammedan periods in India. It embraces the period from the opening of the seventeenth century, when English trade and heroism sought a field in the East for their enterprise, to the era of Clive and the coming of Warren Hastings. The author has a stirring subject, and though many have written of it, few have done so with such apparent impartiality and judiciousness. In these respects he is more trustworthy than Mill, and far more picturesque than Orme, though perhaps not quite the equal of Malleson, who has dealt so vividly with the more brilliant episodes in the British conquest of India. The work has had the benefit of Sir E. Colebrooke's judicious services as editor and annotator. In this department, also, in connection with modern Continental politics, the able series of papers of Sir Charles Dilke on The Present Position of European Politics should here be Sir Charles's work, however, is so well known in Canada, and has noted. had so many interested readers, that we need not stop to do more than chronicle it among the issues of the year.

It will not be out of place here to remind readers of the able though pessimistic articles of the author of Greater Britain to look at the papers appearing in Blackwood, which confute much that Sir Charles Dilke advances, while pointing out that England's reliance in any European conflict may safely rest, as of old, in her magnificent navy. Among the alarmists of the hour it is assuring to meet a writer who has a well-Among the grounded belief in the invincibleness of England on the high seas, as well as some degree of faith in the other valiant branch of the service-our small but mettlesome army. Readers of martial literature, we imagine, will also be attracted to two other books of the past year, in one of which Canadians have a special interest, while both will repay careful reading. We refer to Col. Sir W. F. Butler's Campaign of the Cataracts and to Col. Maurice's Mulitary History of the Campaign of 1882 in Egypt. The first of these is a personal narrative of the Nile Expedition of 1884-5, by the clever author of The Great Lone Land, who was entrusted with the task of conducting part of the Soudan contingent up the Cataracts of the Nile, and whose experiences, though the River Column was not able to accomplish much, are replete with interest and fraught with many a bitter lesson. Col. Maurice's work deals with the earlier and more brilliant Tel-el-Kebir Campaign, and is a lucid and effective bit of writing. Among the incidents described are the operations before Alexandria, the seizing of the Suez Canal, the movement on Ismailia, with the subsequent assault of Kassassin, and the night-march and battle of Tel-el-Kebir. These stirring events in the brief campaign are admirably told, and the whole work is aglow with the spirit in which they were conceived and executed.

Among the graver works of history to which the past year has given birth, the following should be chronicled, though our brief space, we regret, prevents our doing more than mentioning their appearing. Three of them are continuations, viz.: the fifth and sixth volumes of Lecky's

History of England in the 18th Century; Gardiner's History of the Great Civil War (1643-49), and volumes three and four of Creighton's History of the Papacy during the Reformation. To these should be added, among the Papacy during the Reformation. the important issues of the year, the Duke of Argyll's Scotland as it Was and Is, and Dunbar Ingram's History of the Legislative Union of Great Britain and Ireland. To students of history it will be unnecessary, if not presumptuous, to say a word in commendation of writers of such vast learning and commanding influence as Messrs. Lecky and Gardiner. Contemporary history has few brighter names than theirs, or possesses more indefatigable workers in its vast and prolific field. Prof. Creighton, in his Papal history, has undertaken a heavy task, and he writes, if not with much animation, with painstaking minuteness and patient care. His present instalment treats of an important epoch, that of the half-century between the years 1464 and 1518, and puts clearly before one the political intrigues of the Italian princes of the Church during the Renaissance period. The period is neither clean nor wholesome; but these were the The burden days of secularized Popes and of grave ecclesiastical scandals. of the Duke of Argyll's book is the present day Agrarian problem; though in his thoughtful and often eloquent pages we have a substantial contribution to the philosophy of Scottish history, discounted, in some measure, however, by fierce invectives against current economical theories. His Grace bemoans the abolition of the Clan system, and advances the lordly claim of chieftainship and land-ownership as beneficent conservative elements in the nation, which he holds it to be the height of folly to attack. He evidently would like Scotland to go back to feudalism and the turbulent times of the Great Charter. From Scotland to Ireland is but a step, but on such a subject as Irish affairs it is a step we would rather be excused at the present time from taking. All we would dare to say on this burning topic is, that Dr. Dunbar Ingram has given us, from original authorities, a manifestly fair and temperate narrative of the Political Union of the two kingdoms, in which he clears Pitt and Lord Castlereagh from the reckless charges of corruption in bringing about Legislative Union which it has been the fashion to connect with their names,-charges which Mr. Glad. stone, for questionable party purposes, has recently been assiduously repeating. Readers who are not sick of the discussion of the present-day repeating. Readers who are not sick of the discussion of the present day aspect of the Irish problem will, we may add, find material for profitable thought in Prof. Dicey's searching work, England's Case against Home Rule.

From these controversial matters it is a pleasure to turn to the department of literature proper, in so far as space in our present paper will permit us to deal with the subject. Its lighter phases have in the past ear been pleasantly presented in a number of gossipy memoirs : such as Mr. Frith's Autobiography and Reminiscences; Mr. T. A. Trollope's What I Remember; the Personal Remembrances of Sir Frederick Pollock, and especially, the delightful collection of letters of W. M. Thackeray. The latter, which appeared serially in the pages of Scribner's Magazine, is doubtless so well-known that we need say nothing more of it than that the collection is one which no admirer of the great novelist's genius will fail to be familiar with, or, if it is not yet a present possession, that he will lose a day in seeking the work out at the book-stores. The Frith Reminiscences enshrine happy views of the world and of the people in it by the eminent painter upon whom society smiled, and paid well for his much talked of work. His gossip is not higher in interest than his pictures ; both may be said to be the measure of the popular taste. But his book is amusing, and to this extent its chatty author is entitled in the field of letters, as well as in art, to score a success. Mr. Trollope's work is kindred to that of Mr. Frith, both in matter and in manner. He comes of a notable family of authors, prolific in the work they have turned out, and fortunate in what their literary industry has yielded them. Like Mr. Frith, success has made Mr. Trollope cheery, and the literary habit has enabled him to tell his stories with point and effect. His pages are therefore pleasant reading. Sir Frederick Pollock's Remembrances is another genial book, pleasant to read and pleasant to remember. His work abounds with racy stories, which are well told, and reveal some phases of society in England which is fast passing away, and some types of character which, unlike those of to-day, take kindly to the world with which they are ever on good terms. We are not sure that we do well to note among the biographies of the past year Mr. Jeffreson's Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson. Perhaps it would be better at once to refer those who care for unhallowed love intrigues and social scandals to the records of the Divorce Court than that they should find food to their taste in an historical biography, which, in spite of the author, we must affirm won't bear to be looked into. The syren Emma, however, had her good points, and Mr. Jeffreson, in his book, has made the most of them. Few will deny that she had rare gifts and a fascinating presence ; while not a little of the pathetic, it must be admitted, enters into her relations with "England's darling," Horatio Nelson. But happily for Society, the world that was contemporary with events to which this volume relates put its seal of disapproval upon the woman whom Nelson bequeathed to the care of his country, and neither literature nor morals will gain by attempting now to remove it. G. MERCER ADAM.

MR. GEORGE BANCROFT accounted for his own longevity the other day with three reasons: First, that he was the middle child in his father's family equally distant from the youngest and the oldest; second, that he had always gone to bed at ten o'clock, unless it had been impossible; and, third that he had always spent four hours in each day in the open air, unless prevented by a storm. He added that his riding, of which the newspapers had made so much, was primarily for the purpose of being out of doors, and not of being on horseback.

A VALENTINE.

O, GENTLE heart, Diffusing joy where'er thou art, How pleasant 'tis to mark the sound Of thy soft voice, while close around Are eager ears; and happy I,— When thy rare smile invites me nigh,— To seat me, listening, near thy side, Aye hoping I may there abide. O, gentle heart, so gracious, kind, What charm hast thou for every mind? I count me fortunate, indeed, That e'er thy friendship were my meed, And do thee homage; O, incline, Accept, I pray, thy valentine.

A. C.

READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATURE.

DOES PROHIBITION PROHIBIT?

YES and no. Yes, where public sentiment is strongly in favour of it. No, where it isn't. Now this is a plain statement of fact, demonstrated by experience wherever a prohibition law has been tried. Several States of the Union have constitutional prohibition backed by supplementary laws for its operation. In each of those States the success or failure of the law is owing entirely to the kind of public sentiment behind it. In the rural counties or districts as a rule public sentiment is strongly in favour of prohibition, and there the law is generally enforced. In the large cities it is not enforced simply because public sentiment does not demand that it shall be. Then what do they really have in those States? In form they have constitutional prohibition; in actual practice they have "local option." But there is one thing they do not have which we do have in connection with local option in Michigan. They have no means of restricting or regulating the liquor traffic in those places where prohibition does not prohibit. They cannot inflict the penalty of a high tax on the traffic; it is free and goes on unrestricted in defiance of the law. A high tax and stringent regu-lation would very largely decrease the number of places where liquor is sold in those cities where prohibition cannot be enforced. In all other localities where prohibition can be enforced it could be secured just as well under a local option law as under State prohibition. Therefore, we claim that Michigan has to-day more effective methods for prohibiting the saloon traffic than has Maine, or any other State under constitutional or statutory prohibition. We claim this because we know that "prohibition does not prohibit" in places where public sentiment is not in favour of it. In Bangor and in Portland, in the old prohibition State of Maine, are many grogshops which could be wiped out by a high tax law. If this were done don't you believe it would be better for the cause of temperance in that State? Isn't it better to curtail the traffic in those places where it exists in defiance of law than to let it go entirely unrestricted ? The point we make is already understood, viz. : that a local option law coupled with a high tax and stringent regulation laws is the most practical and effective method of prohibiting the liquor traffic that can be devised or applied. And we believe that all good temperance people who are after results rather than impossible ends will agree with us. Let it always be borne in mind that whenever public sentiment in any county in Michigan is up to that point where it can enforce prohibition, that county can at once secure prohibition under the present local option law. Where Michigan cannot suppress the traffic entirely it restricts it; where Maine cannot suppress it, it lets it go unrestricted. With an eye single to best results we think Michigan will beat Maine.—Detroit Tribune.

THE FUTURE OF THE DRAMA.

DIVINES and scholars hopefully regard the future of the theatre as a grand helpmate in the education and culture of the nation. A willing hand will be given to any scheme which promises to give us an improved theatre, to elevate the standard of the art. The munificent support given by the people of England to Henry Irving, the loving estimation in which our own Edwin Booth is held by our own people, the sympathy which the public seems eager to extend to any of those who carry their ermine unstained, are indications of the popular feeling. It is the duty of the actor to meet this feeling at least half way, to give his hearty aid in any movement which looks to the improvement of the theatre, and by his own life to echo the good thoughts which are born of hope in the general heart. Many schemes suggest themselves, but the length of this article prevents their mention here. The simplest plan will be the best, the plan which leavens our ranks from below. We must by a caution in the admission of unfit or unworthy members to the novitiate, create an *esprit de corps* which will be jealous of the purity of the whole order and cause each actor, high or low, to share the artist feeling. We can thus lay a foundation deep and broad, by which we shall not only preserve what is good of our traditions, but render it impossible for future evil to creep in. All true lovers of art will aid us, a liberal public will gladly sustain us, and we shall have shown the lovers of the theatre that we are not indifferent or careless where the interests of the Drama are concerned.—North American Review.

MR. RUSKIN ON OUTLINE DRAWING.

TRULY, putting all likings for old fashions out of the way, it remains certain that in a given time and with simple means, a man of imaginative power can do more, and express more, and excite the fancy of the specta-

tor more, by frank outline than by completed work; and that assuredly there ought to be in all our national art schools an outline class trained to express themselves vigorously and accurately in that manner. Were there no other reason for such lessoning, it is a sufficient one that there are modes of genius which become richly productive in that restricted manner; and yet by no training could be raised into the excellence of painting. Neither Bewick nor Cruikshank in England, nor Retsch nor Ludwig Richter in Germany, could ever have become painters, their countrymen owe more to their unassuming instinct of invention than to the most exalted efforts of their historical schools. But it must be noted, in passing, that the practice of outline in England, and I suppose partly in continental academies also, has been both disgraced and arrested by the endeavour to elevate it into the rendering of ideal and heroic form, especially to the delineation of groups of statuary. Neither flesh nor sculptured marble can be outlined. And the endeavour to illustrate classical art and histori-cal essays on it, by outlines of sculpture and architecture, has done the double harm of making outline common and dull, and preventing the public from learning that the merit of sculpture is in its surfaces, not in outlines. The computing data is a surface of an endeavour of supervision of a surface of a surfac The essential value of outlines is in its power of suggesting quanoutlines. tity, intricacy, and character, in accessory detail, and in the richly ornamented treatment which can be carried over large spaces which in a finished painting must be lost in shade .--- Magazine of Art.

THE HIGHLANDERS AT THE BATTLE OF ALMA.

Our fine brigade of Guards was severely cut up when the Highlanders drew near, and then, as Kinglake tells us, a man in one of the regiments reforming on the slope cried, in the deep and honest bitterness of his heart, "Let the Scotsmen go on : they'll do the work !" and with his three kilted battalions, Sir Colin, whose horse was shot under him, advanced to meet twelve of the enemy. "Now, men," said he, "you are going into action; and remember this, that whoever is wounded---I don't care what his rank is-must lie where he falls. No soldier must carry off wounded men. If any man does such a thing, his name shall be stuck up in his parish kirk. Be steady—keep silence—fire low! Now, men, the army is watching us ! Make me proud of my Highland Brigade !" So beautifully does the author of Eothen-an eye-witness of this part of the battledescribe their movements, that we cannot resist quoting him again. "The ground they had to ascend was a good deal more steep and broken than the slope close beneath the redoubt. In the land where those Scots are bred there are shadows of sailing clouds skimming up the mountain side, and their paths are rugged and steep; yet their course is smooth, easy, and swift. Smoothly, easily, and swiftly the Black Watch seemed to glide up the hill. A few instants before, and their tartans ranged dark in the val-ley; now their plumes were on the crest." Another line came on in *échelon*, and another still-the Cameron and the Sutherland Highlanders. And now to the eyes of the superstitious Russians, the strange uniforms of those bare-kneed troops seemed novel, and even terrible; their white, waving sporrans were taken for the heads of low horses; and they cried to each other that the angel of light had departed, and that the demon of death had come. A close and deadly fire was now poured into these "gray blocks," as Russell calls the Russian squares. No particular sound followed, save the yells of the wounded, while the Highlanders "cast about" to reload ; but after their next volley a strange rattling noise was heard, as the bullets fell like rain among the tin canteens and kettles which the enemy carried outside their knapsacks, for they were all right about face A wail of despair floated over those gray coated masses of Musconow. vite infantry as they broke and fled, throwing away muskets, knapsacks, and everything that might encumber their flight; and now for the first time rose the Highland cheer. - Cassell's British Battles on Land and Sea.

FREDERICK DENISON MAURICE.

THE actual contribution which Maurice made to the development of philosophic or theologic thought does not consist in any treatise which may serve as an armoury for polemic uses. The great power which he exercised over the minds of men was in his varied application of a few simple, profound truths. His distinction, for example, of the idea of eternal from that of everlasting, while not original with him, was in his hands a candle with which he lighted many dark passages. His controversy with Mansel showed him inferior to his antagonist in logical fence; but what with Mansel was a philosophic position was with Maurice a terribly practical truth, and he was constantly expressing it, not in terms of philosophy, but in terms of history, politics, and ethics. It was the illuminating power of truth which Maurice knew how to use. Many a student of his writings has gone to them for an exegesis of some passage of the Bible, and come away with a revelation which put to shame his small measures of textual truth. It is a favourite advice of commentators; Study the context; but Maurice's context was likely enough a piece of current English history or an extract from Plato. No theologian of recent days has so broken down middle walls of partition in the minds of men.—Horace Scudder.

THE ENGLISH IN BARBADOES.

BARBADOES is as unlike in appearance as it is in social condition to Trinidad or the Antilles. There are no mountains in it, no forests, no rivers, and as yet no small freeholders. The blacks, who number nearly 200,000 in an island not larger than the Isle of Wight, are labourers, working for wages on the estates of large proprietors. Land of their own they have none, for there is none for them. Work they must, for they cannot live otherwise. Thus every square yard of soil is cultivated, and

turn your eyes where you will you see houses, sugar canes, and sweet Two hundred and fifty years of occupation have imprinted potatoes. strongly an English character; parish churches, solid and respectable, the English language, the English police and parochial system. However it may be in the other islands, England in Barbadoes is still a solid fact. The headquarters of the West Indian troops are there. There is a commander-in-chief residing in a "Queen's House," so-called. There is a savannah where there are English barracks under avenues of almond and mahogany. Red coats are scattered about the grass. Officers canter about playing polo, and naval and military uniforms glitter at the side of carriages, and horsemen and horsewomen take their evening rides, as well mounted and as well dressed as you can see in Rotten Row. B rbadoes is thus in pleasing contrast with the conquered islands which we have not taken the trouble to assimilate. In them remain the wrecks of the French civilization which we superseded, but we have planted nothing of our own. Barbadoes, the European aspect of it at any rate, is English throughout. James Anthony Froude.

A BROKEN HEART.

THE important function in the animal economy filled by the heart has always been recognized, and as its action is visible and palpable — sometimes unduly so-people of whose education physiology formed no part have handed down to us a variety of expressions embodying the idea that reason, memory, the emotions, etc., were all located within this very useful organ. One of these expressions is that of a "broken heart"—the result of grief or shock. How such an expression could have come into general use is rather a puzzle. rather a puzzle. A broken (ruptured) heart would of necessity entail a very speedy demise, and joyful tidings would be much more likely to effect such an occurrence by accelerating the circulation and increasing the blood pressure. It must be taken, we suppose, to mean a "broken spirit"-the collapse of the body consequent on extreme depression of the mind. Now and again, however, we meet with a veritable case of "broken heart," though not associated with any particular mental condition. Such a one presented itself a short time since at a workhouse in Liverpool. At the post-mortem examination of a woman, aged sixty, the heart was found to be the seat of a veritable rupture, extending from the apex upwards, due simply and purely to natural causes in the sense that no violence had contributed to the catastrophe. This occurrence is sufficiently rare to ren-der the "specimen" one worth preserving.—Medical Press.

THE INFLUENCE OF ORATORS.

INSTITUTIONS are the slow growths of centuries. The orator cuts them down in a day. The tree falls, and the hand that wields the axe is admired and applauded. The speeches of Demosthenes and Cicero pass into literature, and are studied as models of language. But Demosthenes and Cicero with the speeches of their times their language and Cicero did not understand the facts of their times; their language might be beautiful, and their sentiments notable, but with their fine words and sentiments they only misled their countrymen. The periods where the orator is supreme are marked always by confusion and disintegration. Goethe could say of Luther that he had thrown back for centuries the spiritual cultivation of mankind, by calling the passions of the multitude to judge of matters which should have been left to the thinkers. We ourselves are just now in one of those uneasy periods, and we have decided that orators are the fittest people to rule over us. The constituencies choose their members according to the fluency of their tongues. Can he make a speech? is the one test of competency for a legislator, and the most persuasive of the whole we make prime minister. We admire the man for his gifts, and we accept what he says for the manner in which man for his gifts, and we accept what he support the user of the second No And such is the nature of him that he can convince himself of anything which it is his interest to believe. These are the persons who are now regarded as our wisest. It was not always so. It is not so now with nations who are in a sound state of health. The Americans, when they choose a P_{rest} President or a Secretary of State, or any functionary from whom they require wise action, do not select these famous speech-ma kers. Such periods do not last, for the condition which they bring about becomes always of our race. always intolerable. I do not believe in the degeneracy of our race. believe the present generation of Englishmen to be capable of all that their fail fathers were, possibly of more; but we are just now in a moulting state, and are sick while the process is going on. —James Anthony Froude.

SIR HENRY ROSCOE has been writing a paper on saccharine, the new sweetening substance, which has engrossed much attention in the medical world since it was beneficially used in the case of the Crown Prince. Sir llenry, in common with all authorities, admits the immense value of the product in pharmacy, but alleges that its price puts it out of competition with sugar as an article of common use. Saccharine, as is by this time pretty well known, is a product gained out of coal tar by a German chemist, as the result of many years' patient investigation. Towards the end of last year an enterprising London tirm purchased the right of sale in England. Miayor of London, have been associated in the distribution of the new commodity, which, through their widely spread agencies, they are introducing to the notice of grocers. Saccharine is sold at the rate of 4s. 9d. per ounce.—Court Journal.

THE SUN.

I HAVE bowed down to kiss a faultless flower,

And worshipped God in many a drop of dew;

- I have rejoiced to feel the cooling shower, And yearning gazed in heaven's illusive blue.
- But I have known a grander joy by far; Nor tear nor shout can e'er that grandeur tell;
- The luckless words I utter only mar The harmonies that in my bosom swell,

When I behold the sun, and on his glories dwell.

Of all these humbler things he is the source; Upon the just and unjust falls his ray; The darkness flees before his sweeping course, He chases all our sleepless fears away. From earth's pollution turns he not aside; Emblem of changeless mercy, love divine! He knows each spot in his dominions wide, And each is gladdened by his smile benign; As he has ever shone so may he ever shine.

University College.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

THE JEWS; OR, PREDICTION AND FULFILMENT: AN ARGUMENT FOR THE TIMES. By Samuel H. Kellogg, D.D. New edition, with an Appendix. New York: Anson D. F. Randolph and Company.

The intrinsic merits of this work have, after the lapse of only a few years, called for a second edition. It is, from the standpoint of a thorough believer in the literal inspiration of the Bible, an exceedingly able and candid presentation of the arguments based on prophecy, and the past history and present status of the "chosen people," in favour of the view "sooner or later the world will witness the reinstatement of the that Jewish nation in the land of their fathers. They will not, as some suppose, be merged in the nations among whom they are scattered, and so lose their nationality, but, restored to their own land, they will continue a nation forever." Dr. Kellogg's arguments will no doubt be controverted and his conclusions questioned; but the merits of his work will be generally admitted. He advances no fanciful theories. No one can read his book without being convinced of the intensity of his convictions and affected more or less by the potency of his arguments. "The facts in regard to the Jews are familiar in their leading features : they are to be observed in our streets, and may be gathered from our daily press"; but Dr. Kellogg's summary of the Jew's status in the controlling spheres of life presents facts which to all will be interesting, and to the many must be even startling. In finance the Jew has long been paramount. He has, it is said, made wars and commanded peace. His control of the purse strings of the world is not confined to banks and bourses. He influences public opinion in the press, in college lecture rooms, in Christian pulpits, and in the club rooms of socialists and anarchists. "It is an indisputable fact," says Dr. Kellogg,—"a matter of frequent comment—that within the past hundred years an unprecedented change has taken place in the condition of the Jewish nation. That period has witnessed, in the first place, a political emancipation of the nation through the largest part of Christendom, which is still progressing, and is favoured by the dominant principles and tendencies of the age; it has witnessed, again, a tendency of the nation almost everywhere to organization in various ways for national purposes ; a remarkable increase in their numbers; a rapid transfer of wealth from the Gentiles to the Jews; the rapid rise of the Jews, wherever emancipated, to positions of power and influence; along with all this, distress and judgments upon the Gentile nations among whom the Jews are found, which distress and danger are to be traced, to a remarkable extent-directly or indirectly,---to Jewish influence; while, last of all, has begun, in spite of much opposition within and without the nation, a steady movement of the Jews to possess the land of their fathers, favoured more and more by all the political tendencies of the time." Dr. Kellogg has the art of presenting his subject attractively without any obvious endeavour on his part. His unmistakable earnestness continuously allures the reader. His style is concise, nervous, and effect-ive; although the somewhat careless literary form of the pulpit and the platform is here and there noticeable throughout the book.

THE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE in reduced *fac-simile* from the famous first folio edition of 1623. With an introduction by J. O. Halliwell-Phillips. New York : Funk and Wagnalls.

"It may be safely asserted," says Mr. Halliwell-Phillips, "without fear of the writer being accused of exaggeration, that the First Folio Edition of Shakespeare is the most interesting and valuable book in the whole range of English literature. And its value increases every day, for day by day it is more clearly ascertained that many of the subtler meanings of passages in the works of Shakespeare depend upon minute indications and peculiarities which are alone to be traced in the original printed text." It is certain, at all events, that it is a book of immense value to the Shakespearian scholar, altogether apart from its value to the book collector. It is the "sole authority for the texts of such masterpieces as The Tempest, Macbeth, Twelfth Night, Measure for Measure, Coriolanus, Julius Cæsar; Timon of Athens, Antony and Cleopatra, Cymbeline, As You like It, and the Winters'

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Tale: The editors, Hemming and Condell, after lamenting that ""the author himself had not lived to have set forth and overseen his own writ-' referring to "the divers stolen and surreptitious copies, marred and ings, deformed by the frauds and stealths of injurious impostors that exposed assert that even those are now offered "cured and perfect in them. their limbs, and all the rest, absolute in their numbers as he conceived them ; who, as he was a happy imitator of nature, was a gentle expresser of it; his mind and heart went together, and what he thought he uttered with that easiness that we have scarce received from him a blot on his papers." In Horne Tooke's time the edition was so scarce and dear that few persons could obtain a copy. It was originally published at twenty shillings. Now "the average value of a perfect copy is $\pounds 500$, and one very fine example, in the possession of Lady Burdett Coutts, cost that lady, at the Daniel sale, no less a sum than $\pounds 774$." Shakesperian litera-ture, and especially Shakesperian literature of a critical or controversial network is full of references to the First Folic , and the placement of refer nature, is full of references to the First Folio; and the pleasure and profit of readers and students will be greatly enhanced by reference to the very words and form of the original text. Modern science has rendered this possible; and the publishers deserve much credit for their enterprise in bringing out this rare work in a conveniently reduced form at a price so low as to be within the reach of all, and the owner of a copy will be for all practical purposes "on a level with the envied possessors of the farfamed original.'

THAT deservedly popular work, The Chronicles of the Schönberg-Cotta Family, has been published in paper covers and in handsome cloth binding, by John B. Alden, New York, at characteristically low prices.

THE March number of Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine, in addition to some short stories, several further chapters of His Banner Over Me, and the conclusion of Mary Linskill's In Exchange for a Soul, has a number of illustrated biographical sketches, and poetical and other contributions. Probably the most important feature is an appreciative, biographical and critical account of Helen Hunt Jackson (H. H.).

THE CANADA PERMANENT LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY .- This Company is one of the largest, and without doubt, one of the soundest financial institutions in the Dominion. Every year adds to its prosperity and its Through it Old Country capital finds a safe and remunerative strength. field for investment, and Canadian borrowers are enabled to obtain money on terms not merely fair but decidedly advantageous. Notwithstanding the unmistakable hard times of the past year, "the obligations of bor-rowers have been fairly met." The rate of interest has advanced, a circumstance on which shareholders may congratulate themselves, but which will not be regarded with equal complacency by those whose mort-gages are stored away in the Company's vaults. The Canada Permanent gages are stored away in the Company's vaults. has now existed for nearly a quarter of a century. It has had a strong directorate with few changes except those that were inevitable in the course of years. It has been exceptionally fortunate in having, from its inception, an exceedingly able Manager. Mr. Mason has now an enviable reputation in the money markets of Britain; and the unvarying success that has marked his management finds its fitting recognition in the increasing popularity of the Company's debentures among English capitalists and investors. It should be mentioned that this Company has been doing the country good service by pressing upon the Government, and procuring, the introduction of the Torrens system of land transfer. This This system now prevails over a large portion of the Province, and will doubtless be generally adopted before many years.

TORONTO OPERA HOUSE. - The Cincinnati Telegram says of Never Say Die, to be played at this popular House, commencing on Monday next :---^{''} It is really a great show, Joe Dowling's Never Say Die, at the Casino this week, and it opened yesterday to decidedly the best business of the season. The play is intensely interesting and the company of thirty-five or forty people a very good one, competent to give adequate rendition to almost any work. Mr. Dowling plays the hero, Jack Wallingford, in a masterly manner, and pretty Nellie Page does full justice to a charming part, Drift, the heroine. In the third act--under the famous Brooklyn Bridge--on a river of real water, are seen ferryboats and rowboats plying about, and in that act Drift is thrown into the river by the villain of the piece, and is rescued from peril and death by Wallingford, who makes a magnificent plunge into seven feet of water and appears with her in his arms. There has not been seen in this city anything more perfect in the way of realistic stage setting than this one of Never Say Die, and it will not only be a present delight but a future tradition."

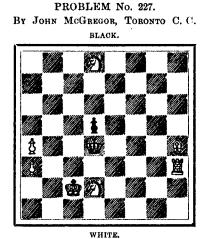
seen in this city anything more perfect in the way of realistic stage setting than this one of Never Say Die, and it will not only be a present delight but a future tradition." GRAND OFERA HOUSE.—The Boston Herald says of Dorothy, which will be presented at the Grand next week by the Duff Comic Opera Co. :—Manager J. C. Duff of the Standard Theatre, New York, brought his comic opera company to the Hollis Street Theatre last evening, and gave the first performance here of Messrs Alfred Cellier and B. C. Stephenson's Dorothy, a comic opera in three acts, which has held the stage in London since a year ago last October, and has had an extended run at the Standard Theatre in New York, under Manager Duff's direction. The good judgment of Manager Rich in securing Dorothy as an attraction for the senson at the Hollis Street Theatra was amply proven in last night's performance, as an immense audience of the best class of amusement patrons attended, and gave an emphatic indorsement of the opera, and the manner in which it was presented by Manager Duff's company. Miss Lillian Russell's success in the tile role was greater than in any of her previous efforts here, her voice appearing to have gained much in quality and in volume since last season, and the singer's use of it shows a steady advance in its artistic development. In several of the concerted numbers she gave a rare brilliancy to the score by her true, pure tones, and in all her work she was most satisfactory. Miss Stone gave good support in the concerted music, and seconded her more dashing companion with good success in the stage business of the several scenes. Miss Halton proved a very pleasing artist, and is to be commended for some quite enjoyable work in the song for Phyllis, referred to above, which was re-demanded. Mr. Oudin has a capital high baritone voice, which he uses with rare skill and good taste, and he made a permanent success as the young gallant, while his singing of the leading numbers of the role, especially the song, "I stand at your t

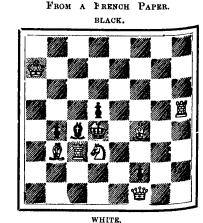
CHESS.

THE WEEK, in setting apart to this subject a space in each issue, aims primarily to enable the many lovers of the noble game to learn what is being done on its behalf in our midst. It is worthy of notice that there exists just now an unprecedented circumstance in the chess world. Before the era of international tournaments there was always some one recognized as the highest authority. Since these were instituted the title to the championship has been openly earned. Many causes have conspired to deprive the votaries of chess of a generally recognized chieftain, and of these, perhaps the most decisive may be found in the increased interest taken in the subject throughout all civilized countries. For while to no individual player can the supremacy be conceded, there never was a period when so many players of a high degree of excellence were contemporaries. Some of those old enough to remember the latter part of the era during which Howard Staunton so worthily bore the honours of the championship may, perhaps, deem this a somewhat boastful pretension. No one can refuse to recognize the lustre of the services rendered to chess by such men as Anderssen, Lowenthal, Szen, Horwitz, Harrwitz, Jaenisch, Buckle, Bird, and others scarcely less able. The claim is, that a larger list could be made of living players of at least equal eminence. The earlier band owe their abiding place in our remembrance quite as much to Mr. Staunton's faithful editorial labours as to their own merits. The popularity of the Handbook and Companion fostered skill in chess to an extent which the works of no other author can rival. Following the close of this period came the meteor-like career of a young man from New Orleans. The name of Morphy has a place alone in the annals of chess;

"Little need to speak Of Lancelot in his glory : King, duke, earl, Count, baron-whom he smote, he overthrew."

Living critics of undoubted ability attempt to prove that the most brilliant of his recorded efforts were the outcome of unsound combinations. Any player of experience must admit the unfairness of such *post-mortem* analyses. It is the error of those who would give to chess the rank of a pure science. The only feature really common to both is that they alike exclude the element of chance. A certain class of chess endings do admit of exact determination, but though thousands of treatises have been written on Chess Openings, the fact remains, that there is hardly a regular *début* upon the merits of which authorities are agreed; whilst the middle game defies the limitation of fixed methods. Chess is merely an intellectual game, the extravagant eulogies of enthusiasts like Benjamin Franklin to the contrary notwithstanding. It is worthier than other games only to the extent it calls forth and trains a wider range of higher mental faculties. If this be granted, then it need only be said that Morphy surpassed every known individual in the exercise of the requisite mental powers. That is all. Chess is progressive and perfection is practically unattainable. THE WEEK will be content if it should be a means of enabling Canada to maintain a creditable place in the practice of this best and most cosmopolitan of intellectual recreations. Side by side with masterpieces from abroad, native original work of merit, whether games, problems, analyses of openings or endings, will be welcomed. It is obvious that the full success of such a plan will largely be dependent upon the cooperation of the many skilled players scattered throughout this Province.





PROBLEM No. 228.

White to play and mate in three moves.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Game between Mr. B., of Toronto, and Mr. A., of Montreal :-

Mr. B. Mr. A. Mr. B. Mr.	A.
White. Black. White. Bla	ick.
1. P-K4 P-K4 11. Q-K2 K-B	2
2. Kt-K B 3 $P-K B 4 (a)$ 12. B-Kt 5 K R-	-K 1
3. $P \times P(b)$ Kt-Q B 3 (c) 13. B x Kt B x B	
4. B-B 4 Kt-B 3 14. Q-R 5 + B-K	
5. Castles $P-Q4$ 15. $Q-B3$ $P-B$	
6. B-Kt 3 B x P 16. Kt-B 3 $K-K$	
7. Kt x P Kt x Kt 17. Kt x P (d) B-B 10^{-10} Kt x P (d) B-B	
8. $R-K1$ B-Q 3 9. $P-Q4$ B-K2 18. $Kt \times B + P \times K$ 19. $Q \times KBP$ R $\times R$	
9. P-Q 4 B-K 2 19. Q x K B P R x R 10. R x Kt Q-Q 2 20. Q x B + and black residual control of the second contecontecond control of the second control of the second	

(a) The Greco Counter Gambit.
 (b) Kt takes P is the better move.
 (c) He should have played P to Q 3.
 (d) Black has no good move in reply to this. Solutions next week.

OTTAWA CHESS CLUB.

The meetings are now held on the evenings of Monday and Friday, in the hall of the Literary and Scientific Society, Sparks Street, instead of Wednesday and Saturday as formerly. Members are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

CANADIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION.

The tourney resulted as follows: N. MacLeod, Quebec, a boy of sixteen years, carried off the trophy cup, valued at \$120, and first prize, \$20; E. Pope, Quebec, second prize, \$15; and J. E. Narraway, Ottawa, third prize, \$10.—Ottawa Citizen.

CANADA PERMANENT LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Shareholders was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., in the Company's building, Toronto St., E. Hooper, Esq., in the chair. The Directors submitted the following report :-It affords the Directors much pleasure to be able to report another year of satisfactory business, and a further improvement in the condition of the Company. The cash receipts for the year were, from deposits \$356,040, on debentures \$543,605, and from mortgages \$1,872,806. The improvements made in the Company's building have produced an increase in receipts, the net rental for the year reaching upwards of six thousand dollars. A gratifying augmentation is observable in the debenture account, which has increased

A gratifying augmentation is observable in the debenture account, which has increased from \$4,317,878 to \$4,636,140, notwithstanding the lower rate of interest offered. Parliamentary authority having been conferred on the Company to issue debenture stock and to open an office in Great Britain or elsewhere for the registration and transfer thereof, it is intended to place a portion of the Company's liabilities in that form at a convenient opportunity. The amount lent was \$1,416,069, and the gross amount secured by mortgages on real estate now held is \$9,006,414. The total assets amount to \$9,555,106, showing an increase during the year of \$253,491. After paying the usual half-yearly dividends of six per cent. each, as well as the Shareholders' income tax thereon, and providing in anticipation for possible loss or doubtful securities, the net profits of the year have enabled the Directors to add \$13,996 to the Contingent Fund, which now amounts to \$114,375. The Reserve Fund remains at \$1,180,000.

\$1,180,000.
The demand for loans has been good, more especially during the latter part of the year, and more remunerative rates have been and are now obtained, the effect of which will be felt in future years.
In consequence of the extreme heat and drought of last summer, the harvest in Ontario was considerably below the average, but the reports from Manitoba indicate an unprecedentedly large yield of the finest description of wheat, which, notwithstanding continued low prices, must have a beneficial effect upon the prosperity of that Province. It has already produced a decided improvement in the receipts on account of Manitoba loans. The country is to be congratulated on the passage, by the Legislature of Ontario, of a measure for applying the Torrens system of land transfer to the outlying districts, the area of which comprises more than one-half the territorial extent of the Province. The duly audied statements herewith submitted furnish evidence that the Company continues to maintain the high position which for so many years it has uninterruptedly held.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. HOOPER, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. CASH ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1887.

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Balance, January 1st, 1887 Montgages and other securities	\$81,663 3 1,872,806 \$	55
	356,040 1 543,605 1	17
Rentals	6,052	30
	\$2,860,167	51
Loans on real estate		
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Municipal debendence and a	\$1,416,069 (17,276 1	13
Delogits repaid	448.078 (00
Interest on deposits, debentures, etc	225,343 238,710 269,891	14
Municipal tax on dividend -	269,891 (4,147 (09 60
Distingues day on dividends	57.153	59
Repayments chargeable to mortgagors.	4,655	22
Inspe tion to agents and appraisers	20.261 3,588	
Cost of management. Company's building (completion) Legal Expenses Exchances	46,699	70
Legal Expenses	4,186 1	
Exchange	317	20
Balance.	103,187	87
	\$2,860,167	51
Sixt. A PROFIT AND LOSS.		
Bixty-fourth dividend. Bixty-fifth dividend. Municipal tux on dividenda	\$138,000 138,000	00
Municipal tax on dividends	4,147	60
Contingent fund, additional thereto	13,996	77
Net	\$294,144	37
Net profits, after providing for interest on deposits and debentures, cost of man- agement, etc., etc.	\$294,14 4	37
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ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.	\$294,144	
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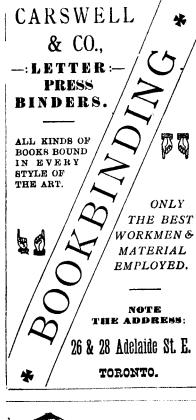
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