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WINTER THOUGHTS.

Once more our earth 's white and clean, Once more are hid the green and rose; The verdant fields, the flowers we loved, Are underneath the winter's snows.

And hid are all unsightly things; The city's streets and lanes are fair; And pleasantly the sleigh-bells ring Out on this ley, northern alr.

The kindly snow hath covered up The bare, brown earth, to keep her warm While in her mighty breast as eep. The seeds of life lie safe from harm.

Down in deep dells where violets hide On little graves but newly made. Where some dear lambs ite side by side, The pure white snow is softly spread.

One vast white plain the prairie shines, Almost too dazz'ing to behold; Till sunset falls, then are its snows Alight with crimson, blent with gold. Now speed the skaters o'er the ice, On shining steels they seem to fly Now here, now there, they glide and dart And so the happy hours go by.

While those who love the snow-shoe tramp In merry parties scour the plain, The early moon her silver lamp Hath lighted e'er they turn again.

Now home they hie, and welcome sight, The well-filed board and smoking urn, The glowing fire and cheeriul light. All greet the loved ones' safe return.

O golden hours of sunny youth, Too swift ye speed beyond recall; "Its well that Hope, and Love, and Truth, Remain a heritage to all.

To cheer our wintry age. an gild With sunset gleams life's fading ray, 'Till breaks the morn that knows no night, Resplendent ever shining day.

THE AMULE.T

CHAPTER VIII.

SIMON TURCHI TRIES TO CONCEAL HIS CRIME

(CONTINUED.)

Suddenly a happy idea seemed to occur to him, for his face brightened; he arose and said :

"Julio, you must leave the country it is your only means of safety."

"I leave the country !" said Julio and you, signor?"

"Would that I could accompany you ! but I cannot say as you can: 'Where my body is, there is all 1 have and all I care for.' I must of necessity remain here; I have many interests to detain

me." Julio was astonished by the advice.

"Where shall I go? In Italy a price is set on my head; I dare not be seen beyond the mountains. It is too late for me to leave for England ; there are no vessels ready to sail. What could I do in Germany, ignorant of the language of

the country and without means of subsistence ?" "Save your life, Julic ; go to Germany,"

id Turchi. "I will give you money,

mon. "You will leave immediately for ly dug. Perhaps, through respect for drew two bottles from his doublet and at the very first village, and do not stop has worn away. I will say nothing of you are asked why you have undertaken it, show the letter; but once in Cologne, do not present the letter to Mazzuchelli. Two hundred crowns! that is a fortune, Julio. With that you can live luxuriously for two or three years. And what difference will it make whether you know the language of the country or not. Money understands and speaks all lan-

guages." 'And when the two hundred crowns are spent, what will become of me !' said the servant.

'I will not forsake you, Julio,' said Turchi. 'Whenever you need money, inform me of it, and I will send you enough to keep you from want. But you must change your name and simply notify me that you need more money to continue your business. And your new name? It seems to me that "Marco Caztagno" would answer. What say you? Julio shook his head doubtfully, muttering between his teeth. Although the promise of two hundred crowns was seductive, he hesitated to accept his master's proposition.

'Why deliberate so long ? said Simon. I offer you a certain means of escaping the gallows, and you hesitate! Moreover, I secure you a life of ease, independent, without cares, the free joyous life of a lord, and yet you refuse.'

Julio seemed to have come to a deci-

"Will you give me two hundred crowns?' he demanded.

'Before my departure.' 'Immediately.'

sion.

'Give them to me. I am in a hurry to depart.'

•I will go for them,' said Turchi, leaving the room.

Julio seated himself and rested his head upon his hands. But he had not long for reflection ; his master returned after a short absence.

Simon Turchi held a purse in his hands. He went to the table and counted out four piles of gold pieces. The sight of so much money made an

impression on Julio, and he approached the table. Joy sparkled in his eyes, and whilst he contemplated the shining pieces, he nodded his head with an air

Germany, and reach the Rhine as soon me, the bailiff may exempt my lands one from under his cloak, placed them as possible. I will give you two hundred from search. In either case I will wait upon the table and looked at them longcrowns. Procure a carriage and horse until the impression made by the murder ingly.

until you are in a place of safety. To you, except that you left me in conse- mess first. Your bewitching smile prevent any detention on the way, I will quence of a sharp rebuke, and that I do give you a letter to Signor Mazzuchelli, a not know what has become of you. As my friends; an hour hence we banker at Cologne. If on the journey soon as the present excitement subsides and the search is abandoned, I promise it, say that you are on urgent business to recall you. Now will you go to the for your master, and if necessity require pavilion and accomplish faithfully what I advise ?' I will.

'Do not forget your new name.' 'Marco Castagno. It is easily remem

bered.' Yes; Marco Castagno, and you are travelling on business. I had nearly forgotten the letter of recommendation. Wait here an instant; do not come down-stairs. I will write at once.'

When Julio was left alone he put his hand into his pocket, clinked the gold coins, and drew out a handful for the pleasure of contemplating them; but he soon returned the money to his doublet, and fell into deep thought.

'If,' he muttered, 'I could only set off at once! Here I am obliged to pass a wnole night in that accursed pavilion ! The signor thinks that Geronimo has been buried for five days, and his corpse is still above ground. To fill up the grave is not much. Suppose I let that alone, and leave this evening with the money? No, no; I will execute faithtully what I promised. My master is so generous to me, I will show him that I am not ungrateful.'

'Here is the letter of recommendation,' said Simon Turchi, entering the room. "It is in the name of Marco Castagno. Forget your other names, and be prudent, remembering that the least indiscretion might cost our lives. Go to the pavillion, Julio. I bid you adieu, with the hope of soon seeing you again at Antwerp.'

'Shall I not take my clothes, signor, or a travelling cloak?'

'No; the cloak you have on will suffice. Were you seen with any baggage, your intention might be suspected. Appear indifferent. You can buy whatever you may need.'

The servant extended his hand to his master, and going to the door, said : 'Adieu, signor; if you do not fail to

aid me when I am in want, I will keep your secret faithfully.' Julio descended the staircase and

walked slowly down the street.

His master opened the window and watched him until he was out of sight Simon Turchi drew a long breath, as

'No, no, not now; presently ! Buscannot seduce me. Patience,

will become acquainted. To fill up a grave and roll some empty casks into the cellar is a small matter. But it is getting so dark that I can no longer distingush the image of emperor on the gold pieces; I must light the lamp.

Taking a wooden box from the mantlepiece, he drew out a flint and struck it. It was some time before the tinder took fire, and Julio laughed at his own failures; but at last he succeeded in his efforts, and a large lamp made the whole room bright with its rays.

Julio approached the table and said : 'Now at least I can gratify the desire which has irritated my nerves during the last hour. To possess two hundred pounds, to be as rich as a banker, to feel my pockets weighed down by gold, and still unable to feast my eyes on the treasure! Now I am alone; there is no one to ask whence it came. The time has arrived. I may enjoy my wealth without anxiety !'

He drew an arm-chair to the table, reclined in it comfortably with extended limbs, and placed the gold coin by handfuls under the light of the lamp.

After searching his pocket and doublet and convincing himself that all the crowns were spread out before him, he heaped them up and ran his hand through them as if to enjoy the sparkle and jingle of the gold. He held his breath, for fear of losing the least sound; with eyes wide open he contemplated the brilliant treasure.

TO BE CONTINUED.

HUMOROUS.

'Why is a nomination to office called an empty honor, father?' Because, my son,' was the solemn reply 'it seldom fails to empty the pocket of the victim of the nomination.'

The Emperor of Japan has conferred the order of the 'Rising Sun' on five Americans, and it is extremely doubtful if even one of them gets up early enough to see the sun rise.

'Did you break your father's will? 'Yes.' I suppose then you are quite rich now!, 'No poorer than before.' 'How is that?" You see I broke the will, but the lawyer broke me.'

'Did you go to the masquerade last

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plenty of money." The deep red of the scar on his mas

ter's face, his expression of cunning, his evident satisfaction, made Julio suspect some deception. He was unable at first to imagine his secret design ; but a light suddenly broke upon his mind, and reclaimed :

"What an odious trap you are setting for me! You intend to accuse me of the murder in my absence? And while poor Julio, charged with a double crime, finds no resting spot upon the earth, you will enjoy here in entire security, in If in two or three months I could bring the midst of wealth and honor, the price of the innocent blood which you have shed. No, no, I will bring no new anathema on my head."

"You are silly, Julio," said Simon Turchi, disdainfully. "Should we be arrested to morrow, and the truth known, would you not be equally punished for having treacherously pushed Geronimo into the chàir ?"

"Yes; but all would know that l neither conceived the crime, nor profited by its commission."

"A fine consolation to contend on the scaffold, said the signor ironically, respeak to you plainly and without reserve. you to pass the night at the pavilion, I will state my conditions; if you refuse them, then all is at an end between us. Each of us is at liberty to save himself even at the sacrifice of the other. The feel myself obliged, for my own security, Lucca who you are."

The servant regarded his master with an expression of disgust and aversion. "These are my conditions," said Si. discover that the earth had been recent

of satisfaction.

'You see,' said Simon, 'that the sum is correct, and you will uot find the gold heavy to carry. Now put it in your doublet. Going down stairs, I reflected upon your good-will, and I considered whether I might not avoid accusing you coiling with horror and anger, he ex. of the murder of Geronimo, and my friendship for you suggested a means. Now that I am sure of being able, under any circumstances, of exculpating my self, it is not necessary for me to bring any accusation against you. Besides, Julio, I dislike to be separated from you. you back without danger, I would be delighted.

> 'I would be well pleased, signor,' said Julio, with a sigh.

"In order to secure this chance to ourselves, Julio, you must, before leaving, go to the country-house, level, as tar as possible, the earth in the cellar, throw sand and dust upon the grave, and then fill the cellar with fire-wood and empty casks.'

'But, signor, that would take time.' 'That is of no consequence. At this hour there are too many people passing pressing his impatience. "But I will through the city gates. It is better for and to-morrow morning, as soon as the gates are open, you will leave. At daybreak you will be certain of meeting no one who would notice what direction worst part of the whole is that I might you had taken. I suggest this for your own sake, Julio, not mine; for suppose to make known to the authorities of the officers of the law should search my summer-house, those precautions would divert their attentions from the cellar, while otherwise they would infallitly

though the weight of a mountain had been removed from his heart. A smile lighted up his face, and he said in an 'As a gentleman.' 'Indeed! How in world accent of intense joy :

'He has gone! Now I have nothing to fear. The bailiff may find the body; Julio committed the crime; I know nothing of it; I am as innocent as a lamb. Ah ! I thought I was lost. Now I must arrange my plans as though I were certain of the discovery of the body. I feel new strength; hope and certainty animate my heart. Mary, Mary, your name, your fortune, your love will be mine. My life wil yet be crowned with grandeur, wealth, and happiness.' 'And in teverish excitement he closed the window. CHAPTER IX.

GERONIMO RESURRECTED.

The clock in the steeple of St. George struck seven, and night was coming on when Julio opened the garden gate of his master's country-seat and walked with a light step towards the house.

He kept one hand wrapped in his cloak, as if to conceal some object; the other was in his pocket, turning over the gold pieces given him by Simon Turchi. Joy sparkied in his eyes, as he said to himself:

'God be praised ! I resisted the temp tation. They urged me to drink and play at the "Swan," but my gold coins reminded me that I had a serious duty to perform. After work comes recompense. What I hold in my hand will indemnify me for the thirst I have suffered and for the time lost. It is the very best Spanish wine-as dear is if it were melted silver, and as strong as if it were liquid fire.'

On entering a room in the house, he

evening Charlie?, Oh, yes.' What as?, did you disguise yourself?' And then the atmosphere grew chilly.

A boy in one of the public schools, while engaged in defining words a few days since, made a sort of mistake. He said: 'A demagogue is a vessel that holds beer, wine, whiskey, gin, or any other kind of intoxicating liquor."

Financial Prosperity.-Sam Doolittle, a student at the University of Texas, rarely has any money, but he is always talking about unlimited means. Another student happened to meet him not long since, and asked him: "What are you doing?" "I am going to the pawnbroker's," replied Sam, proudly. Going to the pawnbroker's?" replied the other incredulously. "You can't stop bragging. You are always trying to make people believe you are in affluent circumstances.

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JOHN WYCLIR Í IN HIS TRUE LIGHT.

The Alleged Protestant Martyr Shown be a Mere Captious Sorehead.

The Rev. Joseph Stevenson, S. J., has added yet one more volume ("The Truth About John Wyclif, His Life, Writings and Opinions, Chiefly from the Evidence of His Contemporaries,") to the list of works destined to explode long-cherished historicrl illusions that have seen the light during the last quarter of a centu ry. We do not mean to speak of purely Protestant prejudices as to the character of John Wyclif. But it has been a favorite idea, even with Catholics, that Henry VIII had to deal with a good, simple, believing people, whom he sundered by unparalleled violence, from the unity of the Church. That belief, as far as it concerns the religious character of Englishmen at the opening of the sixteenth. century, must be largely modified. The majority, nay, a very large majority of Englishmen were, no doubt, Catholics, and many of them good Catholics. But the spread of error, especially among the lower classes, for two hundred years before, despite of many severely repressive measures, had been simply appalling. The peculiar forms of these errors bore a very strong family resemblance to the system that triumphed in England under Edward VI and Elilabeth-in a word to Protestantism. The book we are reviewing leaves no room to doubt, from the ample evidence we possess, though but a fragment of what might have come down to us, that long before the name of Protestant had been invented, Protestants might have been counted, perhaps by many thousands, on English soil. Had that soil not been well prepared for it, not even the strong Tudor will could have made the evil plant take root-Neither the evil lives of many Catholics, though this element weakend the power of resistance; nor the powerful influence of the Tudor sovereigns; nor the abilities of men like Luther and Calvin, suffice to account for the success of the Protestant revolution in England. Protestantism had had a long pedigree. It had its rise in the Caesarism of the Conqueror and his descendants. Its principles were embodied in the teaching of John Wyclif:

"Probably there never was a time when it could be said that our country was absolutely free from error, either as regards its ecclesiastical politics or its religious belief. From the time of early Normans there had always been in England a party which looked with undisguised suspicion on the dealings of the Papal Curia, as far as they were supposed to trench on the privileges and liberties of the sovereign. Many of the nobility, and even some of the bishops, would gladly have made the king independent of the Pontiff in all matters save those which were of a purely dogmatic nature. Here it is enough to refer to the aggressions of William Rufus and the two Henrys, which were resisted by St. Anselm and St. Thomas of Canterbury. From the king this anti-Papal feeling descended to the nobility, and from the nobility to their tenants. This unfortunate irritation was kept alive by the system of Papal provisions, whereby patrons of benefices complained that they were deprived of their privileges of which they loudly clamored for their restitution.' Such were the predisposing causes; and when we find the yoke of authority irksome we try at once to persuade ourselves that the said authority is an usurpation. To efface the distinction between the human and supernatural elements down as a mere earthly institution was the next step, and along with this the whole system of Church discipline, nay, the whole Christian priesthood and sacramental principles must needs be overturned. This is exactly what was done by the Wyclifites, and it forms the mainspring of the Protestant system, if sys tem it can be called. Of course, acciive churchman into a heretic, as it has done with many another since his day. This fact is at all events now as clear as daylight on the faith of records of unungestioned authenticity. Archbishop Islip, in founding Canterbury Hall at unite Benedictine monks and secular work harmoniously, as might have been foreseen. The archbishop removed the without the authorization from the crown | remembered these things.' needed for its legality, and was subsequently held to be invalid. Besides, in this incident, My grandfather did not Champagne, see that the Inbels and corks

expressly reserved the right of altering occasion, when speaking of the efforts order, which he afterwards attacked weapons." with the bitterest hatred. He refused to submit, and appealed to Rome, and

the cause was heard at Viterbo before Cardinal de Rocha, formerly abbot of Cluny. 'Judgement was given in favor of the archbishop, and the monks succeeded the secular clergy at Canterbury Hall.

This was a bitter disappointment for the ex-warden, the more so as he had wished to pose as the champion of the seculars in a quarrel with regulars, and perhaps as a "Northern" against Kentishmen. Wyclif hoped to console himself by obtaining the vacant See of Worcester. At least so we are told by more than one English writer within a quarter of a century after Wiclif's death. If so, he met with a second disappointment. From this time he began the warefare against the teaching and authority of the Catholic Church, which he continued unceasingly to carry on till his death. Were we wrong in surmising that his enmity to Rome had its source in disappointed ambition?

We have thought it well by the above summary to call special attention to this first portion of Father Stevenson's work, because it relates to facts less universally unknown than the general character of Wyclif's heresies. As to these latter they savor strongly of Calvinism, while on morals they have a great affinity with the doctrines of Socialists and the advocates of "Free Love." In a word, his blasphemous utterances would shock the great majority of Protestants. Strangely enough, he retained to the last a respect for the honor of the Blessed Virgin. After reading what Father Stevenson has given us from contemporary sources, we think it would not be easy to deny that the brutal excesses of the Kentish revolutionaries, in 1382, were in great part traceable to Wyclif's influence. Here we are forcibly reminded of what we have read of Wesley's participation in the hideous scenes of the Gordon riots, though Wyclif, unlike his suc-

the arrangement at any future period, if being made to relieve the sufferings of he chose. Islip's register at Lambeth | the people in Ireland, he mentioned that contains some quaint rules for the new he had been told that in cases of great coilege. No one shall be eligible as a hunger a little curry powder mixed with fellow who has any notable mark on his the food or without the drink would face. The cost of gowns, furs, etc., is greatly add to the comfort and sustenminutely regulated. Latin is to be spo- ance to be derived from the limited ken in the house, "but they are not all grants of food which it was possible to chatter together at the same time like to starve out. Whether he was geese or magpies." The archbishop and right or not as to the fact I do his successors are to have the sole power not know, but I do know that he of regulating the said hall in its head said what did from a purely benevomembers and property, with full power lent motive, and from a wish to make to alter its statutes at will. Islip died in public anything which he had heard 1366, and was succeeded by Simon de which might be useful to those who were Langham, chancellor of England. His trying to relieve the sufferings of the legal knowledge showed him that in the starving people. I am not surprised to eye of the law the hall had lapsed to the hear that there were men then, as now, crown. Langham determined to turn who twisted this simple incident to their Canterbury hall into a college for the own uses; but when a man in the posi-Benedictine monks of his own cathedral. tion of a Cabinet Minister makes such a He began by appointing Henry de Wood- statement in such a way I feel that, in hull, a monk of Canterbury, instead of justice to my family and to the landlord Wyclif, who only held his office at the class in general, I ought not to withhold pleasure of the archbishop. Thus was this explantion. Let Mr. Chamberlain Wyclif, at an early period of his career, hit us as hard as he pleases, but let him brought into collision with the monastic not try and wound us with poisoned

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cessor, thought it safest to remain tranquil in his Leicester rectory while bolder men were engaged in the work of bloodshed and pillage.

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The Duke of Norfolk and Mr. Chamberlain.

The Duke of Norfolk has addressed the following letter to the London Times. "My attention has just been called to a speech of Mr. Chamberlain's at Birin the Papal jurisdiction and set it all mingham, on the 7th inst. In it he uses the following expressions. I fear I must quote them at length, or their spirit and motive will not appear. He is speaking at the time of the great famine in Ireland. He says: 'There was famine throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. There was only one class that profited, and that was the landlords, who continued to exact their rents. There dental circumstances, as usual, set the | was a great landlord in those days, the machinery in motion. Disappointed am- Duke of Norfolk, who recommended to bition turned John Wyclif from an act the people that they should take a pinch of curry powder in water to keep off the pangs of hunger. Ah! that was a statement which created the greatest excitement throughout the land, and the Duke was denounced on a hundred platforms and in thousands and hundreds of thou-Oxford, had imprudently attempted to sands of homes. People began to talk of a certain French Minister named Foupriests in one and the same collegiate | lon, in the time of the French Revolu establishment. The undertaking did not tion, who, when he was told that the people were starving, replied : "Let the people eat grass;" and within a few monks and made over the college to the months the people, took Foulon, and secular priests, with Wyclif, then master they hung him to a lamp post with a of Balliol, as warden. This was done bunch of grass in his mouth. People

"Let me explain the true nature of making it over to the secular clergy he own any land in Ireland, but on one bear its name and initials.

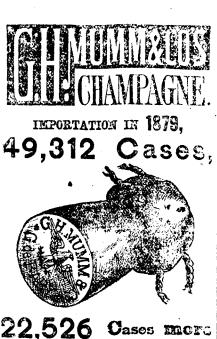
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AGRICULTURE THE FARM. TO PREVENT SMUT IN WHEAT.

The idea that the crop grown from wheat sown when the wind is north-east is more liable to suffer from smut than that put into the ground when the vane points to some other quarter may still be entertained by a few farmers who are governed by the moon as to the time of sowing peas and killing pork; but most men who are intelligent enough to make a success of farming ignore these whims. It is probable that the germ of smut exists in wheat at the time of sowing, and can be destroyed by the application of certain preparations, as has been proved by experiment. An Oregon wheat grower gives, through the "Prairie Farmer,' the following method of treating wheat to destroy smut germs:-Take finely pulverized blue vitriol, using at the rate of one pound for every ten bushels of grain. Fill a forty gallon barrel about half full of water, put in, say, three pounds of the vitriol, letting it stand twelve to twenty four hours to dissolve (using hot water if haste is needed). Put a bushel of seed in each of three or four sacks (burlaps of gunny are best), drop them in the solution, and place on a wide plank, that will run the drippings back into the barrel. As the solution is reduced add more. Let the seed stand lying. over night so it will dry before sowing. The work may be done on wet days, or before sowing time, as the grain is uninjured by standing after the blue vitriol application. The quantity mentioned should be sufficient for thirty bushels of seed. A Wisconsin farmer in the same issue gives a different remedy, which is as follows:-I dip wheat from the bin with a screen from the fanning-mill, shake a few times, and pour upon the floor, and repeat until I get as much as is needed. I sprinkle the pile with a pail of chamber lye to the bushel, then throw on air-slacked lime, stirring, and let it take up all that will stick to the kernels. Stir often, till ready to sow. To remove other foul stuff light enough to float, add water and salt to the lye, put into a tub and slowly pour in one bushel of wheat. Skim, stir, and thoroughly stir again; pour the liquor into tub No. 2, and the wheat from No. 1, and proceed the same way. Empty the wheat on floor, and so on until sufficient seed ate application of it, as we would of the has been thus treated. The lime will advice of a friend whom we have purkill the smut germs."

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Jesuit Missions in Bengal. The Jesuit mission of Bengal is attach ed to the Belgian province of the society. The following statistics of a year's work in this important mission have just been published for the twelve months be. tween August 1, 1884 and August 1, 1885. Number of conversions, 1,223 (as against 1,033 in the preceding year), of which 330 were converts frem Protestantism and 893 from Paganism. A new rein forcement is setting out for Bengal. Five new missionaries were to sail from Trieste on the 15th ult. for Calcutta, viz., the Rev. Fathers Daras, Gengler and Van der Ghote, together with two novices, MM. de Gryse and Van Gerven. They accompany the provincial of the Belgian Province, the Very Rev. Father Van Reeth, who is to make a visitation of ONLY FRENCH-CANADIAN HOTEL IN WINNIPEG. Bengal and hopes to return to Europe by February, 1886. The Vicar-Apostolic of Bengal, Archbishop Goethals, also contemplates shortly a visit to Europe.

Words of Wisdom.

It is books that teach us to define our pleasures when young, and which, having so taught us, enables us to recall

them with satisfaction when old. He who has not a good memory should never take upon himself the trade of

Malice drinks one half of its own poison.

Energy will do anything that can be done in this world, and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities will make a two legged animal a man without it.-Goethe.

Merriment is always the effect of a sudden impression. The jest which is expected is already destroyed.

By struggling with misfortnnes, we are sure to receive some wounds in the conflict; but a sure method to come off victorious is by running away.

All politeness is owing to liberty. We polish one another and rub off our cor ners and rough sides by a sort of amical collision. To restrain this is inevitable to bring rust upon men's understandings Pride is increased by ignorance; those

assume the most who know the least. When in reading we meet with any

maxim that may be of use, we should take for our own and make an immediposely consulted.

An Appetite for Literature.

A gentleman in Northwestern Arkansas tells the following joke on Congress man Peel.

'Peel, it is well known, is not a man of very high literary attainments, but, to appear well read, he professes to have gloated over every piece of literature that comes under discussion. Judge Pittman, who is a highly intellectual and well read man, takes a keen delight in talking literature to Peel. Some time ago, while a party of gentlemen were sitting around, listening to some of Peel's experiences in Congress, Judge Pittman asked:

"Peel, you have read Tennyson, haven't



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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER.

- 12 Of the Octave.
- 13 3rd Sunday in Advent.
- 14 Of the Octave.
- 15 Octave of the Immaculate Conception. 16 Fast. Ember Day. St. Eusidius B and M.
- 17 Of the Octave. 18 Fast. Ember Day. Expectation of the B.
- V. M. 19 Fast. Ember Day, Of the Octave. 20 4th Sunday in Advent. 21 St. Thomas, A. 22 Of the Octave.
- 23 Fast. Of the Octave 24 Fast. Vigil of Christmas.
- 25 Christmas. Feast of Obligation.
- 28 St. Stephen. Proto Martyr, 27 St. John. A. and E.
- 28 Holy Innocents.

29 St. Thomas a Becket, B. and M.

30 Of the Sunday in the Octave 31 St. Sylvester, P. and C.

THE PRESS-THE PEOPLE'S DUTY .-- If you wish to have an honest press you must h estly support it .- Archbishop MacHale.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1885.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The card of Mr. Lynn, who is contest ing ward 3 for aldermanic honors, will befound in another column. It embodies all that is reasonably expected of a public servant.

Among the most notable successes of the Irish Party was the election of T. P. O'Connor for Liverpool and the defeat of two notorious renegades, John O'Connor Power and Sir Rowland Blennerhassett. These victories will cause satisfaction throughout Ireland.

Yesterday's despatches from Europe show the results of the English elections to have culminated in a deadlock, but there are sufficient constituencies to hear from to alter completely the present condition of affairs and Parnell and the reins in his hands, As to which party he will ally his force to is a question of expediency; there is no room for sentiment. Parnell's motto is: "Trust neither, but use either, or both."

An Irish exchange says that Sir Thomas Esmonde, Henry Grattan's patriotic grandson, is winning recruits for the Na No. 31 McDermot St., Winnipeg tional cause among young men from the landlord class. It is expected that the brother of Sir Thomas will join the National ranks. Both the Esmondes were educated by the Jesuit Fathers.

HIS GRACE'S LETTER.

This week we publish a very exhaustive and comprehensive letter from His Grace Archbishop Tache, on the Northwest. He has persistently refrained from saying anything on the late and withstanding repeated solicitations unfortunate occurrences in this part of the country but owing to the attacks of unscrupulous newspapers, which have not hesitated to credit His Grace with statements which he never gave utterance to, and moreover, have even gone so far as to accuse him and his missioners in the Northwest with being the primary cause of the recent emeute, he finds it necessary to speak, and certainly does so in a manner that must satisfy most fair minded people that there is no better friend of the country than Archbishop Tache, as the leading paper of this part of the Dominion, "The Daly Manitoban." recently bore testimony to. It certainly goes without showing that there is no sire to contribute as much as I can to its man in the Dominion who knows more concerning the Northwest than Archbishop Tache, and his letter to the people will therefore carry immense weight He divides his paper into four chapters, viz : The Settlers, The Metis, The Indians and The Northwest, and under these different neads deals with the questions at issue, in a very comprehensive and lucid manner, giving praise where due, and unsparing where consure is deserved, which clearly shows His Grace to be profoundly indifferent as to party feeling, though many there are who unjustly accuse him of party alliance. However, this very important letter, coming from such a high authority on the matters dealt with, should be carefully read, and will no doubt be found interesting to those who desire to know "what was the cause of the rebellion," as well as by those who

take an interest in the Northwest. MUNICIPAL.

The polling day is now at hand, and it becomes the duty of every intelligent voter to elect a gentleman as mayor who will serve the city's interests best. Of the merits of the candidates now in the field we have shown clearly. Mr. Crowe has served in the council, he has shown himself possessed of the necessary qualifications necessary to fit him for the position, and the electorate are also averse to the very dishonest means adopted by the opponents of Mr. Crowe in order to They attempted by false accusations against Mr. Crowe, to injure his reputation as a public servant, and as a citizen, which was cortainly cowardly and therefore sufficient to condemn Mr. Wesbrook in the eyes of the electorate. Apart from this Mr. Wesbrook has not

MGR. TACHE ON THE SITUATION IN THE NORTHWEST.

Exhaustive and Comprehensive Review of Affairs.

We shall soon see the end of 1885. This year has been replete with events throughout the Dominion of Canada and especially in the Canadian Northwest. 'he complications have been so grave, the consequences so numerous that, not remain silent. From time to time newspapers have lent me utterances, but their assertions were not authorized and are not mine. I would willingly continue to remain silent, had my name not been used in a manner equally unjust and disloyal in the debates to which the attitude recently taken in the Province of Quebec has given rise. Nothwithstanding my sincere desire to keep out of the way of strife and agitation, I find myself compelled to say what I think, since others persist in forcing upon me ideas which I never entertained, feelings which [repudiate.

I am no party man and I have not the slightest wish to flatter or depreciate anyone; but I love my country and deprosperity and happiness; and for the fulfilment of this duty I know that, if there is a time to be silent, there is also time to speak, and it is with the view of promoting good that I now raise my voice.

Once decided to speak, everyone will readily agree that it is the truth that must be told, the bare truth, void of all tergiversation or evasion.

The truth, as it appears to me, is what I will affirm. I foresee that to attain the object in view I shall have to clash with susceptibilities, perhaps provoke anger. I accept beforehand the unpleasant responsibility, but on the condition that the consequences will weigh only on myself personally.

Evils and Dangers Attending the Rebriljon,

During the past nine months ur country has experienced experienced our shocks, misfortunes, disasters, which have been violently re-echoed all over, and sad to say, this country so dear to us was exposed to dangers, which al-though not surmised by the greater number, were not the less real and dreadful. As a people we have experienced profound humiliation; as men, a cry of horror escaped from our hearts at the aspect of cruel massacres; as citizens, we had to deplore civil war, which brought mourning and desolation to nu-merous families. Generous blood was shed, and with it abundant tears flowed. Then the scaffold was raised to receive its victims. The prison cells are closed on honorable men; men whose lives were blameless until this day. All these misfortunes, all this horror, which seemed an impossibility a year ago, have nevertheless taken place, and there is not one amongst us who has not had a share of moral or physical sufferine large share of the mental sufferings which have been endured. It would bg difficult to express the painful emotions, the cruel anguish, the bitter regrets I have experienced for the past year. Obliged by my position to maintain an apparent calmness which everything Another cause of our difficulties came according to the then mode of travelling banished from my mind; remaining from the discontent of the new settlers in the country, and he quite naturally silent while there was served in the council; he has given no much to say; relying on a remedy which

which we all deplore. In my estimation Royal Highnesses themselves. the responsibilities of our disasters and of our shames are attributable to several sources. They rest not only on the administrations succeeding in their turn also to many other parties. The people of Canada and their rulers, while negoti Ferritories, considered but the extent sibility to all those who deserve it. and the riches of the vast domain of which they were taking possession. They did not comprehend the situation, beevidence as to what I affirm. One of the greatest mistakes on the part of the authorities was to act in accordance with the prejudice of entire provinces by approaching the Northwest with mistrust towards all those to be found there or who were acquainted with the country. It was supposed they were coming to an ordinary land, whilst on the contrary it was completely unknown. The ignorance might have been less complete, if the information offered had been listened to. Men distinguisned by their character, their position and their experience have time and again given suggestions and useful advice, but almost invariably every attempt to enlighten was disregarded. Nothing was ac-cepted save documents prepared in the Government offices, many of which, I am sorry to say, should have been con-sidered as unreliable.

Public Officials,

The first cause of our difficulties naturally combines with a second one. have just suggested the idea of men in office. No doubt it is but justice to say that many of these men were qualified for the functions more or less important, to which they were appointed; but, alas! this was not so in all cases. Even important posts were 'assigned to men totally unqualified for the position. In my humble opinion this will be unavoidable as long as all the appointments are based exclusively on political party mo-tives. While selecting undeserving men others perfectly apt have been dismissed, or left aside, because five, ten, or fifteen years before they were political op ponents. It is sometimes supposed that there is no need to be particular for a new country, especially among the In-dians. This is a most erroneous opinion. More sense, tact, and ability are needed in a new country where everything has to be organized. In a populous city or to a certain degree, even should be turn out to be a dolt or a fop; his betters make up for the inconveniences which would occur were he alone. In the desert or the prairie it is quite a differ-ent thing: the incapacity of an employe is so much the more apparent because he is alone. There is not the slightest doubt that if the Northwest is to be properly governed, it is necessary to be very particular in the choice of men for the different services. An indispensible qualification for all is to be civil and sympathetic with the natives and the settlers. A kind heart, a gentle word, suffice to prevent or quell dissatisfaction. Authority needs a prestige, and it is secure the election of Mr. Wesbrook. amidst these disasters. I have had my improved by coarseness and arrogance. On the contrary, such proceedings do a great deal of harm, and denote greater ignorance than that which is thought to belong to the illiterate.

The Scillers

so themselves. The Government, Coloniza travelled with the Metis. With them tion Societies and others have published may yet get the bit in the animal smouth practical proof of his capacity to fill the might have been efficacious, but which pamphlets more or less exact on the mounted the Red River cart and the position he so anxiously craves for, and it was not in my power to apply; accept country and its advantages. The unfor birch bark cance; he did not disdain to ing without hesitation the imprescriptible | tunate bcom of Manitoba also got a tootwhich means, if he is elected, the city must risk a year of misgovernment, neither able nor willing to banish from ward to this country as the promised my heart the affectionate sympathies of land to seekers of riches with or without just idea of the population ; a statesman, Therefore that Mr. Crowe's name will my whole life; dreading every moment labor. Enticed by the allurements many suggest itself to every honest elector in thorities seemed quite unconcerned, country was not prepared to receive is what the Metis were in the past, their the city is easy to be believed, and his from which we so narrowly escaped and them in such numbers at the time. which might have brought about the Fatigue, loneliness, seclusion, disappointcomplete ruin of the country. Not ments, so much the more felt that they knowing (and this was the key of the were the less expected, were the result situation) the material means that of a too hasty immigration, and began might be placed under contribution the series of deceptions for which it was while a few hundred carbines and a few sought to make the government entirely thousand cartridges sufficed to complete responsible. Real faults disposed peoour ruin; the public will never know ple to credit imaginary wrongs. Thence after the Metis had opened its gates for what I suffered and the apprehensions I a natural tendency to general disatisfaction. To be avenged, very regrettable I am, moreover, convinced that what means were resorted to. The most has occurred may be repeated with an brilliant hopes had been deceived. The fortune dreamt of was not coming. The real and numerous difficulties of a new establishment in the lone land, the have at heart the happiness and pros absence of the family, uneasiness for perity of our dear Canada, to reflect on the future, combined to increase the bad the causes which have occasioned our feeling. Then came the early frosts, the causes which have occasioned our feeling. Then came the early trosts, Oh! what harm those frosts have done to the government and 'to the governed. looked in regard 'to them. Instead of Without saying it openly, people acted as if they considered the authorities one, they were met in too many instancresponsible for them. Indignation arose, numerous and frequent meetings were held, eloquence to the pitch it can be bilities. A rude and scornful "I don't carried in a constitutional country was of all the harm, it was he who did all, he not spared. It is, however. to be understood that no revolt against authority was intended, but an evolution of some of the country, they had special titles kind was wanted, constitutional agitation to consideration. Even in their own inand another form of it soon to follow. Suggestions more or less bold were that the Metis, being the natural link bemade. It was known that in the country there were parties who would talk assistance was needed. Instead of re-There was no wish calling what connection with this pretty little church the storm, the lack of numbers, or the of shedding blood, but a strong desire to justy inability of the crew, the ignorance or have a shedding of crowns from the peaceful the negligence of the pilots, in a word, public treasury. It was not considered country, it was thought more becoming that in sowing the wind they would reap to invoke what was called the Canadian the whirlwind. This is so true that now Indian Policy. This was merely imagithat the storm has subsided, notwith | nary, as Canada had just begun relations Supposing the rock on which the "Algo standing its past violence, not a few with our Indians. ma" perished should be removed by ex- among the settlers say: "After all we The sad events have gained by it. Something of the doubt as to the fact that the Metis congation of Lake Superior free from all peril. kind is wanted once in ten years. We trolled the latter by their peaceful at-Therefore it is deceiving one's self or were ruined but business is reviving." striving to deceive others, to throw on one As .a consequence everyone professes ed the Induins of a conflict between the

man alone, the causes of the misfortunes | loyalty which defies even that of their

Oh! to what depths human frailty can go! People who pushed others to rebellion, who rejoice at the advantages active agents of the rebellion and the it brought to them, the better to dis-administrations succeeding in their turn semble their joy, clamor for vengeance in the government of the country, but and proclaim their loyalty. I presume government knows this, but it is the well that the whole country should know ating the acquisition of the Northwest it in order to give a share of the respon-

On the other hand, I wish to be rightly understood. If there are settlers who acted a vile part in the whole affair they cause they knew little or nothing of what they needed to know. The ambi-guities, the modifications, the contradic-tions, etc., etc. found in the statutes are their wants, and their petitions have their wants, and their petitions have been heard. Now there is every reason to hope that confidence will be restored, and that if the early frosts do not prove too severe, the settlers will enjoy the prosperity they had expected. This return of prosperity scems to me all the more likely that experience persuades me that kind Providence has always in store a compensation proportionate to the misfortunes it permits to visit us. During the forty years that I have pas sed in the country I have often had occasion to dread the sad aspect of affairs, but in every case the same causes which excited alarm, brought about unexpected advantages.

The Metis.

In treating of the Northwest troubles, the Metis are those first thought of, and that with the result of exciting ill-feeling in some quarters, and the liveliest sympathies in others. All those ac-quainted with me know that I love the Metis population, and I shall always side with those who sympathize with them. Before speaking of the part taken by the Metis in the Northwest troubles, I shall here quote the words pronounced by Lord Dufferin, referring to them in his farewell discourse to Manitoba, the 29th ofSept., 1877 :-

"There is no doubt that a great deal of the good feeling thus subsisting among the red men and ourselves is due to the influence and interposition of that valuable class of men the half breed settlers and pioneers of Manitoba, (tremendous applause) who, combining as they do the hardihood, the endurance and love of enterprise generated by the strain of Indian blood within their veins, with the civilization, the instruction, and the intellectual power derived from their fathers, have preached the gospel of peace and good will, and mutual respect, with equally beneficial results, to the Indian chieftain in his lodge, and the British settler, in his shanty, (renewed applause). They have been the am-bassadors between the East and the West, the interpreters of civilization and its exigencies, to the dwellers on the prairie as well as the exponents to the white man of the consideration just, ly due to the susceptibilities, the sensitive self-respect, the prejudicies, the innate craving for justice of the Indian race (continued applause.) In fact they have done for the colony what otherwise would have been left unaccomplished, and have introduced between the white population and the red man a traditional feeling of unity and friendships, which, but for them, it might have been impossible to establish." (cheers.)

If the above words had been better understood, and the line of conduct they seem to prescribe better followed, the country would not have to deplore the evils that have befallen us. When Lord Dufferin visited Manitoba, happily for the honor of the Metis, there were no palace cars. He had to journey according to the then mode of travelling the plains and the forest be crossed speak with his guides, knowing the French language he needed no interpreter; being intelligent he conceived a he said to the countryand to he advisers usefulness, some of their noble qualities; see how you should treat them in the future. suggestions made by The the great diplomatist were not understood. It was thought more advisable to continue in the strain of the happy soldier, who entered Fort Garry long him. Colonel Wolseley had styled the Metis "banditti and cowards." This stupid assertion, and it is the way in which it was characterized by the then Minister of Militia, found its way in all directions. Several newspapers repeated it; officials of all grades received its impulse and instead of granting the Metis the justice to which they were entitled the most elementary prescriptions were overtreating them. as gentlemen treat every. es, only with insolence and roughness enough to wound the bluntest susceptitalk French" was often the only answer to be obtained to legitimate requests. It was forgotten that being the natives terests people should have remembered tween the Indians and the Whites, their Lord Dufferin said in speaking of the condition of the The sad events of this year dispel all titude. As soon as the first rumor reach-

The large congregation that listened to the lecture delivered by the Rev. Father Drummond last Sunday evening in St. Mary's Church show the impression the rev. gentleman has created in the minds of the people of Winnipeg since his arrival here. He has taken the intellects of the people by storm. The lecture was a very effective and intelligent reading and was given in a manner which allowed of no momentary inattention. without loss, on the part of his hearers among whom were numerous Protestants.

Those who endeavored to take from Ald. Campbell the credit rightly due him for saving to the city nearly \$14,000 in the management of the Board of Health, must be nonplussed by the letter which appeared in the Free Press on Tuesday last. The returns for the department for the past year show an existing state of things, which have been effected in one year, is almost incredible. If Mr. Campbell's term of office has brought to light the most glaring incapacity of the old board. The attempts of his enemies to deprive him of the credit of this yast saving to the city has failed ignominiously, and his election in Ward 5 is now placed beyond a doubt. The certified statements which have been published must satisfy every fair minded voter, that the object of those who circulated contrary figures was to defeat Ald Campbell, which was certainly very dishonest on their part. Ward 5 should therefore vote en masse for Mr. Campbell on Monday, which we throughout the Northwest, which was a confidently expect they will.

which is certainly asking too much.

election is therefore assured. Record your vote early and cast your ballot for Crowe.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CON-CEPTION.

The progress of this Church since its inauguration has been such as to excite the wonder and admiration of those who attend it, and we need not tell our read ers of the wide popularity among his parishioners of the zealous priest, Rev. Father Cherrier, who has brought about these splendid results. There are costlier churches than the Immaculate Conception, but there are few more inspiring. Tuesday being the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the church, the altar was very richty and tastefully decorated and the statue of view of our difficulties, consider that our Lady looked bet.er than we have ever seen it. In the evening Pontifical citizens by exclaiming: 'Riel is the cause Vespers were sung by His Grace, after of all the uarm, it was no units and now. which the Rev. Father Drummond, of St. Boniface College, gave a sermon on the that if it were accepted, we might exfeast of the day, with his characteristic pect new disturbances in the near fueloquence which delighted his many hearers who listened to him for the first not the only cause of the wreck. was the singing of the choir, which was excellent well. Comparisons are generally distasteful, but we can safely say, without fear of offending anyone, that the choir of the Immaculate Conception will compare favorably with that of other churches. There was a collection taken up in aid of the Indian Mission schools good one.

endured. increase of all I dreaded in the past.

On the strength of this conclusion, I earnestly beseech all serious men who misfortunes.

Various Causes of the Trouble.

Minds, too superficial, alas ! or too in terested to take a serious and impartial their duties as they have accomplished This explanation is so unreasonable.

The reef on which a vessel strikes is The time. Another very pleasing feature in mode of construction, the violence of less but act sooner. the aggregation of circumstances attending the navigation has a part in causing what is attributed to the reef. plosion, that would not render the navi-

to the question of cowardice in reference to the Metis, I think it has been amply settled.

Considering the above and what is known officially I find it impossible to free the authorities of all responsibility. For the last fifteen years a wrong course has been pursued in many instances. I repeat that I am not a political partyman and both parties have their share of the responsibility. The troubles could and should have been prevented. Why was the warning not listened to when given by those who foresaw the same troubles and who brought them to the notice of the authorities. Our statesmen have my respect, but as "no man is wise at all times," I trust they will permit a friendly voice to tell them that they were mistaken. But it is only justice to say that they are not alone in fault. The Ministerial seats number thirteen, but the Parliamentary seats number nearly three hundred. It is undoubtedly pain-ful and humiliating to know that Ministers of the Crown should have officially af firmed that no steps had been taken in favor of the Metis either by themselves or by their friends; but on the other hand it is also to be deplored that the isolated voices raised in both houses of our Legislature did not command a support sufficient to determine an earnest search into the situation and the means of remedying what was defective in it. It is sad to think that nothing short of bloodshed and an expenditure of mill-ions could bring those who have the management of public affairs in one or an-other capacity to comprehend that the Northwest is not only a vast tract of country but moreover that there are vast social questions which are far from having obtained a satisfactory solution. The power of the press is much spoken of and it is in reality a powerful engine. But the Aborigines of the country have a right to ask whether all the organs of publicity have been useful to them. As a general rule in Canada newspapers are conducted to serve the interests of the different political parties. Certain por-tions of the press attack the government without the modertion necessary to obtain a good result while others praise it with a servility still more regrettable than the attacks. For instance this very day there are newspapers which would fain make the Venerable Bishop Grandin, his devoted missionaries and myself responsible for what the Metis have suffered. These ridiculous and false assertions do more harm than good to those they are intended to serve and they are injurious to the interests of the country.

The Indians.

When beginning to speak of the Me tis I was happy to invoke the testimony of Lord Dufferin in their favor. In allud ing to the Indians I am equally pleased to be able to quote the words of another representative of our gracious Sovereign. Marquis Landsdowne 0 visited the Indians. He spoke and listen ed to them and here are the noble words the conversations inspired :

"It is impossible to meet these poor people and to listen to their statements without the deepest feeling of sympathy for their present position. They are the aboriginal inhabitants of this Continent. They regard themselves, and not without reason, as the legitimate occupants of the soil. We can scarcely be surprised, if now that the buffalo, upon which they have subsisted for so many ears past, has become almost completely extinct, their hearts occasionally sink within them when they see as they express it themselves, that the white man s getting rich and the red man poorer is getting rich and the red man poorer with every year that passes. It is quite unnecessary to discuss the ques-tion of their so-called title to the land of the Northwest. The strength of their title, if they have one, is not in its legal aspect but in the moral claim which they have to the most con-siderate treatment at the hands of those

Metis and the authorities, they arose and have seen all this and then look at the will rise again in similar circumstances. As Indian of to-day, dragging his misery, to the question of cowardice in reference deprived of his incomparable indep ence, reduced to want, and semivation, and having added to his vice

loathsome consequences of the immorality of the whites. One must have seen all this, and seen it under the impulse of sympathy to form an idea of what the Indians suffer at the present time.

It is useless to speak of treaties as a compensation for the change. These treaties were not understood by the untutored Indian. He listened to the form, but did not detect the meaning, and therefore did not accept the conseouences. I go still further, and say that the Government and those who have made treaties on its behalf never perfectly conceived their object, at least inasmuch as they were not at all aware of the unacceptable position they were preparing for the Indian in many cases, Truly can I repeat with His Excellency, the Governor-General, " their hearts occasionally sink within them." The greatest stoic will agree that they have a moral claim to the most considerate treatment." Now is the time more than ever to be mindful of the blunders committed in their regard. They have been left a prey to the seductions of men, revoltingly immoral, and when this was pointed out the friends of humanity had another regret to register. As a conse quence the Indians felt that they could but profoundly dispise people whose conduct should have been such as to command respect.

In other cases the Indians were deprived of the pittance assigned to them or it was given them 'as if they were dogs. Theywere too often deceived. The Indian who is far more intelligent than most people seem to think, was not the dupe of what was going on, and he felt his contempt increasing.

It is among the Indians more than elsewhere that it is important to make a judicious choice in appointments. I am happy to say that the choice is what it should be in many places, and as a consequence the Indians in those localities are satisfied, and the Government has also reason to be so.

Nothing, no nothing whatever, can excuse the massaere at Frog Lake. I would be an excess of sentimentality to endeavor to blame the Government for having ordered the execution of the perpetrators of such horrors; I therefore lo not in any way wish to. justify the Indians; but as it is right that the truth should be known, and at the risk of ex-citing great surprise, I affirm that the massacres were not committed without previous provocation. 1 here invoke the testimony of one of the victims himself. The Reverend Father Fafard, said, in conversation with another missionary, who in turn related it to me: "Such-a one acts with shameful brutality towards the Indians. He will be killed some day." The person alluded to was killed, and two devoted missionaries increased the number of victims they were striv ing to protect.

A gentleman whose veracity I cannot question assured me that some Indianshad told him in 1884 that such an individual, whom he mentioned, "treated them like dogs," and the same individual was also killed by the Indians who had lodged the complaint against him. I state these particulars, so painful to relate, be cause the above are not the only exceptions "to the considerate treatment to which the poor Indians have a moral claim" and because I have in view the future a great deal more than, the past.

Surely no one will accuse me of lack ing either patriotism or justice when I say I deeply regret that certain officials have not been deserving of the confidence I am so pleased to see enjoyed by others in charge of the Indian Department, who certainly merit such con fidence to a high degree. Without flattery or hesitation I say that there are in that Department, as well as in the others, honorable, devoted and intelliwho have brought into the country that gent men who do the best they can irresistible tide of civilization, before amidst the innumerable difficulties they encounter discharge in the their duties. It is not fair to throw on the Metis all the blame of the Indian uprising. Their mutual alliance is natural and will de velop without any special effort "ad hoc." There exists between these two races a community of language, of origin and I may add of disappointment. In the prairie and in the forest the Indians acknowledged the superiority of the Metis without being jealous of it, and because he was a relative. Ac-cordingly as soon as the Metis showed their discontentment, the Indians necessarily drew a conclusion, "a for-tiori" which could not fail to have its effect. This is one of the reasons which rendered it so important not to alienate the affection of the Metis but on the contrary to secure their good will as useful intermediaries. Not only the natural sympathies of the Indians for the Metis were manifested during our troubles, but moreover, the different Indian nations felt the same sympathy for each other. The Crees and the Blackfeet for generations pursued one another with savage hatred. The missionary had succeeded in weakening their ferocity, but without destroying the national enmity At the present time hatred gives place have seen the undaunted Indian, erect to friendship Crowfoot weeps over the in the midst of the immense prairies, captivity of Poundmaker and of Big The whole tribe of Blackfeet Bear. showed signs of grief on hearing of the death of a Cree or an Assiniboine killed in the war last spring. This fact alone says a great deal and goes to show that the whites have become the "common enemy the only enemy.

I read a few days ago remarks which appear to me very strange. Must it be said that there were jokes over the hang. ing of the Indians at Battleford. The author of the fooleries, neither more nor less than threatened the Indians of the Northwest "to hang every one of them" to give them a good lesson. That "cannon should be the last reason of kings," is hard enough, but what can be said of those who would have the rope become the first reason of Christian civilization towards our Indians in the first difficulty we have had with them.

Before closing these observations I think I am bound to give the impressions of the Indians in reference to the Northwest troubles. I am not yet aware of what they think of the executions which havej ust taken place, but I know quite well what they think of the military movement. Canada would be greatly mistaken, were it believed that the Indians of the Northwest are terrified, and that they have a great idea of our armaments; quite the contrary is the case. This result may astonish, but however astonishing it may be, it has its

Louis Riel.

1 promised to tell the truth without tergiversation, so I must reach the most delicate point of the question of our troubles and speak of the man who was the most prominent feature and whom, it is said, concentrated the whole situation. Louis Riel was chosen by the Metis for their leader. They went for him to a strange land, they brought him to their midst on the banks of the Saskatchewan. This step was owing to the uselessness of the efforts made by the Metis and their friends to have their rights acknowledged. The Metis could not understand why they were so ob- out dangers. I take the equally respectstinately overlooked, They came to the conclusion that they were played upon even by those in whom they had so far placed their confidence. They believed that Riel, being one of themselves who osity. had suffered with and for them, would embrace their cause with greater zeal and thus be successful. Riel came to Batoche. Encouraged on one side, pressed on the other, he fancied that a feel ing of "unanimity existed between every section of the population," and being convincedthøt success must follow,he began an agitation, always dangerous but still more so amidst a population more in-

clined to act than anxious to talk. The agitation increased the discontentment.Rash plots, silly boastings and secret encouragements led to deplorable excitement. The assurance that the Commission would be soon appointed was not believed, whilst credit was given to the rumor that instead of granting them their rights, the authorities were sending irons for their leader and shot for those who would protect him. This produced the result that might be expect ed. The Metis contemplated resistance and their own defence, Badly armed, without ammunition, without provisions, they took possession of the stores in their neighborhood. The inconsiderate attack made upon them at Duck Lake was a declaration of war. What followed arrested the attention of Canada during several months. It is perhaps, not the It is perhaps, not the time to rectify the numerous errors which a too hasty publicity has accumu lated around the history of this painful period. What is but too true, is that noble lives were sacrificed, misery and desolation reign where flourishing establishments but lately stood. Respectable men endure a painful imprisonment in the midst of criminals with whom they have nothing in common, and Louis Riel was executed at Regina on the 16th of November last.

while the French papers con-

to the end vanished. Notwithstanding this deception I will not utter a word in sulting to those who acted contrary to my convictions. I have not so little faith in my country as to believe that our public men are capable of acting solely according to the dictates of hatred or the cold measures it inspires. I am not aware of what took place in the council of those who govern, but I cannot believe that they did not place themselves face to face with their obligation. At all events they have accepted the responsi bility, and I do not wish to create or de velop embarrassments to which it is dif ficult to assign a favorable issue.

Dangerous Excitement.

I will not dissemble that the pain have experienced since the beginning of our troubles, instead of being relieved, was greatly increased during the last three weeks. I am not making allusion to a movement which would be only political and kept within the limits al ready so broad of the constitution. Let those who have a vote to give, whether in Parliament or in the hustings, weigh all according to their inmost conscience, dangers which it is well to make known and in the balance of their love of country, and then let them vote according to their convictions; such is their right and their duty. But besides the right and their duty. purely political question there is a social question with which I am too closely connected to remain silent.

I think I need not say that I love my The province in which I was country. born has still all my heart, and I only enlarge the circle of my affections by assimilating the land of my adoption to the land of my birth. Consequently, all that concerns Quebec, all that concerns Manitoba and the Northwest, interests me deeply and it is for this reason that facing an agitation that cannot be withful and affectionate liberty to tell my frends themselves against what may be prejudicial to themselves and to the cause they embrace with so much gener-

Amidst all that has been said and written since three weeks I admired the noble outbursts of a generous patriotism. Meanwhile to be sincere I must confess that I deplored many other outbursts which, in my humble opinion, are not the echo of the same feeling, or at least do not denote the extreme prudence en joined to a true patriot in the critical periods of the history of a nation.

Quarrels of race and still more those religion are very dangerous weapons to wield, especially in a country where men of different origins and creeds are in daily relations with each other. Some thing the same may be said of different nationalities as of political parties. Each one is satisfied with considering the good aspirations towards which it tends while losing sight of those of others; just as our eyes are easily closed on our own faults to open them without measure on the faults of others. sincere review of self would bring the conviction that personal egotism is ordinarily the cause of national as well as political egotism. This does not mean that we should forget ourselves or those belonging to us, to such a degree as not to feel or to endeavor to silence abuse when it is lavished upon us. The English Element.

I shall cause no surprise to thinking men by saying that our countrymen of English origin, who accuse us of being as if we were unable to feel the insult inflicted on us.

A great number of English Canadians who never were in Europe, are so im-pressed by the word "French" that they do away completely with "British fair play," For instance, and I here For instance, and I here

Public opinion is divided on this last event and in dividing became embittered. the "abuse and insinuations" spoken

ment as the French Canadians should exist in Her Majesty's Dominion.

To Frenh Canadians.

To my countrymen i say: "Let us be true to our history and not be guided by the impulses of the moment. I understand the honest indignation which seizes you in view of the fact, that not satisfied with having hanged Riel in reality it was thought fit to hang him in effigy both before and after his execution.

I will by no means seek to palliate these disgraceful acts, I felt that a great humiliation had been imposed on the Lieutenant Governor of this Province and General Middleton when they were made to pass under a fancy scaffold erected in Winnipeg instead of a triumphal arch. The feeling of regret which I then experienced did not diminish when I heard that in several places in the Province of Quebec scaffolds and piles had been erected to simulate the execution of public men, whose acts we are not always obliged to approve but who by their position command respect-

Oh! my dear coudtrymen, do, I beg of you believe those among us who reflect seriously; Acts such as those I have just mentioned can never dignify a people. Constilonce more repeat "use all the tutional means at your disposal, but do not impress on our social condition the commotions which would tend to make life disagreeable to ourselves and to otheis. We are Catholics and in our social relations we should recall the words of an illustrious Protestant writer "that the Catholic Church is the greatest school of respect." R-spect for authority, and for those who represent it, respect for all, even for those who do not comprehend the obligation of this duty. In the narrow circle of a family where there is complete community of ideas, of sentiments and of interests, we find, alas! many divergencies. How then in a large country like ours where there are so many different nationalities and such a numbers of provinces can we expect o harmonize together unless everyone be disposed to accept the portion of sacrifice that may be required of him. Upon the whole we must admit that Providence has assigned us a far happier lot than we could naturally expect. Our institutions have amplitude and elasticity: the atmosphere we breathe is, in general, full of liberty. No doubt all around us is not perfection, but nothing opposes our using strenuous efforts to improve the condition, provided always that we do not go beyond the limits prescribed by duty. The majority has no right to oppress us and although we are the minority it is

apparent to everyone that our position has its advantages. Let us guard ourselves against exaggerations and of taking a stand which might gratify us to some extent but which might also lead to results which the true friends of the country would have reason to deplore. Please accept what I say here, as flowing from a pen held by a hand trembling with emotion.

It was for us, your friends, scattered through the "great lone land" that sympathies were aroused in the Province of Quebec; it was to you that we so often looked forward for help and support; it is to you that my venerable, and beloved colleague, now in your midst looks for help in behalf of the famishing popula-tion of the Saskatchewan and I know know that your generous hand is never closed. It was you who encouraged, honored too sensitive, frequently act and write and supported me by you sympathies in the most sorrowful days of my life. I un. derstand that you would perhaps have reason to say that instead of seeming to give a lesson I should feel too happy and be satisfied with thanking you.

Forgive me, my friends, for having followed too far in the habits of a life passed in the far Northwest. I can be silent In general the English press approves the and written against French Catholic ted or whom I mistrust but I cann with those with whom I am not acquainsemble when speaking to those dear to me, and in whom I have confidence. As you take interest in Manitoba and the Northwest l am confident that what I have said instead of offending you will reach you as the enfeebled but sincere echo of an authorized voice.

siderate treatment at the hands of those whose advance the native races have dwindled and receded."

These words were pronounced by the Governor General in Winnipeg on the 22nd October last. I had the pleasure of hearing them. His Excellency's voice betrayed his emotion, his sympathetic expressions were loudly applauded. There appeared the intelligent mind which had seized the importance of a question, and a kind heart, taken with a generous sympathy for human beings that civilization so loudly boastsd, drives out of its way, pending their destruction. The Indians took a part in the troubles. In some cases by cruel massacres of which nothing can palliate the horror; in others by a regretable attitude, no doubt, but nevertheless, from another standpoint, full of important lessons for those who reflect and feel. The Indians of the Northwest! There is a class of men but little understood by the Canadian people in general, and who will never be entirely comprehended except by those who speak their language, who have lived among them and who have given them their sympathy. Canada will never know the ordeal in which it has p'aced the proud children of the prairie, by packing them on reserves, there to suffer the pangs of hunger, and to brook the struggles of a semi capture. One must in the midst of the immense prairies, complacently draping himself in his semi-nudity, his flashing eye scouring the boundlese beginse inheling on at the boundless horizon, inhaling an atmosphere of liberty not to be found elsewhere, glorying in a sort of royalty, which had neither the embarrassments of riches nor the responsibilities of dignity. One must have seen the indefatigable huntsman raising to sort of religious enthusiasm the excitement and the

It also proves that it was a false and cruel policy to propose arming the chances or success of a chase without Blackfeet against the Crees. Such a Parallel. One must have seen the idler measure would have had no other issue Reeding not to toil for the abundance than that of furnishing arms to both he enjoyed, and led only by caprice to tribes for the destruction of the whites vary his unbusy course. Yes, one must in the Northwest.

demns it as a useless cruelty, On both sides, there are exceptions. The Ameri-can press is all or nearly all unanimous in considering this act of our authorities as a political blunder. I regret exceed-ingly that men from whom something better might be expected should have so far forgotten themselves as to attempt to lay the responsibility of this extreme measure on the very parties the least capable of advising it. The missionaries have suffered, but the missionaries never cried for vengeance. The only two among them summoned to give their evidence at the trial gave it rather in favor of the defense. Why assume the shameful role of repeating the trial of the unfortunate victim before the public by invoking the evidence of the Reverend Fathers Andre and Fourmond, who both under oath gave testimony of which the natural conclusion was certainly not the scaffold? Things are carried so far as to torture, one so kind hearted as Bishop Graudiu by ascribing to him a role equally unworthy of his position and his feelings. And all that, it is boldly said is in order to have the truth prevail. The government allowed the execution, it has therefore the responsibility of the act and it is shameful to strive to make it

weigh on others whom it was never thought nesessary to consult in the matter. For my part, an observation of twenty years' duration had led me to convic tions diametrically opposed to those which are invoked. I had too many reasons to study the dispositions of my unfortunate protege in their minutest details not to see what he was and what could have led him to the deplorable path he followed. For many years I am convinced beyond the possibility of a doubt, that while endowed with brilliant qualities of mind and of heart, the unfortunate leader of the Metis was a prey to what may be termed "megalomania" and "theomania" which alone can ex plain his way of acting until the last moment. My convictions are sincere, but that is not to say that they who do

not share in them are all wanting in sincerity. The natural consequences of my convictions on the sad subject were

missionaries, and against the French Canadian soldiers and the French popula. tion as a whole in connection with the Northwest troubles, and other misfortunes which have beset the country equally absurd and unjust.

Nothing short of the sufferings endured by our devoted missionaries. and the

cruel murder of two of their number sufficed to silence the calumnies heaped on them, and accusing them of being the abettors of rebellion and disloyalty It should have been known that such crimes are loudly condemned by the Holy Catholic Church for near a score of centuries, not only when her children enjoyed as we do the protection of wise and equitable laws, but just as well when they were martyrs to the cruelty of tyrants.

As for our French origin it is noble enough to command the respect of those who do not share it. We can find comfort in the fact that they who revile us know nothing about us. Let us make ourselves known, not by street clamor, but in such a way as to urge even those who do not speak our tongue-and unhappily for them, and for us they are too numerous-to study the history of Canada, not only the heroic epoch of French regime, but as well, since the conquest. Our history is rife with noble deeds, no sensible Ergiishman can become acquainted with our history with

out overcoming at least a part of the prejudices which he and his so fondly harbor. It was the study of our past that inspired the following article of the London Times as far back as 1847.

"What is it that has preserved Canada to us thus far? Not anything it has de rived from this country. Not political affinities. Not similarity of race. Not community of institutions. Not force of arms. To the FRENCH ORIGIN OF CANA DA WE OWE THAT IT IS OURS. Social habits prevailed over national antipathies: and a primitive regime of 'Seigniors.' Priests and 'habitants' stood by us (their recent conquerors' when our own flesh and blood "abhorred us and were driving us from the soil."

I thank an English-speaking friend for the above quotation, and I respect-fully invite to its perusal those who con-

rejected and the hope I had entertained sider it a misfortune that such an ele- St. Boniface, 7 Dec., 1885.

Good Feeling in Manitoba.

The entry into Confederation of the Province of Manitoba tock place undercircumstances most alarming for the peace and contentment of its inhabitants. The danger was too imminent to escape my notice. Seconded by the intelligent devotedness of my clergy; assisted by the influential men of the country and by distinguished friends coming from Que-bec, we went to work united in a community of ideas and of means. Our action was understood. We hushed many sus-ceptibilities, stifled many resentments, shut our eyes and ears against many provocations and secured such a good feeling that the troubles of the Northwest this year, did not excite the slight. est regrettable agitation, notwithstand. ing the bitter sorrow they have caused us.

It is but justice to add that we have not been the sole promoters of good feeling. Influential men, differing with us in nationality and creed, acted as we did, and with us have contributed to establish an order of things which no one could have anticipated at the outset.

Amnesty.

Just a word more before taking leave of you which I am sure will meet your sympathies as it does mine. No doubt, we cannot bring the dead to life, but it may be possible to give liberty to the prisoners. Let us ask forgiveness for all the political prisoners. Let us ask forgiveness for all the Metis which the insurrection led to the penitentiary, to prison and to exile. Let us ask forgiveness for the poor Indians who took part in the insurrectional movement, without steeping their hands in the blood of the victims of murder or of assassination. I think I may assure that this act of elemency, far from provoking divergencies of opinion, would meet the assent of the sensible men of all nation. alities and creeds.

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THE BARTH.

BY BILL NYE.

The earth is that body in the solar system which most of my readers now reside upon, and which some of them, I regret to say, modesty desire to own and control, forgetting that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Some men do not care who owns the earth so long as they get the fullness.

The earth is 500,000,000 years of age according to Pr.of. Proctor, but she doesn't look it to me. The Duke of Argyle maintains that she is but 10,000. 000 years old last August, but what does an ordinary Duke know about these things? So far as 1 am concerned I will put Proctor's memory against that of any low-priced duke that I have ever seen.

Newton claimed that the earth would gradually dry up and become porous, and that water would at last become a curiosity. Many believe this and are rapidly preparing their systems by a rigid course of treatment, so that they can live for years without the use of water internally.

Other scientists who have sat up nights to monkey with the solar system, and thereby shattered their nervous systems claim that the earth is getting very top heavy at the north pole, and that one of these days, while we are thinking of something else, the great weight of accumulated ice, snow, and the vast accu mulation of second-hand Arctic relief expeditions, will jerk the earth out of its present position with so much spontaneity, and in such an extremely forthwith manner, that many people will be permananently strabismussed, and much bric-a-brac will be for sale at a great sacrifice. This may or may not be true. I have not been up in the Arctic regions to investigate its truth or falsity, though there seems to be a growing sentiment throughout the country in favor of my going. A great many people during the last year have written me and given me their consent.

If I could take about twenty good picked men and go up there for the summer instead of bringing back twenty picked men I wouldn't mind the trip, and I feel that we ought to have a larger colony on ice in that region than we now have.

The earth is composed of land and water. Some of the water has large chunks of ice in it. The earth revolves around its own axle once in twenty four hours, though it seems to revolve faster than that and to wobble a good deal during the holidays. Nothing tickles the earth more than to confuse a man when he is coming home late at night, and then to rise up suddenly and hit him in the back with a town lot. People who think there is no fun or relaxation among the heavenly bodies certainly have not studied their habits. Even the moon is a humorist.

late at night from a regular meeting of Oakland is equally as productive. the society for the Amelioration of the Hot Scotch, said that the earth rose up suddenly in front of him and hit him with a right of way, and as he was about | to rise up again he was stunned by a during the National French Pilgrimage. terrific blow between the shoulder blades with an old land grant that he Bavarian frontier, was deaf and dumb. thought had lapsed years ago. When he His parents had given him the best edstaggered to his feet he found that the ucation they could under his peculiar moon, in order to add to his confusion, circumstances. The marvels of Lourdes had gone down in front of him and risen having been made known to him, again behind him, with her thumb on her nose.

my anguish be to nave to tell it? The mean diameter of the earth is 7,916 English statute miles, but the actual diameter from pole to pole is a still meaner diameter, being 7,899 miles, while the equatorial diameter is 7,9251 miles.

The long and patient struggle of our it will recede at your advance. Any fool earnest and tireless geographers and may be a suicide. When you are in a savants in past years in order to obtain melancholy fit, first suspect the body, these figures and have them exact, few appeal to rhubarb and calomel, and send can fully realize. The long and thank for the apothecary. A little bit of gristle less job of measuring the diameter of the sticking in the wrong place, an untimely earth, no matter what the weather might consumption of custard, excessive goosebe, away from home and friends, footsore | berries often cover the mind with clouds and weary, still plodding on, fatigued, and bring on the most distressing views but determined to know the mean diam- of human life. I start up at two o'clock eter of the earth, even if it took a leg, in the morning, after my first sleep, in measuring on for thousands of weary an agony of terror, and feel all the miles, and getting farther and fartner weight of life upon my soul. It is imposaway from home and then forgetting, sible that I can bring up such a family of perhaps, how many thousand miles they children, my sons and daughters will be had gone, and being compelled to go beggars; I shall I ve to see those whom I back and measure it over again, while love exposed to the scorn and contumely their noses got red and their fingers were of the world! But stop, thou child of benumbed. These fellow citizens are a sorrow and humble imitator of Job, and few of the sacrifices that science has tell me on what you have dined. Was made on our behalf in order that we there not soup or salmon, and then a may not grow up in ignorance. These plate of beef, and then duck, blanc are a few of the blessed privileges which, mange, cream cheese, dilute, with beer, along with life, liberty and the pursuit of claset, champagne, hock, tea, coffee and happiness, are ours-ours to anticipate, noyau? And after all this you talk of

Some Sensible Answers.

To the Editor of the New York Sun:-Will you please answer through the columns of your paper the following questions:___

Is this called a Protestant or Catholic country. (Neither.)

Nas this country founded on a Catholic or a Protestant religion. (Neither) Why has the Catholic Bible remained

unrevised, while the Protestant Bible has been revised. (The revision of the Protestant Bible has brought it nearer to the Catholic Bible.)

What countries in the world are called Catholic countries and why so called. (Spain, Portugal, Austria and France are Catholic countries, because the majority of their people are Catholics, and because they have ecclesiastical treaties, called concordats, with the Roman See)-New York Sun.

A deputation consisting of Reeve Kirchhoffer, of Glenwood, and Reeve Hector and Councillor Clark of Uakland, waited upon General Superintendent Egan this week relative to the extension of the Manitoba Southwestern Railway through their municipalities next season Mr. Egan said he had already reported favorably on the extension of the road further west, and that such a favorable showing of crop acreage in these municipalities as had been shown would strengthen his proposition very much. Glenwood municipalities, of only six townships, and without railway facilities, had 2,500 acres under crop this year, and with the encouragement of the rail A friend of mune who was returning way next year the acreage will double.

Recent Miracles at Lourdes .- An interesting account is given by the Paris

Sydney Smith on Happiness

I have a contempt for persons who destroy themselves. Live on and look evil in the face, Walk up to it and you will find it less than you imagined, and very often you will not find it at all, for ours to participate, ours to precipitates the mind and the evils of life? These kinds of cases do not need meditation but magnesia. Take short views of life. What am I to do in these times with such a family of children? So I argued and lived dejected and with little hope; but the difficulty vanished as time went on. An uncle died and left me some

money; an aunt died and left me more; my daughters married well; I had two or three appointments, and before life was half over became a prosperous man. Everyone has uncles and aunts who are mortal; friends start up out of the earth; time bring a thousand chances in your favor; legacies fall from the clouds. Nothing so absurd as to sit down and wring your hands because all the good which may happen to you in twenty years has not taken place at this precise moment.

'What is the worst thing about riches!' asked the Sunday-school superintendent. And the new boy said. "Not having any."



Legislature of Manitoba.

RULES RELATING TO NOTICES FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

48. No petition for any Private Bills is re-eived by the House after the first five days

technology the House after the first five days of the session. 50. All applications for Private Bills, pro-perly the subject of legislation by tre Legis-lative of Assembly of Manitoba within the purview of "The British North America Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a bridge, the making of a railroad, turnpike road or telegraph line; the construction or improve-provement of a harbor, canal, lock, dam, or silde, or other like work; the granting of a right of ferry; the incorporation of any par-ticular trade or calling, or of any joint stock compahy; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals, any exclusive or for doing any matter or thing, white in its operation would affect the rights and pro-perty of other parties, or relate to any parfor doing any matter or thing, which in its operation would affect the rights and pro-perty of other parties, or relate to any par-ticular class of the community; or for mak-ing any amendment of a like nature to any normer act; shall require a notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application and where the application refers to any proposed work, indicating gen-erally the location of the worh, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants, such notice to be, during four weeks, between the close of the next preceding session, and the time of the consideration of she petition, publish-ed in every is us of the 'Manitoba Gazette' and in two other newspapers as aforssaid (one in English and one in French) and within one weeh from the appearance of such notice in the 'Manitoba Gazette,'' a copy of said Bill, with the sum of one hum-dred dollars for each ten pages or fraction thereof, shall be placed by the applicants in the hands of the Clerh of the House, whose duty it shall be to get the said Bill printed forthwith. 5I. Before any petition praying for leave the hands of the Clerh of the House, whose duty it shall be to get the said Bill printed for hwith. 51. Before any petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a toll bridge is received by the House, the person or persons intendig to petition for such bill shall, upon giving the notice pre-scribed by the preceding rule, also at the same time, and in the same maner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the intervals between the abutments or piers for the passage of raits and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a a draw bridge or not, and dimensions of the same. C. A. SADLEIR,



So I say, without fear of successful contradiction, that if you do not think | but the young man was firm, and on a that planets and orbs and one thing and certain day, stick in hand, he set off on another have fun on the quiet, you are foot for Lourdes, having suspended grossly ignorant of their habits.

The easth is about half way between Mercury and Saturn in the matter of to Lourdes; show me the way." It was density. Mercury is of about the speci fic gravity of iron, while that of Saturn he tramped from town to town, lodging correspondents with cork in the matter of density and specific gravity. The earth, of course, does not compare with | pilgrims were there, and he was in a Mercury in the matter of solidity, yet it most pitiful plight, almost shoeless, and is amply firm for all practical purposes. his dress ragged and torn. He drank A negro who fell out of the tower of the the waters, he washed himrelf at the twelve storey building while trying to font, and mixed up with the other pilclean the upper window by drinking a grims. The multitudes prayed, some on quart of alcohol and then breathing hard bended knee, others with outstretched on the glass, says that he regards the arms, and at length burst forth from the earth as perfectly solid and safe to do business on for years to come. He claims that those who maintain that the earth's crust is only 2,500 miles in thickness like the rest. He was healed. His wonhave not thoroughly tested the matter derful faith had merited a miracle. by a system of practical experiments.

The poles of the earth are purely imaginary. I hate to print this statement in a large paper in such a way as to injure the reputation of great writers | ed for his many kind services rendered on this subject who still cling to the theory that the earth revolves upon ciation. Dr. Edmonds, of London, Eng., large poles, and that the aurora borealis has presented Superintendent Egan with is but the reflection from a hot box at a silver soup ladle. Its peculiar value is the north pole, but I am here to tell the | the fact that it belonged to King George truth, and if my readers think it dis the Third, and was used at his table duragreeable to read the truth, what must ing his life time.

Univers of a miracle wrought at Lourdes A young Swiss, aged 18, living near the he felt drawn by a hidden power to the Holy Virgin of the Pyrenees. His par-

ents opposed the idea of a pilgrimage. around his neck a card bearing the following inscription: "Deaf and dumb I go the beginning of June. For two months where Providence provided him a bed. Hearrived at Lourdes while the French assembled thousands the canticle of Lourdes, with its refrain, "Ave Maria." Suddenly the deaf heard, the dumb sang

And Still Another.

The General Superintendent of the C. P. R., Mr. Egan, has again been rewardto the members of British Science AssoC. A. SADLEIR, Clerk of the Legislative Assemly of Manitobs



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THE GREAT CANADIAN LINE, Particular attention is pai 1 to the fact that on August II, 1834, a NEW THROUGH LINE from Chicago and the West to Montreal and the East was opened for Traffic. This is the only rou's between the East and West, via Ottawa, the Capital of the Dominion. It is composed of the MICHIGAN CEN-TRAL from Chicago and Toledo to St. Thom-as, where econsection is made with the On-tario Division of the Canadian Pacific Hail-Way, St. Thomas to Smith's Falls via To-roulo, and the Eastern Division from Smith's n Falls to Montreal, via Ottawa, forming a St. The Canadian Scaboard. It is laid with et ator passenger business. The train service is unexcolled in this to the Canadian Sectore being open-ted for passenger coaches, elegant parlor dsy and luxurious sleeping cars on this continent, run through without change making se quick time as the fastest trains of any other route.

CATHOLICITY IN SOUTH AMEBICA

The Testimony of an American Observ

A correspondent, who has spent three years cruising in an American vessel along the coast of South America, sends the following account of the piety of the people to an esteemed contemporary:

During quite an extended sojourn in South American waters, nothing has struck me with greater force than the great difference between the observance of religious duties among the church go ers of Chili and Peru and the United States. There the sexes are rigidly separated, and in the part of the church set aside for men there is always a provision for seating, while in the portion, and by far the larger, assigned to the use of the female part of the congregation, nothing of the sort is provided, but each worshiper brings, or has brought by a servant, an alfombrta, or little carpet, where she kneels or sits according to the portion of the Mass being celebrated.

The devotion of the women is beyond all praise, and the appearance of the church during High Mass is not only inspiriting in the highes degree, but contains an element of picturesqueness not to be met with in this country, "this land of the free."

Throughout South America, and particularly in the two republics of which mention has been made, the women invariably wear the modest appearing man to or manta (the same article of dress, but of different genders in the two countries, and as this covers not only the head but the figure as well, the appearance of the nave, of a large church filled with these bowed, motionless, shrouded black figures, is picturesquely religious, and the indifferent observer can but be impressed with the added solemnity attending the Holy Sacrifice, when the eye finds a crowded congregation unrelieved by a single spot of color, and minus the nodding plumes and fashionable exhibits so usual in the United States.

The attitude of humility rendered so necessary by the absence of seats is also a point in the spectacle not without its proper effect upon the observer and worshiper, and it is fair to assume that where the attractions and distractions of fashion are absent, the devotion is certain to be more efficacious.

In all the churches of Chili and Peru wherein I have attended Mass the jangle of bells from the towers announces to the people without, equally with those within, the elevation and other portions of olic kneels and crosses himself.

all the sombre hue of mourning, will be seen an occasional blue, white or brownusually worn in conjunction with a broad leathern belt encircling the waist, and one of sufficient length to reach the ground. These are indifferent individuals under vow not to wear any color but that in church for so long a period, sometimes for a few weeks or months, and in extreme cases for life. Sometimes these costumes, especially the blue, are worn in the forms of thanksgiving offering for

richly carved onyx chained with gold____ quite a fortune in itself. Military trophies are of frequent oc-

Church of Espirito Santo there hangs tude. stretched above the high altar the large Peruvian fiag captured with the monitor 'Huascar" at the beginning of the late war between the two countries. In the same church is a fine group emblematic of the triumph of Chili over has less fortunate antagonist.

Dr. Horstmann on the Church.

The Rev. Ignatius F. Horstmann, D. D., chancellor of the Philadelphia Archdiocese, discoursed the other morning at the cathedrol of that city on the "Origin and Growth of the Church." He said: "In the Gospel of the to day Christ likens His word, which is the kingdom of ed it largely to advantage. heaven, to a grain of mustard seed. 'A grain of mustard seed' among the Jews was a proverbial expresson used to denote something small in the most diminutive degree. Nothing could be smaller than was the doctaine of the gospel at its first promulgation-its founder, a poor mechanic, born of lowly parentage, who was tried, convicted and crucified; its publishers a handful of illiterate fishermen; its doctrine opposed to the dearest feeling of mankind and contradicting the established maxims and habits of society. Can the worldly wise explain how a religion teaching such a code of laws could set its stamp upon all classes and make its influence felt even in lands where the Roman arms did not dare penetrate? If the institution of Christianity was miraculous, surely its existence to-day is a greater miracle. The persecutors have passed away, and the Church, like the mustard seed, has grown to be a great tree, and in its wide expanded arms it embraces the whole circuit of the globe."

Scraps for the Curious

Young alligators are raised and tamed for Northern visitors by a Sanford (Fla.) man, who finds it quite a lucrative business. He has now a hundred of the animals under training, and reports that his sales last season would have been five times _that number could he have procured the alligators.

In a recent paper, Sir John Lubbock says that ants of the same nest, however large it may be, have a means of recognizing each other not easily explained. The recognition is immediate and comthe Mass where the well-instructed Cath- | plete, even after an absence of a year from the nest. Concerning the longevi Scattered among the women, clad in ty of ants, he said he had kept two queen ants for twelve years.

The expression of the eyes of persons ish costume, either of these colors being killed by violence is considered an important matter in criminal jurisprudence but its value has been greatly lessened by reason of its evanescent nature. A French scientist has found a means of restoring the life-like expression. It consists in applying a few drops of glycerine to the cornea.

The bacillus theory is responsible for a new hallucination. An English lunatic sane in other matters, believes he has swallowed a bacillus, and he tells every one who will listen to him of the strange sensations and impulses it causes in him. It appears that Carpenter's essay on bacteriology started him off. The man suffers from only one physical trouble caused by the bacillus; he cannot control his legs. "Once I start off," he says, "I cannot stop until I walk my legs off." The last formulated idea in crazes is The last formulated idea in crazes is an international cooking match. This is to take place in the aquarium in West $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ an international to take place in the aquarium in West and the minster in December next. It means a final state of the favorite dishes of each nation. The Briton will present his plum pudding and roast beef. the Spaniard 'olla podrida,' the Italian his macaroni 'a la' garlic, the German his bratwurst and sauerkraut, the Russian his ''kapoosta'' soup, the Frenchman his "fricassee," and the Norwegian will teach how to cook eggs in that variety of ways how to cook eggs in that variety of ways which astonishes the traveler in his clime. A good joke is going the rounds with respect to a Scotchman who has been From observation I think that the ded recently knighted. Sir Richard Closs, who had "the braw laddie" in tow, carefully enjoined that he was to take the sight to see a female in church "without queen's hand and raise it reverently to her beads in hand, and many of the his lips. All this he promised to do, but Wealthier class often possess chapters of at the critical moment he forgot his les-

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great value, one, which it was my good son, and, seizing the queen's hand, gave fortune to examine, being composed of it a fervid shake, exclaiming: "Many thanks, your majesty; many thanks." Sir Richard nearly fainted with horror,

but the queen laughed goodnaturedly, surrence, in Chilian churches; in the and thanked him for his hearty grati-

In the "Gazette Hebdomadaire," M.



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MARY'S AGADEMY

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recovery from sickness, gift or faith o. something of the sort.

During the celebration of Mass one seldom sees any one looking around on the part of the women, but with eyes fixed steadfastly on the altar, it is impossible not to believe that the congregation is composed almost entirely of the members of some great religious commu-Dity.

Besides an attitude of piety and recollection, the absence of seats and the wearing of the manto imposes a very graceful attitude, which is also a pleasant thing for the observer who for the first time finds himself in a church without fasmon. In the little church at Coquimbo, Chili, there exists a practice, undoubtedly borrowed or brought down from some remote antiquity, of passing around, instead of the well-known contribution box of this country, the plate, across which is thrown a pair of scapulars, and as each charitably disposed worshiper deposits an alms on the plate he or she kisses the scapular, performing thus an act of faith and charity at the same time.

It is in the church where the males find a place to assist in Mass within the communion rail, where the benches are provided, while the females fill the body of the church so thickly that a bit of the pavement cannot be seen. Fortunately, the genial climate of that part of the world permits solid tile or brick floor to the churches without danger to health to the pious.

votion of the Rosary is more usual in South America than here, for it is a rare

SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 1885.

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Week Days_Mass at 7 a.m.

CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Mr. Grundy is also contesting Ward 5. He is very popular in the Ward and will make a worthy representative if elected.

Two wheat trains per day are reported to be leaving the city, each consisting or 20 cars making a total daily shipment or about 24,000 bushels.

The Victoria Ice Rink 18 now open and is well attended. Every comfort is afforded the patrons by the courteous pro prietors, Messrs. Morris and Hunt.

It is understood that Mr. Alexander Mitchell, who purchased Manitoba wheat to be put up in nomination for Alderman last winter for the Montreal Syndicate, will not operate here this season, but he is prepared to receive and dispose to the best advantage consignments of grain shipped to him at Montreal.

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* While the diagram shows some of the alum powders to be of a higher degree of strength than other powders ranked below them, it is not to be taken as indicat-ing that they have any value. All alum powders, no matter how high their strength, are to be avoided as dangerous.

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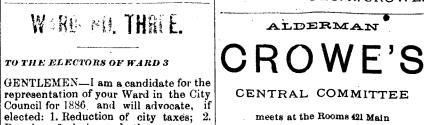
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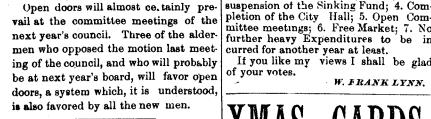
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