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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The announcement in last Saturday's GazTte that those sections of certain acts which impoged rates of duties on sugars and molasses pred imported indirectly from the country of Production other than the rates inposed when ${ }^{t}{ }^{0}$ importation is direct, are suspended by prorightion until further notice, is a step in the st direction. Such discriminations, directed As they obviously were against the United been, were invidious and should never have little made. They are among the little things, are in more senses than one, which tend to fully the friendly relations which should be carenlly cultivated between us and our next-door aighbours. May we accept this as an earnest a a change of policy in regard to such matters hoder Sir John Thompson's regime? We lare provision ine way, there is a somewhat simiand cofferion in respect to the imporiation of tea and coffee, which needs to be dealt with in the
of thay. Whether the effect of the suspension of the clauses in respect to sugar will further
reduce the price remains to be seen. Probably the refiners' special protection will prevent that calamity.

The meagre telegrams which have come to hand touching the session of the Indian National Congress at Allahabad indicate that the organization is growing in strength, and its demands in popularity. The resolutions expressing regret that the people of India are not allowed to elect representatives to the Council of the Viceroy, and demanding the separation of judicial from executive functions in the government of the country, have so much of apparent reasonableness that one can readily foresee how the cry may grow from year to year until it becomes too strong to be longer resisted. Probably the concession will be made before that period arrives. Compliance with the demand for a native National Indian legislature is probably far in the future, as the mixed and mutually an'agonistic character of the races and castes of India seem to render such a legislature, for the present at least, almost utterly impracticable. But there can be no doubt that little by little the principle of home rule must be conceded even in India. That principle is in the atmosphere of all countries over which the British flag floats.

Hard is the fate of the man of brains and conscience who, while in one of the great political parties, is not wholly of the partynot ready, that is, to play the game of follow-your-leader blindly to the end, whatever that end may be. The bitterness of such a fate is, if we may conclude from recent articles in The Empire, about to be proved by Mr. Dalton McCarthy, who has had the temerity to differ from the party leaders on two or three occasions, though he has never hitherto pushed his independence so far as to make it seriously embarrassing. Mr. McCarthy's latest crime, so far as known to the public, was his expression of opinion at Mr. Parkin's lecture, in favour of a ten per cent. reduction of the tariff on British goods. Whether this weakening faith in the merits of high taxation is the head and front of his present offending, or whether he is suspected of being about to propagate some more radical heresy, we know not. The Empire's ' savage onslaught "-those are good newspaper words, we believe, and are certainly more than usually appropriate in this caseseems to point to something to be revealed, vastly more depraved and desperate than anything of which Mr. McCarthy has yet been guilty. The public await developments.

As has been anticipated since the announcement, through Mgr. Satolli, of the new and progressive policy of the Holy See in respect to the public schools of the United States, Dr. McGlynn has been restored to the priestly office in the Roman Catholic Church. The conditions, if any, on which this action has been based are not yet known. Public curiosity is excited without regard to the ques-
tion whether and to what extent restoration means approval of Dr. McGlynn's political and other publie utterances since his secession. The beginning of his trouble was his open advocacy of Henry George as a candidate for the mayoralty of New York, notwithstanding the Archbishop's inhibition. His rebellion culminated in his refusal to obey a summons to Rome, to answer for his contumacy. His restoration to the functions of the priesthood is the last of a series of triumphs for the Liberal Catholics in the United States. Meanwhile, the opponents of the new school policy are said to be making strenuous efforts to have Mgr. Satolli discredited and his recommendations repudiated at Rome. But what has already transpired makes it pretty clear that the Legate has not exceeded his powers, and the astute leaders in the Vatican are not much given to saying "yea" and "nay" in the same breath.

A good deal has been said in Canadian papers, pro and con, in reference to the declarations made at the recent agricultural conference in England, in favour of protection for farmers. The following summing up by a writer in The Christian Union, an ardent free-trader, of course, no doubt fairly represents the case as it appears at present to a vast majority of the English people. We quote it as a sample, indicating the current of public opinion which will have to be overcome before real headway can be made in the direction of a tax on food products in England :-
"The close of the first day must have left all the more thoughtful friends of the farmer almost in despair. 'If that is a fairly representative gathering of British agriculturists,' one was tempted to say, 'their case is indeed hopeless.' Their one panacea for all their troubles was to give an artificial value to the food of the Britigh population, for the benefit of their own comparatively small section of it. Nay, their case, indeed, was not even so good as that. There they were, a great throng of them, full of the wildest enthusiasm over proposals and suggestions which were not only hopelessly beyond the bounds of practicability, but which, even if realized, every thoughtful pers.n could see would not help them a bit. Land had gone down in value, rents had been reduced, and it seemed to be perfectly obvious that if these unreflecting farmers, whose stentorian roars at times almost lifted off the roof of St. James' Hall, really should get the moon they were crying for, and an import duty of five or ten shillings a quarter were put upon corn, the simple effect would be, not to increase the farmers' profits, but to give the landlord his higher rent and the land an artificial value. But they could not see it, and would not listen to anybody who had a word of caution or of warning for them."

A good deal of discussion has been caused in England by the statemert said to have been made by Mr. Gladstone, in answer to an enquiry, to the effect that the Established Cnurch " receives no assistance from public funds." The letter of enquiry which elicited this answer has not been made public. The form of the question, were it known, would in all probability throw a much-needed light
upon a somewhat puzzling statement. From a communication which has since appeared in The Liverpool Courier from the Assistant Carate who made the enquiry, in which the writer speaks of " the absurd falsehood" that the Church " receives any sort of subsidy out of the public funds," or that "anybody contributes in any way towards its support through the medium of taxation," and adds that " the accounts voted annually for Army, Navy, Civil Service, e'c., are published, but where is any account of a vote for the Church?" it is plausibly inferred that the question was put to Mr. Gladstone in some such shape. He would, of course, have to reply that there is no such annual subsidy, and no such vote. If this conjecture affords the true explanation, and in fact whether it does or not, the writer who attempts to persuade the English people that the Church costs them nothing and receives nothing from the public, that is, the nation, must count largely upon the ignorance or gullibility of the people. The latest Parliamentary returns show, it appears, that the revenues of the Church, derived from tithes and other national and ancient sources amount to nearly five millions and a half of pounds sterling. per annum. It seems to be a pity that Mr. Gladstone does not speak again and make the whole matter clear for the information of the public.

One of the consequences of the failure of the International Silver Conference to devise any means whereby the United States national treasury can be saved from the operation of the law of cause and effect will probably be the early repeal of the Silver-Purchase Act. Under the operation of that Act, the volune of silver and paper money in the Republic is being swelled at the rate of $\$ 4,000,000$ a month, while gold is being sent out of the country at the rate of $\$ 10,000,000$ a month. The paper money and silver currency of the country consists, according to recent computations, of $\$ 346,000,000$ of old legal tenders ; $\$ 120,000,000$ coin notes, issued under the Act of July, 1890 ; $\$ 174,000,000$ of national bank notes ; and about $\$ 400,000,000$ of silver dollars and certificates of deposits of silver dollars, making a total of currency other than gold of $\$ 1,040,000,000$, which the public at present accepts as the equivalent of gold because of its faith that it can at any moment be changed into gold. When it is remembered that the market price of silver was at late quotations but $82 \frac{1}{2}$ cents an ounce, while of the more than 4,000 tons which the Treasury has purchased under the operation of the presentsilver-coinage law, some has cost as high as $\$ 1.13$ per ounce, it will be realized at what rate the losing process is going on. Not even the immense resources of the United States could stand such a drain for an indefinite period. It is no wonder, therefore, that a resolution is to come before Congress, immediately on its re-assembling, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend all purchases of silver bullion until otherwise ordered by Congress. It adds to the piquancy of the situation to remember that at the rate above quoted, $82 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce, the bullion in an American silver dollar is worth but 64 cents.

The benchers of the Ontario Law Society are to be congratulated upon their wisdom in accepting the recommendation of their Education Committee touching regulations for the
admission of women as students. The conclusion that in future the only tests required shall be those of qualification, commends itself as the only fair and reasonable one. Whatever difference of opinion there may be as to the propriety of women entering upon the practice of the profession, there should be none as to the right of its masculine members, who may happen just now to have both a monopoly of its practice and the guardianship of its gates of entrance, to take it upon themselves to decide the question of propriety for the women. It has taken representatives of the sterner sex a long time in this, as in other professions which were from time immemorial regarded as exclusive pressrves for male practitioners, to learn the very simple principle that in all such matters women are themselves the best judges of what is proper and becoming for their sex. Prejudice dies hard, but it sometimes dies, nevertheless. Some of our readers can remember when the right of girls and young women to enter the High Schools of Ontario was vigorously contested. What would be thought of the sanity of the person who should now object to their admission? We think it was Mr. Mundella, the late Head of the Educational Department of the British Government, who, in a recent speech, recalled the time, only a few years distant, when women were debarred from teaching in the English secondary schools, and who not only bore testimony to their general efficiency, but paid them the high compliment of saying that in some of the essential qualitios, such as devotion to the work and readiness to give time and self-denial to it outside of official hours, they were superior to male teachers. Similar success in kind, if not in degree, is being achieved all along the lines of the new spheres which women have forced open for themselves in these iconoclastic days.

Probably the reports which reach us of the acts and intentions of President Harrison and some members of his Cabinet, with a view to depriving Canadian railroads of the privilege of carrying freight for United States' farmers and merchants more cheaply than would be otherwise possible for them, may not be all authentic. Otherwise we should be inclined to believe that the President is in a very bad temper towards Canada. One might, in fact, suppose that he suspects Canadians of having in some way brought about the defeat of his party at the recent election. There are, however, two or three questions of fact involved in this railway matter which it should be easy to settle. For instance, the Interstate Commissioners, in their annual report, make what is equivalent to a charge of bad faith against the managers of the Canadian roads. They say that these do not comply with the Interstate Com nerce Act, notwithstanding their asseverations to the contrary. It ought to be easy for the Commissioners or other United States officials to point out just in what respects the Canadian railroads fail to observe the Act, and to ask them to govern themselves accordingly. After this has been done and proved ineffectual would seem to be soon enough for threats of hostile legislation or Executive action. Again, though we are not quite sure whether this is a separate charge, or merely a variation and specification of the former, the Interstate Commissioners charge that a statute of the Canadian Parliament provides in substance for exempting Canadian
roads in respect of American traffic from the regulations and restraints imposed on them by law in regard to all other traffic. If such * statute exists it is easy to specify it, and, though Canada must sacredly maintain her right to make her own laws without foreirg dictation, under ordinary circumstances, the managers of the roads aftected should be the first to solicit, in their own itsterests, the ${ }^{r^{-}}$. peal of any act, or clause of an act, capable of such a construction. But as the Commission ers themselves admit that the difficulties arise mainly from natural causes and commercial conditions, one is naturally curious to know whether Congress in its wisdom will proce to impose artificial restrictions to deprive their own people of the advantages thus provided for them by beneficent nature, because those advantages happen to come to them from be neath the folds of a neighbouring country's flag.

On the strength of an article in the Decen ber Contemporary Review, some of the religious papers are now claiming Professor Huxley as a believer in the doctrine of immor tality, in the Christian and New Testanent sense. Perhaps the inference is a rather larg of one to be drawn from the conditional form ${ }^{\circ}$ the words quoted to sustain it. But those words are at least remarkable for their sug gestiveness and for the harmony of the hyp of thetical view they express with the faith of intelligent Christians. "I am a strong believer," he says, "in the punishment of certain kind of actions, not only in the presen it but in all the future a man can have, be long or short, therefore in hell. For I sup ${ }^{-}$ pose that all men with a clear sense of right and wrong (and I am not sure that any whers deserve punishment) have now and then 'dev cended into hell' and stopped there long enough to know what infinite punishmen means. And if a genuine, not merely sub ${ }^{-}$ jective, immortality awaits us, I conceive that in without some such change as that depicted is the fifteenth chapter of the second (first ?) Epistle to the Corinthians, immortality must be eternal misery."

It is something to have from so sturdy * doubter of the supernatural as Profess ${ }^{0 r}$ Huxloy, even a conditional admission of the possibility of a "qenuine," as distinguished from a merely "subjective," immortality for the human race, and a clear recognition of th need of a radical transformation of charac to save the participants in such immortality from eternal misery as the outcome of "jnex tinguishable memories." No emptier, more inefficient solace for the loss of the hope of ${ }^{8}$ personal, conscious, future life was ever derised than the fine-spun doctrine of a subjective immortality, which at best is nothing than an incomprehensible survival of a suc sion of states of consciousness, without aven gossamer thread of memory upon which to string the series so as to give them continuity, or the entity, if there be one, which form their substratum the sense of identity. It ${ }^{18}$ interesting to note the tendency on the part ${ }^{0}$ many of the foremost minds among the scie tific sceptics, whose supposed generalizations created so much unnecessary uneasiness twent or thirty years ago, to reaction in the direction of the old faiths, which in the heyday of their scientific enthusiasm they were ready the beiieve so completely outgrown as to be, in the
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language of Bishop Butler touching sceptics of a still earlier school, no longer" so much as a sabject of enquiry."

## PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

From the reports of speeches by Mr. Mercier and others, which appear from time to time in some of our French-Canadian contem"Poraries, it would appear that the cry of "Provincial Rights" is being raised with ome vigour in the sister Province. By some of the more enthusiastic orators, it is even thought wise to refer to the events of ' 36 and 37 , and the possibility of its becoming neces mary to resort again to stern arguments for the maintenance of the rights of the Province.

There is, so far as we are aware, nothing of Whecial moment taking place in Quebec or elseWhere that could possibly warrant such language, or the state of feeling which causes the unthinking crowds to cheer it to the echo, as they are said to do, unless it be in connection ith the Manitoba School and Language ques$H_{0}$. Assuming, therefore, that the course pursued in these sections of the Confederation, and in reference to them, is the cause of the fellowe excitement among our French-Canadian fellow-citizens, we are cons'rained to wonder Whether it has ever uccurred to those in Quebee who are making the outery and playing queklessly with edged tools. that so far as any quention of Provincial Rights is concerned, it Manitoba, not Quebec, which has cause to foundain. We are and have always been profoundly convinced that the peace and progress dition Confederation are possible only on condition of the strict observance by the Dominion the Provint and Parliament of the rights of in the British North America Act. The union Was formed by the voluntary act of the original rontracting Provinces. These agreed to surrender certain care'ully detined portions of their self-ruling powers, but they did so only condition that the residue of those powers, Which they reserved for their own local LegisWhet, should be scrupulously regarded. conether a strong and permanent union can be Pet to ${ }^{\infty}$ neted on this plan, remains, perhaps, yet to be seen, but that a union was possible $n_{0}$ other conditions was admitted by all.
Hence, when certain questions arose with eference to the New Brunswick School Law, in the early days of the Confederation, many ${ }^{\text {Eren }}$ of those who thought that law somewhat urse in its treatment of Roman Catholics, but there nevertheless convinced that it was within firmly opposed any attempt at authoritative interference by the Dominion authorities. Hence, again, when certain legislative rights of rightio were in question, those who believed, Was within the event proved, that the matter Opposed within provincial jurisdiction, strenuously Domped the attempted interference of the Undinion Government. Hence, also, when
the the excitement caused by the passage of the "Jesuits Estates Act" by the Quebec Legislature, a strong effort was put forth to induce or compel the Dominion authorities to interpose with a veto, the great majority both in Parliament and out, including many who dought that the Legislature of Quebec was fing an unwise and improper thing, held clared by the Confederation compact, and delared that Quebec had a constitutional right
to do as she pleased in the matter, and that her liberty of action must not be interfered with.

Do not our French-Canadian fellow-citizens see that for the Dominion, in the face of the clear decision of the Judicial Committee of the British Privy Council, to attempt to constrain or compel Manitoba in the matter of educational legislation, would be a gross violation of the federation compact, and an intolerable disregard of Manitoba's rights? Surely no Province of the Dominion should be more careful to guard Provincial Rights at every point than Quebec, for no other has nearly so many special institutions and privileges to be conserved. The fallacy seems to be in identifying in same way the interests of Quebec with those of Manitoba. But the absurdity of supposing that the rights of one Province can be involved in those of another Province, or that Quebec can have any special rights to guard in Manitoba, must be obvious on a moment's reflection. So far from the enforcement of the Manitoba School let being an infringement upon any right of Quebec, it is clear that it is Quebec which, in striving to force the Dominion Govermment to interfere with the Manitoba School Act, is really seeking to trample upon the rights of that Province. Evidently it is for Manitoba, not Quebec, to raise the cry of "Provincial Rights" in this case.

## TEACHING PATRIOTISM.

In an address made a few weeks ago to the Head Teachers of London, Mr. Bryce, the well-known writer on historical and constitutional questions, lamented the decay of patriotism in England. He thinks, to use his own words, that "there is really less interest taken in our national life and achievements. than there used to be, and than with our diffused knowledge we should expect there to be." It seems to be true, he says, that knowledge itself, by widening the horizon of thought, tends to dissolve patriotism. "The Englishman has learned of late to merge his country in 'the Empire,' and the Empire in the world, until, when appealed to in the name of patriotism, he is half suspicious of his own motives, and inclined to doubt whether he is not being invited to vield to a subtle form of selfishness." Cosmopolitanism is getting too strong a hold, and is antagonizing the patriotic sentiment. The whole industrial movement, with its habit of testing all results by profit, comes in also for a liberal share of the blame. The development of the passion for pity, which knows no country, diffuses and exhausts sympathy which was formerly reserved for one's own fellow citizens. Above all, and here it seems to us is the most potent factor in the product, patriotism-might it not be more correctly said, the manifestation of patriotism? --has suffered greatly from the absence of recent danger in England. For more than seventy years Englishmen have felt such a sense of security that her people can hardly comprehend the strength of the passion which would bind them to each other and all to the defence of their institutions and firesides, were they once more to be seriously menaced with invasion. For our own part, we see no reason to doubt that under such atimulus the true love of country would quickly manifest itself in so unmistakable a fashion as would show that it has lost none of its ancient capacity for deeds of heroism and
of self-abnegation, in the defence of t'se institutions, liberties and lives of the nation.

Having only a resume of Mr. Bryce's address before us, we are unable to ascertain his views upon a number of questions which suggest themselves. Does he, for instance, deem the supersedure of the old passion of patriotism, to whatever extent it may have been superseded, by cosmopolitanism, a real loss to England or to humanity? We do not think that the statement above made, which very likely may do him less than justice, touching the working and tendency of the industrial movement, fairly represents the mental attitude of the better classes of those who represent that movement. It is not, it seems to us, simply the fact that the "advanced" workman tests every result by his rate of wages, but that with the diffusion of knowledge and of that power of independent thought which is one of the best fruits of knowledge, the working classes are coming to have their own opinions about the causes and merits of many of the wars which make up the staple of patriotic history, and rightly or wrongly, are coming to the conclusion that nine-tenths of them have been waged for the aggrandisement of individuals, or the upholding of dynasties, in which the workmen's part was to do the fighting and blood-shedding, at the bidding of those whose wrong-headedness or grasping selfishness had brought about the contest. Does Mr. Bryce, who is no doubt somewhat of a moral as well as political philosopher, "think it a thing to be deprecated that workingmen of different nationalities are coming to take counsel together, and to make common cause for the improvement of their condition, which means the condition of probably at least ninetenths of the whole population of civilized countries? The effect of this tendency, combined with the spread of democracy of which it is an outcome, will certainly be, at some future and perhaps not distant day, that the workman and even the soldier will require to be consulted and satistied with regard to the justice of his country's cause and the necessity of the war, before he will contribute either in money or in blood for its prosecution.

We can but hint at these and kindred questions in passing. Most of our readers will probably be more interested in learning what remedies Mr. Bryce has to propose for the restoration of the patriotic passion to its pristine strength. Well, he is addressing teachers, be it remembered, and he very naturally thinks that the power to apply the remedy is largely in their hands. He urges them to instruct their pupils in history, in patriotic poetry, and in a broad and general way, in the working of the Constitution. With reference to the patriotic poetry, The Spectator alys that the teachers might teach it if they had it, but that Englishmen, differing in this respect from Scotchmen and Irishmen, have developed no patriotic poetry of a popular kind, or that children can appreciate. Whether Canada is in the same position our readers may judge. Possibly the real value of such poetry, save by way of temporary stimulus to an army on the eve of battle, may easily be over-rated. With regard to history, The Spectator finds that it is impossible to teach Englishmen the history of their own land. They have no foundation to build on, no traditional fire-side lore. "They have forgotten the long roll of their kings, Alfred excepted, and perhaps Elizabeth ; they do not know how the House of Commons was
born, and they cannot tell in the least whence or how the Queen derives her title to be their Sovereign." To our own thinking, there is a still more difficult side to the teaching of history as a means of developing the passion of patriotism. Neither Mr. Bryce nor any other educated and broadminded man would wish to have it taught from the narrow and false standpoint of perpetual national glorification. That kind of teaching, now being discredited we hope, in the schools of the United States, has done untold injury to the national character. The study of history should be above everything else a quest of truth. But if history is to be taught in a broad, critical, philosophic spirit, it may be ques'ioned whether its effect may not be the very opposite of that intended. It will conduce to the increase of that knowledge of which Mr. Bryce spoke at the outset, which by widening the horizon. tends to dissolve patriotism. The habit of looking on both sides of the great questions with which it deals, and of analyzing the moral issues involved, with the inevitable result of discovering that our country, like others, has been sometimes right, sometimes wrong, is to a certain extent inimical to the patriotic passion.

We quite agree with The Spectator that in the teaching of the Constitution of the country, and its method of self-government, is to be found the most hopeful means of inculcating patriotism. We do not mean the blind passion of patriotism, but that intelligent, deeprooted, tenacious love of country which is as much more reliable as a safeguard as it is more. worthy of a thoughtful and right-loving people. Such a study is adapted to make clear to us just what has been the result of all the struegles and sacrifices of our forefathers, and what they have left to us as our political heritage which is worth perpetuating and if need be, dying for.

There is much room and a fine opportunity for this kind of patriotic teaching just now in Canada. Vastly more precious and enduring than all mock military drill and empty flagworship would be a study of the Constitution and institutions of Canada, as a foundation for Cahadian patriotism. The end and aim of all patriotic teaching worthy of the name and of this age, is to make men more intelligent and high-minded citizens, and so to develop the highest possible type of national character.

## SAMSON.

Plunged in night, I sit alone
Eyeless on this dungeon stone,
Naked, shaggy and unkempt,
Dreaming dreams no soul hath dreamt.
Rats and vermin round my feet Play unharmed, companions sweet, Spiders weave me overhead
Silken curtains for my bed.
Day by day the mould I smell Of this fungus-blistered cell ; Nightly in my haunted sleep
O'er my face the lizards creep
Gyves of iron scrape and burn
Wrists and ankles when I turn,
And my collared neck is raw
With the teeth of brass that gnaw.
God of Israel, cans't thou see
All my fierce captivity?
Do thy sinews feel my pains?
Hearest thou the clanking chains?

Thou who madest me so fair, Strong and buoyant as the air,
Tall and noble as a tree,
With the passions of the sea,
Swift as horse upon my feet,
Fierce as lion in my heat,
Rending, like a wisp of hay, All that dared withstand my way

Cans't thou see me through the glcom Of this subterranean tomb, -
Blinded tiger in his den,
Once the lord and prince of men ?
Clay was I; the potter Thou
With Thy thumb-nail smooth'dst my brow,
Roll'dst the spital-moistened sands
Into limbs between Thy hands.
Thou did'st pour into my blood
Fury of the fire and flood,
And upon the boundless skies
Thou did'st first unclose my eyes.
And my breath of life was flame
God-like from the source it came,
Whirling round like furious wind
Thoughts upgathered in the mind.
Strong Thou mad'st me, till at length All my weakness was my strength; Tortured am I, blind and wrecked,
For a faulty architect.
From the woman at my side,
Was I woman-like to hide
What she asked me, as if fear
Could my ir on heart come near ?
Nay, I scomed and scorn again
Cowards who their tongues restrain ;
Cared I no more for Thy laws
Than a wind of scattered straws.
When the earth quaked at my name And my blood was all aflame,
Who was I to lie, and cheat
Her who clung about my feet.
From thy oper nostails blow
Wind and tempest, rain and snow,
Dost thou curse them on their course For the fury of their force?

Tortured am I, wracked and bowed, But the soul within is proud
Dungeon fetters cannot still
Forces of the tameless will.
Israel's God come down and see
All my fierce captivity ;
Let thy sinews feel my pains,
With thy fingers lift my chains.
Then, with thunder loud and wild,
Comfort thou thy rebel child,
And with lightning split in twain
Loveless heart and sightless brain.
Give me splendour in my death,
Not this sickening dungeon breath, Creeping down my blood like slime, Till it wastes me in my prime.

Give me back, for one blind hour, Half my former rage and power,
And some giant crisis send
Heet to prove a hero's end.
Then, $O$ God, Thy mercy show-
Crush him in the overthrow
At whose life they scorn and point,
By its greatness out of joint.
FREDERICK GEORGE SCOTT.
Drummondville, P. Q.

The Scientific Commission, appointed to select a site for a new capital of Brazil, consists of five civil engineers, two astronomers, a naturalist and an expert in hygiene. The commission has started for the central plateaus of the republic, where it hopes to find an ideal site for the future "greatest city of South America."-New York Tribune.

## HAS CANADA AN INTEREST IN MOROCCO ?

What interest has Canada in the mission lately sent to Morocco? is a question that has been frequently asked by Canadians who watch the movements upon the chess-board the great world. And yet a moment's thouf will show that every portion of the Britid Empire, yes, and every portion of the worl large, has a share in the opening up of ner countries to trade.

All the money and privileges granted to the capitalists who built the Canadian Pacific Railroad would hardly have been sufficient had there not been the prospect of an ever increasing trade with China and Japan, that trade is the direct outcome of Gre Britain's volicy with those countries for the last forty or fifty years, and it is not looking ahead too far to say that when Moroce ${ }^{\text {is }}$ opened up, some portion of the trade, in hall the imports are chiefly wheat and horses, will benefit Canada either directly or indirectly. It is, therefore, of interest to us to follow events described by The Times' special corred. pondent and others who accompanied Sir Euan Smith upon his late mission to Fez , and to note the influences at work.

It is curious to see how the Europern papers chuckle over the present failure ond Great Britain to accomplish her mission, to watch the wheels within wheels that are ${ }^{20}$ work to baffle her.

The Berlinen'Tageblatt says: "There can bo no shadow of doubt that we are in the face of a parallel action on the part of France Russia, which has for the present stopped the progress of the English in both cases (Moraco and Afghanistan). There is, we suppose scarcely a single European power which not see, with secret satisfaction, the failure the English in Morocco. The endeavour the French, however, to establish thenis in the country will not the more for that son be crowned with success. On the trary, the English will perhaps be able, her after, to make good their present losses. latest events in Afghanistan are of a nutu more serious nature. Russia is enlarging slowly, but surely, the sphere of her influend of The Amir, who was until recently a friend the English, has now forbidden any inter fer ence on the part of England in his affairs, will, as a next step, enter into friendly tiations with the Russians. In this ingtal England will have a hard task to regain she is on the point of losing."

The intelligence lately received that tho Sultan of Morocco had announced his intention of asking for a Russian Minister to be accre ited to his court, so that he might, with or ${ }^{1}$ d ental astuteness, play off the French Russian alliance against England and the 0 European powers, helps us to understan connection in the minds of the friendly man writers between the two events tioned.

And yet when Lord Salisbury selected ${ }^{\mathbf{S i r}}$ Euan Smith to carry England's mission to Morocco, it was with no dog-in-the- $\mathrm{ph}^{1 \mathrm{n}^{19}}$ idea or instructions. Sir Euan Smith already made a great name for himself in dean ing with one of the worst slave-trading, barbarous powers that has existed during present epoch, and during his many y ich residence as Consul-General at Zanzibar,
he ultimately brought under British prote
tion, he showed such steadfast purpose of to thacter that the world has in a great measure thave him for the abolition of the Zanzibar No trade and the opening up of her markets. No better man could have been selected to represent the advance of humanity and civili$z_{\text {ation }}$ at Fe .
It is true that one strong motive for British country pounite Gibratain possession of her cuasts opinto thibraltar, and to prevent their falling cal to her hands of some European power inimitipes, one interests; but she had other mo$\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{ind}} \mathrm{a}$, one of which was a legitimate desire to treaty new market for British trade. The countrieposed could not have shut out otber Morntries from benefiting in the commerce of opened it but, on the contrary, would have it wed it to all alike, and, as a matter of fact, it would have especially benefited the nearer corghtries, France and Spain, although those recogries, in their jealousy, would hardly played an the fact. Spain has always disHeray in active interest and acute sensitiveanociations, she ; in whinks owing to historic interest.

The humane side of the proposed treaty al, however, its most prom proposed feature, and
for the endorsation of the whole civillud for the endorsation of the whole civilother things that the present prison system, Wich things that the present prison system,
or awaws prisoners in gaol, either convicted or awaiting prisoners in gaol, either convicted to depend upon local charity
for food, or, failing thet atolished, failing that, to starve, should be Prisoned, and the Sultan engaged to have the Water; and it further empowered the repreTeatytives of the Signatory powers of the any time Madrid to visit the prisons, and at in case the complain direct to the Sultan, and gaily the governor of the prison was proved Sultan ag weglect to feed the prisoners, the It agreed to remove him.
It also provided fur a vice-consul to reside Coth $\mathrm{Fez}_{2}$ and Morocco, to prevent the neoficial from the continual journeying of that The from one of these cities to the other, as Moroceo being the place where the mercantile Pemunity require the consul's services, and Pez the residence of the Court where ofticial
businge $^{2}$ $\mathrm{N}_{0}$ and communications have to be made. $h_{a d} N_{0}$ doubt one great objection the Moors fag over the was that the hoisting of the British blow at the consulate would be an immediate it Would the extensive slave trade carried on, as Hould have created an oasis of freedom in desert of slavery. How important this oin be in the interests of civilization is nh by the following letter from Moroceo, June, 1890, and which has been followed others equally graphic. The writer says: "I or now tell of the caravan which arrived at ot. Irom Timbuctoo at the end of March It scarcely brought any merchandise, firls and were 4,000 slaves, principally young shas and boss: So great was the influx of of holding arakesh (Moroceo city) that, instead it was hing the market twice a week, as usual, $\mathrm{Mas}_{\text {as and }}$ held daily from 25th April to the 14th $\mathrm{ta}_{\text {ang }}$ ing the prices were comparatively low, feasing from $\$ 50$ to $\$ 70$ a head. During the Mart of Ramadan, the Kaids who come to tarakesh in order to present gifts to the Sulson, who is the Khalifa of his father, be that the most acceptable present would
too. There were forty-three Kaids, and each of them gave this young man (only eighteen years of age) three slave girls and two slave boys-over 200 young slaves in all! As the young Khalifa has a bad reputation for cruelty and other vices, it is not pleasant to think of the fate of these young captives.
" It is said that more than 800 slaves were sold at this market in ten days to merchants who had come from Riff, Tatilat and other distant places to obtain a supply of human chattels, and, besides this, many were sold privately. I was myself the witness of a sad scene in the market, where three little negresses from eight to ten years old, who had evidently come from a very distant part, as no one there could speak their language, were ruthlessly parted from each other and sold to different owners, amidst tears, pitiful cries and such resistance as the poor little creatures could employ. Each had to go off alone amongst a strange people, not one of whom understood a word she said. I could give you many particulars which would shock you respecting the purchase of male and female slaves simply for the purpose of increasing the stock, as was not uncommon during the days of slavery in the Southern States of America. This is found to be very profitable, as the offspring of this connection are carefully reared, and fetching very high prices as presents to men in authority.
" As you are aware, there are no banks in Morocco ; everyone who has money that he wishes to take care of buries it in the ground. It is necessary that no one should know where this treasure lies hidden; therefore, incredible as it may seem, old and wornout slaves, male and female, are said to be employed to dig a large hole to hide the wealth of their master' ; and the unfortunate negro may almost be said to dig his own grave, as he never sees the light of another sun: A cup of tea, coffee, or some native drink, contains the deadly poison so often administered in Morocco, where, it must be remembered, coroners inquests are unknown."

In the face of this state of things the French Radical papers boast of the "force of French influence" as defeating the British aims. If their boast is true, they are convicted of opposing all that is merciful and humane ; but good authorities tell us that this beast is vain, as French prestige was never so low in Moruceo, as it is now, or French agents so impotent for doing harm. A member of the party lately returned from Tangier states that the only result of the French agitation against the British mission will be a loss of the opinion which the Moors have hitherto had of France is a humane and civilized power. He also says that in the eyes of these degraded people-who, however, are not so degraded as not to be able to distinguish between the merciful, broadminded and humane, and the narrow-mindedthe French stand convicted of having opposed the treaty tooth and nail, a treaty of which a perusal of its most importart clauses, and the clause which was at first most obstinately opposed by the Sultan, will show was merciful and humane.

Count d'Aubigny, the French Minister at Tangier, doubtless worked hard through his secret agents at Fe , but in spite of that, on the õth July, the Sultan appears to have been perfectly honest when he determined to sign the Treaty. There are, however, some five or six flourishing little rebellions on foot in his Empire, and he is naturally afraid to act against
the advice of those influential men upon whom he relies to support his throne. At the head of these influential officials stands Bushta-elBagdadi, a very powerful chief, who, with the help of his party, succeeded in frightening the autocrat into renouncing his intention before the act was accomplished. This Moor is a Moslem of the most fanatical type, and to him no doubt Great Britain chiefly owes the defeat of her mission.

Although, however, Great Britain has not yet attained her humane objects, or established ofticial representation at Morocco, she cannot be long shut out of the latter, as it is already enjoyed by the French, Italian and Spanish Governments, who each have their "mission militaire" at Morocco in connection with their respective Legations at Tangier. These originated in rather a curious way Some fifteen years ago the Sultan wanted an English instructor for his infantry, and obtained the services of a retired officer for that purpose through Admiral Sir John D. Hay, and The Times correspondent, in his account of his recent visit, says: "It was at first startling to hear in the ranks of the infantry the familiar shouts of 'Shoulderhups,' 'Present hups,' etc., etc., and (when we entered later the houses we were to occupy) to hear the corporal told off to his Excellency's service say, 'Right hand salute,' 'Two'; but I am told that even in the far away villages of the Sus country, some 200 miles south of Morocco city, the traveller will come among men who understand 'Right,' 'Left,' 'Halt,' 'March'-all the terms of military command. That such words are to be found in the Moorish tongue will give endless trouble to the Max Muller of some future age."

But to go back to the establishment of the " mission militaire," the French Governmen ${ }^{+}$, after the appointment of this English officer, insisted upon some French officers being accepted to teach artillery; and then the Italian and Spanish Governments followed suit, and there they are, although they do nothing, as the members of the Sultan's Court are far too jealcsis to allow Europeans to have much influence.

It took years for the diff rent British Governments to attain even the present paucity of privileges in China, chiefly on account of the changes of Government in England. What a firm government would gain, the next weak, vacillating government would partly lose, and also on account of the strong conservative tendencies of all Eastern races; but the main olject was never quite lost sight of ; and although vacillation and weakness led to three costly wars when one firm stand would have accomplished the object in view, still the history of China as relating to its dealings with Great Britain for the past sixty years is a most interesting and instructive study, especially from about 1834 up to poor Gordon's resignation of the command of the wonderful force he created, with which he finally crushed the Tientsin rebellion in 1862 . The result of it all was what we see to day; the trade of that country largely opened up to the world, in spite of every possible obstacle upon the part of the ruler of China, and every portion of the British Empire benefited equally with the Mother Country in the commerce of that immense Empire. And so to the future in Morocco we may confidently look forward, as the Berliner Tageblatt partly foreshadows, and that trait in the Anglo-Saxon character of
dogged determination, holding on with bulldog tenacity although apparently beaten in the fight, will probably carry them through in the end, and the world will some day see Great Britain succeed in Morocco, where she now appears to have received a repulse, and be glad to take its full share of the advantages gained through British pluck and perseverance.
C. GREVILLE harston.

## AUSTRALIAN LETTER.

My lasi letter to you, dated Sept. 28th, was unfortunately burned, along with some other correspondence of mine, in railway transit through the United States. It was only the South Australian portion of the mail that was destroyed, so that my luck was especially bad. There is, therefore, a gap of four months in the press letters, which has been filled up chiefly with the great Broken Hill Strike, ended about three weeks ago. After eighteen weeks in which, on the whole, the behaviour of the strikers was admirable, they had to give in. Capital was too strong for them, but I regret that conciliatory counsels did not prevail. A conference at the first would have saved the costly and demoralizing warfare.

Some seven thousand miners and workmen, with their families and with the tradesmen, dependenton their work lost eighteen weeks' earnings and found it difficult to get employment afterwards; ten thousand shareholders with their families and the tradesmen dependent on them lost dividends for six months ; the railwass lost $£ 1,000$ a day, and after all free labour was introduced in such large bodies that the unionists were forced to cave in.

But the triumph is temporary; the labour party will organize for further action, the worst part of the free labour will be woeded out, and the best part of it will be induced to join the unions. During the temporary truce, which the capitalist party delight to call permanent peace, all friends of progress and order, all true friends of labour and of eapital, should put their heads together to devise means whereby these terrible dislocations of industry should not occur again.

The point in dispute "was about contract work underground. There is no doubt that there were many loafers who slept, played cards and smoked, when they were supposed to be doing their eight hours work. But the agreement made after the last strike was that the underground work should be done by days' wages, and if any change was proposed on this agreement, the matter was to be referred to arbitration. After two years the directors said they gave a month's notice for the termination of the agreement, as it was impossible to work the great proprietary mine to profit on days wages, and hereafter there were to be contracts for underground work. They refused to arbitrate. The agreement was terminated.

No arbitrating body would have been blind to the right of the directors to have a fair day's work for a 'air day's wages, but no arbitrating body would have been blind to the dangers of unlimited freedom of contract, which are, that boys are set to do men's work ; that men are tempted to work too long hours and at too great a strain ; and that competition may reduce wages below the limits of decent subsistence. Also that under contract work the safety of the mine, and the wholesome conditions of labour are to often disregarded.

The directors said the men nere dictating to them how their business should be carried on, and they utterly refused to refer to arbitration. The men struck at once, did not take the month's notice, which they said would be used in strengthening the men against them. selves.

The men set up pickets, more, in the first place, to employ the out-of-work than to coerce; and when the directors sail "Remove the pickets and we may confer," they replied "Promise to confer and we will remove the pickets." Thus pride on both sides prevented rapprochement.

When free labour was introduced police protection from Sydney was sent. The great Barrier silver fields are across the border, but the nearest ports are in South Australiz, and the men had to come by rail from Sydney via Melbourne and Adelaide to reach the field of operations.

Wouderfully little violence has been shown, though the free labourers hat much verbal abuse and some hostility. The leaders of the men on strike were arrested, but not tried at Broken Hill. They were taken to Deniliquin, a squatting pastoralist district. Never was there such difficulty in empanelling a jury; the counsel for the prisoners challenged all the squatters and merchants; the Crown prostcutor challenged all the artisans and some of the store-keepers.

The sentence of two years with hard labour was considered very lenient by the one party, while the miners declare that it was a most unjust sentence, because the leadera had done their best to preserve law and order, though some incendiary speeches were made so much of. It is the two sides of the shield-the ever recurring conflict of opinions.

Many men are quite thrown out of work by the free labourers engaged during the strife. There is fortunately an abundant harvest all over the Australian culonies. Providence had to do something far us, and it sent us the early and the latter rain especially the latter. The pastoralists see their dams filled to overtlowing, and they hope for a market for wool in America through the victory of the Democrats in the Presidential election.

The rain question is a most important thing to us. Nowhere in the world is the rainfall so prominent in the newspapers or so much watched by the people as in South Australia. Politically there is a lull everywhere; any ministry that can carry on the government of the colony and rehabilitate the finances, is supported in parliament. Everywhere there is more taxation. In Victoria it takes the form of a McKinleyish tariff-with us in South Australia it is a temporary increase of the income tax. For my own part I should prefer doubling the tax on improved land values, which is now a halfpenny in the pound. Land cannot evade a tax-whereas incomes are seldom honestly declared.

But though there seems to be a lull, the party of labour and the party of capitalists do not sleep. Closer and closer is the organization, and we in South Australia, who will have the first general election next March or April, will see a far greater number of votes recorded. Now everything is pulled to get qualified voters to register because people are too lazy or too indifferent to take the trouble for themselves withont urging the National Defence League, a Conservative body, to purify the
rolls as well, as inducing all likely followers to qualify. The labour unions, which aro stronger in South Australia than in ans colony, are marshalling their forces. Ind confess that the average workingman has and keener sense of the importance of his vote of the duty of the duty of exercising it than the ar the well-to-do comfortable citizen. I find that lectures which I give on effective voting workingmen attend them in larger numb the and are open to the democratic side arguments for proportional representat to while the propertied classes are not as oper the truly conservative effects of the reformi.

One thing the workingmen see, and that that money will be powerless under efferich voting, for even with our secret ballot our phe men can influence elections now-a-days. declare what our temperance advocates lamen that the drink interest is far coo strong ${ }^{\text {in }}$ elections, and that treating at public houses though illegal, is done, and that vetes whit of might turn the scale, i.e., make a majority a minority, are won by a liberal outflow of ally and whiskey and brgus bets, which a bribes.

I have now collected 2,000 voting but will not have the large scrutiny have 4,000 . The six-member constituen rite which I advocate will have at least 6,000 rote each.

The doubts as to the contingent make a difference through surplus votes, in different directions, may have some gll, when the number of votes polled is small, I am convinced that with six or seven thou votes, the trend of the contingent rotes be so uniform that it will make no differ to the result whether they aro counted one to six thousand or from six thousan to one. If this is proved by a public sor the objection made by one of our two lead ${ }^{\text {dit }}$ daily papers, The Register, will be met, sho is the only objection. The other paper, Advertiser, approves of it wholly.

A new weekly is about to be established il Adelaide (our capital) with effective votion and woman's suffrage as its main South Australia and New Zealand are in respects the most advanced of $t$ e Austr gis colonies. New Zealand is the stronger in government, where we are very weak.

New Zealand's co-operative contracts village settlements were valuable in the ters. ble financial depression in relieving the gested labour market, getting railway wily done on the hilly gang system satisfactorily the the Government inspectors and cheaper ${ }^{\text {to }}$ country than ordinary contracts.

The village settlements in New Zes have been $5 \frac{1}{2}$ years in operation. There ${ }^{\text {an }}$ more arrears due than on our working blocks, which are invaluable for giving thing for the agricultural labourer, who employed all the year through on wages for himself with the help of his family. Thert is wonderfully little of the instalment unpaid.

> C. H. SPENTE

Adelaide, S. A., 24th Nov. 1892.
M. Bourdelles, chief engincer of lighthouses, has perfected a system by ble he can project a force of $2,500,000$ cand $f 0$ means of four lenses instead of two as previously, and by a novel system tion make the "flash" every twenty This, the inventor claims, is the fine yet achieved anywhere.
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## A PHOTOGRAPH.

| Between soft clouds the sun is shining bright; <br> And all the tide, through this fair autumn day <br> Displays a brilliancy of flashing light, <br> Whantrast with the green of shaded isles, <br> Whose swaying tree-tops half conceal the <br> Whare spaces <br> Ref the flow'rets weave a harmony of smiles, <br> Thisflecting back the glow of angel faces. <br> of quiet maze between the land and rea <br> But human life does not reveal a sign; <br> Our souls may taste the true ambrosial <br> wine; <br> $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{ntil}}$ and then, on wings of inspiration, rise <br> till we view the shores of Paradise. |
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Argyle Bay, $^{1892}$.

## PARIS LETTER.

It is akin to mirth at a funeral, to read Panat projects for the completion of the underganal, when the corpse of the latter of the thergoing legal dissection before the eyes ${ }^{3}$ the world. To ask the French to subscribe the Gosh 750 million frs., unless guaranteed by $i^{\text {ing }}$ thernment, would be equivalent to rank lig them as lunatics. The State, even if wilidem to pour a Pactolus stream into the Dana${ }^{\text {id }}$ Onceier , mieve through the agency of the Credit of the Us debarred by the diplomatic action ${ }^{4}$ the Uning thited States, that makes no secret of Pamer the Monroe doctrine to any European Praner attempting to contiol the Isthmins. $T_{\text {mance }} \mathrm{U}_{\text {nas }}$ no desire to risk a second Mexico. ${ }^{0} 0_{1} \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{i}}$ nited States will officially aid the exe${ }^{\text {Ontion }}$ or of the Nicaragua Ocean to Ocean Canal, Then it take up the mocibund Panama scheme When it leg uly falls in from the eflluxion of politicall it will not permit old Europe to If $F_{\text {r }}$ handle the subject.
new France cannot then constitutea hona fide the cormpany, and commence a resumption of ${ }^{\text {the }}$ morks, the Colombian Government enters of all thession in the course of eleven weeks, all the rights and property of the deceased Permal ; inherits whatever is heritable as uniholderg will not Even the preference sharepound. Thill not receive one centime in the 000,000 This means an absolute loss of $1,500,-$
furs , almost wholly falling on 600,000 and bople patriots, who, relying on the veracity Suardian of of M. de Lesseps, made him the the excrian of their life-savings. The crime of in ar wrand Francais is, not to have embarked represent beyond his capacity, but to have Whenented a situation as sound and prosperous, Hetion was a failure and gangrened by corTh and rapacity.
 Bit and back positive results. It has acquired Premier backbone from the splendid action of Ath horities Ribt, in arranging that the Criminal ceedingities shall move parallel with the probago of his the Committee, and affording as a mo of his resolution and impartiality, the and montive imprisonment of the co-director buving seize M. de Lesseps. The authorities sround saized the contidential and "underpal delinquey "correspondence of the princiPobbery, and maents, the whole plot of corruption, Purther, the malversations, must be revealed. ${ }^{\text {traced }}$, back to the very commencement of the
 The public must have patience till the
unpounded mass of written turpitudes be examined and classified, and the implicated arrested and arraigned. It comes at an awkward moment, when the prisons are more than overflowing with recidivists and probationary criminals.

The Egyptians prayed to Rameses II., as the "dispenser of respiration." Well, one is inclined to wish that the deity-king would allow us to draw a long breath on reading that the Panama directors-less the old man who individually is left out of the reckoning but whose goods and chattels become confiscable under the new indictment-have been transported in the "Black Maria" ; have been photoed and identity-measured for the Newgate Register, kept by single and double entry, and that their cell life is the same as others undergoing preventive arrest. They are not allowed to communicate with any person, not even their counsel, till they have been turned inside out by the examining police magistrate, and asked to explain about compromising documents. In due courre they will be confronted with co-accused. For a little while then $t^{\prime}$ e public has only to take note of the daily downfall of reputations and the enlarging circle of financial depravity and parliamentary corruption.

It is asked, why are the corrupted who are members of the Legion of Honour not at once struck off that beadroll of fame? That hygienic measure cannot be taken until after their trial; if they appear in the dock with the bow or rosette of the Order in red ribbon in their button-hole, the presiding judge begs them to remove it. The foreigners compromised may count on their extradition being demanded, unless they have become citizens of the Cannibal Islands, and any real estate they may have in France will be confiscated. We now know better what is the meaning of this crusade for the unkennelling of the Panama iniquities. It is not, we are told, for the overthrow of the Republic, which is impossible, but to sweep away the politicians who have farmed France since 1875; in other words, to get rid of the Opportunists whose conduct has landed France where she is, and to provoke a general election when the consti: uencies willsummarily divide the sheep from the goate, and mercilessly reject every candidate who has a foot in a fiuancial scheme or project, or woos the suffrages ostensibly to feather his own nest.

The leaders of the political hygiene party have beyond doubt all the proofs in their position to convict legislators, fanctionaries and other persons of standing, no matter whether their creeds be republican, monarchist, clerical or free thinker. All must go into the cauldron to make the "hell-broth buil and buhble." It was said that Mr. Wilson, President Grevy's son-in-law, had in his possession documents that could compromise nearly all the public men in France. A far more dangerous person appears now on the scene in the scarifying of the Opportunists, who gave him no political quarter. I refer to M. Andrieux, the ex-Prefect de Folice. He, of course, knows the private history and de inquencies of everyone who is anybody in France, and can furnish the proofs. He is an extraordinarily able man, cool as a cucumber, ruse as Frouche, and as full of stratagems as a Red Indian. Read his "Souvenirs of a Prefect de Police," and recognize the man. One of his stratagems in order to catch amnestied Communists was to advance the Secret Service money to found a red-raw

Communistic journal ; his plans were so well laid that poor Louise Michel became one of the principal collaborators, and the office of the journal became the headquarters where the Communists plotted, and they were astounded to ever find the police ready to receive them when they proceead to action.
M. Andrieux isaboutfifty-three years of age, full of energy, resource, sang-froid, and with the coolest of iron wills. He is a foeman worthy of any man's steel. The last time $I$ saw him was at Lord Lytton's funeral ; as he came close to the hearse when the coffin was being placed thereon, and where the inner circle of the press was standing, a policeman went uphe was a tyro bobby-to enquire who he was, when in addition to producing his select card of invitation, he exhibited a parchment with seal, attesting he was the ex-Prefect de Police. It is questionable if the poor policeman has yet recovered from his fright. M. Arene, deputy for Corsica, has just fallen into a well-baited trap. The Journal, and that sells by thousands, which leads the crusade of public purity in the Libre-Parole-a writer signing "L.1)." -named the deputy as one of the bribed legislators, and not knowing whose were the initials, Arene sent a challenge to the secretary of the paper. The latter accepted the responsibility, and the duel was flxed, when M. Andrieux telegraphed from London that he was "L.D ," and was coming on to Paris to take up the glove, and offering to establish before the Committee of Euquiry the proof that M. Arene was corrupt, and that done, he was ready for the duel. He gave the deputy the choice to commence with either danger as he pleased.

It is impossible to get people to think or converse about anything else than the "Panamists." Like the ancient Greeks, never was the situation more resembling the daily question of "anything new ?" Then there is the unexpected, ever expected ; a public character accepted as a purist suddenly finds the skeleton in his cupboard exhibited to the world's gaze. As if to augment the gloom and depression, nature appears to lend a helping hand. Paris never has had such a succession of dense, murky fogs. Business is anything but brisk, and it was in the holiday season that the retail dealers, after a twelvemonth of slack trade, counted to recover their position. Bad politics, bad finances, bad commerce.

Gen. Reste has arrived from Tonkin; he and M. de Lanessan could not stable their horses together. The General depicts the situation in Tonkin in very black colours, and accuses the Governor of undoing all the good that up to the present time had been effected in the colony, and entering into secretly dangerous relations with China, so as to keep back the invasions of the pirates. If France intends to be master of Tonkin, she must, it seems, send more troops, act more decisively, and expend more money. Dahomey is as excellent as could be expected from an invaded territory. Naturally the vanquished do not chant hosannas in honour of the victors. The difficulty about Dahomey is that it is not one, but two or three kingdoms, whose dissatisfied rulers were rebellious under King Behanzin, and who may now join the latter to give trouble to the French.

The Woman's Rights Association intends to contest several of the vacancies for the municipal counsellors; they have resolved to
go farther, and to contest likewise deputyships ; form a kind of "break-down gang," to save representative government, which has been, they believe, nearly entombed in distrust and disgust. If not successful in these respects, the women certainly are in church attendance. M. Ferrers says that in the French and Italian churches there will ever be found as worshippers twenty women for every two men, and the latter will be ever aged. Renan, now as much forgotten as last year's snow, asserted that Christianity was founded by woman. "Last at His Cross and earliest at His grave.'

Christmas is a season for short, "creepy" tales. A few days ago a burglar, one Crampon, was executed, for which sanitary action Deibler, the headsman, merits to be accepted as a tenant, though police inspector Dresch, who arrested Ravachol, is refused a home by every landlord-even the "Refuge for the Homeless" declines to shelter him, feariny a blow-up visit from the Anarchists. Three days after being guillotined, the skull of the sneak-thief Crampon, had a cast duly taken of it, and later was placed in the criminal ossuary of the medical museum. The doctors do not want "any body," beyond what the hospitals provide for the dissecting room. The unclaimed deceased patients are wrapped up in a sack cloth, and transported during the night in handcarts to the "reception room" of the amphitheatre, when a receipt is given for each corpre. The latter has attached to the leg a leaden ring, having a number corresponding with the hospital the deceased came from, the history of the case, etc. The bodies are deposited pell-mell in a cellar, next sorted and placed in a steep for twenty-four hours, when the flesh becomes white and brilliant as snow.

Removed from the bath, the corpse is placed face against slab, when a preserving solution is run into the arteries, by the heart. In this Chamber of Horrors, the bodies are ranged for two months, and a selection made according to the needs of the anatomists. Every day the debris of the subjects are piled up in a corner of a special "clearing house," to be carried to Pere la Chaise for incineration. And to think that ghastly pile contained the representatives of human affections, joys; ambitions, and despairs:

It cost exactly $175,000 \mathrm{fr}$. to clear away the recent twelve hours' snowfall from the strects of the city.

The Egyptian question again. Dr. Vignardou maintains that M. l'asteur did not discover the contagious character of the charbon malady; as the latter was the same as the boils and blains that plagued Pharaoh and his subjects.

Madame Rouber, wife of the vice-emperor under Napoleon III., never spoke to the gardeners on her estate at Cercay; but she inundated them several times a day with scolding letters. Her husband's favourite inkstand was made out of a bust of M. Thiers; only he had asses' ears added to the statesman's head. The force of political hate could no further go.
M. A. Perry-Beaulieu is not an antisemitic; to have such Jews as Spinoza and Rachel he would double the number of Israelites in France. It is well for him that M. Drumont is in prison. The same authority adds, that "Sir Arthur Sull van" is Jewish. I once heard that "Micky Free" was a son of Vateriand.

## THE CRITIC.

Matthen Araold onse advocated-there are some probably who do not know itthe institution in England of something analogous to the Academy of the French. With that "sweet reasonableness" which he preached and himself so admirably practised, he argued that there was sadly needed a central criterion of literary taste, a recognized and competent authoritative body of judges who should frown down whatever was inelegant, extravagant, or provincial. There is, of course, much to be said both for and against such a body, and the essayist by no means exhausted his subject.
li anywhere that " note of provinciality," as he termed it, prevails now, it is in the press of this continent. Had Matthew Arnold rewritten his essay aiter his visit to America, and had he then still believed in the efficacy of such an institution, he might have found still stronger grounds for its establishment and might have culled still choicer specimens of the inelegant than he did in 1865. For exam-ple,- I took up the other day a New York weekly periodical of, I believe, high repute, contributed to by persons of distinction and fame, and supposedly the organ of the most ultra-respectable ortho-doxy-The Independent. On the first page was an article by the Right Reverend H. W. Warren, D. D., a bishop no doubt of note, and this was its first sentence:"The farmer will not walk into heaven with his shovel and fertilizer to dig around the trees of life, the geologist with his hammer kuocking at the erystals, beryls and amethysts, the assayer with his tests of the golden pavement, the astronomer with his spectroscope examining what kind of light streams in the quenchless glory, the surveyor with his instruments to measure the Mount of God, the railroad maker with his eyes wide open for franchises for surface, elevated and perpendicular railrouds about the cubical city that is $\mathbf{1 , 5 0 0}$ miles in every direction, the that is 1,500 miles in every direction, the
banker with his tables of per cents, the banker with his tables of per cents, the cook with his stew pans and recipes for cooking and preserving the twelve manner of fruits, the thrifty housewife with her broom and duster looking for specks; for every unclean thing is kept ontside."

Taste, I know, is a thing not to be disputed about, but surely all will feel that the well-meaning Bishop's ideas of clegance in thought and diction have suffered at the expense of, let us sig, his theology. Some even would go so far as to say his lordship was irreverent-no doubt the very last thing lie intended to he. At all events such a sentence grates upon the ears of those who form their tastes in prose from recognized masters of English.

In another New York weekly, the wellknown Science, I find at the end of a purely scientific article the following:-
"Thus far Europe is ahead in such (bacteriological) studies, but I know that the ambitious Americans want to excel all oth er nations in every respect. The United States is bound to become in every scien tiife branch the first country on earth This is my firm conviction.'

What was the editor about in allow ing such, to sag the least, unsclentific language to appear in a magazine clevoted to science?

In yet another New York weekly, Frank Leslie's namely, of a different stamp but also of repute, I came across the following (it is with some hesitation here repro: duced) :-

- In the pictures before us we see at a
glance that Miss Tanner's hips are tot has wide . . that Miss Russell's bust has a bulging tendency suggesting fatness: that Miss Tempest's head is too fatness; that Miss Tempest's head finaly large and her neck too short, and iness of we notice in Miss Rehan a scraggines, to the chest and boniness of the neck, gether with very thick ankles and unay metrical legs."
"The French," says Matthew Arnold, " talk of the brutaite des jouraaux ald $^{8}$ glais." Need we go further afield to find ${ }^{8}$ word by which to characterize such tence? Hardly, surely, even from the point of view of an advertisement, could the four ladies conslder such personal remark as in the best of taste.

It seems indeed a thing impossible for the cis-Atlantic press to keep itself free from sins against taste. The daily papert of course swarm with them, that is fect cognized by all thinking men, and the fact is apparently recognized as an irremed lable one.

Such lapses from elegance leave the if mark. It cannot be argued that they are. exceptional; few would believe they wer And even if so, what would the reader of the Saturday, let us say, think if such things appeared, even as an exception, their weekly favourite? Truly some ${ }^{5}$ of literary censor is here sadly needed.

## LT.-COL. ANDREW C. P. HAGGARD, D.S.O.

H. Rider Haggard, the popular novelist of the day, living the quiet, easy-going life of English gentleman farmer, and dividing hid time between his young family, his turnip ${ }^{\text {an }}$ his live stock and his literary pursuits, prest a curious contrast in his habits and mode of dir to those of his elder and scarcely less tinguished brother Andrew-the well-known traveller, soldier and puet. The latter's 10 of adventure and sport, his extensive militar experience in foreign lands, and his taste, apparently that of his wife as well, for foreig travel, enables him, notwithstanding his tha oughly English instincts and feelings, to in every land a country containing some spo at least, that for the time being he is con to have serve him for a home. His fondn f.ralventure makes of peril a source of deligh and though he has given expression to his mingled disgust at the mosquitoes of Suez, the disagreeable odour of decaying fish whic of emanates from the shallow water at the bosity the cliff upon which it is built, and to his $p^{\text {its }}$ for the unfortunate Italian soldiers wha hat to garrison pestilential Massowah, of whe horrible spot he was for several monthe thd g.vernor, he yet courted the excitement dangers of a self-imposed mission through adjacent robber-infested passes of the sinian mountains-has sung of the deligh society of cholera-stricken Cairo,-and an beneath the scorching rays that beat do the upon India's coral strand, has written of in * charming home that was temporarily his, ind trellis-covered chalet on the slo, e of a pine do Himelaya mountain. While his passages in scriptive of the beauties of Devonshire, in opening chapters of "Ada Triscott," ind the pen of the home-loving Englishman, ${ }^{\text {be }}$ written of the magnificence and grandeur 0 Canadian Rockies and of the fearfully furiou Peribouca river, with all the pride of coun ${ }^{t r y}$ of a native-born Canadian.

Although he has no share in a

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belief of Juaquin Miller's, who wrote some hime ago in an album of mine

There is no thing that hath not worth
There is no no lil vil anywhere;
If man seeks not to see it there.
Col. Haggard is no pessimist, and seeks to lee, both for himself and for his readers, as
little as of the as possible of the evils of the world and rather desert wastes of Nature, and to point rather to the superabundance and excess of beauty and goodness and light; as when, for instance, after describing, in "Dodo and I," a he turad scene in India of marvellous splendour, he adds: "Here I sit and wonder at the beautiess that God has scattered with such a liberal hand over some parts of the globe, while leaving others an arid and waterless waste." And
in conter refontemplation of the Indian scene already thaved to, he makes the hero of his story thank a merciful Creator that He has hitherto mored him to live through so many dangers, $t^{t}$ share the society of the woman he loved, amid such heavenly surroundings, and ejaculate, "Oh! may my future efface my past, and monall prove worthy of His goodness in some all measure !"
${ }^{4}$ \& wonderfully bright and talented family seven that which Andrew Haggard is one of the that theys, and pleasant indeed is it to learn for litey all claim to have inherited their taste from thature and their varied other talents trom their exceedingly clever and very musical Lt.-Colonel Andrew Haggard, who is two Years the senior of his brother Rider, was born ${ }^{\text {at }}$ Brothedenhain Hall, Norfolk, in 1554 . His other William, the eldest son of seven, formEnyba so well-known a member of the British Mimbister at Washington, is now the British rister, and waito, Ecuador. Baryett is a barSamor, and was formerly British Consul at the is late Islands. Alfred, another of the seven, Was only the Bengal civil serviee, while John
at Triest May last appointed British Consul ${ }^{4 t}$ Thieste, as successor to Sir Richard Burton, maining celebated oriental traveller, while the remaining brother, Arthur, like Andrew, has "King service in Egypt. He has also dramatized "King Solomon's Mines." The father of these Enen $_{\text {man }}$ sons is still living the easy life of an oduciuated country squire. Andrew, having been ${ }^{\text {edrucated }}$ at Westminster School, entered the Aflor somilitia at the age of seventeen, and rerular are three years' experience, joined the Hetlar army shortly before reaching his twen$\mathrm{B}_{\text {ing }} \mathrm{H}_{\text {irthday }} \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{wn}}$ Bordis regiment was the 25 th $\$_{\text {cottish }} O_{\text {wn }}$ Borderers, now the King's Own Mervice Borderers, and his first few years of
here spent in India and in Aden. Then he ret were spent in India and in Aden. Then
for of bome time in Ireland. He tells a good yarn "baing stoned and rotten-egged at the first ${ }^{\circ}{ }^{n}{ }_{e}$ of the ${ }^{\circ}$ of Mitchellstown, and is, therefore, ber of the few men who has cause to "rememhe Matchellstown," in which delightful place some servartered for fifteen months. After P华e seially force $0_{0}$ orce sent to Egypt during the war of 1882. Which he hecount of his knowledge of Arabic, ${ }^{\text {Whent }}$ whe had acquired at Aden, he was one of the enty-five officers selected to form the staff of Sir Evelynazed Egyptian army under General Ond in command of an Egyptian regiment, was Prosent upond of an Egyptian regiment, was and was sent down to assist in the reorganiza-
tion of the troop
at the first battle of El Teb. In the absence of British troops from this station he was given the difficult task of welding two mutinous black regiments into one. They hat both mutinied and left their outposts, but by skilful manipulation, Captain Haggard succeeded in patching up their difficulties and in holding them together till British troops arrived under General Sir Gerald Graham, V.C. To his force Captain Haggard was attached on special service in 1884, and, while so serving, was present, in addition to other fights, at the bloody battle of Tamai, where the English lost 221 men. For his services on that occasion he was mentioned in dispatches. In this battle is cast the opening scene of Colonel Haggard's novel, " Dodo and I," published by Blackwood in 1888, and of which a pirated edition appeared in the United States in the following year. The Dodo, a very dear personal friend and brother officer of the hero of the tale, was so called in his regiment because he was considered in his circle of friends as such a very rare bird, and the plot of the story opens with a description of how the " $I$ " of the title-page -to wit, David Cuninghame-was rescued from the spear of a fuzzy-wigged Hadendowah by the Dodo. who killed the Arab by "spitting him like a woodcock on his tailor's sword." There is a description in this opening chapter of the din and turmoil of the battle, in which one may almost hear the whistling and screaming and banging and piffing of the bullets, and catch a glimpse amongst it all of brave General Graham "riding about with a red tlag behind him to denote his presence, as cool as though riding down Rotten Row."

Subsequently Captain Haggard was sent by Admiral Hewett, v.C., Governor-General of the Red Sea littoral, to Massowah (more recently transferred to the Italian government) as Governor of that horrible and pestilential spot. While employed in this capacity, he ventured through sixty miles of Abyssinian mountain passes in the Province of Bogos, to open up communication with Senheit; and to survey and report upon a route to Khartoum. This rough country was infested by hordes of Abyssinian and Soucanese robbers, before meeting whom the governor left his escort, composed principally of Bashi Bazouks, and so managed to make terms with, instead of being murdered by, the famous robber chief -Baramberas Yusus Kefla-another of the characters employed by the author of "Dodo and I." Before their meeting, Baramberas (or Barabbas) upon a request contained in a letter sent ahead of him by the Governor, and asking for an interview, had released a Swedish missionary whom he had been holding prisoner, though he rode proudly forward to receive the Governor upon the stolen mule of the poor missionary, and surrounded with very great state. At this interview the Governor succeeded in having certain passes opened for sinall bodies of troops, but even while the neg tiations were proceeding, the thieving propensities of the robber band could scarcely be restrained, and some of their number jumped at the Governor's mule and would have ridden it off, had not Baramberas ordered them to let it alone, upon having his at'ention directed to the fact that it was "the Bey's mule." Prior to this interview with the robber chief, the Governor had met the released Swedish missionary, who in order to leave the robber camp had been compelled to borrow a stolen camel. It was a curious meeting. The
missionary understood no English. The Governor was unable to speak in the language of the mis ionary. Italian, French, German; Persian and Hindostanee were successively but unsuceessfully tried, but it was finally ascertained that the Swede understood Arabic, and there, in the midst of an Abyssinian desert, a Swedish missionary returnea his thanks in Arabic to an English officer for having procured his release from the hands of the robbers.

One of Col nel Haggard's many gifts is that of tongues. He can converse in half-a-dozen eastern languages, and in the rich volume of " Polyglot Poems," which he had printed by Ward and Co., of London, in 1889, for private distribution only, is to to be found original poetry in both French and English, as well as translations from Persian and Arabic poets.

The knowledge of the habits of the rival robher chieftains which he obtained while Governor of Massowah in his expedition to meet Baramberas, Colonel Haggard has turned to good account in his story of how the hero in "Dodo and I" saved the lives of both the Dodo and Baramberas, and those who were bes.eged with them on an amba or mountain top, near the very steep pass known as the Akrabet el Mashalit on the road to Senheit, by Baramberas' deadly rival, Ras Alulu. The story of how the besieged were relieved and the besiegers entrapped, and for the most part destroyed, which is illustratel by a map or plan of the surrounding country, is pronounced by competent authorities to be a wonderfully clever bit of military strategy.

For his services as Governor of Massowah, Captain Haggard was mentioned in special dispatches. He returned to Cairo, but upon the very day that his wife joined them there, Sir Evelyn Wood ordered him back to Suakim, in command of the first battalion of the Egyptian army as Lieut. Colonel. He remained for a year in Suakim, and was besieged there during th' whole of that period, fighting haviug commenced upon the very day that he arrived. All the English troops having been previously withdrawn, the Colonel was commandant of all the forces in Suakim. In the following year General Graham came with another English army, and after some further service seen by Haggard in Suakim, his regiment was relieved. In 1885 he was sent up the Nile with his regiment to resist an invasion of the Dervishes, and "was present at the battle of Ginriess. He descended the Nile in 1886 , and before the ond of that year, on account of ill health, resigned his command in the E syptian army and rejoined his Scotch regiment in India Thither also, it will be remembered by readers of "Dodo and I," does he transport the hero and heroine of the tale in its concluding pages to where they were "to live happy ever after," providing, of course, that neither of them ever forgets the promise each made to the other, never again to utilize the secrets of the Gnostic Atomic Brotherhood to which both belonged, or their knowledge of occult science, for the purpose of disintegrating at will, without giving the other an hour's previous notice.

After three years' service in India, Colonel Haggard came home to England on sick leave, and left the service in 1891. On two different occasions in addition to thosealready mentioned. he has been specially mentioned in dispatches. and was made a Companion of the Distinguished

Service Order for the part taken by him in the battle of Ginness. His other decorations are the Egyptian medal, with several clasps; the Khedive's star; the fourth class of the Osinanieh, a purely military order presented to him by the Khedive at the representation of Her Majesty's Government, and which, it was Hattaringly stated in the London Gazette, was awarded for services rendered before the enemy; and the third class of the Medjidieh, which was personally presented by the late Khedive, by permission of the Queen, on the Colonel leaving his service, and in a fare well private audience when the sovereign and the officer parted to meet no more.

Sinca his retirement from the army, Colonel Higgard has devoted himself to literature and travel. While still in the service he had published "Dodo and I" and the "Polyglot Puems," and it was while on sick leave in 1890 t'at he first visited Canadr and wrote the description of the Canadian Pacific Railway that appeared in Blackwoods Magazine of February, 1891. His present visit to this c cuntry, in whic' he is accompanied, as he usually is on his travels, by Mrs. Huggard, was undertaken solely for the purpose of ascending some of the mighty tributaries of Lake St. John, after the gamey ouananiche or fresh water salmon. After a thrilling ascent of the magnificent Peribouca, the Colonel had splendid suecess among the Nepigon trout, and then continued his journey across the c ontinent. Like his brother, Rider, Andrew Haygard is a clever sportsman and very much addicte 1 to both hunting and fishing. The two brothers are exceedingly fond of each other's company, and together have whipped muny of the salnon streams of both Scotland and Norway.

To the zest and skill of the true sportsman, Colonel Haggard adds that tender-hearte iness and feeling of true hum nity that is, thank God, so frequently a characteristic of the modern military officer, and that would prevent him from entering upon his list of friends "the man who needlessly sets foot upon a worm." On one occasion I saw him wax properly indignant at the wanton cruelty of one of his half-breed guides up the Peribouca river, who, before killing a monster pike which he had just landed, held the bish up to the admiring gaze of the Indians in my canoe by two fingers, for which he found cavities by gouging its eyes either out or in, the result being that his victim writhed and fell back into the water. So sorely did Colonel Haggard bemonn the fate and sufferings of the unfortunate pike that neither of us seemed to enjoy either our savoury supper of fried dore or our fishing for the balance of that evening. And something of the same feeling of abhorrence of anything like cruelty to God's unoffending creatures is illustrated in his description in "D do and I" of the excellent grouse shooting of Sandy Ross: " No tinkering of birds, no wounded cripples left to parish miserably of a broken leg or a clumsy shot behind. No : his judgment of distance was splendid, and every bird was shot well in front. There was the maximum of sport, with the minimum of cruelty, in shooting like this." The pen of an experienced angler alone could have indited the ode to an old fly rod in "Polyglot Puems," entitled "Fly Fishing," or the following account of the Dodo's fishing: "In no other man living have I se m such a knack of combining $h$ und and eye exactly at the right instant so as to ensure hooking a trout rising at the
fly. Where Jack and I would often have missed a fish rising short, he never missed one, and he hardly ever lost a fish when once fairly hooked. The gillies were lost in admiration at the way he threw the fly, letting it fall like gossamer on the water, and at the bold and yet skilful way in which he played his fish." And "Ada Triscott" abounds with well-told fishing stor es.

Andrew Haggard is most fortunate in his faculty for writing without any apparent effort. Frequently he awakes in the morning, all prepared with the plot of a new story which seems to have come $t$, him in the shape of a dream. The writing of $p$ eetry appeirs as nitural to him as the spanking of his native language. He dashed oft a lengthy sketch for an English magazine while we were canoeing together up the Peribouca. His description of the Canadian Pacific Railway was written in the cars. "A Strange Tale of a Scarabreus," a lyrical and rather wicked romanse of the land and days of the Pharoalis, but portions of which read as though they referred to those of the Parisians,-is dated "Near Kansas City," and was probably produced, for the most part at least, on travels by land or by water. It was handsomely published in London, in 1891, by Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner and Company, and dedicated to Mrs. George Augustus Sata, "in sincere appreciation of her literary worth, and as a mark of gratitude for the kindly enc uuragement she has lent to the previous literary efforts of her friend the author." And his reminisence of Lake Tschotagama, which has gone the roun is of a number of Canadian newspapers, was scratched on the leaf of his notebook while we wera sitting around an improvised table of rock, awaiting the coming of our Indians with supper, on the evening after we had left the lake of the unpronounceable name, and had encamped for the night on a rocky islet below the fearfully turbulent Devil's Falls of the Peribouca River.
The beaver and the bear alone our little islet ken; It is a kingdom all our own, far from all haunts of men,
That isle, an emblem of our life, we pause the rocks among,
No sooner past one danger rife, another crag has sprung
To menace us from horrid foam, amid the torrent's roar,
As when we southward made for home from far Tschotagamor.

Such the "sermon" drawn from the "stones" surrounding our island camp!

Colonel Haggard's first published novel, "The Dodo and I," as will have been partially gleaned from former references to it, is largely constructed upon incidents of the two last Egyptian campaigns. The plot turns, however, to a very great extent, upon a variety of superhuman performances, not built alone, perhaps, by the imagination of the author, but, judging by the context, upon the wonderful tales of the astrologers and magicians of Cairo contained in "Lane's Modern Egyptians," and many of which are worthy of some of the best creations of the "Arabian Nights." The colonel is no mean student, notwithstanding, of the science of spiritualism, but the most advanced spiritualist will find the most startling suggestions of telepathy in the powers of disintegration and of reintegration at will of the Gnostic Brotherhood. "Ada Triscott," which is an English sosiety novel of considerable strength, was published by Hurst and Blackett, of London, in 1890, and was followed in Nov., 1891, by "Leslie's Fate." A Canadian copyright edition of "Ada Triscott" was issued last
year by Mr. William Bryce, of Toronto, who is declared by the author to be the only hones publisher he has yet met out of England.

Many of Andrew Haggard's poems are lo oft sonnets, and in these the gentle passion is on described with rare felicity and deliciould innocent frankness, sentiment and melndy harmoniously uniting,

Oneor two instances of therhyt'mic cadence of the author's muse may here be permittel me. From "Homeward Bound" I select the following lines, forming the third verse of the poem:-
Though salt the sea, how sweet to me to savour $\mathrm{D}^{\text {on }}$ the spray
That wets my face, its fresh embrace a messag brings to-day-
Our craft to lave strong flows the wave, from home from thee the roll
That comes I know with holy flow to bear me thy sweet soul.
"Do you Remember" opens with the follo" ing melodious verses:-
Do you remember in the days gone by
Our pleasant walks, our meetings by the river? Do you remember, 'neath the azure sky,
We watched the moonbeama on the streanalet quiver?
Do you remember, early in the spring,
We sought primroses in the park together? Do you remember, birds were on the wing, And life sprung all around in fur and feather? Do you remember, do you remember?
Do you remember, 'neath the woodland shade,
The hyacinth which sprung in such $p$
Do you remember how in every glade
Anemones grew wild in thick confusion?
Do you remember, underneath the limes,
Do you remember how the bees, at times,
Do you remember how the bees, at times,
Do you remember, do you remember?
Buzzed through the leaves and sung a bappy shorus?
His sojourn in Egypt in November December, 1885 , is described in three versed of which I can only spare space for the second Here it is:-
We'd riding, and driving, and dinner and dance, And pyramit picnics, while Lua'd enhance The great awful splendour of each stately pile, Ae toasting old Cheops in Pommery the while 'who And perchance
The immutable sphinx such secrets guards well!
There is a pretty moral lesson, tenderly expressed, in his " Ode to a Butterfly beatinf against a window pane." In truest and est of colours he paints the horrors of war with the brush of burning memory and from ${ }^{2}$ palette daubed with the stains of many bloodily fought battle :-
You who have never met your fellow-man
In mortal conflict, tell me, if you can, Your thoughts of war.
Is it all redcoats, glitter. drums and flags, Trumpets resounding echoes from the crags That beetle nigh,
While chargers prance, light glints from the sted In warlike hands, and squadrons faultless With lance on high?
And after several more verses of such ${ }^{\text {like }}$ questionings, comes the cynical reply :If these your thoughts of war, e'en think them still Nor dream of rags, starvation, icy chill. The soldier bears ;
Nor little ones at home; nor widowed wife, Nor legs torn off, or men made blind for life As by hot sears.
Since war is glorious, wherefore give a thought To those who fell, aye, nobly as they ought? What need for tears?
And there is a touching episode of war in s, couple of verses printed in "Polyglot Poems, under the heading "The Sabbath up the Nile" : -

In smiling England lies our distant home, There chimes the gentle, happy Sabbath b But I, in desert, savage lands who roam, Hear saduer sounds : 'twas once a passing gro Of dying corarade, struck in fight that day God help him on his heavenward way ! Dying, he says, with sad and feeble smile "Ying, he says, with sad and feeble smile,

Those were his words, nor uttered they in jest,
Ror whore his words, nor uttered they in je
 To that thogh no priest was by, his thoughts to tend And hearey church, where, as, lad lad, he'd stray $H_{0}$ feels he's ne parson his end, and smiles his feeble $\mathrm{Sabbath}_{\text {athile }}$ mis
One more shath still, though dying on the Nile. must suffice selection from our poet's muse mong from " for the present. It is the bridal
and from "A Strange Tale of a Scarabreus,"
Rarrington Foote, the celebrated English

## Union of manhood to beauty,

Fair woman weakness to strength,
Warrior well won at length.
Isis on bright wing shall hover Bringing to tady and lover Wonderful dreams of delight.
$\mathrm{H}_{\text {sill }}$ Ho $_{\text {Hil }}$ King Cheops forever ! Hail to to Quauen Nepthe the fais Cease she to smile on the pair
Quebec, Octrber, 1892. . D. CHAMBERS.

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To the Editor of The Week
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## the balance of trade.

## To the Editor ot The Week

Sir,-I did not suppose it would have been expedient to trouble your readers again, but Mr. Harkness is still in the ring, and the contest may as well be fought to a flinish.

The balance of trade " theory" has a sientific and a visionary side. Remove from the discussion the element of "mon ey," assuming commerce to be still regulated by "barter," and we get the scientific side. Under a system of barter, the "balance of trade," in modern parlance, would never have been heard of. For intance, suppose all our exports were tabstance, suppose all our expors values a alated, without money values attached Which would follow were customs houses abolished, as they will be when civiliz ation reaches its culmination) and our exports similarly treated, then out statistics would reveal the fact that we exported so much wheat, barley, eggs, lumber, etc., and imported so mish pig iron, steel, cutlery, broadcloth, hosiery, coal, sugar, ete. On a given day our stock on hand would be the former, on a later day, hand would be the former, on a minus the lormer. With such national book-keeping, the phrases "the balance of trade is against," or "in "the balance of trade is against," or "in been born. Moreover with such conditions, "protection" as a system, would never have raised its hideous head. When, to fachitate "barter" (for barter rules to day as rigidly as 3000 years agol a stand ard of value, called " money," was introluced (just as weights and measures were introduced for the same purpose, mankind, ignorantly, came to the conclusion kind, ignorantiy, came to the conclusion
that the symbolic standard of value, that the symbolic standard of value, the mechanical contrivance to facilitate
exchanges oi products, had a special and peculiar virtue all its own, and that the possession of this symbol was the desid eratum to insure wealth. Strangely en ough, this fallacy has exhibited its own fallacionsness, unmistakably. For instance a rump of gold of a given fineness and weight, is regarded as a commodity, dif fering from a lump oi iron or lead, only fering from a lump of iron or lead, only able value, on that basis. The same piece able value, on that basis. The same piece
of gold, cut up into circular bits and of gold, cut up into circular bits and
stamped with the Queen's head, and of precisely the same exchangeable value, with iron or lead, is named " money," and money is supposed to be a resir able possession, in ahort to represent nore " wealth," than the metal of which that money in a "lump shape is coul posed. The statistics of commerce which posed. The statistics of commerce which
exhibit a given trader, or trading coun extry, as exchanging its products of labour, including gold in bars or nuggets, for gold in the shape of "money," prove, it is said, that such country has the advantage over those countries which accepted the labour productg, other than money, in ex change for money. So it came about that exports and imports were recorded, not only in description, but in money value, and that, when what was sent away exceeded in money value what came back, the difference was supposed to have been paid in money, and that the recipient of the money attained a marked advantage by getting money instead of " money's worth." It is an ex traordinary thing that while " money" is only of value to the extent that it can be got rid of, to get something else in its place, the ownership of that money its place, the ownership of that money is deemed to represent the possession of
more wealth than is the ownership of more wealth than is the ownership of
the "something else" for which the owner of the money will exchange It, on the first opportunity.

Now in dealing scientifically with the "balance of trade," we must eliminate from the discussion the idea of "money" being a factor, in any other senge than 'gold bars,' 'lead,' 'tin' or 'wheat.' The object of all commerce is to,part with something we can do without, in order something we can do withont, in order
to get some other thing we need or desire to have. Ten bushels of wheat represents in Canada (let us say) six days' labour, but in England nine days' labour. Five yards of broadcloth represents in England six days' labour, but in Canada nine days' labour. The wheat is exchanged
for the broadcloth and both England and Canada have gained three days' labour by the trade. Can it be supposeds or a moment that by earmarking these commodment that by earmarking these commod ities with a money value" the result
would in the slightest degree be affected? But follow this transaction to the blue books, the parents of the "balance o trade."

The ten bushels of wheat are entered, say $\$ 10$; the return cargo of broadcloth is entered \$13-English invoice pricesand by the balance of trade theory the wheat exporter owes England in " mon ey" \$3. The trade, in point of fact, was an exchange of one product for another and while each party to the transaction got what he wanted, and got rid of what he did not require, the "money" theor ists exhibit a result where one of the two had an advantage over the other. Scien tifically there was brought about an ex change o certaia p:olucts o labrur-that and nothirg more-resulting to the advan tage of both the parties interested. Why should the Canadian labour nine days to produce broadcloth, when he can produce something else in six days, which will exchange for broadcloth? So with the Englishman labouring nine days to pro duce wheat, when in six days he can make cloth which will exchange for wheat? And how can such palpable propositions be aflected by arbitrarily assigning to wheat and cloth agiven value in a third product, called " money?" Scientifically, therefore, in my humble judgment, the balance of trade, in its popular sense, is a fallacy, pure and simple, and not a bit less so from the fact, that it is quite possible to import commodities without parting with anything in exchange, but in that case the balance would be against, not in favour of, the exporter ; whereas, popularly, it is the other way about. He who gets and gives not, has, in my judgment, rather the best of it.

Now one word about the popular notion of this balance of trade. Here.we deal with money values, not commodities, which is a fallacy to begin with. According, to Mr. Harkness when imports exceed exports, in valu?, as by the customsbooks shown, the difierence represents the cost of carriage. He also indicates that the over exporting country pays no carriage -he is driven to that, becanse, assuming no imports on credit, the difierence must be accounted for in some way, as he won't accept Mr. Says' doctrine that the differnce is the "proits" upon the exports, he assigns the differenee to cost of car riage only. A singularly curious employment, that of the middleman exporter, the professional wheat buyer, for example, would be, if his exports brought back their equivalent in invoice value, plus ireight and insurance, und not a cent of proflt! Do wheat exporters export for the "fun of it?" Where is their bread and butter to come irom? Unless every bushel of to come from? Unless every bushel of wheat entered at Montreal, nets to the
exporter in Liverpool a sum equal to what he paid in Canada for the grain, plus the costs and charges of transportation, and plus a margin of clear profit besides, the genus" wheat exporter, would disappear, or shine for a day and perish amongst the list of bankrupts. It is not my purpose to analyse Mr. Harkness' very able letter fully; I merely conclude by asserting, as an incontrovertible prationi tion that a profitable commerce th we deal with cash values and not with commodities) implies an excess of imports over exports, to this extent at least, (1) the excess to cover the cost of exportation and (2) the sum of the profits upon which the commercial trader expects to live. Where exports iall to bring back imports of a cash value to meet these two essen tails, then the exporter is doing business at a loss. If this is admitted, then the whole fable of the "adverse balance of trade" is buried. How any man can con tend that getting more than he gives away, is "adverse," I fall to see; and how any man will give away more than he means to get back, and yet hope to pros per, I also tail to see.

Apologizing for occupying so much of your space.

JOHN CRERAR.
Hamilton, Dec. 29, 1892.

## ART NOTES.

The New York Tribune has the following The American Architect and Building News, which always contains much to interest professional men, makes an announcement which we quote for the benefit of numerous persons who, without regard to profession, will desire to possess good views of the Fair buildings. During the coming year The Architect will frequently publish gelatine plates and heliochromes of the architectural features of the Fair. We recommend our readers to make a note of this, because some of the plates lately published by The Architect of the horticultural, fisheries and fine arts buildings are of an excellence not likely so be found outside a journal of the sort, which approaches architectural subjects from an architectural point of view, and obtains clear artistic results

Hogarth, on one occasion, says the Boston Advertiser, having painted the portrait of a nobleman of very unprepossessing appearance, adhering rigidly to the likeness, and paying but little attention to the artistic license of flattery, his subject absolutely declined to accept the portrait or pay for it. When he had applied for payment several times, with no success, Hogarth at last hit upon an expe dient, and sent the peer a polite note in the third person, informing him of his necessity for the money, and stating that "if his lord ship does not send for the portrait in three days, it will be disposed of, with the addition of a tail and some other little appendages, to Mr. Hare, the famous wild beast man; Mr. Hogarth having given that gentleman a conditional promise of it for an exhibition picture, on his lordship's refusal." The portrait was at once bought and burned.
M. G. Van Rensselaer has the following remarks in the New York World: It is proposed to show in one gallery in the Art Building at the World's Fair a picked collection of modern masterpieces owned in this country. American as well as foreign works will be included, and the aim is to make the display illustrate the art of the earlier as well as the later portions of the nineteenth century in so far as our collections can supply the requisite material. This special exhibit has been placed in the charge of Miss Sarah Hallowell, who for a number of years has superintended the exhibitions at the Art Institute of Chicago. It would be hard to find a more competent person for the task, for Miss Hallowell's acquaintance with foreign art and artists is as extensive and thorough as her acquaintance with our own, and in addition to her knowledge and excellent taste, she has her long experience with similar work to guide her. Miss Hallowell will limit her list to two hundred examples, endeavouring to secure the tinest examples of each great modern master which our country contains.

The London Literary World has the following interesting comment on a celebrated work already referred to in our columns: Mr. T. Fisher Unwin is showing an interesting collection of original pen and ink drawings by Daniel Urrabieta Vierge, executed as illustrations for the translation of the Spanish work of Prancisco de Gueredo, entitled "Pablio de Segovic, the Spanish Sharper." The originals and the reproductions hang side by side. The latter are in reduced size, and are highly to be commended for exactness. There is, however, an unavoidable hardness of line in the copies which we do not find in the delicate drawings ; the gradation of light and shade, which in the original has almost the effect of colour, is also wanting. We observe that the figures come out best; landscape is less successful. Vierge occasionally covers his whole paper with fine etching, giving the effect of an engraving, but usually his subject is sketched in the finest touches, toning down from the solid-black spot, which is a marked feature in his work.

Nothing could exceed the humour of these sketches, at times so gentle, but usually grotesque and even grim. It is difficult to know what is most worthy of praise-the life and action of the figures, the distinction of line in architectural and landscape drawing, or the
quaintness of the conception. There are 110 drawings in all.

The first translation was made in French and published in Paris, in 1882, by Bonhoure. Its brilliancy and originality amazed the public, and not only made his own name famous, but revived the memory of Gueredo, who ranks in Spanish literature only second to Cervantes. From the headpiece of the first chapter nearly to the end every page contained some masterpiece of comic illustration. But after a certain page came a blank in the series. Vierge was attacked by a grievous malady, and, after a long period of enforced inaction, he emerged into public life paralysed down one side of the body and unable to speak. Nothing daunted, he trained himself to work with the left hand, and every week sees some illustration from his pen in Le Monde Illustre. The first publication of his designs effected a revolution in the art of illustration, and created a new school of illustrative, artists, but his imitators frequently introduce the solid black spot in wrong places with disastrous results. We are often inclined to under-estimate this special branch of art work manship, and it is aell to be reminded of its va'ue by an exhibition of this sort.

## MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

## THE THOMAS CONCERT.

Toronto has had the privilege of hearing two great orchestras this season-the Seidl orchestra, of New York, and the Thomas orchestra, of Chicago. The latter gave one concert here under the auspices of the Canadian Society of Musicians, on the 27 th inst., and played several novelties entirely new to Toronto people, besides several other numbers which have been heard here before. The programme presented in its entirety was, Overture, "Phedre," Massenet; "Symphonic Variations," op. 78, Dvorak; "Voices of the Foost," (from Siegfried) Wugner; "MalaFoost,"," and "Maurische Fantasie" from the opera Boabdil, Moskowski. The soloists were Mrs. Agnes Thompson, soprano, and F. B. Busoni, pianist, the former singing Dvorak's " O Grant Me,' and Gounod's Aria " Mirele," and the latter playing Liszt's A major Concerto with orchestral accompaniment, and a group of piano solos, "Tuccato and Fugue," Bach-Tausig, "Nocturne,' in C minor, Chopin, and "La Campanella," Paganini-Lisat. Mrs. Thompson has vastly improved since her residence in Chicago, in both voice and style. True, she always had a voice of pleasant quality, but it was formerly thin, with little body, or depth to it, and inclined to be " throaty," but latterly it has developed wonderfully, in roundness, richness and musical quality. Her rendering of the Gounod number was truly a genuine artistic success, exhibiting a tlexibility of execution, and an expressiveness entirely musical and sincere. The aria "Oh Grant Me," also was sung carefully and well. Signor Busoni is a pianist of intellectual powers and great technical resources, and shines to greatest advantage in works of Bach, and other strict classic masters, for his temperament is too severe and his touch too hard and firm to pose as a great player of works belonging to the romantic period, and which require much sympathy and a caressing, imploring touch to coax from the piano the lovely ideas, emotional warmth, and poetic fancy which is the embodiment of romanticism His performance of the Concerto was a fine exhibition of virtuosity, although lacking in the sponta. niety, freedom, and blazing brilliance which the great Friedheim infuses in the work, for he makes it almost become a thing of life, and dazzles one with its splendour and palpitating rhythms. His solo numbers were splendidly played, the fugue partioularly so, inasmuch as the very architecture of its form was outlined, and the interpretation a splendid achievement of intellectual development and ripe maturity. He received a splendid welcome, and was en thusiasticallyapplauded. Theorchestra was probably the best which has ever visited Toronto, for each section was complete with competent players, forming an ensemble as nearly perfect as one can expect in an organization so expen-
sive and vast as a travelling orchestra. The overture proved to be a most scholarly and ion aginative work, dramatic in character, rich of orchestrated, replete with an earnestness purpose not frequently found in French com posers' works, and splendidly worked outhe The symphonic variations were (like majority of Dvorak's compositions) dowed with plenty of original ideas contrapuntal material, and revealed a massive mind imbued with no ordinary degree mind imbued with no ordinary a
musical intelligence and sympathy. The play ing of the orchestra in these works was supo the tone quality of an excellence which $g$ unbounded pleasure, and the interpreta dignified, at the same time lofty in sentimed to The delicious Wagner music was presented to the hearer with all its descriptive fancy and wonderful variety of tonal combinations, the vividly recalled the golden days spent by therwriter amidst the music of the German Fathe land. The Moskowski numbers were played with a fervour and dash truly captivating, an the compositions themselves show the con poser to understand orchestral writing thi oughly, for the effects were unique and varity lowing with zeal and a certain originality, which is an attribute of Moskowski's stile. Thomas' style of conducting is as graceful of yore, and we hope he will return to us $\mathrm{s}^{00}$. again.

Mr. J. D. A. Tripp will give his second recital in St. George's Hall, Elm Street, by 27 th of January, when he will play work Mos Liszt, Schumann, Beethoven, Bach and kowski. Mrs. D'Auria will sing several sod held
The Canadian Society of Musicians her their Seventh Annual Convention in Toron ${ }^{\text {at }}$ the 27th and 28th December, when excel the essays were read by different members of society, including one by Mrs. J. W. F. rison, on "National Music," cleverīy discuse by Mr. A. S. Vogt. The attendance was very favourable, and more interest seems to awakened in the Society than at any previor convention, although there is a lack of sup from other cities and towns.

The December special number of the $N$ York Musical Courier is one of the most bead ful which has ever emanated from a printing press. It is filled with a wealth of news fromid all parts of the world, and contains severat articles of interest and value, one an excell essay by the brilliant writer, James G. Busica ker, on "Chopin and Poe." The Musid Courier is a marvellous paper, and cona an more news in each weekly edition than and monthly musical paper we know of, and
indispensable to the wide-awake, progressiv indispensa

## LIBRARY TABLE.

## PROSE IDYLS. By John Albee. Price, 9 2 20 Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Compe Toronto : The Williamson Comen <br> Older readers may remember the $[d y]^{18}$ Gesner, which, we imagine, are very se read or seen in these days, Mr. Albee's cot positions are of a somewhat similar charad $q^{\text {uite }}$ understand that to many persons his Idyls ${ }^{18}$ ) bring pleasure and profit.

THE LAST CONFESSION AND THE BLIND MOIHER. By Hall Caine. Price, ${ }^{\text {d. }}$, New York: Tait, Sons and Company Readers of Mr. Hall Caine's previou will understand what we mean when that power is the general characteristic of two the "Confessil of a Physici n' who had been order Morocco for rest and change, and had
a man who was a murderer, and who a man who was a murderer, and wal
plotting against his life. The principal in the narrative, which is given in the forr a confession to a priest, is led up to with ara skill, and we suspect, without being sure the priest has relations with the man
The other story, the "Blind Mother," of nature ; also of sin and shame, $p$ affecting. Neither of these stories is a worthy of the writer.

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DOROTHY Q. Together with a Ballad of the of Bu Tea Party and Grandmother's Story of Bunker Hill Battle. By Oliver Wendoll Bortones. With illustrations by Howard Pyle. Boston and New York: Houghton, Miffin
and Company. The Riveride Press, Cambriage.
Everyone will be glad to see these three Charming poems in an addition worthy of them and of their zuthor. The illustrations are admirable; it it is, in short, an edition to lend othy $Q$," ar less fascinating book than " DorQ.," to make it-

Throope untroubled by woes and fears arough a second youth of a hundred years.
THe STORY OF A CHILD. By Margaret Deland. Price, $\$ 1.00$. Boston : Houghton, hisfin and Company; Toronto: The wileade Company. 1892.
Readers of "John Ward" will hardly thisgnize the writer of that poweriul story in that ig igorors oketch. Yet there is here much confused interesting. The beginning is a little two cleari, but, as we advance, there come out both of early-defined children, Ellen and Effiechildren them nearly as badly brought up as not ren could be, and both of them, we doubt ia N representing types far from uncommon airl England. The influence of the untamed girl upon the one kept in bondage is well Worked out and carefully depicted, and we fol be the story with interest. Will any mothers e taught and helped by such a picture? It doubtful. Those who are willing to be taght seldom need it. Those who most need
traching are willing to be hing are generally unwilling to be taught

TRIE SECRET OF NARCISSE: A Romance. By Edmund Gosse. New York: Tait, Sons and Company ; Toronto: The Williamson Company. 1892. \$1.90.
Mr. Edinund Gosse is already well known hin firssayist and critic, but we believe ihis is of thest appearance as a novelist. Every page of the present volume shews the practiced hand is the litterateur, and the thin thread of story subject out with care and success. But the One, and the very painful, even disagreeable our voice could reach very unsatisfactory. If Which him to give no heed to the new school to phich philosophizes instead of narrating, and Will tead sit at the feet of Walter Scott who $W_{0}$ teach him the good and the right way. do better good hope that Mr. Gosse will live to tinuetter work than this; and in the meantul the intelligent reader may gratify a law${ }^{\text {hol }}$ and laudible curiosity by the perusal of this

THOSEGIRLS. By John Strange Winter. New York: Tait, Sons and Company, Union Square.
"If the reader's of "Bootle's Baby" and Marpalry Life" took the author's Christian loubt seriously, no one would have the least rom the the fact that "Those Girls" is omp the pen of a woman. A school girl is convent in an affaire de cour and is sent to Afterwards for two years as a punishment. ben prevented from marrying, they eventually nenk reconciled after the two years' estrangeonly the so the book ends. Of course, this is The authost shadowy outline of the story. Vivacity and with all wer all her accustomed in not phases of English life. Tommy Atkins those introduced, and there are no portraits of Which brilliant children, artificial yet natural, Por all that Strange Winter draws so well. title is, that "Those Girls," alarming as the Agreeable will be found a most readable and

THE OLD ENGLISH DRAMATISTS. By and $A$ Russell Lowell. Price, \$1.25. Boston pany ; Toronto: The Woughton, Mifflin and Com-
Piliamson Company. It can hardly be complained that we are dramat expositions of value on the early posmatists; nor will it be urged that this
Our posous work of Mr. Lowell's adds much to our possessions in this respect. The volume
contains six lectures delivered by the eminent uthor at the Lowell Institute, in Boston, in 1887. They were written and read, but were argely supplemented by extemporaneous additions in the delivery. We cannot honestly atirm that these lectures will add much to the knowledge or understanding of those who have any considerable acquaintance with the criticism of the early dramatists; yet we quite agree with the editor, Mr. Norton, that "they contain such admirable and interesting criticism, and are in themselves such genuin pieces of good literature . . . that they should be given to the public" To those who have still to make acquaintance with Marlowe, Web ster, Chapman Geaumont and Fletcher, Mas singer, and Ford lectures as being about the best introduction they are likely to meet with.

## HOW TO READ THE PROPHETS, Part III.

 Jeremiah. By Rev. Buchsnan Blake, Clark Price, 4s.Toronto :
Presbyterian $\underset{\text { News }}{\text { T. and }} \underset{\text { Company. }}{\text { T. Clark; }}$ 1892.

We have already drawn attention to Mr. Blake's two previous volumes on the Hebrew prophets, dealing respectively with the early minor prophets, and with Isaiah. or rather the first part of what we know as Issiah. This third part is in no way inferior to the earlier volunes, and may be contidently recommended as a safe and useful guide to the study of the great Prophet. We have gone over the book, and find it admirably arranged so as to bring ut the chronology of the events and the his. torical bearing of the prophecies.

## TRUTH IN FICTION: Twelve Tales With a

 Moral. By Paul Carus. Price \$1.00. Chica,Open Court Publishing Company. 1893.
We do not quite approve of the philosophy of Mr. Paul Carns ; but we are bound to say that the ethical teaching of these stories is generally excellent. Some of the tales are themselves very beantiful. To particular phrases in the "Chief's Daughter," exception phrases in the "Chiers Daughter, exception told, and it is affecting and instructive as well The little sketch "Charity" is excellent although it will probably be most heeded by those who have least need to learn its lesson. "Capital and Labour" is altogether excellent Capital and Labours too much to bope that although it is perhaps too much to bope that Labour will hear the voice of reason when the bray of the demagogue is in its ear. Never we suppose, will men be taught anything use ful and permanent but by the discipline of suffering. This is, we fancy, a new beld for Mr. Carus, but we shall not be sorry to meet him here again.

## THE CHOSEN VALLEY. By Mary Hallock

 Foote. Boston and New 1892Miffin and compay. The author or this story has ever before her these possesses energy and pluck, is full of resources, shifty and even unscrupulous. The scond, with equal energy and equal courage, has too high a sense of duty to allow himself has too high a sens or in way to lower the to use make-shifts, or in any way to lower the standard which this sense of duty has raised. Mr. Price Norrison, the hero's father, belongs to the tirst type, Mr. Robert Dunsmuir to the econd. It is a contrast between the better side of the old world character and the lighter, shiftier side of the American, with whonr "patching and propping" is the necessary accompaniment to fast work. Philip Norrison is well drawn, and forms, as it were, a compromise between the two; but his sympathies re with Dunsmuir, the idealist, rather than with his father, the practical man. Dolly and Allan Dunsmuir are both natural, and Mrs Norrison, Philip's mother, is admirably pour trayed. Here is the pith of the whole story in the author's own vigorous words: "The ideal scheme is ever beckoning from the West ; but the scheme with an ideal record is yet to find-the scheme that shall breed no murmurers, and see no recreants ; that shall avoid enfy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness; that shall fulfil its promises, and pay its debts, and remember its friends, and keep itself unspotted from the world. Over
the graves of the dead, and over the he urts of the living, presses the cruel expansion of our country's material progress : the prophets are confounded, the promise withdrawn, the peo ple imagine a vain thing.

THE CALIPHATE, ITS RISE, DECLINE AND FALL. By Sir William Muir, K.C. S.I. Second edition, revised, with maps. London : Religious Tract Society.
This handsome volume of 612 pages and three excelleut maps well sustains its auth r's high reputation as an oriental scholar. His historical style is peculiar introducin' the reader into the confidence of the narrator, and bounding in the use of the pronoan "we." Yet, on the whole, it is animated, terse and pleasing. Through ssventy-nine chapters, the ast of which is a review of the preceding hisary, Sir William carries his reader forward from the death of Mahomet in the eleventh rom the death of Mahomet of the Hegira, to the overthrow of the year of the Hegira, to the overthrow of the Ualiphate by the Ottoman Turks in 926 of the same era. Anecdotes, and the records of short sayings or brief conversations, light up the historic page. The authority of Sir William fir Mahomet should henceforth throw for the form Mahomet Mumamed, Mund Mahmoud into the shades of oblivion. His chief au thorities are the Arabian historians, Tabari and Ibn Athir, although he acknowledges indebtedness to Weil's Geschichte der Chalifen

THE CHURCH'S MEANS OF GRACE: Lectures delivered in 1892 under the auspices on the Church Club of New York. Price,
The Church Club of New York is a society consisting of lay and clerical members of the Episcopal Church, established to be a centro of life and action for that communion. During the last four or five years lectures have been delivered under the auspices of this Club on subjects connected with the constitution, character and work of the Christian Church. The present volume deals with the very interesting and important subject of the means of race. The lectures have a generdl resemblance to the Bampton and other similar foundations, with the difference that, in the present ingtance there are only five, and these delivered by different lecturers. There are advantages and disadvantages in this method. If specialists can be got for the various subjects, there is gain ; but there is also the possibility of a lessoned harmony of treatment. Undoubtedly the points of view of the lec turers in this volume are not identical, although there is no actual discord. Of the general ability and cogency of the treatment there can be no quastion. The writers are trained theologians, and few will road their contributions without proft. The subjects and writers are as follows: "Holy Baptism," by Professor Wm. Clark, of Trinity College; "The Lord's Supper," by D. G. M. Fiske, of Providence, R. I. ; "Contirmation," by Dean Robbins, of Albany, N.Y.; "Holy Orders," by Bishop Garrett, of Northern Texas; "Unction Matrimony, and Penance," by Bp. Grafton, of Fond du Lac.

A BOOK OF FAMOUS VERSE. Selected by Agnes Repplier. Boston and
Houghton, Mifflin and Company
These admirable selections are intended for children; "for," in the author's own words, " to help a child to the love of poetry is to insure for him one source of happiness in a not too happy world." "The Child's Garland" was published in the same spirit, but Agnes Repplier's work is a distinct advance upon that very charming little volume. We cannot compare it with "The Golden Treasury," because the aims of the two books are distinctly different. At the same time many of the selections-perhaps the majority will be loved by children because they themselves belong to a race which has never grown altogether weary of what is brightest and best either of the past or of to day. Shakespeare's "A Sea Dirge," Ben Johnson's exquisite "Hymn to 'Diana," Marlowe's "Come Live with Me and be my Love," and Herrick's "To Dianeme" are to be found in this volume. "Lord Ullin's Daughter," "Young Lochinvar," "Lucy Gray," "Auld Robin

Gray "-all these old favourites are here. Amongst modern productions are to be found Whittier's "Indian Summer," Emerson's "The Humble-Bee," Leigh Hunt's charming "Jenny Kissed Me," and Longfellow's "Tbe Phantom Ship." Tennyson's "Eugle Song," "Break, Break, Break," and "The Ballad of Oriana"," are contained in ", A Book of Famous Verse," as well as Keats' "La Belle Dame Sans Mercy," and Shelley's "To the Night.'" In short, we can heartily recommend this book to everyone, young or old, who has a spark of lose for the most beautiful of the English lyrics.

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAIIX: The Times, The Man, and His Work. An Historical Study in Eight Lectures. By Richard S. Storrs. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons ; Toronto: William Briggs. $1892 . \$ 2.50$.
We have here a noble theme treated in a spirit altogether worthy of the subject. One thing we must declare for the relief of our conscience. We would much rather have had this great life placed before us in a historical narrative, with which notes or dissertations might have been connected, if necessary. But such a course was rendered impossible by the conditions under which the author laboured. The contents of the book was delivered under the form of lectures on the Stone Foundation at Princeton; and, this being the case, the lecturer has adopted the best manner possible of enabling his hearers and readers to understand the age of St. Bernard, and the work which he accomplished.

In order to remedy the defect to which we have referred, we would counsel readers who may not be familiar with the events in the life of St. Bernard of Clairvaux to take some memoir or biography and run over that before beginning the perusal of these lectures. Neander's is probably the best, but it has never appeared in English. Mr. Cotter Morrison's is the fullest in our own language. Dr. Eales's is good. But the excellent article in the Biographie Universelle, or that in the Encyclopedia Britannica, will quite answer the purpose.

Dr. Storrs has taken great pains to give us the exact setting of St. Bernard in the history of the Middle Ages, and therefore he devotes his last lecture to the dark age (seculum obscurum) of the tenth century, and the second to the reviving life and promise of the eleventh century, towards the end bringing us into contact with one who has been called the first of the schoolmen-as Bernard himself was called first of the fathers-Anselm of Canterbury. In the third lecture the writer deals with the personal characteristics of Bemard; and we ought to state that here, and also in dealing with his doctrine and work, the author is not merely absolutely impartial, which is something, but he is also sympathetic, putting himself into the spirit of the times in which his great subject lived, and taking him as he was, without perpetually reminding us of the inferiority of those ages or the superiority of our own. We should add that he shows a thorough acquaintance with the age and with the writings of the great man.

Everyone who knows anything of St. Bernard knows of his transcendent influence on the men of his own age, and this point is admirably brought out by Dr. Storrs in the lecture just referred to and in those which follow. The fourth lecture is devoted to his monastic life, and in the fifth he is considered as a theologian. The writer points out that Bernard's theological teaching comes out incidentally, for the most part, as his treatises are nearly all of a practical and devotional character. By the way, we may note here one of the disadvantages of this method of presentation that the devotional character of Bernard's teaching does not receive special treatment, although it must be regarded as its most prominent feature.

The lecture on Bernard as a preacher is everyway admirable. The reader who is most familiar with the story of the crustdes will be startled by this presentation of the mighty power exercised by the preacher of the second crusade. We can speak as highly of the seventh lecture on the controversy with Abelard. Dr. Storrs does full justice to that brilliant man, as well as to his great antagonist. The last
lecture points out Bernard's relation to general European affairs ; and it is excellent. On one point Dr. Storrs does not seem to have heard the last word. It is seldom that Walter Scott's historical instincts were wrong; but he could not know what we know, that Dr. Dollinger and others have arrived at the conclusion that the Templars were misrepresented and persecuted. But this is a small matter. The book is most interesting and illuminating.

## PERIODICALS.

What Egypt can Teach us " is the name of a scholarly contribution to the January number of The Methodist Magazine. "Protestant Memories of Neuchatel and Morat" is the name of another able and interesting paper. C. A. Chant writes upon "Science and Progress." "The New Year at the Gate" is the title of a poem by Mary B. Burnett. Dr. Douglas is the author of an interesting contribution entitled "God's Work a Cause of Rejoicing." The first chapters of "The Life Cruise of Captain Belle Adams," from the pen of Julia McNair Wright, and of "The Squire of Sandal-Side," by Amelia E. Barr, also appear.

The Very Rev. R. Payne Smith, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, is the author of "New Lights on the Sacred Story," the opening paper of the January Quiver. "The Manager of Manston Mills," by S. Southall Bene, is continued in this number. "The Frosted Coal Heap" is the title of a homily by the Rev. P. B. Power, M.A. Emmie Nicholson is the author of a bright little tale of Natal. A. E. Bonser contributes a short story under the pathetic heading of "God Bless the Cheese!" Evelyn Everett Green continues her serial "The Wilful Willoughbys." M. F. "Hutchinson contributes atouching story entitled Uncle Jack.
Vincent Elsden opens the January number of Cassel's Family Magazine with a story in three chapters entitled "London Undermined." Ellen T. Masters writes "About Glass Cloth Embroidery." C., E. C. Weigall's serial, "A Romance of Man," is commenced. "On the 'Underground '.' is the name of a readable sketch by F. M. Homes. Frank Beddard, M.A., F.R.S., contributes an interesting paper on " Imitation, True and False." E. Chapman tells "That Other Story." "Richard Jenkins, Master" is the name of a serial which makes its first appearance with '93. "The Mystery of Garstin House" is the name of an exciting story from the pen of William Cairns.
"A Comedy of Cuunterplots" is the name of a story by Edgar Fawcett in the January issue of Outing. "The Hockey" is the subject of a paper by Beverley Bogert. Frederic Courbiere contributes a very pretty sonnet on
"January." Arthur Montefiore, F.R.G.S., "January." Arthur Montefiore, F.R.G.S., is the author of a most interesting paper on "Some Famous Alpine Ascents." "That Dog pine-woods from the pen of J. A. Williams, jr. Clara Sprague Ross tells a very readable story entitled "At St. Margarets," which she prefaces by one of those admirable common-places from Euripides. Enma Playter Seaburry, whose graceful lyrics are so familiar to Canadian readers, contributes a charming, little poem on "Peace, and Good-Will." "A
Glance at Big Game," by Ed. W. Sandys, is a most readable paper.

Helen Gray Cone opens the January number of St. Nicholas, with some lines "On New Year's Day in the Morning," which are very timely and pretty. "The Potted Princess" is the name of a story by Rudyard Kipling which appears in this 1 umber. Thomas Wentworth Hinginson writes an interesting paper on "Boston," which is followed by "The Spinning on the Mail," commencing with
'Twas more than a hundred years ago,
And Boston town was young, you know, from the pen of Nora Perry. Anna A. Rogers contributes a story about Japan, entitled "The 'Otd-Blue" Vase." "Holly-Berry and Mistletoe," M. Carrie Hydo's Christmas romance, is continued in this issue; "Polly
Oliver's Problem," by Kate Douglas Wiggin, Oliver's Problem,
is also continued.
"Solitude" is the name of the frontispiece in the January number of The Cosmopolitant from the well-known painting by Sir Frederit Leighton. Gerald Campbell writes an inter," esting paper entitled "Four Famous Artists. Sir Edwin Arnold continues his "Japan Mtrivisited" in this issue. Joseph P. Read contri" butes a readable discourse on the "Besud by of the American Stage," which is followed by, "The Confessions of an Autograph-Hunter, from the pen of Charles Robinson. A gritpaper upon "The English Laureates" is wuses ten by Richard Henry Stoddard. "The Mer the of Manhattan" is the title of a paper from Grant versatile pen of Brander Matthews. Under Fire" is the subject of a well-writtep sketch by Theodore R. Davis. W. D. How ells' "A 'I'raveller from Altruria" is continued. Edith M. Thomas addresses some very go lines " To Those Coming.

The January number of the Magazine of Art contains the first of a series of papers the "Portraits of Lord Tennyson,' by Thoodore Watts. The frontispiece is a phot
gravure from Girardot's portrait of the poth gravure from Girardot's portrait of the
based upon a photograph by Mayall. Watts gives preference to this portrait of Ten nyson, and places it above allothers. An the daguerrotype, taken in 1857, represtnts
poet and his family, Lady Tennyson hangin poet and his family, Lady Tennyson hang
on his arm, each son clasping a parent's ha on his arm, each son clasping a parent's The second paper on "The Leicester Corpor tion Art Gallery" appears. An able pape the editor of the magazine is devoted to Da Vierge, the brilliant Spanish artist. An ample of Vierge's work is given. Mr. Swith. burne has an excellent carol for the mon the Claude Phillips contributes a paper on N oblo French sculpture of the year. "The N. A. Amateur" is the title of a paper hy M. the Spielmann. The contribution on "On IT.
Shores of the Zuyder Zee" is by G. A. Shores of the Zuyder Zee," is by G. A. Oar Middleton, with notes by H. Vos. In Illustrated Note Book" is the design of church window by Walter Crean.

Grace King contributes to The Century strong but very disagreeable story entitled "La Grande Demoiselle.
of China" is the name of an interesting descriptive paper by N. B. Dennys. Mark Twail contributes a story with the astonishing title "The $£ 1,000,000$ Bank-Note." Louise Imog is the author of a strange sonnet, "The Lig $o^{\prime}$ London," from which we quote the last lines:
Heaven thickens over-Heaven that cannot
Heaven thickens over-Heaven that connot
Her tear by day, her fevered smile by night. "The Reward of the Unrighteous" is the tit te of a very readable story by George Grantham Bain. Henry A. Beers is the contributor of short but carefully written paper on "Crust) Christopher," in which the savage criticisms Blackwood's in '32 and '33 are discuss Elizabeth Stuart Phelps writes a good paper "Whittier." "The Kindergarten Moven ${ }^{\text {en }}$ by is the subject of a long and exhaustive paper Talcott Williams, which is followed by "thut Child-Garden,' a poem by R. W. G. Ar $\mathrm{Hablol}^{\frac{t}{4}}$ Allchin writes an appreciative paper on Hader Knight Browne, the well known "Phiz," un, the heading of "An lllustrator of Dicken"

Scribner's Magazine for January op othe with a most interesting, account of "Heil Peary Retief Expedition," by Angelo Heil prin. The author of this paper was himselenct chief of the expedition, and his experien will be read with avidity by all who are enthrit Nor led by the charm of the mysterious John Hall Ingham writes two "Sonnets att the Italian" possessing both force and beaut is of expression. The Marguis de Chambrun the author of some interesting reminisce Lin entitled "Personal Recollections of Mr. "The
coln." Jessie White is the author of "The coln." Jessie White is the author of "Ta
Poor in Naples," which discloses a state awful misery in that land

Whose ever-golden fields,
Ploughed by the sunbeams only, would suffice
Ploughed by the sunbeam
as the author quotes somewhat ironically Frederic Crowninshield contributes the first of a series of papers entitled "Impressions ${ }^{\text {Dis }}$ Decorator in Rome." William Howard Rus sell, LL.D., writes a most valuable paper under the title of
Sebastopol."
irat part January Atlantic Monthly appears the from the of "Old Kaskaskia," a contribution Sherme pen of Mary Hartwell Catherwood. William S. Rogers writes upon "George, Francis Curtis and Civil Service Reform." d 1 chiefs of Aan is the author of "The Feuinterest of Acadia," a contribution of historic a Wild Rose F appears in this number. "To Wild Rose Fcund in October" is the title of a poem by Ednah Proctor Clarke. One of the ber is the "Dions to a really excellent number is the "Diary of a Nervous Invalid," hy
Edwin treats Lassetter Bynner. Isabel F. Hapgood "We found "The Russian Kumys (ure." very agre pery agreeable beverage, and could readily acreeive that the patients might come to have Preston strong taste for it." Harriet Waters "rrs of a most Louise Dodge are the joint auth"Cola di Re interesting contribution, entitled of "Pa di Rienzo." Kate Douglas Wiggin tells very Penelope's English Experiences," and absurdity of labelling them. Speaking of the she writes. "' dabelling a country as this or that, from my m : "Nothing, for instance, can blot exhaustive memory the profound, searching, and learmedive analysis of a great nation which I child, in my small geography when I was a polite people, fond of dancing and light wines." Edward Strachey is the author of a curious in 'Logue, the subject of which is "Shakespeare There's Labour Lost.'
The January number of The Popular Sci"New Chapters in the With the second part of Neries of contrsibutions from the pen of Dr. Andrew of contributions from the pen of Dr.
$\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ Dickson White. Professor Byron D. Halsted Dickson White. Professor Byron D.
formations." $^{\text {upon }}$ "Some Vegetable Mal the Anciens." "Marriage and Kinship Among by Colonel Asraelites "is the name of a paper a most interesting translation from the Revue Scientifinteresting translation from the Revue and the Aue, under the heading of "Evolution subject of ants." "A Captive Comet" is the
Charticle hy Charles Lane Poor. Charles W. an article by Charles Lane Poor. Sarefully-written paper entitled "Genius and things," "There are compensations in all Hair?" "Will the Coming Woman Lose Her Ahd ?" and she continues with that playful of the United Santer peculiar to certain ladies dual United States, "and while the indivihard law of depen sometimes murmur at the of ten to find in some measley little specimen starvastion, the humanity her only refuge from tastidiousn, the sex in general has to thank the cultivates in which their superior position defect as destructive of beauty as of comfort." of F. Hallock writes a paper entitled "Profits is followedte Business not too Large," which Thellowed by "Totemism in the Evolution of
Theology," from the pen of Mrs. Clara Kempton Barnum. cal "Lord Tennyson" is the subject of a criti"Naper in the December Westminster. and cure," says the writer, "made him a poet; consulture and a life's devotion made him a thoughthe United States" is the title of a "Is Fisul paper from the pen of Peter Ross. of a valuablederation Possible?" is the name Irwell, valuable contribution from Lawrence
tist oronto. Mr. Irwell shows by statisties, of Toronto. Mr. Irwell shows by statrade about three times as large as her colonial sid to he," he adds, "the latter cannot be the to be increasing any more rapidly than Federmer. Mr. Irwell attacks those "Fiscal Britain's trads", who "frequently tell us that bute this trade is decreasing," and who attriports over supped fact to the excess of imGreat over exports. Free Trade has made Treat Britain prosperous. "She has," to 'conferret Mr. Irwell's paper once more, benefit which upon her dependencies the greatest to a which a nation of consumers can offer (treater nation of producers-free ports ; and if canter Britain, under those circumstances, fault, as well with foreign countries, the coll, as well as the remedy, must lie with the
Fiseal Feand not with the Mother Country."
Fiseal Federation, according to the writer, will
never be acceptable to the British workman, because he is attached to those general principles of Free Trade which secure him the necessaries of life at the lowest possible rates, rather than to a sentimental dream which de mands discrimination in favour of particular colonies." "Parisian Vignettes : Two Studies of Old Men " is from the facile pen of that graceful sketcher of characters, Mary Negrepont. V. E. Johnson writes upon "The Transformation of Energy." "The Latest Transformation of Energy. ", the Latest Development of English Fiction, by
Hannigan, is practically a defence of $\mathbf{M r}$. Thomas Hardy's "Tess of the D'Urbervilles " against the criticism of Mr. Andrew Lang. "The English Novel" is the name of a most interesting and critical paper by Charles James Billson.

## LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

The Cupples Company, Boston, announce for immediate publication: "Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: his Wit, Wisdom, Poetry." Preceded by the biographical sketch of Thomas de Quincey. Edited by Newell Dunbar. With new illustrations. A companion book to "Heinrich Heine : his Wit, Wisdom, Poetry." Also "Inspiration and Truth from the Rt. Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts." With portrait. A collection of brilliant paragraphs from Bishop Brooks' writings.

Messrs. Lee and Shepard announce the following volumes: "The Conways: a Story for Girls," by Effie W. Merriman ; "First Days amongst the Contrabands." by Elizabeth Hyde Botume ; "Essays Chiefly Relating to Education and Culture," by W. H. Venable, LL.D. ; Professor de Mille's Stories in a new edition : "The B. O. W. C." ; "The Boys of the Grand Pre School"; "Lost in the Fog"; "Fire in the Wood"; "The Treasure in the Sea." The Young Dodge Club Series, also by .Tames de Mille, comprising "The Young Brigands" and "The Winged Lion."

The Canadian Institute offers the following programme of papersfor January. On Saturday 7th, "The Journal of Captain Walter Butler in a voyage along the north shore of Lake Ontario, from the 8 th to the 16 th of March, 1779," by Captain Ernest Cruikshank, Fort Erie. Saturday 14th, "The Algonquins of the Georgian Bay-Assikinack, a warrior of the Odahwas, by J. C. Hamilton, LL.B. Saturday 21st, "Lessons from the teachings and times of Cicero," by Edward Meek. Saturday 28th, "The great fires of St. John's, Newfoundland, from 1816," by Rev. Philip Tocque, A.M In the Natural History (Biological) section. Monday 9th, "The protection given by the Danainæ to other butterties," by E. V. Rippon. Monday 23rd, "Plants that I have known," by James Noble. In the Historical Section on Thursday 19th, "The birthplace of Columbus-theclaim for Corsica," by Arthur Harvey.

Our readers will be very much interested to read the following letter from John Green leaf Whittier to one of our contributors:-
"Hampton Falls, N. H.
7 Mo. 31, 1892.
" Just before I left Oak Knoll, I received thy 'Canadian Winter' story which thee so kindly dedicated to me. I liked its pictures of thy country in the winter, and the leading idea spemed to me a very happy one,-to give in fireside conversation, the wonderful story of the old Jesuit explorers and founders whom thou hast rightly called 'Northern Lights' in the wild and dark nights of heathenism.
"The house-dog of thy story I found had the same name with our 'Robin Adair' at Oak Knoll, of whom thy letter assured me thee had never heard [i.e. at the time the book was written]. I told him of his Canadian namesake, and he wagged his short tail with great satis faction.
"John Greenleaf Whittier.'
Among the documents very recently submitted to Congress is the annual report of the American Historical Association-a volume of 600 pages octavo-which is now a branch of the "Smithsonian" and consequently has its publications issued under the supervision of
the ofticers of that great institution. The report has some interest for the Canadian public from the fact that it contains an elaborate monograph or "Parliamentory Government in Canada: A constitutional and historical study, by Dr. J. G. Bourinot, C.M.G., president of the Royal Society, and clerk of the Commons." Its great value for the people of the United States is, that it shows not only the practical operation of the Canadian system, but makes useful comparisons between Parliamentary and Congressional Government, which, read by Canadians, will show them there is no necessity for a change in their political institutions. As the work is distributed by the United States Government, it must be of much advantage in Canada by diffusing information not generally accessible in the publications of the federal republic.

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Bell, J. Cawdor. Two Knapsacks. Toronto The Williamson Book Co.
Bunner, H. C. Rowen: "Second Crop" Songs. \$1.25. New York: Chas Scribner's Sons ; Toronto: Wm. Briggs.
Carruthers, Adam, B.A., Robertson, J. C., B.A. Primary Latin Book. \$1.00. Toronto ; Wm. Briggs.
Currie, John A. Quartette of Lovers. Toronto: Williamson \& Co.
Caine, Hall. The Last Confession and The Blind Mother. New York: Tait Sons \& Co.
Carus, Paul. Truth in Fiction. \$1.00. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co.
Canadian Institute. Proceedings of the Ornithological Sub-section. Toronto: Copp Clark \& Co.
Church, A. J., M.A. Stories from the Greek Comedians. New York: Macmillan and Co. ; Toronto: Williamson \& Co.
Dwight, Chas. P. Life in the North-West Mounted Police. Toronto: The National Publishing Co.
Field, Eugene. With Trumpet and Drum. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons; Toronto: Wm. Briggs.
Gosse, Edmund. The Secret of Narcisse. New York: Tait \& Sons.
Harland, Marion. The Story of Mary Washington. $\$ 1.00$. Boston : Houghton, Mifflin \& Co.; Toronto: Williamson \& Co.
Harris, Joel Chandler. Uncle Remus and His Friesds. Boston: Houghton, Miffin \& Co.; Toronto ; Williamson \& Co.
Kellogg, Rev. S. H., D.D. The Genesis and Growth of Religion. \$1.50. New York: Macmillan \& Co. ; Toronto : Williamson \& Co.
Lowell, Jas. Russell. The Old English Dramatists. \$1.25. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin \& Co.; Toronto: Williamson \& Co.
May, Suphie. Her Friend's Lover. 50c. Boston ; Lee \& Shepard.
Roberts, Charles G. D. Ave : an Ode for the Shelley Centenary. Toronto: Williamson $\& \mathrm{Co}$.
Tait, Jas. Selwin. Who is the Man? New York. Tait \& Sons.
Theodoli, The Marchesa. Under Pressure. \$1.00. New York: Macmillan \& Co.; Toronto: Williamson \& Co.
Winter, John Strange. Those Girls. New York: Tait Sons \& Co.
St. Nicholas 1892. Vol. XIX. New York: The Century Co. ; London: T. Fisher Unwin.
Student and Singer. $\$ 2.35$. New York : Macmillan \& Co.; Toronto: Williamso $n$ $\& \mathrm{Co}$.
The Century Magazine. Vol. 44. The Century Co.
The Imperial Cholera Commission in Ger. many announces its discovery that wineclaret or hock-will kill the bacilli of cholera in a few minutes. Tea will kill them in an hour.

## READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATURE.

## CHAMBER MUSIC.

With our many facilities for hearing music in Toronto it is but seldom that we have the privilege of listening to a Chamber Music Concert. Mr. Torrington has in years gone by at intervals placed this class of music before the public, and it has ever been a special feature of the work of the Toronto College of Music. Last year a series of three chamber concerts wese given by the Detroit Philharmonic Club, under the auspices of the College of Music, and we are safe to say that no more delightful concerts of this class have $\in \mathrm{v} \in \mathrm{r}$ been given in Toronte. Expressions of regret have betn hrard from many who missed the concert last June, and the public press at that time txpressed a hepe that Mr. Torrirgton nould provide another oprortunity for hearing this excellent organization in a classical progran me. A concert will be given in the hall of the Normal School on Friday, Jan. 13th, when the Schubert Quintett, op. 114, Haydn E flat Quartett, Schumann Quintett, op. 44, will be played. Also the novelty of hearing the "viola d'amour," an instrument of nineteen strings, seven only of which are used in bowing, the remaining strings being placed immediately beneath those used, producing a remarkable vibration of tone. Tickets for this concert must le secured in advance at Messrs. Nordheimer or Suckling \& Sons, as no tickets will be sold at door of hall.

## CHRISTMAS LITERATURE.

The present occupant of "The Editor's Study" ras something to say, in Harpers for December, of Christmas literature. He remarbs, in the first place, that the decorative, legendary and historical branches of this department of literature have been overworked. The Yule-log, the mistletoe and the old Christmas games have figured in print until they have lost their charm for the imagination. "If," says Mr. Warner, " the entire contents of the Christmas numkers of various journals

## "August Flower"

The Hon. J. W. Fennimore is the Sheriff of Kent Co., Del., and lives at Dover, the County Seat and Capital of the State. The sheriff is a gentleman fifty-nine years of age, and this is what he says: "I have "used your August Flower for sev"eral years in my family and for my "own use, and found it does me " more good than any other remedy. "I have been troubled with what I "call Sick Headache. A pain comes " in the back part of my head first, " and then soon a general headache " until I become sick and vomit.
" At times, too, I have a fullness
" after eating, a pressure after eating "at the pit of the stomach, and " sourness, when food seemed to rise "up in my throat and mouth. When "I feel this coming on if I take a " little August Flower it relieves " me, and is the best remedy I have "ever taken for it. For this reason "I take it and recommend it to " others as a great remedy for Dys"pepsia, \&c."

## G. G. GREEN, Sole Manufacturer,

Woodbury, New Jersey, U. S. 4.
and periodicals in one year could be gathered into volumes and indexed and deposited in public libraries to stay, there would be experienced a public relief, and the material would be just as safe as it is now, subject, as it is, to typographical errors in its constant reproduction, and be available to students." In the next place, this critic finds that the Christmas story-the special fiction of the season-" not seldom strikes the false note of sentimentality." It may be better, he admits, to touch a callous heart with factitious pathos than to leave it hard. It is true that in Christmas stories something almost miraculous usually happens between curfew and dawn of the favoured day; but, after all, are they not innocent, and do they not serve as the inspiration of gentle deeds and gracious gifts? Mr. Warner grants all this; but still he pleads for a little more common sense, a little more probability, and a little more freshness in Christmas fiction. Now, in answer to this indictment-it is hardly less-we would say : If any man can write a Christmas story on new lines, by all means let him wite it. In any case, the joy and charity of the day must give it whatever point it must have. Even if it only contrasts the destitution and the suffering of the poor with the happiness of the thriving and comfurtable classes, it will but emphasize the Christmas lesson. A perfectly new plot is probably out of the question; for in fiction it has long ceased to be the unexpected which happens. What does it mean? Good Christmas stories continue to be written, and the world laughs and cries over them because the world is human. Every story that amounts to anything must have its crisis, and the Christmas story must pass its crisis on Christmas day. Neither is it strange that hi man nature should now and then tide over a crisis on that day. And this duty is pretty generally observed. So vast a spectacle of loving kindness is well nigh irresistible. It moves men to good will, to generosity, to forgiveness. Love knocks at the door, and misery departs ; then why should the story not turn out well? Mr. Warner thinks that the children are growing tired of so much improbability. Think of children yawning over fairy stories, over the Arabian Nights, and over all the romance of Wonderland, because those things are so improbable: Realism, then, has invaded our very nurseries. Our civilization is so old, our society is so modern, the scientific spirit is so widely diffused, that even Little Two-Shoes is afflicted with ennui when one attempts to amuse him with an excursion of pure fancy. We had not supposed before that the end of the century could compass such a conclusion. It must be sheer heredity, the result of a long evolution; for it cannot be that the child has read so much. Ah, no, Mr. Warner ; you need not fear to stuff his stockings with the old toys and the old literature. That boy belit ves in Santa Claus, and, therefore, it is very easy for him to believe in Little Red Riding Hood and Jack the Giant Killer. He will get astride your cane, blow a tin trumpet, and lead his wooden soldiers on to victory. He lives in a world of his own-a world in which there are no improbabilities at all. It is very much the same with the older children. The boy builds his air castles, the girl dreams her day-dreams, and neither of them expects what is most likely to happen.-New Orleans Picayune.

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## Dyspepsia <br> Makes the lives of many people miserabler

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Distress $\begin{gathered}\text { tongue, and irregularity } \\ \text { the bowels, } \\ \text { Dyspepsla } \\ \text { does }\end{gathered}$ After not get well of itself. In Eating requires careful attentiont Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet efficiently It tones the stomach, regulates the diges tion, creates a good ap- sick petite, banishes headache, Meadach:
and refreshes the mind. Head and refreshes the mind. Headac.
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saparilla, which did me an Stomact immense amount of good. It gave mo appetite, and my food relished and satisin the craving I had previously experienced George A. Page, Watertown, Mass

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To cast a bell that should from some grand tower,
At the first Christmas hour,
Outring,
And fling
A jubilant message wide,
The forged metals should be thus allied :No iron Pride,
But soft Humility, and rich-veined Hope. Cleft from a sunny slope;
And there should be
White Charity,
And silvery Love, that knows not Doubt nor Fear,
To make the peal more clear ;
And then to firmly fix the fine alloy,
There should be Joy
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A NEW VIEW OF OLD VERSE.
To be mediocre in verse is not necessar to be hateful. Horace's line makes an ex lent rule for the poet; but the critic may abate something of its demand. For instan an I once came across a copy of verses by Gry $^{\prime \prime}$ "amateur that I would not barter for Grat "Elegy." I know the "Elegy" to be git is verse, and to some extent I know why ittep great. Tennyson would rather have it, he confessed, than any other short the language. And yet-it is merely a of temperament-I get more pleasure from the of temperament-I get more pleasure fro
stuff I am about to quote. Its author Sir Richard Grenville, grandfather namesake who fought the Revenge off Flor in the Azores, and now lives in imm 1550 , verse. Our Sir Richard, who died in 1 , was sheriff of Devon and Marshal of Calad his man who (according to Carew) ' enterl home magistracy with martiall employn

Praine himself in brave verse, eutitled "In Fortune," Seafaring Men in Hopes of Good Whe, as follows :-
Who seeks the way to win Renown
Or $_{\mathrm{r}}$ fies with
Who fies with wings of ye Desire,
Or weeks to wear the Laurel crown,
Tell him hath the mind that would aspire,
Tell him his native soil eschew,
Wach hauglty heart is well content
$\mathrm{N}_{0}$ hap can hery chance that shall betide ;
$\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{e}}$ can hinder his intent,
The sundfast stands though Fortune slide.
Abroad as quoth he, doth shine as well
In ad as erst where I did dwell
In change of streams each fish can live
Each for
So haughty content with every air ;
Whd not hearts can ne er er se still
Wherefore 1 judge droen all lands alike
To haughty hearts who fortune see
$T_{0}$ pass the hearts who fortune seek
Some think it strange abroad to roam,
Some think it grief to leave their soil,
Their think it grief to leave their soil,
Think parents, kinsfolk and their home.
I must abroad to try my lot.
Who lists at homeat cart to drudge
$W_{\text {ith }}^{\text {And cark and care for worldly trish }}$,
Instead of sheaves let him go trudge, ${ }^{\text {A mingead of }}$ mind laurel a whip to slish!
Of mardion swe beetis hind will show,
If farbion of that mind had been
Ead $_{\text {The }}^{\text {Theceians when they came to Troy, }}$ $N_{\text {or }}$ never so the Trojans fought,
Whor ne'er been put to such annoy.
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tion with which they treated their own subjects. The social questions which then grew into clearer form, and were more widely taken up than in the previous years - the improvement of the condition of the poor, the position of women, education and labour-were not touched directly by these two poets; but the question how man may best live his life, do his work or practlee his arts, so as to better humanity -1 he questicn of individual development for the sake of the whole-was wrought out by them at sundry times and in divers manners. It is the ground excitement of "Paracelsus," of "Sordello," of Brown ing's dramas from "Pippa' Passes" onward, of a host of his later poems; of "Maud," of "The Princess," of the " ldyls oi the King," and-to mention one of the latest if a number of Tennyson's min'r poems-of "Yocksley Hall, or Sixty Lears After." The religicus questions, both After. The religicus questons, both therlogical and metaphysical, which 1832 a double turn in the ingh-church In 1832 a double turn in the ingh-church and broad church movements were vital poets have ever been more theological not even Byron and Shelley. What or iginal sin means, and what position nan holds on account of it, lies at the root of hali of Browning's poetry; and the greater part of his very simple metaphysies belongs to the solution of this yues tion of the defect in man. The "Idyls of the King" Tennyson has himself decla:ed tc be an allegory of the soul on its way to God. I was sorry to hear it, but I have not the same objection to the theology of a poem like "In Memorian," which plain 15 claims and has a religious aim. Both men were then moved by the same im pulses: and long after these impulses in their orlyinal form had died, these poets continued to sing of them. In a changed world their main themes remained anchanged. Difierent, then, as they were from each other-and no two personalities were ever more distinct-there was yet a far-c fi rity in this diversity. In all the various songs they made the same dominant themes recur. Along with this difference of personality and genlus there was naturally a difference of development. The growth of Tennyson has been like that of an equal growing tree, steadily and nobly enlarging itself, without any breaks of continuity, from youth to middie age, and from that to old age. The growth of Browning was like that of a growth of Browning was at least change
tree which should thrice at its manner of growing, not modified so much by circumstances as by a selfcaused desire to shoot its branches forth into other directions where the light and air were new. He had what Tennyson had not-an insatiatle curiosity. Had he been in the Garden of Eden he would have eaten the fruit even before the woman. aten the frout explored all He not only sought after and explored an the remote, subtle or simple phases of human nature which he could find when he penetrated it in one direction; he also changed his whole direction thrice, even four times, in his life. East, west, south and north he went, and wherever he went he frequently left the highroads and sought the strange, the ianciful places in the scenery of human nature. Nevertheless, there are certain permanent clements in his work, and there is always the same unmistakable, inc:sive, clear inthe sameldurly porif tint thr ugh all change. -Stopford A. Brooke, in The Century.

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The white rhinoceros, which formerly abounded in certain districts of South Africa, is now becoming exceedingly scarce. There are said to be not more than twenty specimens known to be alive, and these are to be found on the south bank of the Zambesi. The immediate extinction of the huge beast seems the more probable becanse the chief museums of Europe offer large prices for the horns and skins.

The largest single stone ever quarried was recently taken fr m the quarry at Houghton Point, near Ashland, Wis. This monolith, of Lake Superion brown-stone, is 115 feet 10 g , and when completed is to be ten feet square at the base, and four feet square at the top. The apex will be about five feet long, and tapered to a six-inch tip. Thio obelisk-ten feet longer than the largest of the Egyptian obe-lisks-will be one of Wisconsin's striking contributions to the Columbian Exposition.

Referring to the use of alkalies and other chemicals in the cocoas made by the Dutch process, one of the leading physicians in Boston says: "I would say that while some persons and certain conditions of the system might bear without injury dilute alkaline liquids taken at not frequent intervals, yet the great majority of persons and those with a sensative stomach could not bear the daily use of such liquids without serious injury. It would produce gastritis, or inflammation of the mucous membrane of the stomach, of varying degree, according to the frequency and amount taken and the susceptibility of the person. This would be accompanied with many of the symptoms of dyspepsia, and if carried to any considerable extent, with troublesome eruption of the skin, and not infrequently with serious disturbance of the functions of the kidueys. I certainly think its long continuance would be dangerous." W. Buker \& Co.'s Breakfast Cocoa is absolutely pure and health. ful, no patent process, alkalies or dyes being used in its manufacture.

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