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Our intelligence from the Crimea this week is of unusual interest, as foreshadowing that general engagement upon which the fate of the Allied Expe-dition is not unreasonably believed to depend. We commence our narrative with a statement furnished by the well-informed correspondent of the Morning Herold :-

AN . IMPRESSIVE CONTRAST.—English Camp, Heights of Sebastopol, December 12.—Hardly anything has occurred to break the monotony of our lives since my last letter. The French have got all their new guns mounted, even to the third parallel. They are now ready to open fire with 100 pieces (principally mortars), and only wait for us. Somehow, we have been sadly behind the French of late. The French, before the wet weather set in, made a fine military road from Kherson to their camp, so that at no time since have they been prevented from getting up all their supplies of food and ammunition. We neglected making a road, and consequently when the rainy day came carts could not traverse the track by which our cantonments are supposed to he approachable. Horses were employed to carry up provisions for the army as well as for themselves; and under the double duty died by hundreds. As our horses died the supplies of all kinds gradually decreased. First our batteries were compelled to slacken our fire for want of ammunition, and then the men were put on half rations. Both our roads and horses were in such a state that for the last month it has been impossible to move up a single gun. Fortunately for us this state of things exists no longer, at least to the same extent. The French, pitying our condition, have made us a beautiful stone road from Balaklava to the camp, and lent us their horses | land. 1,200 men were thus sent for embarkation at to take np our guns. Their horses are in far finer mirable condition. It would be difficult to believe. If such were the case the British army in the Crithat the French have been through a campaign, so neat and orderly in their appearance, while it would be equally difficult to believe that thin, gaunty, dirty men had ever been British soldiers; but Heaven knows, it is not the fault of our poor fellows, and I only mention this difference in the hope that out here some attention, however little, may be paid to their wants. They deserve a little consideration. Our guns are now, as I have said thanks to the French, going up daily. At the end of another week we shall bave about eighty new cannon in position. Several |Yet, in the midst of this general privation, our comhave already been placed in our different batteries. It is intended to open a second parallel of forty guns near the trench in front of the "ovens," between our right and left attacks. All the "cohorns" (a very small kind of mortar) throwing six inch shell, are to be carried forward to a trench in front of the " ovens," and used against the defenders of the Russian works. These missiles, with our fresh guns and mortars, and advanced trenches, ought to do something against the town, if we are ever to do it .--The importance of the position of the new batteries at Inkerman have been recognised by friends and loes. The Russians, when our workmen were discovered, showed their appreciation of the danger by firing shot and shell incessantly, but without in the least interrupting the progress of the work. When it was completed, the original design, of only having two batteries, was still further extended, and two more redoubts are now being thrown up higher on the hill, and in rear of the first works. The first two will be held by the French, and will mount in all four mortars of 10-inch, and 12 long 32-pounders. The two latter works are to be manned by English, and will mount four 10-inch mortars, six 68-pounders, and 10 long 32 ditto; in all there will be eight 10inch mortars, 22 32-pounders, and six 68 ditto, bearing upon every point of the town, more espe-cially commanding the latter. Surely we are not over sanguine in expecting some results from the fire of such a battery and, above all, one so well placed as this. It is against the shipping that this fire will be principally directed. Beyond the progress of these batteries, and a slight occasional skirmish, we have nothing to relieve the monotonous misery of our existence. Fortunately-most fortunately for all the English-the rain has ceased for the last few days, and the weather has become quite mild and warm again. Still, I am sorry to say, our best fed troops are on half rations, and some of the divisions on quarter rations; that is, living on a quarter of a pound of biscuit and a quarter of a pound of salt pork a day. Owing to the very admirable and complete nature of , half and quarter of all our arrangements for this strisiege, the system of half and quarter rations must -a continue until we are supplied with some means of ma transporting provisions from Balaklava to the camp. Horses we have next to none. The few that remain

numbers. Counting up ammunition, cavalry, artil- presented by the appearance of Balaklava and Kherare allowed 200 men, who, of course, cannot carry

without being so employed, and the expedient of is precisely the reverse-there stores and supplies of using them as beasts of burden will only make larger all kinds are tumbled in the mud upon the narrow reinforcements necessary, for most assuredly our men will sink under this double duty as soldiers and their enchors sunk into the road, stones, filth, and rubbish do not mean cheaper in point of life; in the operations of the campaign that has never been considered. or we would not be here now; but in point of eco- cost prices. Of course it would be beneath our gonomy, and economy is a subject which, I must say, has never been overlooked in carrying on this war.

FAMINE IN THE CAMP .-- It is useless to try to disguise matters as to the way our troops have suffered lately. Some of them have been literally al- and the French generals are to be seen each daymost starving-indeed, for whole days the naval bri- no matter what the state of the weather-riding gade did not get a single morsel, and for days previous they had been on half rations. Our men are mere spectres of their former selves, and, as a matter of course, when ill-fed and over-worked, they have an alarming proportion of sickness amongst them. Yesterday the whole way from our camp to Balaklava was quite covered with French mules, in the camp; but, for all we know of their presence which we had borrowed to carry in such of the sick (excepting, always, Sir Colon Campbell), they might which we had borrowed to carry in such of the sick as have been invalided to Scutari, Malta, and Eng-Balaklava. Half of these will never return, and the and, what is more, already form the subject of bitcondition that when they first landed. It is perfectly other half cannot be fit for duty for at least three or three comment throughout our cantonments. Let our marvellous to see how our allies have endeavored to four months. I do not mean to say for a moment preservation of the second throughout our cantonments. Let our marvellous to see how our allies have endeavored to four months. I do not mean to say for a moment preservation of the second to the second to the second to be an out of the second to the second to be an out of the second to mea would soon become a fiction. But such numbers are sent in for invaliding nearly every fourteen days, and do not include an immense number of cases brought in daily by the ambulances to the general hospital at Balaklava, or the cases which are treated hardships of no common kind. in the various regimental hospitals in the camp .--The difference between the appearance of the These 1,200 invalids are men who cannot be cured here, and who are sent entirely out of the Crimea. The illness of the majority of these arose, I am certain, from want of food, and want of proper food. in good condition grazed outside the town. The 2.000 "lean kine" were sent down for the use of the troops, and were embarked in such a state that only 1,000 reached Balaklava alive, and 200 of these that the average weight of each (when they were at some even were as low as eight. The day after these miserable little skeletons were shipped at Eupatoria, the Cossacks came down and swept off our 3,000 good sheep, with about 400 head of cattle .---There are no more supplies to be got now from Eupa- | Crimea.-Times Correspondent. toria, but from Varna and Bourgas we might feed bere. HOW THE FRENCH MANAGE .--- It would be im-

lery, and commissariat horses, we have lost between son, where the French supplies are landed. At the three and four thousand since the troops landed on latter place the most thorough cleanliness and good from all causes about 400. The commissariat staff neatly-made piers for each description of supply .-of some divisions have not one horse left on which to Cavalry land at one, infantry at another; barrels of carry up the supplies, and to make up this deficiency; beef, pork, biscuits, guns, ammunition, and medical stores have each their allotted jetties, under the up full rations for a whole division. But even if charge of proper officers. With such arrangements they were able, the men have quite enough to do things are never out of their way. At Balaklava it beach, amid a chaotic heap of broken timber, ships' work of horses. Depend upon it, our government of all kinds. Again, whenever speculators send up will find it cheaper to keep this army properly sup ships laden with such camp luxuries as flannel shirts, plied with all the necessary staff and equipments. I wine, spirits, candles, preserved meats, &c., the French instantly send round and buy the whole cargo, which is retailed afterwards to the French at vernment to do anything of the kind, and so our officers either endure their hardships, or lighten them by paying the most awful prices to the Greeks and Maltese, who trade in our necessities. Canrobert round the camp, inspecting the French troops, and visiting the hospitals. On our side, I don't think since the campaign commenced a general officer was ever seen in an hospital; and for the last fortnight, as far as I can learn, not a general officer has been seen about the camp at all. Of course we believe they are in the camp; but, for all we know of their presence as well be at St. James's or Windsor. I state these facts with reluctance, though they are strictly true, would do them as much service as a double ration,-The influence which superior officers possess over British soldiers is proverbial, and it might now be most advantageously employed in cheering up the spirits of the men depressed under privations and

French troops and our own is surprising ; the French are clean, appear well fed, and their elastic step and high spirits show how little they are effected by the hardships of the campaign ; our men, on the contrary, missariat at Balaklava act as if their supplies were look worn and ill, are unable to keep themselves inexhaustible. For instance, a few days since the smart and soldier-like, and seem to be out of humor "Pride of the Ocean" came in from Varna with 190 | with the whole enterprise. But it cannot be wonderlive bullocks on board, and at a time when, above all ed at that such a difference should exist, when it is others, fresh provision was wanted, yet, though the considered that the British soldier is in the trenches Captain of the "Pride of the Occan" represented every alternate night, beside his duties on picquet, that he had no forage on board, and that the bullocks and the necessity of being on the alert to defend his must die, the authorities at Balaklava for some ex- exposed position. The French soldier, on the contraordinary freak or other, refused to allow him to en- trary, is in the trenches only one night out of four or ter the port until five days had elapsed, by which time five, and his whole labor is not one-third of that of only eighty of the oxen were alive, and these were so our men. Whatever may be said at home of difficulmiserably weak and attenuated, that some died on ties or shortcomings, the public may be sure that the the landing, and hardly any were fit to eat. Again, chief disasters have arisen from the single fact that at Eupatoria, there was a fine supply of sheep for the the British general, with a mere handful of troops, use of the army; 2,000 men were kept upon the has to do work which would require some 60,000 beach, where there was nothing to eat, while 3,000 men. The reinforcements which have been dribbled out have alforded little real relief. Arriving a few hundreds at a time, they make no appreciable diminution of the labor of the army, and, being suddenly exnosed to all the hardships of the campaign, they died the day after their landing. Your readers can became ineffective in great numbers. The 46th imagine the condition of the survivors when I say regiment has severely suffered since its arrival, and the draughts which came out in the Queen of the last put out of their misery) was only 16 lb., and South have also lost a great number of men. What we want is large reinforcements, such as will enable our army to perform its part in the great work of the war. and not dwindle, as it seems likely to do, into a mere brigade attached to the French army of the THE RUSSIAN PLAN .- The Russian army un-200,000 men if our commissariat would only send der Liprandi, which, for so many weeks, has been steamers there, instead of keeping them, like the our near neighbor at Balaklava, still haunts the fa-Harbinger (a steamer of 900 tons) which is retained vored spot. They have only withdrawn about two as a residence for Captain Christie, R.N., when miles and a half from their old cantonments in the there are scores of sailing vessels which could fulfil plain. About 25,000 appear to have there fallen principles of equality, but that equality will soon be such an important duty equally well. The truth is, back to the south, while a corps d'armee, 15,000 or at an end if Britain considers that by furnishing tranwe must have a radical change in the whole of our 20,000 strong, has posted itself near Inkermanwarlike arrangements. Without some improvement, very close to the spot from which such a desperate reinforcements are useless; they only come out to attack was made on our right on the 5th of Novemstarve slowly, or to be surprised and shot in their ber. Liprandi's object in thus dividing his force is tents as at Inkerman. Past oversights we have al not known, though, as far as I can conjecture, it ready paid for in the blood of our best troops, but it is seems as if an attack were meditated on our advanced not yet too late to save us from the evils which threaten battery at Inkerman. No matter what may be said for the future, if the public will only use their eyes to the contrary, I am quite convinced Liprandi's and the following guns have been carried up with and see how events are managed and progressing force has been lately strengthened. When he first great labor from Balaklava. The 13-inch mortars, attacked our entrenchments on the 25th of October, are too weak to work, and each day diminishes their possible to imagine a more perfect contrast than is lost considerably from sickness and other causes, he ping in whatever position the Russian magniace them.

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has, at least, 45,000 with him-that is, counting the force at Inkermann and on the Tchernaya. Finer weather seems now to have set in. Cavalry and, the Crimea. In the same time the French have lost order reign in all departments. There are separate artillery, in two or three days more, will be able to manœuvre on any gio ind, and then you may expect news of another battle. Depend upon it, 45,000 men, under an able general, will not stay quiet in their cantonments, watching us destroying Sebastopol, without some desperate efforts to relieve the place and raise the siege.

> THE SICK AND WOUNDED .--- On the 11th upwards of 1,200 sick were brought down from the front to: Balaklava, and there shipped on board various transports to be conveyed to Scutari. These were the accumulation of nearly three weeks, and their presence in the camp was a great hindrance to active operations, should such become advisable or necossary. For several days attempts had been made to transport them along the seven miles of wretched road which stretch from Sebastopol to the Brilishlandingplace; but 25 was the greatest number which could be brought down in a day, until the assistance of the French was asked for. Our Allies at once furnished 200 mules, each having two seats for wounded men, aud in a few hours 1,206 unfortunate fellows in various stages of illness were brought down safely to Balaklava. They were placed on board the steamers Cleopatra, Victoria, and City of London, the last towing a dismasted sailing ship, which contained a considerable number. It is certainly not a praiseworthy proceeding to place these large numbers of helpless men in vessels which are unfit for sea, and which, if the hawser by which they are attached to the towing vessels happens to break, must necessarily be lost. The Victoria, a long four-masted steamer, had been much injured in the gale of the 14th of November. Her rudder had been carried away, and she was totally unmanageable. Yet 400 sick were placed on board, and she was sent to sea with the Cleopatra, a ship of equal size, which had enough to do to take care of herself. The master of the Victoria had rigged a temporary rudder, which, however, turned out to be wholly useless. The Cleopatra had, in the darkness of a December night, to follow the tossing vessel and endeavor to get a hawser an board. The Victoria, which lay on the water like a log, came into collision with her, carried away three boats and a great part of the bulwarks, and for a minute it was uncertain whether the Cleopatra, with all on board, would not go to the bottom. After being taken in tow, the immense steamer broke the hawser twice, and after being three days out the two vessels found themselves down by the Asiatic coast near Heraclea. The transit occupied four days, in which 16 men died on board the Cleopatra, and, it is said, a still larger number on board the Victoria. If sick must be put on board vessels which are unmanageable without assistance, there ought at least to be proper steam tugs employed for the service, and no repetitions of such zardous experiments as that which I have related. The effective British force may now be about 18,000 men, exclusive of 1,200 who have by this time arrived in the Royal Albert, and 300 artillerymen sent out to supply the places of those killed or disabled in the trenches. But, though every addition is most acceptable, it must be boldly stated that the reinforcements are by no means in proportion to the demands, of this. great war; and, as may be seen from the comparison of numbers, really do little more than make up the deficiency caused by illness and fatigue. Ipin not enough that the British army should be kept up to an effective strength of 20,000 men, though even that is not done. At least 35,000 men are required to hold with anything like security the position we occupy ; and in justice to our devoted troops they ought not to be exposed to such terrible fatigues, they now undergo. A fortnight since the Russians in a sortie bayonetted several men of the 50th in their blankets; such was the deep, death-like sleep of the poor fellows, that they could not be roused in time to escape the attack of their comparatively fresh and vigorous foe. We ought not look too exclusively to French reinforcements. The French army, though numerous, has its limits; and, furthermore, it is not to our honor to play a merely secondary part in such a struggle as this. The Allies have commenced the war on the sports and money she has done all that is, required of. her, and that a small detachment of troops is sufficient to sustain her power and reputation in the east, The French will probably soon have 100,000 men in the Crimen, while there is at present no sign of any real increase of the British force. During the last, week a large battery has been formed on the right attack; four 32-pounders, and twelve long 24-pounders. It he had 38,000 men, and now, when he must have is expected that these will be able to reach the ship. and the second second

THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

Hitherto it has been found impossible to touch the fleet, which has been able to shell the British camp, and has caused severe loss on certain occasions. Whether the town will suffer much from this new fire is not ascertained, but there can be no doubt, that it will be more destructive than any which has been yet brought against the enemy. The dreadful state of the road has prevented these heavy guns being brought up before, and the small force of our army has rendered it impossible to devote any number of men to the construction of a better route. However, the French have again given most ready assistance. The 27th of the Line and a regiment of Zouaves were set to work on the 12th in the neighborhood of Balaklava, and in a single day had completed nearly half a mile of solid well-laid road. With the present fine weather the whole will probably be completed in a few days, and the British army will be more easily supplied with provisions and munitions of war. The sufferings of our men a week ago were very great. All the commissariat mules were dead or disabled, the carts had broken down, and the men at the front had nothing to eat. For many days they were on half rations, and many, I believe, did not get so much. A mouthful or two of pork and a little biscuit was the supply of men who had to labor night and day; and who were exposed to all the inclemencies of a damp and rainy reason. Ten days since the mortality was very great; for three days it reached cighty a day, and the dead formed only a small part of those who were rendered ineffective for work. Now that the road is in better order it is hoped that the commissariat will make renewed efforts to supply the troops regularly and well, and that during the rest of the campaign they will suffer no losses but those which are inseparable from a state of warfare. The Royal Albert arrived in the Bosphorus on the 15th, and proceeded yesterday to Sebastopol. Accustomed as we are to the sight of the finest vessels in the world brought together in a narrow space, yet it was impossible to withhold admiration from this splendid ship, which seems as manageable in the water as a frigate, and towers above everything that has been seen in this quarter of the globe during the present eventful year. The only thing that occurs to lessen the pride and pleasure of beholding her is the consideration whether such gigantic vessels be really the most effective in warfare, particularly in these narrow and shallow seas, where the chief difficulty of the battle lies in bringing the ships close enough for effective action. However, if any one can manage such vast bulks with success, it is the eminent commander who will take the command of the Black Sea fleet, and who has gained already so great a reputation for gallantry and devotion in the operations before Sebastopol.

SCENES IN BALAKLAVA .- A correspondent of the Evening Mail tells us how the British Admiral can , bandy compliments with his Muscovite friends :---Admiral Dundas sent a Chedder cheese as a present intimate with at Athens, with a punning note that he bad greater pleasure in presenting him with it than with a ball. The opportunity for this piece of politeness was afforded by the sending on shore, under flag of truce, of the officer exchanged for Lord Dunkelling The said officer dropped a tear at parting with the English! You may remember my alluding to his capture, near Mackenzie's Farm, sitting in a carriage in a most comfortable state of drunkenness. The smell emanating from the harbor on entering the town is quite mephitic; nay, pestilential. The graves are multiplying in the valley at a wondrous rate, whole bodies of Turks digging and burying ; about four cornses passed me in about as many minutes. Coffins liave long ceased to be made use of, whether for Moslem or Christian ; all are buried together, regardless of distinction of creed. The sick were being. brought down from the camp and embarked for Scu- the Allies. To neutralise this dangerous plan by strength. In the scale of war we are found utterly tari in shoals. The ambulance waggons were all at taking the initiative, is now the great problem to be wanting in these things. It is impossible to check work, and the French had lent us their mules, with solved by the Allies, and the extraordinarily active the process of reasoning which refers to the fault of work, and the French had lent us their mules, with cradles on each side, for conveyance of the sick. Nine hundred were thus carried, and put on board ship. The actual camp sick amounted yesterday morning to 3,500 !- that of the English expeditionary force, I believe, in toto to 11,000. The number of borses; mules, and oxen, dead and dying along the road, would make a new-comer look aghast. Some freshate difficulties" are, I understand, in store for the medical" department, not wholly undeserved. The French sick are well provided for, and most systematically "This fine weather will permit the guns and ammunition to be got up to the heights. More ships, with drafts for regiments, arrived this afternoon. What is going to be done next ? is a question that will inturally wish to put regarding Sebastopol. your readers will find the following a pretty correct My idea, not unfounded, is, that as soon as ever the general outline :-- Immediately after the receint of the fresh supply of guns and ammunition can, by weather "favoring or otherwise, be got into their places over | England and France the bombardment of Sebastonol against the besieged town, that a fresh combined allied bombardment, fast and furious, will be, made for probably not less than forty-eight continuous hours. then an assault and storm, and, let us hope, the capthre of the place. These schemes failing, I think it not unlikely that the siege will be raised and a bloody battle will decide the first campaign in the Crimea. I walked to the Light Division camp, and found my Friends all more cheerful, influenced by the genial to change of weather a Poor Major Straton of the 77th 113 had gone for Balaklava, by order, to embark for Scu-"dar for the recovery of bis health. Though graoil dually sinking for some time past, he manfully declined to be put upon the sick, list till absolutely compelled by weakness. Several of my acquaintances have thus died during the last four months. To give you 'an instance of the scandalous, want of ordinary medi-Coments (be the fault where it may) I relate as fol-. . . lows As I was leaving the encampment, a soldier 21 called me to say that an officer, a, friend of mine wished to see me, but was too ill and in too much even denied, that the expedition to the Crimea is in strangers agreeable. It appears that notwithstand with the officer or clerk who enrolled him, and the pair to rise. I found him in a very pitiable state of a state of entire disorganization. All attempts to ing the delightful climate of Maderia, the people justice before whom he was hastly attested."

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illness, for which he wished to apply a large blister, but he told me that there was no such thing in the whole Light Division.

The following is an extract of an interesting but truthful letter from the Crimea :-" Balaklava, Dec. 15./ "The French have got up 150 new guns, including 45 mortars, and are ready to draw up the curtains. Two fine days have come, and we are get-ting up our large mortars, &c. The men suffer dreadfully from bad arrangements of all sorts. The French, with no transports, compared to us, are well supplied with everything. Out of 230 men, who, from wounds at Inkermann, had legs and orms amputated, 27 linve died. We borrowed hay for our horses the other day from the French. However, warm clothing and other supplies are now being issued, and do great good. The Guards who have just come out have the old musket. We have no Minies for them, or at Constantinople ! This is a positive fact. Thirty-five thousand Turks are to. go to Eupatoria, and 12 batteries. If they don't fight they will serve to draw off some Russians, which will relieve us considerably. The Russians die by hundreds ; they are very badly hutted in. Our reinforcements are too young-not soldiers-they cannot handle a firelock; they are food for the hospitals. If our new batteries do not knock the place in we shall never take it. Why the deuce did government send 20,000 diseased men from Varna to take the strongest fortress in Europe, incomplete in every military sense? If the troops suffer so much now, what will it be when the real bad weather comes on, in this land which the Times tells us is flowing with milk and honey ?"-Morning Heruld.

PROGRESS OF THE SIEGE .- CONSTANTINOPLE Dec. 21.-On the 16th the Russians made a sortie by night, but were repulsed by the French, after asevere struggle. The Rifles also repulsed a Russian sortie. Our mortars and batteries are ready to open, but the heavy rains impede the progress of the siege, and cause great sickness. General Adams died of his wounds on the 19th. Since the 16th of November, 24,000 English, French, and Turks had arrived in the Crimea in British vessels. The Turks at Eu patoria have been much strengthened from Varna.

A GENERAL ENGAGEMENT .- Despatches represent both parties as equally eager and ready for a general engagement; if the following be true, however, the Muscovite has taken the first step :----

VIENNA .- The following telegraphic news is in several of our papers this morning, but does not deserve implicit confidence :--- "Odessa Dec. 25 .-- A courier has just brought intelligence that General Liprandi's corps, powerfully reinforced, is attacking Balaklava."

A correspondent of the Daily News assures us that the Allies are perfectly prepared for any contingency:---

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 20 .- The extraordinary ctivity which now prevails in every department of the military service gives great plausibility to the widely circulated report that Russia is secretly and quietly concentrating her forces, and determined to bring affairs in the Crimea to an immediate issue. It is said that the Czar has sent the most pressing and imperative orders to Prince Menschikoff to again attempt to force the British line, whilst Admiral Nachimoff, with the newly re-armed line-of-battle ships, s, at the same time, to quit the port, sail to the northward, and bombard Eupatoria, in which he will be supported on the land side by the troops under Prince Gortschakoff, who has lately received considerable reinforcements, and whose orders are to make himself master of the place à tout prix. When this movement has been successfully effected, the whole of the Russian forces will move to the south, concentrate themselves under Fort Constantice, and attack service of mounted couriers seen galloping every day between this city and Varna gives certainly cre-. dence to the supposition that some step of very grave importance is being prepared and on the eve of being taken. Amongst other things, it is determined to retain, under all circumstances, the important, but hitherto rather neglected position of Eupatoria. It is alleged that the possibility of continuing to hold that place depends in a great measure on the success of a scheme emanating from no less a personage than the Emperor Napoleon himself. The particulars of this new plan of operations are, of course, kept secret by those military men acquainted with it, but from what has leaked out in conversation, I believe that reinforcements now on their way to the Crimea from will be re-commenced with greater energy than even. at first. On the day after the French will storm the place, while the British and Ottoman, forces will attack Menschikoff's troops. The Turks under Omer Pasha, who will by that time have landed at Eupatoria, will simultaneously attack the Russian positions at Simpheropol, whilst another division of the Turkish expedition, landed at Kopary, will at once march to the northward, and make itself master of the Isthmus of Perokop. After the storming of Sebastopol, General Canrobert and Lord Raglan will march towards Bakchiserai to obtain possession of that important position, leaving sufficient troops to invest the. northern forts, and cut off all communication with the, Russian army in the field, and then join Omer Pashaj in the neighborhood of Simpheropol; where the deci-sive struggle will take place. The latest despatches from both Paris and London are said to finish with the words, "Sebastopol shall and must be taken."

deny it only end in admitting the fact, and all ex-cuses only throw the blame from one department to another: There is not a single thing requisite to the efficiency of an army, excepting only the personal courage of officers and men, that is not gone almost beyond the reach of remedy. At the last date the army was on half-rations ; some regiments were two earnesily hope to see him return at no distant period days without fund; the soldiers, and even most of the officers, were miserably ill-clad and ill-shod; still without any sufficient, protection from the rain overfread and the pool under foot; they lived in perpetual water and damp; there was no drainage, and the whole camp was a sea of mud and filth, the hospital marquees being surrounded by the worst nuisances. There was still no road from the port at Balaklava.-Three or four thousand horses had perished from hunger, exposure, and overwork, and the remaining few were reduced to mere skeletons; several regiments had been draughted off to the duty of beasts of burden, to carrying food and other supplies from the port to the camp; the winter clothing that had arrived at Balaklava could not be distributed, simply because there were not the means of conveying it to the camp; the mortality was certainly not less than 60 a-day, while the number daily sent to the hospitals and not expected to resume service during the winter was very much greater; there was a want of guns, of mortars, of shot, of shells, of fuel, of materials to make huts-of everything whatever necessary not merely to offensive or defensive operations, but to mere existence; and the army was disappearing or only sustained by daily reinforcements, not because it was in the face of an enemy, but simply as it would in the heart of a desert, for want of all things by which life is supported. We cannot glance over the letters before us without discovering more and more deficiencies. As for the soldiers, poor fellows! they know their own wants, and that is all they can tell. The officers either look death in the face, and resolve to stay on, or escape home on some pretence or other; sickened of a service which refuses fair play to the greatest courage and skill. The medical officers, no ill judges, were predicting that two-thirds of the army would perish before March .--Everybody of any energy and sense was sinking, not into apathy or inertness, but into despair. Meanwhile, Lord Raglan had scarcely been seen since the battle of Inkermann. There was a general belief that he did not know the state of things, that he felt himself wholly unequal to amend it, and that he accordingly kept out of sight the ills he could not remove.

" Unfortunately for the credit of those in command, but fortunately for truth and the eventual interests of this country, there existed the means of ascertaining how far this frightful disorder was inseparable from the design of the expedition, the situation of the army, and the climate, and how far it was the result of mismanagement. There was the French army, nearly twice the number, hard by. Here all was dif ferent. The men were still well fed, and well-looking, not the skeletons and scarecrows to which our own countrymen have dwindled; they were well clothed and retained even some smartness of uniform, while our soldiers were creeping about with haybands round their feet, and in greatcoats that scarce held together; their huts were generally up and weather-tight; they had plenty of food, with the command even of luxuries; they had a sufficiency of waggons and ambulances, with great abundance of mules in good condition; they could lend men to make a road for us, having completed a hard road from their own harbor before the bad weather set in. The contrast prevailed throughout every department, and was brought home to the British soldier in the most painful manner. Thus it was with something between admiration and disgust that the British army, which had not seen anything more than the anatamy of a horse for many a day, and which was obliged to harness forty to drag up one gun, saw the ambulance mules flent us by the French for the conveyance of our own sick' as well fed and strong as the day they were landed at Gallipoli. Wherever the British come across the French it is to witness the same mortifying contrast, and it is impossible, not to draw the conclusion that the French are an army, and the British are not. In all domestic and civil affairs we pride ourselves on our organization, order, neatness, comfort and abundance of all the materials of health and

there are enduring much distress, from an extensive failure in the grape crops; and when we remember the extraordinary exertions of Father Mathew on behalf of our own poor, we are not surprised to hear that his sympathetic heart has been excited by the scenes which at present surround him. We in tenewed health .- Cork Examiner.

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THE MAYNOOTH REPORT. - Copies of the draught report have been for some time in the hands of the commissioners, for approval or amendment as may best seem fit, and it is anticipated, that the closing deliberations will not extend beyond five additional sittings. Chief Baron Pigot is still an invalid in the south of Spain, but it is said that the other commissioners are already in possession of the right hon. gentleman's general views with regard to the terms of the report.-Times Co.

MINISTERS' MONEY (IRELAND) BILL .- The Commissioners appointed by Government to carry out Sir John Young's act, passed last session, for a re-arrangement of the tax levied as " Ministers money," have just completed their labors. It will scarcaly be credited that this obnoxious impost, the old source of endless sectarian bickerings, amounts, in the seven cities and towns in which it is collectable, to the paltry sum of £15,000, divided among some seven-andthirty clergymen of the Established Church. Of these Dublin monopolises nearly two-thirds of the gross income, the sub-division of which exhibits a sliding scale" of remuneration to the several incumbents which, to the uninitiated in localities, would seem to be almost ludicrously disproportionate.

CHURCH "REFORMERS."-The Dublin Protestant Association-whose efforts to effect an alliance, " offensive and defensive," with the right hon. member for Buckinghamshire, are now pretty clearly under-stood-have, at the instance of their clerical leader (the Rev. Dr. Gregg, unanimously agreed to the fol-lowing resolution :----- That we esteem the present mode of nominating the prelates of our church as questionable in point of principle and of injurious operation upon the spiritual interests of the empire, and that, if it were superseded by a system of procedure which, duly recognising the paramount authority of the Monarch as the most dignified member of our church, and its legal head, should assign to the clergy and the lay members of the church conjointly a due influence in the appointment, the change could not fail to operate wholesomely; and that, with a view to the elucidation of public opinion on the subject, the letter of the Rev. Canon Stowelt, of the 1st of August, on the subject, be entered on the minutes; and that the committee be instructed to ascertain, as far as practicable, how the Protestant public is affected towards the proposal of that highly respected divine."

Alderman Boyce was inaugurated Lord Mayor of Dublin, with the usual formalities, on Monday.

Trade in the Irish metropolis continues dull, and as yet there is no sign of amendment.

The breadth of land under crops in Ireland in 1853 was less by 42,263 acres than in 1852, and this year less by 119,737 acres than in 1821.

Mr. John O'Connell, M.P., and Mr. Daniel O'Connell, M.P., have accepted commissions in the Irish militia.

THE POLICE-THE WAR .- Ten' young men from this county and city (Limerick) enlisted as drivers to the commissariat service in the Crimea, left Limerick on Thursday last for Dublin en route for Turkey. They were a hardy, active group of young Irishmen. Their pay will only be 2s 6d a day with rations. All the mounted police of Ireland, about 300 in number, are ordered to Dublin. For the pur-pose, it is thought, of selecting such of their horses as may be fit for service in the crimea and accepting the services of such of the men as may be induced to volunteer.

The cavalry regiments in Ireland have received orders to raise each 120 men, instead of sixty already authorised. For each of the cavalry corps in the East, and have been directed to use every means in their power to have the men drilled within the prescribed period allowed for cavalry instruction-viz., four months in order that strong reinforcements of draughts and remnants may be ready for active service in the spring. The commanding officers have been instructed to pay particular attention to the riding drill, in order that the en may g00

The Times says -" It can no longer be doubted; or

system a difference so marked and so disgraceful.-The British soldier cannot but perceive that the Frenchman is commanded by officers who understand their profession, and, what is more, feel a paramount interest. in the condition of the common soldier; whereas this cannot be the case in his own army."

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

His Holiness Pope Pius IX. has appointed the Very Rev. Dr. M'Ennery dean of the diocese of Ardfer and Aghadoe .- Tralee Chronicle.

The site for a convent for the sisterhood of the Order of Charity was on Thursday marked out in the viciniv of Crumlin Road, in the presence of the Right Rev. Dr. Denvir, Bishop of the diocese, and several of the influential Catholic inhabitants of this town. The site selected is contagious to the Catholic Diocesan Seminary .- Belfast Mercury.

The pastoral of the Archbishop of Tuam contains advice with which the heart of the country will sympathise. He cannot recommend Catholics to enter the British army or navy while their religious duties are neglected or ignored. Nobly and wisely said.— If this tone were taken by Irish bishops and priests, we would not be for ever begging our rights, and for ever begging in pain. So spoke the great fathers of the Church when the souls, bodies, or temporal rights of the people were in danger .- Nation.

FATHER MATHEW - Recent accounts from Madeira convey the pleasing intelligence of an improvement in the health of our venerated countryman, the genewarmth of that island; where the thermometer seldom Tanges below 75 degs, in the shade, having contributed to alleviate the malady from which the good Fagreater part of his life was devoted, and by whom he' was more immediately surrounded and beloved, Father Matthew has experienced from the principal? inhabitants of the island those civilities and attentions which are calculated to render a sojourn amongst.

WANTED-AN ARMY .- We are now able to estimate the value of those assurances so repeatedly made in the British parliament and elsewhere, that the Irish people were thronging in hundreds to swell the ranks of the new Militia. Here is the reluctant testimony of the Evening Mail :--

The letters which are received almost daily from all parts of the country, tend to develop the utter and total insufficiency, the gross absurdity, of the present attempt to raise this national force through the medium of volunteering. Except in a very few in-stances, the "call" seems unheard or unheeded.-The number proposed to be enrolled amounts, we believe, to something near thirty thousand men; of this number, we have reason to think, that the volunteers have not exceeded one thousand, or, at most, twelve handred : and how many of those will ultimately make their appearance, is to be seen. The fact is, the system, concocted in England, and under impressions entirely English, is not understood in this country, or suited to the general habits of its population. The volunteer comes forward, is duly enrolled and attested, and pockets his ten shillings, and his " bringer" five ; he is then sent about his business until his services are wanted, of which he is to get notice through the Post-office! Well, off he goes, but whither? In a majority of cases, he has neither home " nor business-he has thrown up the one with the other; the 10s quickly find their way "down that bourne from whence no " cash? returns," and what is he to do? The poor ignoramus, expecting, erroneously to be sure, that he was to come more immediately into employment, and he, perhaps, has heard the old mili-tary saying, "no pay, no soldier," and sheer want sends him off to some recruiting party of the line nine or ten miles away, or to the militia regiment of another and distant county to pocket another ten shillings. ther suffers. We are also gratified to learn, that To be sure, in his attestation into the line, he is to though far distant from those amongst whom the swear that he "does not belong to the militia;" but this oath he swallows with no qualm of conscience, under the impression that he does not actually belong to a service wherein he is neither paid, fed, nor clothed, and of which it might be difficult to identify him as a member, after the hurried interview he has had

THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

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Speaking of the Irish Militia, the Nalion says :www.hat'a splendid force it will be, to be sure, the same Irish Militia ! Given Moral Force plus Pauperism to raise a standing army ! Powers of War, such an idea !... Speeching and screeching, Repeal Rent and Rata-in-aid, members cards and tickets for soup, wardens and relieving officers, yellow buck and the begging box. Where is the use of calling them City and County Regiments at all? Why not call them the North Dublin Union and the South Dublin Union at once ; head quarters, the Workhouses ? Where is the use of a new uniform? Is not grey frieze and gorduroy good enough for them? Valiant heroes! what are the Bashi Bazovks to such soldiers under meh a chief. Fired by the fine military mottos that grace their regimental banners, "He who commits hawked about for signatures and to procure money, a crime gives strength to the enemy;" and, "no that he could no longer, in justice to the Catholics of political amelioration can justify the shedding of a Ossory, who have a right to his character, remain single drop of human blood? — what glorious conquests silent. This memorial, addressed to the Holy Father : may they not achieve? With muscles spun of Indian Pope Rius IX., is replete, with false and calumnious dinary turn. And of that there is little hope at this meal, tand blood distilled from buttermilk, what a statements against the Bishop of Ossory, who, during moment. Every new triumph gives fresh, impulse, a vigor they will carry into the charge, and what endurance to the trenches ! Such an army (barring the physique, the mens, the moles, the soul and body suitis forthcoming, he otters the word of command, and filled by him during that time. He never intermed-"the Pauper (as the orator of the age beautifully says) died, never took an active part, nay, scarcely any is belched with his firelock and his portinger, from the bowels of the convulsed country." Some cease picking oakum, some stop breaking stones, some destake a last fond look at the trough, where so long they have gregationsly fed, and all give a parting lick to their skillets. Imagine them on parade! The Brigade might envy their diill. The terrible tread of Why should be who has, without any moral reproach their wooden shoes is more awful than all the gongs of Loo Choo.

THE MERE INSH.-It is rumored that England will experience a formidable difficulty in the enlistment of her 10,000 mercenaries after all, and that the Foreigners Enlistment Bill may be included among the war blunders of the Coalition. Of course, Germany was expected to supply the materiel of the Legion; but it appears that by act 18 of the German Confederation, German subjects are expressly prohibited to enter the service of foreign states, and it is scarcely probable that the prohibition will now be removed, to the disadvantage of the Czar. It would be a memor-able judgment if this prediction were fulfilled, after the savage glee with which the Times, a few days ago, anticipated the arrival of the "blue-eyed Germans," and rejoiced over the destruction of the Irish cace :-- " As for the Irish-troublesome at all timesthey are gone-that is, the surplus is gone-gone with a vengeance." Even the English Conservative journals were forced to resent an outrage so cruel and illtimed : and the Herald visited it with a really eloquent rebuke. " The Whigs," observed our contemporary, " were the soi disani statesmen who drove out the Irish under Sarsfield, after the wars of 1668, as they were the men who expatriated their successors after the famine of 1846. We hope that the war, which the question of the right of search is almost certain to give rise. to with America in the Spring, may not produce similar instances to what we are going to quote ; if it should, however, the nation will know what they owe to their connivance at Whig policy in depopulating Ireland -600,000 of whose sons died in the service of France in little more than one hundred years after the expulsion of 1688."-Nation.

EXPLODED SHAMS .- The war has an inexhauslible supply of bitter revelations for those sanguine British gentlemen who expected that the towers of Sebastopol would be obliging enough to fall to pieces at the first flutter of the Union Jack. That catastrophe seems now tolerably remote, at all events; and in the meantime they have abundant leisure to reflect, that the most beautiful of constitutional despotisms is not calculated to expand the military resources of a nation. and that through, dint of Arms' Acts, and Coercion Bills, England has gradually subsided into the posi-tion of a third-rate European power. There is the There is the act passed in Lord Sidmouth's administration, for example, to prohibit "training and drilling" as a felony: what is its effect upon the people? "Our fathers could all bend the bow, wield the broadsword, and flourish the quarterstaff," says a writer in the Daily News, "but now, our unwarlike youth can at most let off a squib or a cracker on the 5th of November. Our men of 25 and upwards can handle the distaff, but know nothing of sword, lance, and guus." And that superb volunteer army which we were requested to believe would spring up in Ireland at the touch of the Royal Commission! Alas! O'Neill and his eleeping warriors, in the Hill of Aileach, will leap as soon from their trance. "Except in a very few instances, the 'call' seems unheard and unheeded," as the Evening Mail confesses very reluctantly. The number proposed to be enrolled amounts, we beleive, to something near thirty thousand men; of this number we have reason to think, that the volunteers have not exceeded one thousand, or, at most, twelve hundred : and how many of those will ultimately make their appearance, when noticed through the Post-office, is to be seen." Precisely; but after all, our contemporary should have added, that members of this magnificent force do, occasionally, reveal themselves. When the Poor Law Goardians of the Gorey Union assembled a few days ago, Michael Cunning-ham, "a young Militia-man," applied for admission to the workhouse. "What became of your £10 bounty ??' said the Chairman. "I had to spend most of it on the sergeant, my lord," replied the warrior. "Are you sick now ?" asked another guardian. "I am no: well, sir," was the hero's reply. And here the Master of the Union replied that he had two other militia-men in the house, " but they were not as able as the one present." They are dashing fellows to face Russian bayonets !" commented a member of the board .- Nation. CASE OF LIBEL.-The case of Birch, v. Foster, for libel was tried on wednesday before Lord Campbell. The plaintiff was the proprietor of the Dublin journal called The World, and, it may be recollected, brought the bitterest enemies against whom our people have an action against Lord Clarendon for money alleged now to contend. Worse than all, the ranks of the Soto be due for inserting articles in his paper in support of "law and order." In consequence of the facts elicited in the trial, the defendant published an article, - reviewing all the matters, in the Examiner, in which he severely condemned the conduct of the plaintiff. is known to have been born and nursed in Donegal, This was the libellous article complained of, for which within view of O'Donnell, and another active, cruthe plaintiff sought compensation in damages. After hearing evidence, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant. . LIMERICK ELECTION. -- Stephen E. De Vere, Esq., has been returned without opposition.

Our readers will remember that some months ago a States Senate-that council once enlightened by the priest; one of the leading orators of the Tenant League learning and eloquence of Calhoun, and the wisdom in the county Kilkenny, was ordered by his bishop, Dr. Walshe, to desist from interfering publicly in po-lines. Forthwith Dr. Walshe was assailed in the Tablet, the Freeman, and the Nation. A deputation was actually named to go to Rome to appeal to theished his defence; which is in the form of a circular

"Sir-The Bishop of Ossory, for the sake of virtue, and in order not to provoke more calumny, and if we take the Administration organ as the exponent thereby multiply sin, has hitheric passed unnoticed of the opinions of President Pierce, which lately conthe foul and false assertions on his character. , But he" feels convinced, from the reading of a 'memorial," the thirty-seven years he has been in the sacred ministry, has stremuously, and if not efficiently, at Chinese), has the world ever seen! The elan, the least zealously, and according to the measure of grace bestowed on him by a merciful God, labored to disable to the occasion are all there. The Coming Man | charge the duties of the many and important offices | titude, generosity, and the recollection of old assopart, in politics. He never asked or accepted any favor whatever from any ministry, whether Whig, or Tory, or Coalition, or from any other political party, cend the treadmill, some unroll the capstan, some and is determined, with the help and grace of God, to pursue to the end of his life this line of conduct. Why should he, then, be accused of prostituting his sacred ministry and patronage to Whig interests ?or stain on his character, lived so long in the sacred ministry, be now, without any ostensible cause or assignable reason, accused of sacrilegiously abusing

that ministry for political purposes ? "He is also accused of 'lording' it over his clergy by interdicting to them the exercise of their civil rights. He has interdicted only the abuse of those civil rights, and that to two priests solely.

"If a bishop commands a clergyman addicted to habits of intemperance to desist from intemperance, can he be justly accused of interdicting to him the moderate use of food and drink? Now, the Bishop of Ossory fearlessly asserts that a priest may be guilty of very great intemperance in politics, and therefore if he commands such a priest to desist from all political agitation, can he be justly charged with the crime of interdicting to him the exercise of his civil

"rights ? "But it may be objected that the bishop has in this instance exceeded the limits of his power. If so there is a right of appeal, and an appeal to the proper tribunal the Bishop of Ossory courts. But this tribunal is not the public press, nor the people, nor even the priests, but ultimately the Pope. And until his Holiness finally adjudicates the matter in dispute, the bishop's command ought to be obeyed and respected .--He ought not to be prejudged; corrupt motives ought not to be imputed to him, nor the public press hired to defame him, thereby to deter him from the conscientious disc harge of his duty.

"But it is asserted that the state of this country proves to demonstration that bishops and priests ought to take an active part in politics. Assertions are not proofs, much less demonstrative proofs. It remains, then, until proofs are adduced, a matter of opinion whether a bishop or priest would benefit his country and advance the interests of religion more by taking an active part in politics than by devoting himself solely to the discharge of his sacred duties.

"This plain and unvarnished statement will, it is hoped, satisfy every unbiassed and unprejudiced mind that the Bishop of Ossory has not merited the calumnies that have been so unsparingly heaped upon him. If he be, as his conscience tells him he is innocent of those crimes imputed to him, he can claim a share of the blessings promised to those who suffer persecution for justice sake-' Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are ye when they shall revile and persecute and speak all that is evil against you untruly for my sake, be glad and rejoice, for your reware is very great in heaven; for so they persecuted the prophets that were before you."

"† E. WALSHE, Bishop of Ossory. Kilkenny, Dec. 21, 1854.

of Jackson-a project to extend the period of residence within the States, required to qualify for citizenship, from five to twenty-one years has been proposed. It is directed at those who may arrive in the States after its enactment, if it should pass, of which Pope against his decision. Dr. Walshe has just pub- there seems no doubt at present-as the patriotism and good rense of an few Senators will avail little letter to the clergy of bis diocese. It is as follows: against the pressure of a rampant party-a pressure "Sir-The Bishop of Ossory, for the sake of vir- which has made itself felt even in the White House, tained an article taculy admitting the justice of a change in the Naturalization laws. The bold denunciation of which Senator Douglas, of Illinois, Cass, of Michigan, and Seward, of New York, have hurled at the movement will be followed by no result unless the public opinion of the country take some extraorand there is actually reason to fear that the movement will not stop short of a President of its own making. It is hard to think that one must live on sufferance in the mansion which his father reared-to feel that graciations, may be effaced in the short space of two score years-but more hard to think, that Irishmen must feel as strangers on that soil consecrated to liberly, and to them by the blood of ten thousand of their fellow-countrymen. Yet such a thing is possible-even probable. To such an extent has this spirit of intolerance and opposition to foreigners-as the fathers, brothers, and relations of the most zealous citizens of the United States are designated-that men who were loudest in their welcomes to the distressed of Europe, now whisper their fears-for to avow them publicly would be to encourage Know-Nothingism-that the ancient Celt-the exiled Swiss -the hopeful sons of poor Poland, and the victims of Dix Decembre may no longer find an asylum in that country to which their eyes are turned as to a haven of repose, and to whose infant struggle, Kosciusko, Lafayette, and Montgomery lent such invaluable aid We are not, therefore, surprised to learn that an importaut convention of the Irish in Canada is about to meet, and discuss the most advisable means to be adopted for the security of their friends in the States. Neither are we surprised to hear that the latter are returning in large numbers to the home which it were better, perhaps, they had never left. Degradation at home is even better than a life of insult and suffering in a foreign land. It is not improbable that an exodus on a large scale may be directed across the St. Lawrence before many months. The Irish in the States have numerous friends in Canada, who have warm hearts for them, and more sincere welcomes, than the time-serving politicians of the Union. There are also fruitful fields and noble rivers outside the States-communities of people identical in religion, in feeling, and in patriotism with the Irish in the Republic, and it is quite possible the latter may accept any invitation that may be offered them to settle in the backwoods, where they may rear their churches, adore their God, and bring up their children in the love of their fatherland, without fear or favor.---Nation.

> THE CHOLERA.-Despite snow and frost this terrible malady still lingers in some old haunts in the northern counties.

> ORANGE DISTURBANCES NEAR BROOKFIELD .--- WE have had frequent complaints respecting the annoyance which the humble Catholic inhabitants of the above district suffer nightly from bands of Orangemen who parade the place with fife and drum, and batter their doors and windows.- Ulsterman.

GREAT BRITAIN.

RUMORED MINISTERIAL CHANGES .- That which we have long anticipated is likely soon to take place. In well-informed circles the impression is general, that a Ministerial crisis is at hand, if it has not actually arrived. Lord John Russell, it appears, and the party who act with him in the Cabinet, are determined not to incur the responsibility of acting further with the men to whom the management of the War Department has been confided. The ague rumor of Cabinet dissension has at length assumed a definite shape. The Lord President of the Council has demanded, it s said, the removal of the Duke of Newcastle and Mr. Sidney Herbert from the posts for which they have proved themselves so miserably disqualified, and the dismissal of these poor incapables involves the retirement of the remainder of the 'gang' including of course the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer .- Morning Herald.

Lord John Russell says that there is one bit of truth n the Austrian treaty, and that it is at the end, where the name of the representative of England is coupled with the words, " Done at Vienna .- Punch.

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TRADE AND NAVIGATION RETURNS .- The returns for the month ending Dec. 5th are published. During that month, the total value of articles of British produce exported was 6,680,0001., being a decrease of 1,020,000/., from the corresponding month of 1853, and an increase of some 6,000/. on that of 1852. For the first eleven months of 1854, the total value of these exports was 89,747,000/, of which 10,673,000/. consisted of unenumerated articles. Exports for the same period of 1853 amounted to the sum of 80,784,000L, and, in 1852, to 65,280,000%.

ST. MARY'S EDINBURGH. - CHRISTMAS-DAY. - Solema High Mass was celebrated here, commencing at eleven o'clock. Long before the doors were opened, hundreds of persons of all classes had assembled around the entrance, anxious to obtain admittance. In a short time the chapel (which had been decorated for the occasion) was literally packed with people. The choir also on this occasion had been considerably enlarged, numbering not less than 100 vocal and instrumental performers, under the able management of M. Enchotz. Mass was said by the Bishop, assisted by the Very Rev. Canon Rigg, and the Rev. Messre. M'Manus, Stothert, Corry, &c. The services com-menced by the choir giving, with great spirit, that heart-stirring piece, "For unto us a child is born," &c.; after which a discourse was delivered by him Lordship-which reverberated through the spacious chapel quite as nobly as the voices of the faithful of old did through our glorious cathedrals.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH .- The poor clergy of the Established Church are about to petition the Queen and two Houses of Parliament for a more equal distribution of ecclesiastical revenues. The facts on which the petitioners ground their case, are, that while bishops and great dignitaries receive enormons incomes, the yearly income of 10,000 parochial clergymen does not exceed £200, the yearly incomes of 7,500 are under £150, and of 600 under £50. The men who receive these pitiful salaries are the "working clergy."

The Rev. John M'Ghee Martin, Presbyterian Minister of Hanley, Stafferdshire, recently decamped to evade a Magistrate's order for the weekly payment of 2s 6d, for the support of an illegitimate child; but he was apprehended the other day by a detective-officer on board the Red Jacket, in which he had taken a passage to Melbourne.

It was attempted the other day, in the House of Lords, to obtain from the Government some recognition of the hand of God in our recent victories of Alma and Inkermann. They may be, for all we know, our last. The Duke of Grafton urged upon the Government this duty, but Lord Aberdeen positively declined. to recommend the Queen to give public thanks to God for so great a triumph. Lord Aberdeen's objection to return public thanks for the recent victories is this: that to do so exposes the Queen's supremacy to contempt. In the opinion of the Prime Minister, God must give way to the Queen, and the most signal mercies-for surely it is a great mercy that our small army was not exterminated at Inkermann-must remain unacknowledged, if the Queen's supremacy cannot stand the shock. There is nothing surprising in this declaration of Lord Aberdeen; it is in harmony with statecraft ; but there is something inexpressibly dreadful in it, something so serious, that we question whether it be not more wicked than open infidelity. The mind that could set up a mere human usurpation or invention on so high a pedestal as to overtop all considerations of God's providence and protection, must be unuterably sunk in worldliness. It is come to this: an old act of Parliament, binding only on a portion of the Queen's subjects, for some two-thirds of them utterly scorn it-Catholics and Dissenters being here agreed-is, in Lord Aberdeen's eyes, so supremely sacred that he cannot, even for the sake of giving God thanks for a most miraculous escape of our wasted army, venture to run the risk of its being exposed to doubt. Lord Campbell agrees with his countryman, and at the same time furnishes another reason-namely, that it is not expedient to be thankful for every blessing that is given us. Our thanksgivings ought to be rare, that they may be the more valued.-Tablet.

THE IRISH IN AMERICA .- Every day adds to the feeling of insecurity which pervades our countrymen in America. Their relations with the great Republic appear to be hastening to a rupture, the extent and results of which no man can foresee, and of which we shudder to think. The latest news from the United States is pregnant with ill-omen. The opposition to Irishmen and Catholics has assumed new proportions -Know-Nothingism, with its gaunt bigotry and grim persecution, carries its giant head higher, and fills many with dismay. From a factious and insignificant sect, this society has assumed the character and form of a powerful 'national party; and having tested its strength at the ballot-box-with a success which even its most ardent advocates dared not hone-calls upon the present Congress to shut out from participation in the privileges of citizenship the outcast emigrants of Europe, but especially the Irish. The rise and pro-gress of this society is unexampled in the history of agitations. Six months ago, in numbers and respectability it resembled the organization of a Ribbon Lodge. To-day it sweeps the Massachusetts State Election, from the Governor to the street inspector; and holds a national convention at Cincinnati, under the presidency of John Clayton, Secretary of State during Harrison's administration, and Senator from Delaware in the present Congress. "Down with the

Itish" is a cry from Maine to California. The formidable results of this agitation are already severely

felt. The strong Democratic and National party, to which the Irish always strictly adhered; is split into fragments, and those who were loudest in professions of lip-loyalty to the Irish at election times, are often. ciety are doubled by persons born in this country, who sacrifice the honor of their race to their selfish interests. One of the Society's candidates for a prominent place during the recent elections in New York, sader saw the light within a mile of old Dunleary:-They are sowing the storm, that their friends, may has looked like treachery, is conspiring for peace.— reap the whirlwind; and that it is fast coming no man An "honorable peace," of course: was there ever can doubt. The first Bill of Attainder against the a peace which was not "bonorable," according to Irish has been already submitted. In the United diplomatists.

EMBODIMENT OF THE ENTIRE MILITIA .- It is intended to call out the whole of the Militia regiments of the United Kingdom, including the entire Irish as well as Scotch militia.

THE BALTIC FLEET .- With a few exceptions, the ships comprising the Baltic fleet have reached the British waters, and are safely moored in the harbours of the various outports. The services of those mount-ing 90 guns and upwards are required to convey reinforcements to the army in the Crimea, and every exertion is being used by the authorities to get them ready for the emergency.

It is said to be the fact that Vice Admiral Sir C. Napier, K. C. B., and Rear Admiral Chads, C.B. have ceased to be in active employment, and are both on half-pay! With respect to Sir Charles Napier, it s now said that he is determined to make a clean breast of it; and we are led by his friends to expect an exposition that will justify himself .- Nation.

The imperial steam-yacht Reine Hortense, belong-ng to the Emperor Napoleon, has arrived in Southampton water, to assist the large merchant ships to be loaded at Southampton with stores and wooden houses for the French army in the Crimea. The fact that the imperial steam-yacht used by the Emperor is to be employed in such a service as a mere tender or tug to a merchant transport-ship is a strong evidence of the energy which our French neighbors are infusing into the operations of the war, and of their earnest desire to provide for the safety and comfort of their. suffering soldiers.

The Emperor Nicholas is winning the game (observes the Leader). The English government, which went into the war with reluctance, and which has conducted the war with a stupidity that, at times,

IRREGULAR MARRIAGES ON THE BORDER. - The following inscription fronts the public road, on the gableend of a small public-house which stands as a halfway house between Berwick-on-Tweed and the hymeneal toll-bar of Lamberton :- Marriages celebrated at Lamberton Toll. For further particulars inquire with in."

THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER .- If ever a series of events happened to rebuke the ordinary sectarian absurdities, it has been the war in the Crimea. The secretary of a charitable association may have refused "to recognise" the Roman Catholic clergymen: but Roman Catholic clergymen have forced the British public to recognise them by the admirable spirit in which a missionary like Davis administered; to the wants of the soldiers in a field without distinction of sect, and in which the Catholic prelates in Ireland have appealed to the claims of a common Christianity and a common country in stimulating the exertions of their flocks. The Russian guns made no distinctions, and no distinctions were made in the handling of Russian soldiers. The blow which was struck for "God and the right" in the service of Queen Victoria and of England was as deep, whether it came from Pro-testant or Catholic hand. The wounds inflicted by Russians, inflamed with special services from the altar, special messages from the Emperor, and brandy, were as sharp for Catholic as for Protestant. If anything has called attention to the difference between the two persuasions, it is the manner in which the actions of all have compelled the most bigoted to overrule their ancient prejudices. At the Presbyterian Church in Crown Court, on Sunday last, Dr. Cumming read a beautiful letter from Sister Mary Gonzaga, describing to the wife of a Scoth serjeat t who had died in the hospital at Scutari, the manner of her husband's death. Sister Mary bears testimony to the attention, which the dying man received from his brother soldiers: she brought him, at his wish, a New Testament with large print, that his feeble eyes might read it; and a minister of the Church of Eogland was with him at the least. Here is a Bresbyterian with an English Episcopalian for his olergy-many and a Roman Catholic Sister of Charity for his ministering attendant; and the letter of the Sister is read as an example for Christians by the paston of a Presbyterian congregation in London.-Spectator.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK. set ust upp

The latest accounts from the Crimea are not very cheering. The rains certainly had ceased, thus enabling the Allies to get their guns into position; and a decisive assault was talked of as likely to take place before the commencement of the New Year. At the same time, hints were freely, thrown out that it was not improbable that nothing important would occur before the 15th inst. In the meantime the London Times is daily filled with the most violent distribes against the management of the expedition in general, and Lord Raglan in particular. By some, this is attributed to a personal pique against the latter, for having stopped the rations of "Our Own Correspondent," and for having laid restrictions upon his communications to the public. Admirably written and interesting as these communications were. there can be no doubt that they have materially increased the difficulties with which the Allies have had to contend, by revealing to the enemy the plans of the French and English Generals. Another motive may perhaps be assigned for the altered language of the Times.

It is well known that the war was undertaken most reluctantly by the Ministry; who, even now, would be glad to patch up a peace on almost any terms. Not until the first shots were fired on the banks of the Alma, can it be said that the war, as between Russia and the West, had commenced in earnest ;and even after that battle, hopes of accommodation were still entertained-hopes however, which the capture of Sebastopol by the Allies-if that event does .take place-must effectually dissipate. We suspect. therefore that, pending the negotiations at Vienna, the British Ministry are not very anxious for the fell of the great Russian stronghold; as its capture would only still more complicate the question, not only by irritating the pride of the Czar, but by leaving upon the hands of the Allies a prize as troublesome to, dispose of, as was the elephant which the gentleman won in a raffle. Peace, at any price, seems the policy of the British Ministry; and to make this peace dishonoring-as it must be, if concluded without compelling Russia to give material guarantee, that the moment the Allied forces are withdrawn from the shores of the Black Sea, her aggressions upon the integrity of Turkey, be not re-commenced-less unpalatable to "John Bull," it seems not at all unlikely that the Times has been engaged to put " John" out of conceit with the war; by exaggerating is ism, with all its loathsome concomitants—with its lisasters, and by depicting, in the gloomiest colors, ism, with all its loathsome concomitants—with its the prospects of the Allies. Thus, it is hoped that vice and squalor—with all its demoralising and de-the prospects of the Allies. Thus, it is hoped that structive influences—the world is indebted to the structive influences—the XVI, century, and to out of conceit with the war; by exaggerating its the new born, and, to the Aberdeen Ministry, very embarrassing military ardor of "John Bull" may be Protestant movement of the XVI. century, and to quenched; and that thus, his enthusiasm having been cooled down to the freezing point, he may the more readily be inclined to submit to the dishonorable terms which the diplomatists at Vienna are prepared to accept. The capture of Sebastopol would disconcert their plans: and herein perhaps lies the secret, of the somewhat dilatory proceedings of the of the poor. In France, in Spain, in Austria, in besiegers, and of the rancorous hostility of the Times. | Piedmont, in every country where "Liberal" princi-We hope that the zeal of our brave soldiers will outstrip the prudence of the red-tapists. The Queen has written a kind autograph letter to M. Herbert, praying that she may be regularly furnislied with reports from the hospitals. She writes, not as a Queen, but from the depths of her womanly heart : and her letter, when read to her poor maimed soldiers, will elicit, we are sure, many a hearty "God Save the Queen"—and from none more readily than from the Catholics, in her service. The Pacific arrived at New York on the 25th. Sebastopol was still intact on the 2nd inst: hostilities still continued, but Russia accepted, as the basis of negotiations, the four points as interpreted by the Western Powers. The effect has been a trifling advance in the Funds. Peace at any price is evidently the policy of the British Ministry.

property, so shamefully wasted, is by no means of small account. It consists of a very large lot on Campeau Street, with two houses thrown into one, upon it; the yard being large enough for the erection of sheds, &c., for stone breaking ; and there is besides, belong-ing to the Corporation of the House of Industry, a sum of £1,200 in ready money, only the remains, we tear, after dilapidations while the funds were in the hands. The only person for whom he seems to entertain any of preceding treasurers. The original donor was a very cordial regard, is, your clear beaded, hard heart-Mr. Marsteller, and by the Act 58th Geo. 111., a cor-led, griping, demure faced, but not over scrupulous or poration was created to manage his munificent ber conscientious man of business; for him, Political quest. This and subsequent acts, besides, creating Economy has a kind of sneaking respect; but he is the body of Wardens, provided that they should name Economy has a kind of sneaking respect; but he is overseers, one of whom was to be at the House every death upon the widows and fatherless children. Lord day for a certain number of hours; and it placed the save the poor from the tender inercies of Political establishment under the Government, as the visitor .--Of course, the Government neglected its duty, as the Corporation seem to have neglected theirs; and instead of the benevolent object of the founder being carried ont; his property has degenerated, into a mere rookery, an eye sore itself, and the abode of the vicious and idle. Now and then there seems to have been some attempt to make the property available for something like the original purpose; for it was some time ago, we believe, handed over to the ladies of the was used as a place of shelter for a portion of the. burnt out population ; but any steady organized action seems not to have been thought of for many years."

What a pretty outcry there would be set up, to be sure, if a similar report could be made of any of our Catholic charitable institutions ! How would the Globe triumph, and the Montreal Gazette blazon it so; they conferred a great favor, an inappreciable abroad ! Not with any feelings of gratification however do we transfer to our columns the above sad record of the disastrous results of Protestant benerolence; but rather with the view of replying to the aspersions so often cast, by a section of our Protestant community, upon our Catholic asylums-upon our Popish convents and nunneries-to which alone, under God, is it owing that Montreal is not the scene of sufferings and horrors, as great as any that we read of as occurring in the crowded and pauper-stricken cities of Europe.

God forbid that we should insinuate, or seem even to insinuate, that our Non-Catholic brethren are wanting in feelings of humanity towards their suffering fellow-creatures-or that they are not always. ready to contribute largely and generously, for the relief of the wants of the poor. But whilst admitting all this, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that, in every Protestant community, every effort made to ameliorate the moral or physical condition of the poor-whether by means of legislative enactments, like the Poor Laws of Elizabeth, so long the curse and disgrace of England-whether by private enterprise, by means of Houses of Industry, Philanthropic Societies, or any other means whatsoever-has always, and everywhere, as in the case given above, turned out a complete failure ; and in the long run has but aggravated tenfold, the evils which it was intended to mitigate. Protestantism cannot relieve the sufferings of the poor; it can only aggravate them, by brutalising and degrading the poor to the level of paupers. This it does invariably-rapidly, and most effectually.

The poor we always have had, and always must have, with us; but poverty is not pauperism, nor is a poor man a pauper, until he is thoroughly degraded. There were plenty of poor, there was plenty of poverty, when Europe was Catholic; but for pauperthe general spread of Protestant principles. Not to professedly Protesting countries alone have these principles, and their consequences, been confined .----Almost every nation in Europe has been more or less injected with them; and everywhere has the result been manifested in the degradation and brutalisation ples have obtained the ascendancy, there have we witnessed the peculiar works of Protestantism-in the persecution of the Catholic religious-in the robbery of the Church-in the confiscation of her endowments-and in the wanton destruction of the convents and nunneries-the patrimony of the poor. in the existence, and prosperity of which alone-as the experience of centuries confirms-can be found the means of effectually providing for the poor man's wants, without degrading him, without crushing him soul and body, without debasing him to the level of a miserable pauper. Wherever Protestantism, or "Liberalism"-which is but another name for Protestantism-has got the upper hand, there, whether in a professedly Protesting, or in a nominally Catholic country, the results have been the same. Nuns and Sisters of Charity have been banished; their asylumsthe property of the poor, and the possession of which kept the poor man from being a pauper-have been seized upon by a tyrannical State; and there, as a necessary consequence, have the loul weeds of pauperism and socialism sprung up into a loathsome existence, tainting the atmosphere with their noisome exhalations. The reason is obvious. Charity is es-sentially a Christian, a superhuman virtue; it can flourish and ripen its superhuman fruit, only in a Christian soil, and beneath the genial rays of a Christian sun. Transplanted into strange soil, or deprived of its essentially requisite nourishment-which it can

takes to provide for the wants of the sufferers upon the principles of Political Economy. But a harsh and unfeeling sort of fellow is Political Economy in his kindest moods; but in seasons of distress he is utterly intolerable. For misfortune he has no sympathy ; he takes no heed of the groanings of the desolate .--Economy-and deliver them from the curse of official charity. Amen.

'Some such considerations as these must have led to the determination of our City Fathers to entrust the distribution of the sum of £250, which they have voted for the relief of the poor of Montreal, to some of the Catholic Societies of the city. In the prudence of this determination, we are happy to see that the majority of our Protestant cotemporaries Magdalen Society, and more lately, since the fire, it concur; the Gazette alone lifting up its voice against it. In reply to its strictures we would observe that the Catholic Societies alluded to, never sought, lirectly, or indirectly, the charge laid upon themthat in accepting it, they did so, in compliance with, and at the earnest and reiterated entreaties of, the Corporation; and, we may also add that, in doing favor, upon the City of Montreal, for which all classes of society, rich and poor, Protestant as well as Catholic, should feel deeply grateful. We happen to know that, when it was first broached to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that they should become the distributors of the £250 voted by the Corporation, strong objections were made against accepting it; as by so doing they might be giving umbrage to their Protestant fellow citizens, who had as good a right as had Catholics to the administration of the public funds : and it was not until after these objections had been represented to, and overruled by, the Committee of the Corporation-composed of Protestants as well as Catholics-that the Society consented to make the sacrifice demanded of them, and to accept the charge which their fellow citizens seemed desirous to impose upon them. If by so doing they can, under God, in any degree contribute to the alleviation of the sufferings of the poor, they will have their reward from Him Who knows the purity of their motives.

In conclusion, and whilst admitting what no one ever dreamt of contesting-the right of our Protestant fellow citizens to demand a distribution of the public funds voted for the poor, amongst all the different denominations-so that every denomination might attend to its own poor-we would ask of them whether, in the interests of the poor, it is not better that they should wave that right, in order that a sum so small as $\pounds 250$ may be given to the Catholic charitable institutions, which, gratuitously furpishing wood, cooking utensils, &c., will be able to supply a much larger quantity of food, and that of a better quality, than can possibly be the case if the money be split up and divided amongst the sectsa pound or two to the Anglicans-so much to the Methodists, &c. As to the rumored dangers of proselytism, these are purely imaginary. However, we invite our fellow citizens to keep a sharp look out; and we promise them our hearty cooperation in denouncing any attempts-should any such be madeto interfere with the religion of any of the recipients of the Corporation's bounty, under the pretence of relieving their bodily wants. Let it never be said of Montreal that its citizens allowed their poor to starve whilst Catholics and Protestants were disputing as to the distribution of the money voted for their relief.

CRIME

Nor is the school system of Upper Canada one whit better in this respect-as: is evidenced by the rapid increase of heinous offences amongst the population of that section of the Province, where unfortunately, the Yankee system of education is in full force. We copy from the Argus of Saturday last :---

"The Calendar for the present term of the Assizes at Toronio, is a remarkably heavy one. Crime in that section of the country appears to be advancing with fearful rapidity, and there needs a firm adminiatration of justice to check its march."?

The fact then, the moral disease, is admitted on all hands; but whilst we look for its remedy in an improved moral and religious training of the youth of Upper Canada—not in a mere vague, but in a definite, religious teaching-our cotemporary relies upon a firmer administration of justice ; whilst a third party the Coroner's Jury of Toronto lately summoned in the case of a young man named Reill, killed in a drunken election squabble-puts its trust in a more stringent enforcement of the commercial regulations against the sale and importation of murderous weapons.

In delivering its verdict in the case mentioned above, the said Jury very properly animadverted upon the beastly and unmanly practice, which, it is to be feared, we are borrowing from the Yankees-of carrying bowie-knives and other murderous weapons, concealed about the person ; and to which the Jury seemed inclined to attribute the "demoralisation of our youths." The recommendation of the Jury has, no doubt, its merits; but we fear that, even if attended to and enforced, it will scarce reach the root of the evil. We are sceptical enough to believe that the "demoralisation of our youths" and the consequent fearful rapidity with which, according to the Argus, crime is advancing in Upper Canada, proceed more from the importation, of Yankee principles, than of Yankee cutlery; and that it is against the dissemination of the former that our efforts must be directed, if we wish to see a moral reform effected. It is from the hearts of men-and not merely from the ironmongers' stores—that proceed murders, assassinations, "Know - Nothingism," and kindred crimes ; nor will it avail to lay an embargo on Yankee bowie-knives, and Yankee revolvers, unless we can cleanse the hearts of our youths from the foul leaven of Yankee principles with which they are infected. What we chiefly need, is a sound moral and religious training for our youths, such as the Common Schools of Upper Canada, which are avowedly based and conducted upon Yankee principles, can never afford. In the rapid advance of crime in Upper Canada-in the murders and outrages so frequent in that section of the Province, if Protestant testimony may be relied upon-we see but the inevitable results of an essentially vicious educational system ; which, ignoring God, and failing to give any definite religious instruction, leaves-in the words of the provisional bishop of New York-" numbers of youths, otherwise well disposed, growing up without any definite religious training, asking-" What is truth ?---and not taught it." Such are, according to a Protestant minister, the fruits of State-Schoolism, or Godless Education, in the United States ;- how then can we expect that the same tree shall bring forth good fruit in Canada ?

" Aut facite arborem bonam, et fructum ejus bonum; aut facite arborem malam, et fructum ejus malum ;--siquidem ex fructu arbor ugnoscitur."-- Matt. xii., 33.

A "LIVING VOICE" WANTED.

" The Bible alone, the Religion of Protestants." -As a commentary upon this hacknied phrase, we copy from the Montreal Transcript, the following passage of an address, delivered by the Rev. Archdeacon Lower, of the Anglican establishment, at au annual meeting of the "Church Society," and in the presence of Dr. Fulford—the Anglican bishop and of a large body of Protestant clergy of the same denomination. Speaking of the efforts of the Society to circulate copies of King James' Scriptures-the Rev. spcaker remarked that :---

WHO SHALL TAKE CARE OF THE POOR ?

We copy from one of our Protestant cotemporaries the following particulars respecting the Protestant House of Industry, which, according to the Herald, has been established in this city for about fifty years:--

"Of late it has been marked by something for which inefficiency is too mild a name. A few poor persons, who at least do not belong to a known vicious class, are quartered in the lower part of the building, while the upper part is tenanted by a gang of the most disgusting vagabonds of both sexes, whose physical as well as moral pollution outrages their unfortunate neighbors below, in the most shamefully filthy manner. Of this set from the upper story, some eighteen have been lately sent to gaol, and will be tried, as we understand, in the present term of the Quarter Sessions for keeping a disorderly house.! Yet all this is going on in a house left by a charitable person in the beginning of the century, under the management of twelve wardens, appointed six every half year, by

find only within the precincts of the Catholic Church -it soon fades away, withers, and dies; whilst in its place springs up a stunted, scraggy looking shrub, human in its origin, human in its fruits, by men called philanthropy or benevolence. Sad is the fate of the people doomed to feed upon the hard sour berries which, at the best of times, and under the most favorable circumstances, is all that philanthropy can show in the way of fruit.

But worst of all for the poor is it, when, as in most thers-of which the N. Y. Herald furnishes us with Protesting countries, Government steps in ; and, su- the hideous catalogue ; the Common Schools of Ame-

AND GODLESS SCHOOLS, OR CAUSE AND EFFECT.

"MURDER.-In its statistics of murder for the past year, the New York Herald says that there were Thirty-Six wives killed by their husbands ;-Six hus-bands killed by their wives ;-Twenty-One children killed by their parents; - Three parents killed by their children; - and Five brothers killed by brothers."

EXTRACT FROM THE SPEECH OF THE PROTESTANT BISHOP OF NEW YORK BEFORE THE "COLONIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY," MONTREAL .- "He did not know how it was in Canada, but in his own country, one of the most melancholy things offered for the consideration of Christians, was, the number of youths in the rural districts tolerably well disposed, growing up without any definite religious training, asking-'what is truth?' and not taught it. . . . He agreed heartily with all that had been said about the danger of giving secular instruction, without giving with it moral and religious culture. Nor would he be content with mere vague religious teachings-he would have definite instruction afforded."-Montreal Herald.

EXTRACT FROM A SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE REV. DR. LILLIE ON THE 22D INST., AT ONE OF THE PRO-TESTANT "ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS." - "Education without religion did not deserve the name; it did but educate men for eternal ruin." The same speaker " expressed a desire that such churches as were strong enough, should establish schools of their own, in which secular and religious instruction should go together, the latter largely preponderating, by which means the priests of the Church of Rome would be *imilaled*, and their success obtained."—Ib.

Here the Protestant Bishop of New York furnishes us with the "Cause," whilst the "Effect" is narrated in the New York Herald. Nor is it difficult to perceive the close connexion between-" the dunger of giving secular instruction, without giving with it moral and religious culture"-and the murders, of-wives by husbands, husbands by wives, children by parents, parents by children, and brothers by bro-

"He was no particular enthusiast for the wide circulation of the Scriptures, apart from the living voice of God's Ministers."

We perfectly agree with the speaker. The wide circulation of a dead book, "apart from the living voice of God's ministers," is as little approved of by Romanists, as by the Anglican " Church Society" of Montreal; and we are glad to have the testimony of the latter to the wise discipline of the Catholic Church in discouraging such circulation. Yet we remember, when Dr. Brownson, in one of his lectures delivered in this City, ventured to contrast a dead book, with the voice of a "living" Church, what an outery was raised against him for implety, and contempt of Scripture. Can it then be that that is flat blasphemy in a Popish lecturer, which is commendable in a Protestant Arch-deacon? If the Protestants of Montreal allow the language of the Rev. Mr. Lower to go forth to the world unrebuked-without one word of angry comment, without any disclaimer on their part-we shall be inclined to imagine that such is the case.

Besides, the assertion of the little value of the Scriptures " apart from the living voice of God's ministers," is a formal renunciation of the one Protestant principle-that " the Bible alone"-or apart from any such living voice-" is the religion of Protestants." The simple enunciation of the necessity for the "living voice of God's ministers," contains the formal condemnation of the religious morement of the XVI century; and, if realised, if acted upon, must inevitably lead to full blown Popery.-As God has given all things necessary for our salvation, it implies that God has given us a ministry to whose "living voice" we are bound to listen-and which therefore must be infallible, or it would the magistrates in quarterly meeting, under the direc-tion of an act of Parliament. This item of public perseding the charitable action of the Church, under-tion of an act of Parliament. This item of public perseding the charitable action of the Church, under-tion of an act of Parliament. This item of public perseding the charitable action of the Church, under-

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to, listen, to it at all. A ministry, however, or Church, which is not conscious of its infallibility, cannot be infallible, and therefore is not the ministry, or, Church, appointed by God as the teacher, to whose "Living voice?' all are bound to listen. Now, of all ministries, or Churches, the Church in communion with the See of Rome, alone claims infallibility : it alone therefore can, by any possibility, be infallible, or, consequently, be the Ministry to whose " living voice" God calls upon us to hearken. Thus, once admit the necessity for the "living voice" of a teacher, to supplement the teachings of the Scriptures, and you admit that there is such a teacher, and therefore a teacher divinely commissioned, and therefore an infallible "living" teacher, or Church.

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The man, we say, who admits this, is on the high road to Rome; and must either retrace his steps, or make the fatal plunge into the slough of Popery. If Archdeacon Lower is a consistent man, he is surely in a "parlous" state; for where will he find his "living voice ?"-in the House of Commons-or the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council?

"FALSEHOODS, OF THE KNOW-NOTHINGS. - The latest scheme of injuring churches is to heap upon them abuse and slander. A man in Jersey City was deprived of a pew. The Know-Nothing papers pub-lished it as a riot !--that two parties contended in the church, giving much disedification to civilized people. This was a lie, manufactured out of the whole cloth. When the pastor contradicted the tale, the cicatures then tell their readers it was understood there would be a riot !"

It seems that the Montreal Witness is a close imitator of the tactics of the Yankee "Know-Nothings," as our worthy cotemporary reiterates his lying accusation against the Catholics of Griffintown who compose the congregation of St. Anne's church -- that on some Sunday-not indicated-an attempt was made by some persons not named " to remove by force" an anonymous, priest, either from the pulpit or the altar-and that in consequence of the said attempt a serious fight occurred, in which one or more persons were seriously injured. To this statement we gave a flat denial. We said that, as no altempt ever was made in St. Anne's Church to "remove by force" any priest either from pulpit or altar, so no fight ever occurred in consequence of an attempt which never was made, and so also no persons were ever injured in a fight which never occurred. That there may be fights in Griffintown every day of the week, is not unlikely; that if any such fights occur one or more persons may be injured, is highly probable. This we allow; but we do positively deny that any fight ever occurred inside or outside of St. Anne's whurch, or in any part of Montreal or its suburbs, arising out of an attempt to "remove by force" a priest from the pulpit or Altar in St. Anne's Church.

He who makes an allegation, reflecting injuriously upon the characters of others, is bound, when called upon to do so-either to give his authority and thus make good his charge, or to retract, and confess his error. This at least is the moral code which obtains amongst gentlemen; though how it may be with the frequenters of the conventicle we know not-never having had-we thank God for it-any dealings with the conventicle or its frequenters. However, we would remind the Montreal Witness that, if any attempt, was ever made "to remove by force" the priest from the pulpit or altar of St. Anne's Church, some body must have witnessed it; and that our cotemporary if he did not witness it himself, must have received his information from some one who did .----Now, as he has taken it upon himself to act upon that information, and to publish to the world a statement reflecting very injuriously upon the Catholics of Griffintown, the editor of the Montreal Wilness is bound-either to give up the name of his informant, or else to be held responsible for the lie, and to be

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH .-- We have been requested to remind the subscribers to the fund for the purchase of the new organ, that their Third instalment will be due on the 1st of February ; and that portions of the first and second instalment still, remain unpaid. It is expected that all arrears will be at once paid up, as the terms of the contract are now completed.

The new Catholic church at Sherbrooke was consecrated on the 15th inst., by His Lordship the Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, assisted by a numerous body of clergy.

PRINTERS' SOIREE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUMS. -We call attention to this Festival, which will take place on Tuesday evening next, the 30th instant, in the magnificent Concert Hall of the Bonsecours Market. We have undoubted authority for saying that the preparations for this Festival will not be surpassed in this city. Addresses will be delivered by several gentlemen connected with the Press. Songs will be sung by Mr. A. M'Ewan, Mr. Cherrier, and others; and the Messrs. Johns' Glee Club will also sing several Glees, Songs, &c. Mr. Warren has kindly given the use of his splendid organ, the beautiful tones of which were so much admired on a recent occasion. Also the services of a splendid Quadrille Band are secured. Refreshments of the best and most substantial kind-consisting of meats, fowls, cakes, confectionery, &c., &c.,-will be served by Mr. Alexander, in his usual excellent style. There will not, it seems from the above, be any lack of amusement during the evening. We would, therefore, advise all who intend going, to procure their tickets immediately, so that the arrangements of the committee may be the more complete.

We would remind our readers that Mr. Hunt lectures this evening before the St. Patrick's Society, in the Odd Fellows' Hall. Subject-" Geology of Canada."

On our seventh page will be found an advertisement of a new Catholic journal to be published at St. Louis under the direction of that able and accomplished writer, Mr. Huntington-already favorably known as the author of several exceedingly clever works of fiction-and whose skilful management of the editorial department of the Metropolitan contributed so largely to the success of that excellent periodical. Mr. Huntington has the best wishes of every sincere Catholic. May he long be spared to devote his brilliant talents to the cause of religion and morality, to the honor and glory of God, and the good of His Church.

GOOD ADVICE .- A New York correspondent of the Montreal Herald, after mentioning the fact-that the cruel persecution now especially directed against Gatholics emigrating from Europe to the United States, has compelled a large number of the Irish and German population to return to their native counties, and that if the persecution continues, many more will undoubtedly follow their example-throws out the following hint, which is worth attending to :---

"Let Canada have an eye to her interests. It would be wise for Parliament to devote a sum of money for the appointment of local Emigrant Agents to reside on the Continent, who would direct the tide of emigration towards a country where no sectarian or exclusive legislation prevails, and where they-the emigrants-whom a sectarian and exclusive legislation is driving from the United States, would aid in developing its resources, and increasing its riches."-Montreal Herald, 24th inst.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF QUEc --- At the Annual General Meeting of the treated as a "notorious liar." It will not serve his Patrick's Catholic Institute, held on the 9th inst., the following gentlemen were elected as officers and members of the Council for the year 1855:-

"AN ADDRESS TO THE IMPARTIAL PUBLIC ON THE INTOLERANT SPIRIT OF THE TIMES." By Louisville.

This pamphlet is the Introduction, merely, to a larger work by the same writer, which is shortly to be published, under the title of "Miscellanea;" and which, from a glance at the " Table of Contents," we imagine will comprise a sketch of the fortunes of the Church, and her influence upon modern civilisation, from the first, to the present century. The military discipline that an English soldier should "Miscellanea" will appear in about a month, and perish from hunger or cold, than that he should be will doubtless be hailed as a valuable addition to the clothed and fed by a private hand. As to the state of Catholic literature of this Continent.

The object of the writer in his "Introductory Address," is to warn his fellow-countrymen of all denominations against the dangers to which the liberties of their common country are exposed, from the fierce spirit of intolerance now evoked against the Catholics of the United States-and to reply to some of the heads of accusation most commonly urged against Papists-as being foes to liberty, subjects of a foreign prince-anti-American, and anti-Republican. These charges the writer discusses separately, and completely disposes of-showing that, from the first settlement of the country, the Catholics of the United States, have ever occupied a foremost place amougst ized, people-between infidels and Christians,* than bethe defenders of its liberty and independence-in the Council chamber, and on the battle field.

We have not space for many extracts ; but we cannot forbear from one-showing the manner in which the Bishop exposes one Protestant lie, which has long passed current as gospel truth, and which, in spite of its complete refutation, will still continue to circulate, as if its soundness had never been impeached.

When endeavoring to palliate the excesses of the Protestant party in the United States against Catholics, the Protestant party invariably tries to make it appear that it is not against the religion, but the political principles of Papists, that the movement is directed. For this purpose they quote a passage from a letter from Lafayette, to a Protestant American gentleman, in which the former is represented as saying that:---

" If ever the liberty of the United States is destroyed, it will be by Romish priests."

"Ah"-they say-" here is the opinion of a liberal Catholic; here is a warning to the Protestants of America, from a Romanist, against countenancing Romanism." 'To this passage from Lafayette's letter, the Protestants of America always appeal in vindication of their right to burn convents, pillage Catholic churches, and tar and feather "Romish priests." But what will our readers say when they learn that, not only Lafayette never expressed the sentiments attributed to him in the above extract, but that, in the very letter referred to, he formally repudiated them, as absurd ? Here is the extract from the letter in question, to which, with their usual bonesty, and gentiemanly feeling, the defenders of the right of Protestantism to persecuteCatholics, have, by giving one passage divorced from its context, succeeded in imparting a signification the very opposite to that which the writer intended it to convey.

Writing from Paris, to a Protestant friend in New York, shortly after his visit to America in 1829, Lafayette said : ---

"I cannot but admire your noble sentiments of devotion and attachment to your country and its institutions. But I must be permitted to assure you, that the fears which in your patriotic zeal you seem to entertain-that, if ever the liberty of the United States is destroyed, it will be by Romish Priests-are certainly without any shadow of foundation whatever. An intimate acquaintance of more than halt a century with the prominent, and influential priests and members of that Church, both in England and America, warrants me in assuring you that you need entertain no apprehension of dauger to your republican institutions from that quarter." Though in itself of trifling importance, and though we attach but little value to the opinions of M. Lafayette on Catholicity, the above is interesting, as a fair specimen of the good faith with which Protestants ordinarily garble and misquote to serve their dirty ends. Indeed we know but few Protestant writers or historians, the fidelity of whose quotations from the writings of Catholics can be relied upon; for, if they do not misquote, they almost invariably omit some important part of the context, so as to pervert the meaning of the Catholic author quoted. It is thus that Bellarmine, Liguori, and others, are made to enunciate the most outrageous blasphemies, revolting alike to reli- 39 9d. gion and common sense. We look forward with pleasure to the appearance of Bishop Spalding's complete work, to which this chapter on the "Intolerant Spirit of the Times" is but the introduction. Judging from the specimen before us, the forthcoming "Miscellanea" must meet with a flattering reception from the reading public of America, as a work, above all others, suited to the exigencies of the "Times" in which our lot is cast.

The "difference" between Catholic and Protestant nations in their respective care of the sick and woundthe Right Rev. M. J. Spalding, D.D., Bishop of ed, is well pointed out by the London Times. It says:---2741

"Will it be believed that the authorities in the Crimea will neither take proper care of the sick and wounded themselves, nor allow others to do it for them ? . The chaplains, who at first gladly distributed the comforts procured by the fund at our disposal, have been peremptorily forbidden to do so any more; and it appears to be thought more in accordance with things at Scutari, that does seem to mend. Lord William Paulet has entered on his task with a humanity and spirit rather new in the annals of the expedition, and seems actually desirous to save the lives of the thousands thrown on his hands. Yet, for the honor of our country, for the honor of the Church of England, the credit of which is compromised in the neglect of a Christian duty,-for the honor of Christianity itself in the presence of the Turks, we do beg and pray that the British hospital at Scutari, and still more that of Balaklava, may be rescued from the miserable, disorderly state, in which they have hitherto been.-Every Englishman should blush to read the contrast between our hospital and that of the French, which is rather the difference between a barbarous, and a civiltween two neighboring nations who have been a thousand years intimately acquainted with one another.-We say it is the duty of Government to see that all our hospitals, at the camp, at Balaklava, and at the Bosphorus, shall be quite up to the Brilish standard -more we cannot expect. This, indeed, would be a far more significant and impressive way of acknowledging the co-operation and virtues of our allies than any mere vote of thanks, or any other formal compliment. Let us reform our hospitals to the French standard, and do it confessedly as following their example, and we shall show in deeds our high estimation of our allies. Next to the aid that brave men render one another in the field, there is nothing that can bind soldiers together so much as working together in those pious works that remain to be done when the battle is over. We trust that Government will not allow even the prosecution of the war itself to interfere with assistance to its victims. That is not the custom even of savages, and we shall not deserve success if we seek it exclusively by the neglect of all ordinary obligations."

* The Times might well have added-" between Protestants and Catholics."

A respected correspondent in a flourishing town in Canada West gives us the particulars of a conversion of a house of worship in that place into a low tavern or grogshop. Such a transformation is greatly to be la-mented.—Canada Temperance Advocate.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

St. Laurent, J. Sexton, 3s 9d; Burwick, J. P. Foly, 12s 6d; St. Sylvester, P. Scallon, 6s 3d, J. Doyle, 6s 3d; Carleton, E. J. Demphy, 12s 6d; Huntly, J. O'Shannahan, 12s 6d; Summerstown, A. McDonald, 12s 6d; St. Johns, C.E., Sergeant McGinness, 10s, F. Kent, 15s; Pickering, D. O'Brien, 12s 6d; Am-herstburg; P. Madden, 12s 6d; T. Maguire; 12s 6d; Emily, A. Beaton, 155; St. Joseph, Beauce, Rev. Mr. Martineau, £1; St. Andrews, J. M'Faul, 12s 6d; Martintown, J. M'Donald, 6s 3d; Sherrington, T. Halpin, 10s; Laval, Rev. Mr. Paradis, 15s; L'Oriz-nal D. Cremin, 7s 6d; St. Catherine's, C.W., W. F. Meighan, 10s; Hamnond, U.S., P. M'Grady, 15s; E. Hawkesbury, J. Ward, 12s 6d; S. Mountain, H. Barry, 12s 6d; Dalhousie Mills, D. M'Donald, 12s 6d ; Beanharnois, J. Cassidy, 15s: Cobourg, M. M'-Keon, 10s; N. Plantagenet, Rev. T. O'Boyle, 15s; Caroquet, Rev. J. Paquet, 12s Gd; St. Rose, Rev. Mr. Brunet, £1 5s; Sherbrooke, D. M'Donald, 6s Dixen's Corners, C. Driscal, 6s 3d; Sherrington, H. Blake, 6s 3d; Bromly, B. Reynolds, 12s 6d; Rich-monhill, M. Teefy, 15s; Toronto, J. Mulloy, £1; Dundee, A. M'Rae, 12s 6d.

Per J. Doyle, Ottawa City-Aylmer, Rev. J. Hughes 12s 6d; D. Mooney, 12s 6d; W. Dermoddy, 12s 6d, M. O'Keefe, 12s 6d; P. Cassidy, 12s 6d; Fort Wil-liam, L. Mackay, 12s 6d, T. Harrington, 12s 6d; liam, L. Mackay, 12s 6d, T. Harrington, 12s 6d;
Brantford, Rev. Mr. Ryan, 12s 6d; Pembroke, C.
M'Auly, 12s 6d; Portage du Fort, J. Julian, 12s 6d;
M. Kennedy, 12s 6d; Hall, W. Pattison, 12s 6d;
Egansville, Rev. J. Strain, 12s 6d; J. M'Kiernan, 12s 6d; J. Perigo, 12s 6d; T. Gorman, 12s 6d; J.
Gallaher, 12s 6d; P. Peirce, 12s 6d; G. Topolaise, 12s 6d; Bromly, H. M'Mahon, 12s 6d; W. O'Toole, 12s 6d; T. O'Shanghnassy, 12s 6d; J. Rice, 12s 6d.
Per P. H. M'Cawley, Travelling, Agent, Kurgston Per P. H. M'Cawley, Travelling Agent, Kingston -W. Brophy, 5s; J. Moore, 12s 6d; J. Harrington, 12s 6d; Camden East, W. Cassidy, 6s 3d; N. Tyr-rell, 12s 6d; Maryville, P. Kilmurray, 6s 3d; Newbury, F. M. Donnell, 6s 3d ; Belleville, M. Nulty, £2 Per P. M'Intyre, Tiguish, P. E. Island-Self, £1 58; Rt. Rev. B. D. M'Donald, 128 6d; J. Kilbride, 12s 6d; F. Buote, 12s Gd; M. Blanchard, 12s 6d; J. Dorin, 12s 6d ; T. O'Brien, 12s 6d.

purpose to show that on a certain day there was a light; he must prove by competent testimony-by cye witnesses of the fact, for they alone are competent-that "an attempt was made to remove by force" the priest from allar or pulpit of St. Anne's Church, and that the fight was in consequence of such an attempt having been made.

PROTESTANT RESPECT FOR THE SABBATH .-The Montreal Gazette of Tuesday, explains why the details of the news by the last mail, which only arrived in town late on Saturday night, did not appear in its Monday's issue :---

"We did not give the details of the news before to-day, because we understood that an old standing agreement among the city press obliged us not to set up type on Sunday."

STATE-SCHOOLISM .- The Toronto Colonist furnishes us with some statistics on the cost and progress of the State-School system in Upper Canada; from which we learn-that -whilst the average attendance of children at school in Toronto, during the year 1849, was 1,346, with an assessment of ± 474 —the average attendance for 1854, amounted to 1,379, with an assessment however of nearly £6,000.-Thus showing an increase of only Thirty-Three in the number of children attending school, accompanied "we do not feel ourselves justified in coming to any other conclusion than this-that there is something monstrously wrong somewhere, requiring rigid and impartial investigation."

NEW AGENT .- Mr. Patrick Gainey of Erinsville, Sheffield, has kindly consented to act as Agent circulating the TRUE WITNESS in the above locality. I of their brave fellow countrymen in the Crimea. in ngarad

Thomas J. Murphy, President. William McKay, 1st Vice-President. Michael Mernagh, 2nd Vice-President. William T. Burke, Recording Secretary. Charles T. Coller, Corresponding Secretary. John Lane, jr., Treasurer. John Brophy, Assistant Recording Secretary. John C. Nolan, Asst. Corres. Secretary. Council-Messrs. J. O'Leary, J. Foley, W. Power, J. Lilly, T. McGreevy, J. Nolan, M. Con-nolly, C. Peters, L. Stafford, and P. O'Regan.

The Quebec district has been visited by a violent fall of snow, in consequence of which some portions of the Quebec and Richmond rail-road have been entirely blocked up for several days.

The failure of the Evangelical mission in Ireland can no longer be concealed; with many groans, the fact is at last announced to the Protestant world.--At a "very large and influential meeting" lately held in Dublin, where the Rev. Alexander Dallas attended, in order to try and revive the energy of the "Soupers," and "to urge with all his zeal, the cause of the Irish Church Missions"-(so at least we read in an Irish Protestant paper)-the rev. gentleman complained bitterly, "that they"-the Missions aforesaid-" were obliged to contract still more the sphere of their operations;" and therefore Jurisprudence of Europe. The subject treated of he urged upon the people of England the necessity of by the lecturer is most interesting and importantcoming forward liberally with their subscriptions " for not to the professional lawyer alone-but to the evangelising the priest-ridden people of Ireland."-The people of England it seems, know better what Mr. Torrance seems well qualified to do it justice. to do with their money ; and seem inclined to devote His lecture is evidently the result of much patient. for the True WITNESS in Erinsville and surround- any they have to spare, not to the sleek canting hy- study and research; and bears ample proof that its ing districts. We trust our friends will aid him in pocrites of the evangelical mission-but to the relief author has read, and has meditated upon what he has

THE ROMAN LAW." An Introductory Lecture delivered by F. W. Torrance, Esq., Law Lecturer, M'Gill College.

"Roman Jurisprudence," says the talented author, "is still engaged in its august mission of harmonising the nations of the earth;" he might have added that it is to the influence of the Roman Church on the modern world, that Roman Jurisprudence is still the statesman, the historian, and the philosopher; and read. ed also an entre service de amage

Per A. Lamond, York, C.W.-Self, 6s 3d; J. Lamond, 6s 3d ; J. Goslin, 6s 3d ; Sinclairville, T. Murray, 6s 3d.

Per Rev. G. A. Hay, St. Andrews, C.W.,-J. D. M'Gillis, 12s 6d; D. M'Donell (Ban) 12s 6d; H. R. M'Gillis, 12s 6d; J. Walsh, 6s 3d; Martintown, A. M'Donell, 12s 6d.

Per J. Looby, Rawdon-Self, 12s 6d; Pointe Claire, Rev. L. L. Pominville, 6s 3d.

Per A. M'Ardle, Lyndhurst-Self, 10s; D. O'Connor, 10s.

Per J. O'Sullivan, Prescott-F. Ford, 10s.

Per O. Quigly, Lochiel-Rev. J. R. Mead, 10s; J. M'Millan, 10a.

Birth. On the 23rd inst., the wufe of S. B. Schmidt, Esq., M.D., of a son. ALL PERSONS having Claims against the late JAMES McCAFFREY, in his lifetime of Montreal, Shoemaker, are hereby notified to send in the same, *duly attested*, to the un-dersigned, for liquidation. And all persons indebied to the said late JAMES McCAFFREY, are hereby notified to pay the same, without delay, to the undersigned. It is the THOMAS BURNS, Testamentary Excentor, 81-St. Goorge Street, St. Law. Suburb, Montreal, January 22d, 1855;

We copy from the Catholic Mirror :---

FOREIGN OFNIELLIGENCE. FRANCE.

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In France, the loan of twenty millions sterling for the expenses of the war; has been voted by the Chambers with alacrity.

What would become of the War, if anything happened to Louis Napoleon ?—is a question we hear often asked. The Lord, only knows. But we may be quite sure that France, whether Legitimist or Republican, would speedily, withdraw from it; and that England would be left to bear the brunt alone. We can judge, from the doings at Sebastopol, how well fitted she would be for such a task. Even at present, the war is said not to be popular in France. There is very little more ardor about it than about a campaign in Algeria, but a very great and singular anxiety on the part of the people to keep out of it. To who knows the country well, informs us £200 is a common price to give for a substitute in the conscription. Before the war, £30 was considered an extravagant bounty. France is at present for Peace. She has had enough of glory ; and the only revenge she cherishes is the score she owes for Waterloo and St. Helena. The contempt she is acquiring for the power of England during the present war will hardly abate that grudge .- Nation.

ARREST OF A FRENCH LADY.—On Sunday last Madame Cl. de T.—____, a lady of rank and fortune, was arrested at her chateau of Brunoy (Seine and Oise) on a charge of conspiracy against the person and government of the Emperor. The police had received intelligence that letters from French refugees in Brussels were frequently sent to the house addressed to a person who turns out to have been a female servant. The house was surrounded by some fifty or sixty sergents-de-ville, and this servant was at brst asked for. The master of the house, who seems to have had no suspicion of the object of the domiciliary visit, at once produced the servant, and her answers to questions led to the immediate arrest of her mistress. I am told that a voluminous correspondence with refugees at Brussels, containing full details of the conspiracy, was seized at the chateau. Madame Cl. de T-has been brought to Paris, and is now in prison au secret le plus rigoureux.-Daily News Correspondent.

GERMAN POWERS.

Certainly, when the war broke out, there was every chance that it would have extended and ramified on every side. It may do so yet, but the chances are considerably reduced during the last few months. If Austria had sided with the Czar, Germany would have been spedily, in a blaze, and her Italian provinces would have instantly struck for liberty. The young Emperor found himself placed in a delicate position, owing gratitude on one hand to the Czar for the retention of his throne during the Hungarian revolution, and feeling on the other that his own permanent interests, and the true dignity of Austria, were identical with the policy of the Western States. He , and his Ministers have weighed and balanced every possible movement in this emergency. They have proceeded cautiously in their conferences with the representatives of England and France, and have at length deliberately cut the Czar. The latest accounts from Vienna state that a protocol has just been signed by the Austrian Minister and the French and English Ambassadors at the Court, which is regarded as a supplementary compact to the treaty of alliance of the 2nd of December, and which, in point of fact, is equivalent on the part of Austria to a declaration of war against Russia. The Russian minister, Prince Gortschakoff, who was present at the conference, has asked for a delay of a fortnight to receive instructions, at the end of which time his master, the Czar, must either knuckle down or encounter a new opponent half a million of bayon Times. ts into th who can bring -European Times. THE PROPOSED GERMAN LEGION .- The Berlin foreign legion has produced a great sensation among the public. Not a doubt can exist that the authori-ties of this country, and, indeed of the greater part of the German governments, will strain every nerve to hinder their subjects of all classes from enrolment. It is even said that orders have already been issued to this effect, and that in case individuals known or sunposed to be employed on the recruiting service should take up their residence in any given place, they are to be ejected, unless entitled by law to domicile in such places. The exportation of horses is prohibited throughout all the German states. Although the King of Prussia has not thought fit, for several reasons, to accept the proposal of joining the Triple Alliance of the 2nd of December, the Cabinet of Berlin already shows signs of impatience and annoyance under the isolation into which it is cast, and it has even made some efforts to regain the confidence of the Western Powers. On the 19th of December a despatch was forwarded to the Prussian Ministers in Paris and London, in which M. de Manteuffel attempts to show that, although Prussia declines to be a party to the Austrian treaty, she desires to associate herself in the common work of the reestablishment of peace on just and permanent bases ; she maintains that the diplomatic concert between herself and the other Powers still exists; and even announces that she is prepared to enter into engagements with the Western Powers analogous to those already contracted by Austria.

SPAIN. MAINTAINT The Government is said to look very coldly on the English proposals to enlist soldiers for the war.

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We learn from our continental correspondence that the refugees who aim at directing from their own retreats the politics of Italy have seized the occasion resented by the Russian war to urge all Italians to immediate insurrection. The hour is said to be propitious, the opportunity inviting, the prospect hopeful, and the result secure: With regard to the objects of the revolution we are left in no manner of doubt, for, though anything like a programme of the future is carefully avoided and all decisions are osten ibly reserved for the manifestations of "national will," it is plain that republicanism, pure and simple, is contemplated as the species of constitution under which the whole of Italy, without distinction of people or province, must be unhesitatingly placed.-There is to be no compromise or alliance with any organised Government, no acceptance of aid from existing Powers; no toleration of "tyrannical"-i.e., monarchical institutions; and no acquiescence in any result save that ideal conclusion which the exiles keep before their eyes. - Times.

Another correspondent of the Times writes :-" It is a fact that the number of Russian agents in Italy is very great, and they are exceedingly active. Within the last few days Count Orloff passed through bere under an assumed name on his way to Florence, which of course has given rise to endless speculation as to the object of his journey. Of him or his further movements I know nothing, but there are others whose contradictory acts and language are deserving of note. For instance, at Genoa there is a Count Skariatine, Secretary of the Russian Legation at Rome, and formerly Charge d'Affaires at Turin in 1848, who has come to Genoa on the plea of his wife's health, where he excites the hopes of the Republican party by speaking of his master being the natural friend of rising bationalities,' while he assures his ancient friends among the retrogrades in this country that 'the Emperor will never play the game of either Kossuth or Mazzini.'

" In Lombardy the same double-facedness is the distinguishing characteristic of Muscovite intrigue.-There Russian propagandism has been carried to the officers of the Sclavonic regiments, and the agents talk loudly of the old alliance of Austria and Russia, but sotto voce to those whom it suits of the contempt with which their Emperor regards Francis Joseph .-In Tuscany it is the same. There the Baroness Mayendorf (a relative of the late Russian Minister at Vienna), and Count Orsini, of Alexandria, are the recognized agents of Russia; and at Naples Count Kakkoschine, the Russian Minister, who has been long resident in Italy, spares no exertions for the diffusion of similar two-edged principles. Between these two great bodies of agitators-the exiled demagogues and the agents of Russia---the Italian people have naturally been much excited laterly."

A CASE FOR THE "KNOW-NOTHINGS."-The Times correspondent says that in "a few days the Sardinian frigate Degennés will sail from Genoa for America with 34 persons belonging to the Italian emigration, who have been arrested in consequence of their general bad reputation and not having any visible means of livelihood, and who are suspected of having been sent into Piedmont with the view of exciting disturbances. All of these persons had entered Piedmont since 1850, and many of them had already been turned out of the country once before."

A correspondent from Turin writes :-

"A letter from a personage in high station at Rome. announces important intelligence calculated to astonish the world, and which will be made known in a few days. People here are lost in conjectures about it. I have heard it rumored that a great number of the Greek schismatic bishops are about to return to the Latin Church. Of course, I only send you the report as it has been communicated to me. Much is also said of the new dogmatic definition. The reverend fathers of the Society of Jesus, amongst others Father Passaglia, have, I am assured, greatly distinguished themselves on this occasion. The latter has delivered a discourse which lasted nearly two hours, to remove the objections of some German bishops. The fathers are now on very good terms with the King of Naples. The journals have added many exaggerations to the recital of the so-called persecutions inflicted on this celebrated society; and in this respect they have given circulation to a number of documents, all of which are apocryphal." Various Turin papers have also for some days mentioned rumors affoat in that city, as to the measures which the Holy See may be disposed to take in defence of the Church's rights in Piedmont. The Armonia, which we have just received, speaks still more explicitly on the subject-" Among other cur-rent rumors," says this journal, "we must mention that of a monition from Rome, to precede an interdict. We know that as ecclesiastical censures are never directed except against the contumacious, they are always preceded by paternal warnings and charitable exhortations intended to bring back the wahdering, who, if they still persevere in their perverse course, must feel the weapons of the Church. We do not codsider this report as destitute of foundation, and we would call attention to the fact that when the law upon civil marriage was under discussion, a letter from the Pope addressed to our King was spoken of, a letter which had really been written, and which was afterwards published to the great benefit of Piedmont and of all Christendom."

the intelligence which reaches us, by way, of Germany, large bodies of Russian infantry hitherto constituting the army of Bessarabia, have been pushed

down from Odessa to the Crimea. Having strengthened the band of his general with these large reinforcements, it is said that the Czar has sketched a plan of operations which he commends the Prince to put into immediate execution. The plan is this : Menschikoff is again to attempt to force the British lines, whilst Admiral Nachimoff, with the newly re-armed line-of-battle ships, is at the same time to quit the port, sail to the northward, and bombard Eupatoria, in which he will be supported on the land side by the troops of Prince Gortschakoff, who has lately received considerable reinforcements, and whose orders are to make himself master of the place at any cost. When this movement has been successfully effected; the whole of the Russian forces will move to the south, concentrate themselves under Fort Constantine, and attack the Allies. To neutralize this bold and formidable plan, by forestalling it, is now the great problem to be solved.

By an order of the day, December 18, his Majesty the Emperor, desirous of manifesting his gratitude for the exemplary bravery, the zeal, and the signal services of all the land and sea troops forming the garrison of Sebastopol, since the 25th of Sept. last, has designed to order that each month of service in the "cadres" of the said garrison shall be counted as one year of service, with all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging. His Majesty the Emperor has designed to extend this favor similarly to all the officials in the civil service that forms part of the garrison.

THE CZAR'S LATEST MANIFESTO.-St. Peters burg, Jan. 3 .- His Imperial Majesty, penetrated with the duties imposed upon all Christians, declares, "We will reject no offers of conditions of peace compatible with the dignity of the Empire and the happiness of our subjects. On the other hand, a duty so holy commands us to be ready for all such sacrifices as the immense attack may require. If necessity forces us, we will face our enemies, declaring, that while we hold the steel in our hand, we bear the cross in our heart !"

THE CRIMEA.

Under date of St. Persburg, Jan. 2, we learn that despatch had been received there from Prince Menschikoff, announcing that nothing remarkable had taken place at Sebastopol between the 20th and 26th December, with the exception of two sorties on the | hanging in tatters about them, and covered with Rus-21st. In one of these sorties 11 officers and 33 soldiers were made prisoners, and a considerable number | there is no use in any deception. England is almost killed. In consequence of the bad weather, the siege operations were progressing slowly.

A despatch from Admiral Hamelin to the Minister of War, dated the Crimea, Dec. 22, says, that besides of War, dated the Crimea, Dec. 22, says, that besides the beginning, will never yield an inch of ground that 4,700 troops which had arrived between the 13th and they can hold with their guns. I believe that their 18th of that month, 2,170 had also arrived at Kamiesch on the 20th. Reinforcements had likewise reached Constantinople. Every night the Russians attempted sorties, but were always vigorously repulsed.

PRESENT STATE OF THE BRITISH FORCE.-The effective British force may now be about 18,000 men, exclusive of 1,200 who have by this time arrived in the Royal Albert, and 300 artillerymen sent out to supply the places of those killed or disabled in the trenches. But, though every addition is most acceptable, it must be boldly stated that the reinforcements are by no means in proportion to the demands of this great war; and, as may be seen from the comparison of numbers, really do little more than make up the deficiency caused by illness and fatigue. It is enough that the British army should be kept up to an effective strength of 20,000 men, though even that is not done. At least 35,000 are required to hold with anything like security the position we oc-

the inaction which followed Inkermann, the Allies were astonished to discover that they had thrown up countless batteries, all splendially finished and manned, we dare'say, by the fresh Artillerymen of the Baltic. The last news we have is of vast additional reinforcements, which must have reached the Crimea ere this. The whole Empire, from Moscow to Perekop, resounds with the tread of divisions marching from province to province towards the seat of war ; and on New Year's Day, Prince Menschikoff is supposed to have had 90,000 bayonets with 12,000 horse and 300 field pieces at his disposal. How the Allies can ever hope to hold the defensive against such a force, we cannot conceive; to try so fearful an operation as storming such a stronghold in the face of it, looks like the course of men driven desperate and doomed to perdition.

AUSTRALIA.

A Cambridge man writing to the Cambridge Indenendent from Melbourne says :-- "Twisden Hodger, who was M.P. for Rye two or three Parliaments, is keeping a public house here ; a nephew of Dr. Whewell, Master of Trinity College, was walking the streets last week, without a shoe to his foot, or a shilling in his pocket; and I can enumerate many instances of the kind. Gentlemen having left the University come to Melbourne to make a fortune, and in a few weeks are found on a heap of stones. studying stone-cracking."

FROM AN OFFICER OF THE ROYAL REGT.

"DEC. 3 .- My last letter left the camp at daylight this morning; it was then raining, it increased, then cleared up at 12; but the floodgates of heaven soon broke loose, and such rain as pours down is only known in the tropical monsoons. It streams down the hills in rivers; and then you see the evening guards, pickets, and working parties marching off to the trenches for the night, soaked to the skin before starting. How can these men live? The death reports will be sent to me `in the morning, and probably to-morrow p.m. many of them will be for ever out of sight in this world. It is of daily 'occurrence, -10 died last night, 20 the night before, and so on it goes. But this is only in my brigade—I don't see the returns of other corps. All the trifling detachments sent out here are but as a drop in the ocean; 30 of my last draught (they have been here but 12 days) are under ground, besides many old soldiers. I cannot see clearly how any of the great army can stand out the winter; the stoutest men are giving way. How can it be otherwise, living, or trying to live, almost naked, in mud, and worked to death in spongy rags sian vermin? They cannot help it; but so it is, and in perfect ignorance of the privations of her army, now before an enemy the most vigilant, active, and determined that she ever encountered. 'They are fighting by their own fireside, and, as I told you from casualties are enormous, and their privations in bivouac frightful, but they are slaves in ignorance, and kept up to their work by terror. Careless of life, they rush headlong into death, and if we lose one man for six of theirs their chiefs are satisfied. All this privation and death is looked upon by my men with gravity and quiet bearing. I never hear a murmur among them. I said to-day en passant to a few of my tails who were making great endeavors to roast their little ration of raw coffee on the top of a mess-tin in the rain, ' Hard times, my boys! cheer up; this dark' cloud will pass away.' God help us, Sir! we must hold on; the officers, sure, ar'nt much better off.' I never changed my humble opinion regarding this siege and operation from the first day, as I told you often, and I repeat it. We want 50,000 men landed to the north to come down and act against that side of this town of innumerable batteries. We want 100 guns, half of them mortars of the right size, to throw shot and shell into the city, to put it in a blaze; and we want 100 more doctors to heal the sick and wounded. Then, depending on Providence for better weather to get our hold with anything like security the position we oc- guns into position, we might go ahead; as it is, the cupy; and in justice to our devoted troops, they north side being free to the enemy, with their multitude of commanding batteries, if we made even a successful assault and got into the town, I don't think that we could keep it, while their murderous fire would pour in upon us from the opposite side of the harbor "Our shot and shell have been for a long time to imited that we cannot afford to keep down the works that are being built up daily before our guns, and the roads, almost knee-deep are impassable for wheels or the poor half-starved, famished horses that are lying down to die at night in the mud by scores. It is a great effort to get up supplies for the army from Balaklava with the few mules left. I do assure you that I sent my servants all that way to-day in the rain to get some forage and any bits of wood that they could pick up from the late wrecks to cook our rations, for the fuel now is limited here to what roots the men can grub up, since the bruswood has been all cut away. The sick cannot be conveyed to Balaklava; they are so very crowded in hospital tents. Such is war and a winter campaign in the Crimea! It is a very simple matter for people at home giving their opinion about such things after dinner, over their wine and walnuts; but they little know anything of the true reality of our unheard of difficulties before Sebastopol. We have now been 49 days in the trenches, and can scarcely keep our own. We are receiving and repelling constant attacks by night. The duty is so hard and harassing that the same men who come up from the trenches at daydawn in the morning, shivering and wet, have to return irequently to the same post in the evening. This often occurs. There are 150 men of one regiment in my brigade sick to-day in camp, besides the absent sick.

SWITZERLAND.

A private despatch from Berne; 27th says, that the British Charge, d'Affaires, addressed an official demand to the Federal Council for permission to enlist Swiss. The Council is said to have replied by a forabsolutely neutral in this war.

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RUSSIA.

ought not to be exposed to such terrible fatigues as they now undergo.

(From the Nation.) Again Europe is all on the alert for news from Sebastopol. The English and French journals confidently announce that the assault was to have been at-, tempted about Christmas Day. We have news to the 26th of December, however, and the city was still infact; and, sheltered amid countless batteries, mined, and barricaded on every side, was likely long to remain so. 🕠

The whole prosecution of the siege appears to have devolved upon the French. Of the English, hardly 17,000 emaciated men remained a month ago, to do the duties of 60,000. Reinforcements were swallowed up as fast as they arrived; and the medical officers of the expedition calculated that before March two-thirds of the force under their care would have died of want and disease alone-by which time Peto's navies will just have begun to lay down the Balaklava railroad, and no end of wooden huts and warm clothing will have arrived.

But, fatal as want and disease are to an army, there are yet worse plagues; and mutiny and panic rage in the English tents. Deserted by their generals, led by malingering and home-sick officers, itter despair seems to have seized upon the wreck of that fine host. The French are obliged to attend their sick, to carry their provisious, to make the very road they are carried upon. The unhappy Turks, dying in myriads, of plague and starvation, are not in a more pitiable plight.

In all this it is hard to see much prospect of a successful storming. The wonder is how they are able to hold their ground against the frequent sorties from Sebastopol, or to face the powerful army by which they are flanked.

Whether the French can accomplish so terrible a Swiss. The Council is said to have replied by a for-malirefusal; stating that Switzerland would remain en the shattered forces of Prince Menschikoff have certain that the Russians have not lost one moment

UNITED STATES.

The first act of the Massachusetts. Legislature has been to disband the companies of foreign origin in the Militia. Several of these have refused to obey the

disband or surrender their arms. " But that portion of the Governor's message in which been indefatigable.' If any faith can be placed in in making the most formidable preparations. During he advised the exclusion of persons "of foreign ex-

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traction?? from the militia of the State, has excited the worst feeling: Almost every uniformed Company in the State has one or more worthy members affected by the state has one of more worthy members anected by the remarks of the Governor. ... Col. J. Durrell Greene, of the 4th Regiment of Light Infantry, one of the first regiments of the State, has resigned his command.... Col. Boyd, a deservedly popular officer, has already resigned, and we hear of other resignations which may probably follow."

EXTENSIVE 'EMIGRATION' SCHEME .-- We have information, from a quarter whence the truth may be exnected to proceed, that it is in contemplation to estab-lish emigration societies on a very extended scale, in the large cities and towns in this commonwealth, among the foreign population, for the purpose of mutually aiding each other to emigrate to Canada or the great West, as the parties may themselves decide. ber of Roman Catholic residents at least one-half. within a brief space of time ; and the design, of course, will first move the most useful among that portion of our population. We have no direct information of any public steps having been taken to consumate the scheme; but the principles on which it is to be carried out are being discussed, and the project will probably be perfected .- Boston Traveller.

CRIMINALS FROM EUROPE.-The N. Y. Tribune says. It was recently announced in the colums of the Tribune, among other intelligence from Europe, that the Sardinian frigate Degennes was about to sail from Genoa for this port, bringing thirty-four political refugees, from whose presence the Piedmontese Govern-ment thought proper to be freed. We have since then received information from a private source which we know to be worthy of the highest confidence, to the effect that the thirty-four persons in question are not mere political offenders, but are convicted criminals of the most dangerous discription, taken from the pri-sons of that country. We are confident that this notice will receive from the Major of the City the attention it deserves, and we trust the Government at Washington will also interpose its authority to prevent the landing of any known foreign criminals upon our noil.

THE FAT LADY .- AN EXCITING SCENE.- Yesterday, a writ was placed in the hands of the sheriff to arrest the "Fat Woman," Miss Rosina Richardson, on complaint. of the Swiss warbler, for slander; a remark, said to have been carelessly made last summer, being considered of vast importance since the lady's engagement at the Columbia Museum. It was placed in the hands of Geo, K. Wise, Deputy. Mr. Wise went up to the Columbia Museum to execute his wit, and was there met by her counsel, De Witt C. Morris Esq, was there net by her course, be will C. morns Esq, who, in reply to what arrangement was to be made, replied, "Execute your writ." Mr. Wise took a sur-vey all around the "prodigy" of creation, and finally very gallantly told the lady his errand. She yery de-liberately replied, "Very well; I am ready to go; take me." Here was a fix. George acknowledged himself cornered ; said he would postpone the arrest till 21 o'clock. Even a Sheriff could not arrest and carry such a pile. At 21 o'clock, Sheriff Allen himself, with a posse of some twenty-five men, and a big furniture waggon, marched solemnly up to the place of conflict, and was there met with the same setenity and answered by the lady, "take me.". It must be known that Sheriff Allen would not himself brag of more than 150 pounds, and when met by this calm in-tonation, " take me," looked a good deal horrified. He surveyed the eight hundred pounds of female humanity from every point of observation; and finally, comming to the conclusion that he had not machinery and power enough to make the arrest, and remove the victim, postponed the arrest till to-day at 3 o'clock, when he is bound to bring force enough to carry her and her fat sister [of equal weight] along with her, if necessary. We anticipate an amusing scene at the Columbia Museum to-day .- Philadelphia N. Am. Thursday.

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Montreal, May 10, 1854.

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