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#### NOTICE.

We must apologise to our numerous contributors for not sooner noticing their contributions, and shall endeavour to meet their visibes next vecek, when the BULLEROW will be endared by eight additional columns. We had intended making the alteration this week, but were unavoidably prevented from so doing! It was not, affers, our intention to publish Correspondence in the form of let-ters, but circumstances have induced us to change our resolve, and we shall, in our enlarged form, be enabled to devote a fuir portion of our space to opinions, possibly foreign to our our.

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#### FEDERATION

The Quebec convention has closed its proceedings and the leading politicians of British North America have arrived at some conclusions on the last method of uniting its several provinces. During the interval which must elapse between the first surreptitious ooze of the proposed plan and the final discussion of the problems which it involves in the various provincial legislatures, it is incumbent upon the people of each state to come to some decision as to what they really do want and what they do not want. To slur the whole thing over, to say-" Personally I do not care what happens"-is to argue a collective political imbecility utterly unworthy of the 19th century and the Anglo-Saxon race. To say, " I suppose these Delegates must be right, they are the leading men of the day and know more about such things than you or I"-is to give up once and for ever the value of free opinion, and the growing power of a people's voice in Nova Scotia. We do not act thus when a fanciful railway scheme is airily proposed by a prominent politician, or when the tears of an illused mail contractor are poured out for the commiseration of the public. These sad facts press directly upon a small portion of our community, and warfare on such subjects waxes hot and strong. When, however, a question arises in which our whole population is interested, and its relations with the great community of our fellow men is in question, our lips are motionless and we let things take their course. This apathy must exist no longer. And the breathing time now afforded between the closing of the conference and the full publication of its results must not be wasted. The fact of the Lion and the Lamb lying together at Quebec-Dr. TUPPER and Mr. McCully sitting for several days at the same table-should not lull us into the suspicion that the true interests of the Province were of necessity fairly represented in the Conference by so disinterested a coalition. Eight dollars a day, and the reflection that a refusal to attend the meeting would be used both personally and politically against the offender, sufficiently accounts for the eager haste with which these two politicians seized seats at the council board-Each of these gentlemen will no less than heretofore regard his opponent as the physical embodiment of the powers of darkness in the spring, and it will be a cheerful sight to the dissaffected of both parties to observe the deportments of their leaders when they meet face to face in the Province Building. In the mean time we must think for ourselves, and derive in-

dividual pleasure or pain from a contemplation of this proposed union

proposed union.

The wise men, from all that we can learn, have decided that a federation of the British North American Colonies is practicable, and it behoves us to consider whether or not it will suit Nova Scotia to become one of such a conglomeration of separate states as the name Federation implies. Federation, we all know is not Union, it means merely a commercial contract, and if we cast our eyes southward it speaks to us of prospective disunion, anarchy, and bloody war. If ever a seasonable warning was given to a young and rising nation, one has been vouchsafed us by the fearful drama being at this moment worked out in the Federal States of America. It is hardly probable that the British Government, with such an example before them, will sanction any scheme of Union which fails to forbid once and forever, the whimsical secession of any irritated Province. The urgent demand however on strategic grounds for an intercolonial railway, the fictitious importance attaching itself to the delegates, and the prevalent apathy regarding colonial affairs in England, render such a contingency possible. Federation on the Stars and Stripes principle, which we fear may be our lot, is far more suggestive of Stripes than Stars. Federation on such principles means simply this-" We will all join together now, because an Intercolonial Railway must be built, and it is a disgrace to us all that it has not been built before. Free trade between our Provinces cannot fail to be beneficial, and our power of resistance in case of war will be increased by a Union of any kind. We make however this reservation,-if any feeling of jealousy arise in any one of the high contracting parties, he may at any moment stultify himself, the whole Union, and the Home Government, by withdrawing from his agreement." It is into such an Union that our Province will probably be hurled by its politicians-Provide never so wisely against the possible disruptions of a Federal Unionfailure is still imminent, and the very name should be offensive to thinking men. It can mean no permanent Union because it provides for dis-union. It can mean no permanent Union because the cry for a dissolution of partnership may at any moment of Provincial annoyance become a popular party cry, and finally it can mean no permanent union because a popular party cry in any one Province may shatter the whole fabric. We do not wish to be misunderstood. A commercial arrangement between the British North American Provinces may be desirable. The completion of the great Railway so long and so disgracefully postponed, may of itself justify such a compact; but if our people fancy by a participation in so mild a scheme suddenly to become the inhabitants of a great United Nation, mighty indeed is their mistake. There is some talk moreover about a Viceroy, perhaps a Royal Viceroy, being appointed to preside over these united colonies at Ottawa. The position of such a person would be painful in the extrenie. Never could he retire to rest without the painful reflection that he might arise the next morning shorn of one half of his provinces. Never could he sanction a measure for the

general welfare of the whole country without the sad feeling that if any small province chose to take offence at it, the responsibilty of any disruption which might ensue would be laid on his Viceregal shoulders. No one of any position would accept the office. This is only one of the incongruities of such a Federation as may possibly be pressed upon as by our wise men. If we are not anxious for permanent Union, let us say so, and accept with gratitude the little boon which we are told is within our reach. In this case however, we must not delude ourselves into the belief that we are going to become a great people. If, on the other hand, a real permanent Union is what we desire, let us say so, and examine carefully the conduct of our self-appointed representatives. Let us see whether a closer union by a little more pains-taking could have been obtained. Let us see whether they fairly represented the public feeling of the country, and if they have not done so, be prepared to resist their measures. Let us not be hurried into a Federal Union, when we wish for a Legislative one, merely because the leaders of our two political parties are in favor of the former, or too poor spirited to press for the latter. Let our whole people bestir themselves in this matter. questions involved be turned over and over, until every different opinion on their merits, has had a fair share of consideration. Let us forget for a few moments the little jealousies which have hitherto furnished us with political excitement, and give our attention to the most important question which the people of Nova Scotia have ever been called upon to decide.

### PUBLIC OPINION.

It would be very difficult to define what is meant, in a thinly populated colony, by the expression "public opinion." uropean countries public opinion makes itself heard, and in England it governs the country -absolutely and despotically The English government is, as has often been remarked, the most republican government in the world. The meaning which, in England, virtually attaches to the words " constitutional monarchy" is-government according to the common sense of the people. Let the English people really want a measure and they will have it. They wanted Corn Law Repeal, Catholic Emancipation, and Reform,-and they got them all. Upon all great questions of real importance, public opinion in England carries the day, and it is from a well understood knowledge of this fact, that in matters of secondary importance the English people are content to hold their tongues and trust to the wisdom of their rulers.

What is public opinion worth in this Province? How is it expressed-does it ever make itself heard-do the people care to form any opinion upon great political questions, or if so caring, do they take the trouble to give their opinions publicity? Really, these are questions very difficult to answer. We are now on the eve of a measure, more important to the people of this Province, than was Parliamentary Reform to the people of Great Britain, and yet, up to the present time, the bulk of our people have not even expressed an opinion upon any one of the many questions connected with Intercolonial Union. We confess ourselves surprised at this extraordinary apathy regarding a question, the issues of which are so important. It may be urged that the question will, in due course of time, come before the representatives of the people. Very true. But are we on this account to sit idly down and remain mute on the matter. Constituted as the Assembly now is, the Opposition is feeble in the extreme. That the body of the people, as represented in the Lower House, are with the Government, is a self-evident fact; but the questions whereon the Conservatives gained popularity are very far removed from the questions involved in the contem-plated Union of the Provinces. It is one thing to elect a member with reference to a small local question, but it is another thing to trust him as the exponent of views which have never been discussed throughout the Province. The fact of a man holding popular views upon a question relating to a railroad, or

to the elective franchise, does not necessarily invest him with popular views upon a new and more comprehensive question. The questions debated at the late Conference were not mere party questions, about which the people have heard all that can be urged on either side;-were such the case, our apathy might be accounted for in divers ways. When we elect a representative pledged to vote for railway extension, we are not willing to quarrel with him because his views are opposed to ours upon a sewerage bill. But, on the other hand, although pledged to railway extension, we may be very much disposed to quarrel with him, should his views clash with ours upon a newly proposed Federation scheme. And the reason for this is not that we deem railway extension in itself unimportant, but that we deem a Federation scheme far more important. We love not Casar less, but we love Rome more. Let us for a moment glance at some of the issues which the Union question opens Shall the Union be Federal, or Legislative; shall we, or shall we not, in case of Federation, nominate our own Lieutenant-Governor; shall we reconstruct our Legislative Council; what men shall we elect to represent us in the United Assembly; these, and many other questions, are, each and all, far more important than the questions whereon our present Representatives have been elected. A man, ambitious of winning fame in the United Assembly, might think proper to ignore altogether the local interests which he had been elected to look especially after. What would his constituents say in such a case? might, and probably would, charge him with having betrayed his charge. But his answer would be simple. He would probably say-" Gentlemen-You did me the honor to choose me as your Representative, at a time when your especial interests were dearer to me than aught else. But times have changed, and I feel assured that in acting as I have recently done, I have in reality advanced your interests more-far more-than had I voted in accordance with the principles enunciated when last I addressed you from the hustings. Gentlemen, you must not forget that you are now citizens of a vast comme are no longer merely Nova Scotians-you are BRITISH AMERI-CANS-and in endeavouring to promote what-in my poor judgment-seems the welfare of BRITISH AMERICA, I can honestly declare that I acted with the most perfect good faith. You may not at present, Gentlemen, clearly comprehend the motives which led me to vote as I have voted, and to speak as I have spoken-but posterity will judge me aright, and to posterity I shall confidently appeal. You tell me, Gentlemen, that I have acted contrary to your wishes,-but remember that, up to the present moment, I have been ignorant of your views upon this-the first great measure discussed in the United Assembly-You never took the trouble to make your sentiments known. Gentlemen, you look abashed. You knew, many months ago, through the medium of the Press, that certain questions of the gravest importance-questions vitally affecting your well being, and the happiness of your lives from day to day-were being settled for you, and you were content to let matters take their course. You have sown the wind, you are reaping the whirlwind. You thought proper to shut your eyes, and—to use an expression familiar to most of you—you bought a pig in a poke! I ask you, Gentlemen, am I to blame in the matter! Your own silence has been the cause of your present disquietude-a disquietude, gentlemen which will, I feel assured, prove but temporary.'

This may prove no exaggeration. We are in complete ignorance of the opinions entertained about the issue of Union. The Press has spoken, but the people have not. What we want, is, not only the opinions of the Press, or of the delegates, or of politicians, but of such of the people as have a stake at issue other than that of party interest, or personal ambition. We have already stated that the Union question, great in itself, involves other questions, each and all as important to us as was Reform to the people of Great Britain. Let us pause awhile, and consider how public opinion makes itself known in England. A great question is, during the recess, mooted by a Cabinet Minister, and commented upon by the leading Government organs. Next day, the Times puts forth one of those cautiously worded articles, familiarly termed "feelers." Then, from all parts of England, Ireland, and Scotland, come letters addressed to the Times. A wealthy Hampshire farmer, sends to the Times his opinions on the matter, in its relation to the laborors upon his

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Travelling is expensive and what's the use of being a public officer if you can't use the public purse? Still the public may object, and there is a troublesome opposition party in our parliament which will rouse the country against such a proceeding. But our Provincial Secretary has the wit to get over such a trifle as that! He knows the gauge of our opposition patriots too well and laughs at such a difficulty. What does it matter that the leader of the opposition is in his opinion, not a man of honor? What does it matter that this same leader of the opposition has retorted in the same style? The honorable gentleman would like to travel and so would a few of his associates. The opposition would like it too and it will be particularly pleasant to travel at the public expense and in a public capacity. The latter point is a great matter. Dignity is combined with economy. And so the thing is done. Two men who detest each other so that they cannot speak of each other without descending to vituperation, agree in this, that they can travel together at the public expense--While absent their presses can go on as usual issuing tri-weekly denunciations the one against the other. But that's not worth speaking about. Thanks to the low tone of the Nova Scotian press, the newspapers are never seen out of the British Provinces-reading tooms fighting shy of them-and therefore people's attention will not be drawn to this particular feature of the case. The delegates intend to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Half measures are stupid. And so they take their wives and families with them. It is not good for man to be alone.

This matter of the Union of the Colonies is a very great matter and the men who went to represent us upon such a great matter should have been people in whose judgment we had some confidence. Is there a man living in the Province of Nova Scotia who will tell us that the people who represented themselves as our delegates were men of the slightest weight whatever? Take away from them their chance position as politicians and who would go a step to listen to them ? We do not intend to blink this matter. We don't care a straw about the politics. We admit that Mr. How E though a keen politician was a man of weight outside of the politics. Mr. Young the present CHIEF JUSTICE also carried weight with him. Mr. JOHNSTON in the house or out of it, among friends or enemies, still had a status. When these men spoke, men listened whether they liked what they said or not. They had a right to speak. So with some of the bygone generation. There were men who you felt had power in their tongues and weight in their opinions Now we ask of the community openly and clearly—have the men representing us in Canada and P. E. Island the least weight whatever? If they left politics tomorrow would anyone feel that there was a blank. Mr. Howe is missed—so is Mr. Young so is Mr. Johnston. The Legislature is dwarfed. And how can it be otherwise! When the two leaders of the opposing parties take to belaboring one another in the market place, are

we to be blamed if we protest against their joining arm in arm treacherously to deal at their own pleasure with our rights On Friday morning, last week, the Chronide makes an attack upon the government policy as to railroads, sneering at the SOLICITOR GENERAL because forsooth he won't come out in the press and answer a charge which the Chronicle has chosen to make against him !-- it is a pity he has something else to doand otherwise insulting the Provincial Secretary, and his codelegates on the government side. Now then, if the Chronicle and those whom it represents, still persist in speaking of the government delegates as unworthy of credit-and if the opinion of the government delegates towards their fellow delegates is of the same nature, we ask again, how dare they come to us, ask us to pay for their trips, and to sanction any measures which they, with enmity towards each other in their hearts, pretend to have devised together for our benefit.

And then the secrecy is delicious. What an importance it gives a man to have a great secret which every body knows that he has. How the great little man lets out a little now and then just to shew that he has more. Of course (he says) I cannot violate official confidence but-you know-and he looks like Lord Thurlow, of whom Fox asked, whether any body really ever was as wise as Thurlow looked-And then he sends on to his own particular paper here a string of telegrams stating that "it is rumored"-that so and so has been arranged. if those telegrams are true (and who doubts their source) there is either a falsehood or an absurdity. If it is right that the people should know what is going on, they should know it. If it is not right for them to know it, the member of conclave who betrays its secrets should be ejected. But what else can we expect t People who have no public spirit to vindicate their own rights must expect to see them trampled on. So soon as this matter was talked of why did not the merchants of Halifax insist upon having a voice in the matter? Are the mercantile interests of such a maritime community as this so unimportant, or so easily understood by outsiders that it was not worth while for it to send a representative, if only to hear and to suggest? Tell us, oh people of Nova Scotia-drop politics for five minutes-shake them off as if they never existed-then imagine yourselves looking about for two gentlemen to represent you abroad. Is there a man woman or child among you that would have picked out for this purpose the Provincial Secretary and the leader of the opposition

One of the questions to be decided by the Conference at Quebec, or by somebody, is the method of appointing the Legislative Whatever is done, we hope that we shall start freshat least in Nova Scotia. For everybody knows how our Council has been appointed here. There are some highly honourable gentlemen in that body, to whom whatever one's political feelings might be, no one could object on the score of social unfitness. Those gentlemen would probably be re-appointed. But we should like to have a word to say about one or two of them. We have strong doubts whether we should be inclined to reinstate in that position the gentleman who threw the whole political world of ours into confusion by demanding that the Council should be paid. In former times, those bad old times, Councillor's were honorables and were willing to serve for the honor. But now forsooth Councillors must be paid. A seat in the Council is now a life investment of about seventeen hundred pounds at six per cent. Why did the gentleman make that demand ? Because the honor was gone and there was now nothing but the trouble. The moment that that base demand was agreed to by the "Lower House" that "Lower House" should have repudiated the title, and abolished the "upper" and the "honorable" together. Why now should the House of Assembly be summoned to meet His Excellency in the Council Chamber ! The presumed reason is that the Council is composed of a superior class of persons-therefore par excellence called Honorable. But shadowy as that idea has been for many and many a year, it was not till the Council stickled for wages that the shadow itself departed. Witless as a body of men may be, still if they are willing to work for nothing, it might seem hard to complain. But by what right now does a Councillor claim the title of "Honorable." He begs, he implores, he threatens, till he has worked his way in. He is then paid a pound a day for about a hundred days enjoyment and he claims to be called

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"The Honorable." Will any one tell us by what right? The members of the City Council do twice as much work and get no pay. Why not give them the title and take it from the poid Honorables?

#### HALIFAX CHURCHES.

The sudden transformation of St. Luke's, from a very ordinary church into a very humble Cathedral, must be regarded as an epoch in the ecclesiastical history of the Province. We have not hitherto troubled our heads much about church architecture. Although a church going community, we have not yet evinced any very marked anxiety regarding the appearance of our churches, internally or externally. If we except the interior of St. Mary's-which, although not quite perfect, is yet well designed and executed,-our chapels are far from being models of good taste. They are commodious and tolerably comfortablebut nothing more. We possess no Anglican chapel which redounds to our credit as a people, and yet the see of Nova Scotia is, we believe, one of the oldest in B. N. America. It is by no means easy to account for our apathy in this matter. Were it not that the people of this Province stand alone in their seeming distaste for even moderately handsome churches, we should be inclined to trace the cause to the Puritanism of those whose energy first pushed the new world ahead. But, there is no reason to suppose that Puritanism affected us more than it affected the inhabitants of the other maritime provincesthen should we in the matter of churches be behind New Brunswick and Newfoundland?—St. John's, possesses a cathedral of average merit, and the Fredericton cathedral is one of he "lions" of the adjoining province :- but we have no cathedral to be very proud of. Our public buildings are, as a rule, more imposing than those of the neighbouring capitals. The Province Building is highly creditable to us; the city hospital (although from some cause or another rarely used), is a building admirable of its kind; Granville street is imposing; the club house is showy; the new jail seems likely to do us much credit; the Court House is passable; he Lunatic Asylum is commodious and well arranged; the desig.. for the new Post Office reflects honor on its designer; but when we come to point out St Luke's as the Anglican cathedral, of one of the oldest sees of B. N. America,-we feel somewhat ashamed.

The Anglican Church, having originated, as all the world knows, in a compromise; it would seem that (unconsciously on the part of designers) the Anglican chapels of Halifax are in some measure typical of Anglican doctrines. The Church of Rome, although often rudely assailed, is yet strong and mighty. Presbyterian Church is still tough and vigorous, albeit it too has in times past come in for a fair share persecution. But the Anglican Church has had, on the whole, an easy time, her chief annoyances having originated with the children within her fold. Well-St. Mary's Cathedral is built of stone,-so is the Presbyterian chapel of St. Mathew,-but all our Anglican chapels are built of wood! This is really remarkable. The two handsomest chapels of Halifax,-St. Mary's, and St. Mathew's-are dedicated to opposite extremes; the meaner looking chapels are dedicated to the service of the cnurch of England. This seems strange, when we come to consider the number, and wealth of the Anglicans living in our midst. It is likewise worthy of remark, that neither the Roman Catholic cathedral of St. Mary, nor the Protestant cathedral of St. Luke, nor the densely crowded church of St. Paul, are built in accordance with the principle which has ever found favor throughout Christendom in general. The altar of St. Mary's is due north,-the communion tables of St. Paul's, and St. Luke's, are due South. This is a trifling matter, but we cannot at the present moment recall a single Anglican, or Roman Catholic chapel in England built other than east and west. In Halifax, the chapels built on the, so-tospeak-orthodox-plan, viz., that which places the Altar, or Communion Table, at the eastern extremity of the chapel,-represent the two extremes and the Anglican mean St. Patrick's, Salem and St. Mathew's, have been erected in accordance with the recognized laws, as prescribed by usage immemorial. All our ther chapels have been erected after a fashion contrary to precedent. But there is, in connexion with our Anglo-Catholic

chapels another point which seems strange; and that is the comparative apathy of Nova Scotians, when contrasted with the zeal of Eastern Colonists. We might naturally suppose, that permanent settlers would do as much or more in this matter than Englishmen who have expatriated themselves merely for a while. We should have thought that permanent dwellers in a Province such as this-a Province second to none in the loyalty of its people-would take more pains to cherish the traditions of the mother country, than would mere wayfarers in Eastern climes. But such would not seem to be the case. The European capital of Ceylon possesses one of the most charming little cathedrals possible. In Mauritius, Singapore, and Penang, -at the Cape of Good Hope, -and even at Hong Kong, -w. find churches which, in point of architecture and decoration would shame the Anglican churches of this city. We cannot account for our apathy in this matter. If there be one point more than another, whereon an Englishman may boast of his country, it is assuredly of her churches and cathedrals. She has, it is true, no one chapel which can compare with the grand master piece of the eternal city; but she is-from Melrose to Winchester-from Westminster to Tintern Abbeyricher in church at chitecture than any country in the universe. We honestly believe that there is not an ugly old village church in all England,—albeit some of her more modern and preten-tions chapels are unsightly enough. It is not therefore strange that Englishmen should, as a rule, have an intense veneration for and appreciation of ecclesiastical architecture; for men educate themselves almost insensibly in a fondness for what the world says they do well. England is the land, par excellence, of noble churches and cathedrals, and in almost every part of the world where Englishmen congregate, we find them anxious to perpetuate in this respect the most pleasing memories of the parent land. We have been led to pen these remarks, because in the recent enlargement of St. Luke's we notice a sten in advance-a small one, but in the right direction. It would be neither safe, nor wise, to try and do all that may be expected of us; but it is both wise and safe to try and do all we can. The rector-we beg his pardon-the dean of St. Luke's, has taken the initiatory step, and his parishioners have responded to the call. If the Anglican community of Halifax, would but join hand in hand, and follow the example of the small parish in question, in doing all they can, there is no saying what they might accomplish in the course of a very few years. They might at least, raise a stone cathedral not at all inferior to those of which the adjoining Provinces are so justly proud.

#### PERSONALITY.

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We should have supposed that, among people fairly educated, and accustomed to the best society within their reach, there could exist no two opinions about personality as connected with journalism. Yet, unless we greatly err, the subject is not viewed in Halifax precisely as it is viewed in England. We are a small community, and scarce any allusion can be made to a public man without irritating some one or other of such an one's friends. This is one of the misfortunes to be combated by a journalist living in a small community. The public is too apt to forget that the names of existing public men may, in the course of half a century, become names around which will cling a certain amount of historical interest. As we value men of the present time, so will future historians seek to form a just estimate of their public worth as bearing upon our country's honor, or dishonor. The first interest of a country should be the honor of its public men, and it is the duty of a journalist to use his utmost endeavours to keep the tone of public men up to an honorable mark. When a man has been invested with a certain amount of power, upon the use, or abuse of which, depends in a great measure our reputation as a people, it is absolutely imperative that his every action in his public capacity should be jealously watched and impartially criticised. Should he publicly commit himself, he also commits those who have vested power in his hands. were mere folly to expect that the name of a public man should not be constantly before those who have made his name public; -it were absurd to suppose that any public allusion to a public

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#### Extracts.

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#### UNION

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Firmly believing that the project will be immensely beneficial to the colonies, we are convinced that it will be equally acceptable to the Home Government. As the matter already stands, England is committed to the protection of every acre of her soil, he it on the Indus, the Marray, the St. Lawrence, or the Thames. Doubtless the responsibility is great, doubtless the work is arduous; but the duty exists. The best way, indeed, to lighten it is to call upon our colonies themselves to take measure for their own defence, assuring them that whenever the olds are too heavily against them, whenever the danger becomes serious, we pledge the British empire to their aid. Let anyone look at the statistics of the dependencies fifty—ay, or a dozen—years ago; let him even east a glance upon the map, and see how cities have arisen in wildeness and bush; let him then calmly attempt to calculate the inevitable ratio of this progress; and he will see that throughout the world the grand, patient, indominable, hav-respecting English race is rapidly becaming dominant. By splenetic jealousies, by foolish grudges, by false instances upon worn-out systems, it would indeed be possible to compromise even this splendid future; but by a wise and temperate statesmanship every New England can be bound by ties of mutual affection and boyal good service to the old land. Happily theday has gone by when the Home Government irated affection and almost destroyed esteen, by perty meddling with the internal affairs of countries a thousand miles away. We have learnt a better and a wiser system. We can allow Australia, Canada, any of our great dependencies, to manage their local concerns for themselves, whilst shielding them with the broad egis of English power whenever they are threatened by a foreigner. Thus let it be with the new Confederation. There are a host of subjects upon which it would be premature to speculate; that of representation, the adjustment of faxation, the seat of government, and the relations, of the new power whenever t

own troubles, gallantly conforting its own immediate foes, can still whenever in need, reckon upon the fraternal aid of every other part. Thus, throughout the world, shall the old cause of freedom-freedom of thought, of action, of specch, of trade-have as its busy missionary in time of peace, as its strong champion in time of war, a people, scattered indeed over many continents and a thousand isles, but bound together by the noble ties of mutual love, of fidelity to institutions which itself approves, and of loyalty to a throne whose prerogative is derived from its own free consent. Daily Telegraph

REGALIA.

(Speculator.)

Englishmen of this generation often puzzle over the fancy their fore-fathers had for "pageants," "masques," processions, and all manner of highly-coloured shows. To sit out a show lasting often for hours, the only interest of which consisted in tableaur of personified virtues and vices, great personages who said nothing, and elaborate machinery which effected hothing, seems to men now a dreary trial of patience. Yet the men of the present day seem interested in something a great deal nearer still,—written descriptions of gorgeons sights such as the marvellous series of letters now publishing in all the papers describing the visit of the Prince of Wales to Copenhagen and Stockholm. Day after day the journals publish whole columns, sometimes whole pages, full of accounts of Royal movements, ceremonies, balls, palaces, hints by torchlight, all the contriva sees by which, as Caroline Matilda of Deumark said, one "manages ail that can be hoped for in a Court—ot diversity "Pennui," Most educated human beings, we imagine, would as soon read descriptions of fireworks, or listen to those portentions accounts of processions dozens of pages long with which old Rollins wells out his history of the early empires. Yet there is not a doubt that these letters are read, inexpressibly tedions as they seem, that many thousands of people care to hear about the hangings of this saioon, and the ornaments of that hall, like Princesses' dresses and the King of Sweden's moustaches, the yel-ow uniform of runners and the feathers "four feet high" which footmen in Stockholm wear whenever a Royal lady honours a table by earling her dinner off it. A smaller number, we dare say, do not recoil even from the sickening accounts of the Royal baby, and its eyes, and its section and the sickness and the dark of the single that the letters are saying the dinner of it. A smaller number, we dare say, do not recoil even from the sickening accounts of the Royal baby, and its eyes, and its seem, and the sidentification of the re

educated people turn almost with disgust, newsless as the times are, are really, in their way, very successful.

But has not loyalty anything to do withit? Very little, we suspect, except upon a single point. It is pleasant to Englishmen to see that the Daues, after their cruel desertion, can still welcome the heir of the British throne, who was, individually, their friend, with hearty cordiality, and as pleasant to watch the welcome accorded to him in the free Northsen Courts. But the facts which create that impression could have been enveyed in twenty lines; and it is not for this that thousands buy letters telling them that a footman running with a torch before a carriage is a very "impressive" sight.

#### LAWYER KELLY.

LAWYER KELLY.

It was in the beginning of December 184,—' said Fred Carew,' we were just sitting down to dinner after a capital day's cock-shooting—besides myself there were, Lord Clontarf, Mohun, and Kate my wife—when we were disturbed by a perfect hail of knocks at the halldoor. Old Dan Tucker, or the Spectre Horseman, never clamoured more loudly for admittance. Fritz, Mohun's old Austrian servant, went down to see what was up; and. on opening the door, was instantly borne by the tumultuous rush of Michel Kelly, gentleman, agent to half-a-dosen estates, and attorney-at-law. In the two last capacities he had given, it seems, great umbrage to the ineighbouring peasantry, and they had caught him that night as he returned home, intending to put him to death with that ingenuity of serures for which the fine warm-hearted fellows are justly celebrated.

They did not wish to hurry over the entertainment, so confined him to an upper chamber, while they called their friends and neighbours to rejoice with them, carousing meantime jorially below. The victim contrived to let himself down from the window, and ran for

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his life to the nearest house, which, unluckily, happened to be the Lodge. Two boys, however, saw and recognised him as he entered the demesne, and raised a whoop, to show that they knew where the

the demesne, and raised a whoop, to show that they know where the fox had gone to ground.

This we made out from a string of incoherent interjection; and then he lay, paning and coa..orting himself in an agony of fear.

Mohan sat on the hall-table, swinging his foot and regarding the spectacle with the intolent curiosity that one might exhibit towards the gambols of some nelly new importation of the Zoological Society. When the story was told, he pointed coolly to the door.

The shriek that the miserable creature set up, on seeing that gesture, I shall never forzet.

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'Do you think I shall turn my house into a refuge for destitute attorneys?' Ralph said, answering my look of inquire. 'If there were no other reason, I would not risk it, with your wife under my roof. A night-attack in the West is no child's play?' Kate had come out, and was leaning over the gallery: she heard the last words, and spoke, flushing searlet with anger. 'If I thought that my presence prevented an act of common humanity, I would leave your house this instant, Colonel Mohnn.'

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\* Don't be indignant, Mrs. Carew. If you have a fancy for such an excitement, I shall be too happy to indulge you. It is settled, then ? We back the actorney. Don't lie there sir, looking so like a whipped hound. You hear ! You are safe for the present.' He had hardly finished, when there came a rustling of feet outside, then hurried whis-

finished, when there came a rusting of tect outside, then nurried winspers, then a knock, and a summons.

'We'd like to spake wid the Curnel, av pe plase.'
I am here; what do you want!' Mohun growled.

'We want the 'torney. We know he's widin.'
'Then I'm afraid you'll be disappointed. It's not my fancy to give him up. I would'nt turn out a badger to you; jet alone a man.'
You see, he took the high moral ground, now.
'Then we'll have him out, in spite of yez,' two or three voices cried out together.

out together.
'Try it!' Ralph said. Meantime I am going to done; good night.'

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ere up.

"By the powers, yer homour, I haven't the value of an ounce of pondther in the house. I meant to get some the morrow mornin," afore ye
were up.'

Mohun shrugged his shoulders, whistling softly.

'Man proposes,' he said. 'It's almost a pity we found so many
cocks in the Lower Copse this afternoon. I have fifteen charges or so
n my pistol case. We must make that do, loading the rides light.'
Then he went to a window, whence he could see down the road; the
moon was shining brightly.

'I thought so; they have got scouts posted already. The barbarians
know something of skirmishing, after all. Maddox, come here.' (The
moon was a strong English boy, very much afraid of his master, but
of nothing else on earth.) 'Saddle Sunbeam, and go out by the back
gates, keeping well under the shadow of the trees. When you clear
them, ride straight at the rails at the end of the paddock. You'll get
over with a scramble, I think—keep fast hold of his head—you mustol'
fall. Then make the best of your way to A——and rell Colonel
Harding, with my compliments, that I shall be glad if he will send
over a troop as quickly as possible. They ought to be here in two hours.
And mind, don't spare the horse going, but bring him back easy. You
will be of no use here, and I won't have him lamed if I can help it.
You'll have to risk a bullet or two as you get into the road; but they
can't shoot. It's odds against their hitting you. Now, go.'

The groon pulled his forclock as if the most ordinary commission had
been given him, and vanished.

'Connell,' Ralph went on, 'go and saw the ladders that are in the
yard half-through. They will hardly try the barred windows; but it
looks more workmentike to take all preautions. Then come hack, and
help Fitz to pile chairs and furniture all up the staircase, and about the
hall near it. Line the galley ith mattrasses, two deep, leaving spaces to
five through. Light all the lamps, and get more candelses to ix about;
we shall not see very clearly after the-smoke of the first dozen shots. When
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down. Kate had gone to her room. If her courage was failing, she did not wish to show it.

Suddeuly our host got up, and went to the window. His practised ar had caught the tread of the horse which Maddox was taking out as quietly as possible. We watched him stealing along under the trees, till their shelter failedhim. Then he put Sunbean to speed, and rode boldly at therails. A yell went up from the road, and we saw dark figuers rum'ng; then came a shot, just as the horse was rising at the fence. He he, it hard, and the splinters flew up, while in the moonlight; but he was over. We held our breath, while several flashes told of drooping shots, after the fugative. The did not stop him, though; and to our grest relief, we heard the wild rush of frightened horses subside into a long stretching gallop, and the wind brought back a cheery hollo—'Forr' ard, forr' ard away!'

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'So far, so good,' said Ralph Mohun, as he satdown again, and went in steadily at a woodcock. 'Don't hurry yourselves, gentlemen. We have three-quarters of an hour yet; they will take that time to muster! Contart, some hock?

The boy to whom he spoke held out his glass with a pleasant smile, he coming peril had not altered a tint on his fresh, beardless checks rosy and clear as a page's in one of Boucher's pictures. A good contrast he made with the miserable attorney, who had follo-d us uninvited (it seemed he only felt safe in our presence), and who as crouching in a corner, his lank hair plast-red round his livid convended face with the sweat of mortal fear. It struck Molum, I think. He laid his hand on Clontart's shoulders, d spoke with a kindleness of voice and manner most unusual to him—Well until the second means the same properties.

'We'll quell the savage mountaineer, As their Tinchell cows the game; They come, as fleet as forest deer; We'll drive them back, as tame.'

ven at that anxious moment, I could not help laughing at the idea of

Even at that anxiously direct them back, as tamely laughing at the idea of Ralph quoting poerty—of that grim Saul among the prophets.

I went in to keep up Kate's spirits. She bore up gallaurly, poor child, and I left her tolerably calm. She believed in me, as 'a plunger, to an enormous extent, and in Mohan still more. When I returned, my companions were in the gallery. This ran around two sides of the hall, which went up to the roof. The only access to the upper part of the house washy a stone staircase of a single flight. The kitchen and offices were on the ground floor, otherwise it was uninhabited.

Ralph had his pistols by him, and his cavalry sword, long and heavy but admirably poised, lay within his reach.

'I have settled it, he said. 'You and Connell are to take the guns. Smooth bores are quickest loaded, and will do for this short distance. Clontarf, who is not quite so sure with the trigger, is to have the post of honour and guard the staircase with his sabre. Throw mother bucket of water over it, Connell—sis it theroughly drenched! And draw the windows up' (these did not reach to within ten feet of the floor)' we shall be stilled else. But there will be a thorough-draught when the door's down, that's one comfort. One word with you, Carew.' He drew me aside, and spoke almost in a whisper while his face was grave and stern.

'You will do me this justice, whatever happens. Unless it had been forced upon me, I would not have risked a hair of your wife's head to save all the attorneys that are patronized by the Father of lies. But, mark me, if it comes to the worst, keep back a bullet for her. Dou't was a sum of them will be in this gallery till I am past praying for. Nevertheless, I hope and believe all will be right. Don't trouble yourself to reload, Fritz will do that for you. I have given him his orders, Aim very coolly, too; we must not waste a bullet. You can choose your own men, to your posts.'

There was the tramp of many feet, and the surging of a crowd about.

A shrill howl pealed out from the assailants, and then the stout oak door cracked and quivered under the strokes of a heavy battering-beam; in a handred seconds the hinges yielded, and it came clattering in ; over it leaped three wild figures, bearing torches and pikes; but their chief, Delaney, was not one of them.

'The left-hand man is yours, Carew: Connell, take the middle one, said Ralph, as if we had sprung a pack of grouse. While he spoke his pistol cracked, and the right-hand intruder dropped across the threshold without a cry or a stagger, shot right through the brain. The keeper and I were nearly as fortunate. Then there was a pause; then a rush from without, an irregular discharge of musketary, and the clear part of the hall was crowded with enemies.

I can't tell exactly what ensued. I know they retreated several times, for the barricade was impassible; and while their shots fell harmlessly on the mattresses, every one of ours told—nothing makes a man shoot straight hi e being short of powder—but they came on again, each time with added ferocity.

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I heard Mohun mutter more than once, in a dissatisfied tone,' why does not that secondered show himselt!—I can't make out Delaney.' All at once I heard a stifled cry on my right, and, to my horror, I saw Clontarf dragged over the balustrade in the gripe of a giant, whom I guessed at once to be the man we had looked for so long. Under cover of the smoke he had swang himself up by the blustrade of the staircases, and grasping the poor boy's collar as he looked out incantiously from his shelter, dropped back into the hall, carrying his victim with him.

(To be Continued.)

#### FORGOTTEN.

In this dim shadow where She found the quiet which all tired hearts crave, Now, without grief or care, The wild bees murmer, and the blossoms wave, And the forgetful air Blows heedlessly across her grassy grave.

Yet, when she lived on earth,
Shoved this leafy dell, and knew by name
All things of sylvian birth;
Squirrel and bird chirped welcome, when she came:
Yet now, in careless mirth,
They frisk, and build, and warble all the same.

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From the great city near.
Wherein she toiled through life's incessant quest,
For wearty year on year,
Come the far voices of its deep unrest,
To touch her dead, deaf ear.
And surge unechoed o'er her pulseless breast.

The hearts which clung to her, Have sought out other shrines, as all hearts must, When Time, the comforter. Has worn their grief out, and replaced their trust: Not even neglect can stir This little handful of forgotten dust.

Grass wave and insects hum, And then the snow blows bitterly across; Strange footsteps go and come, Breaking the dew-drops on the starry moss: She lieth still and dumb,

And counts no longer any gain or loss.

Ah, well—'tis better so; Let the dust deepen as the years increase; Of her who sleeps below Let the name perish and the memory cease, Since she has come to know

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