
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 disraption which might ensue would be laid on his Viceregal shoulders. No one of any position would accopt the office. This is only one of the incongraities of such a Federation as may possibly be pressed upon tis 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 pmins-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. Let the 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." In most European 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 aud trust to the wisdom of their rulers.
What is public opinion worth in this Province? How is it ex-pressed-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 balk 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. Butare 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 guestions whereon the Conservatives gained popularity are very far removed from the questions involved in the contemplated Uniun 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, abont 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, althongh 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 wedeem railway extension in itself unimportant, but that we deem a Federation scheme far more important. We love not Ciesar less, but we love Rome more. Let us for a moment glance at some of the isstres which the Union question opens up. Shall the Union be Federal, or Legislative ; shall we, or shall we not, in case of Federation, nominate our own Lieuten-ant-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? They 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 commonwealth-you are no longer merely Nova Scotians-you are British Amert-cass-and in endeavouring to promote what-in my poor judg. ment-seems the welfare of Britisu 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 aripht, and to posterity 1 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 im-portance-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 theircourse. You have sown the wind, you are reaping the whirlwind. You thought proper to shat 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 canse of your present disquietule-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 opinious 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 Scotiand, come letters addressed to the Times. A wealthy Hampshire farmer, sends to the Times his opinions on the matter, in its relation to the laborore upon his
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## the delegation

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 gange 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 dues 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 scen out of the British Provinces-reading rooms 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 confideace. 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. Howe 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. Johsstox 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. $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ 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 Gexeral bucause forsooth he won't come out in the press and answer a charge which the Chronide has chosen to make agains 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 Chrosicle 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. Now 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 spinit 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 Council. 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 havestrong 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 vas 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 theHouse 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 nothiug, 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
"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 paid 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. It 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 provinces-why then 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 sdmirable 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.. tor 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. The Presbyterian Church is still tough and vigorous, slbeit it too has in times past come in for a fair share of 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 8t. 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-to-speak-orthodox-plan, viz, that which places the Altar, or Communion Table, at the eastern extremity of the chapel,-represent the two extremes andthe Anglican mean St. Patrick's, Salem and St. Mathew's, have been erected in accordance with the recognized laws, as preseribed 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,-we 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 cathedials. 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 pretentiofts chapels are unsightly enough. It is not therefore strange that Englishnen should, as a rule, have an intense veneration for and appreciation of ecelesiastical 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 step 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 aud 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 eathedral not at all inferior to those of which the adjoining Provinces are so justly proud.

## PERSONALITY

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 eling 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, aud 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. It 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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## UNION.

 Firmly believing that the projeet will be immensely beneficial to thecolonies, we are convinced that it will be equally aceeptable to the Home Government. As the matter already stands, England is commit. ted to the protection of every acre of her soit, be it on the Indus, the Murray, the St. Lawrence, or the Thames. Donlutess 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 odds are too heavily against them, whenever the danger becomes serions we pledge the British empire to their aid. Let anyone look at the statisties of the dependencies fifty-ay, or a dozen-years ago ; let him eren cast a glance upon the map, and see how cities have arisen in wilderness 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, indomitable, law-respecting English race is rapidly bevo ming tominant. 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 statesman-
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the Home Goverument irated affiction and almost destroyed estecm, by perty medding with the internal aff am of countries a feusad mile away. We havelearnt a better and a wiser syatem. We cand mille Australia, Canada, any of our great dependencies, to manage their local concerns for themselves, whilst shielding them with the broad agis 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 taxation, the seat of government, and the relations, of the new power with its neighbours, as controlled or influenced by existin treaties. These can be dealt with as they arise. The strong clearheaded men of the new land have not broached their scheme withont taking all such difficulties into the account; they have not essayed to found a nation without considering all the dangers to which, in its infancy, it would be exposed. Cordially, then, do we wish them Godspoed. Should they sucoeed, they will have done noble service to the Whole empire, each individual part of which, whilat honestly facing ita
own troubles, gallantly conforting its own immediate foes, can still whenever in noed, reckon upoin the fratcraal aid of cyery ofher stin Thns, throughout the world, shall the old cause of freedom-freedom of thought, of action, of speech, of trate-lave as its busy missionary i time of peare, as its strong champion in time of war, a people, scattere indeed over many continents and a thousand isles, but hound 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
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Englishmen of this generation offen pazzle over the fancy their forefathers had for " pageants", " masques, processions, and all manner of highly-coloured shows. Oo sit out a show lasting often for hours, the only interest of which consistel in tublecur of personitied virtues and vices, great personages who said nothing, and elaborate machinery which effected hothing, secms to men now a dreary trial of patience. Yet the men of the prosent day seem interested in something a great deal nea-rerstil,-writes dew fiptions of korzoous sights such as the marvelious
series of letters now pablishing ia 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 aces by which, as Caroline Matilda of Dcamark sald, one "manages ail that can be hoped for in a Court-to diversify lennui.' Most educated inuman beings, we imagine, would as soon read deseriptions of fireworks, or listen to those portentous accounts of processions dozens of pages long with which old Rollins wells out his history of the early empires. Yer there is not a doubt that these letters are read, inexpressibly tedious as they seem, that many thousands of people care oo hear about the hangimgs of this saioon, and the ornaments of that hall, the Princesses dresses and the King of Sweden's moustaches, the yelmen in Stockholm wear whenever a Royal lubs honours a table ty men her dinner off it. A smaller number, we dare say do not recoil even from the sickening accounts of the Royal baby, and its cyes, and its teeth, and its sicknesses and the idens it mieht have had but hadn't, and the way it was on one occasion left behind, and the rest of the nursery gossip collected with a care which suggests that all the letters are written by old women. It cannot be mere flunkeyism which makes this Aind of stuff sell, though that, doubitless, has something to do with it nor is it all curiosity to know how Kings and Princess and Royal ladiet; sheve, and dress themselves, and ask partners for the waltos? . I The late Mr. G. P. R. James would never have put such a quantaty of tunic, and doublef, and armour, and theatrical properties generally into his stories if he had not known that people likedit, and anthors of penhy novels affirm that no wh. deseription of gorgeous or impossible upholstery. What is the root of the fancy ${ }^{\text {? }}$ Is it that the readens actually realise the seenes described see as it were the great hall in the palace at Copenhagen, the ivory and nation to the people who really eniog these descriptions than they ever nation to the people who really enioy these descriptions than they ever
impute to themselves. Or is ft the mere flash and plitter of the words the employmeat of Turkey-carpet colours, Ms Marlay puts it which fascinates readers who are content not to weigh the words they read, and merely derive form them a general plessant or unpleasant impression That is not a ples, ing belief, but is it one which derives colour from much aronnd us, from the successtof such poetry as Tupper's and such writing as that in the Telegroph, from the lamentablechange going on in the dialcet of the people, who, it their recoil from petois are adopting Johnsonese, and from the influence of preachers who are really, often knowingly, talking nonsense in most mellifluous phrases. There is too we stspect, another canse at work. The passion for luxury is striking deep, catching the popular ima, rination till descriptions of it, or what readers think to be such, move them as loose writing movis the sensusal The writing titillates a crave previonsly exist ing in their mini-a crave
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But has not loyatty anything to do with it, Very litte, we smepect, exeept upon a single point. It is pleasant to Englisflmant to sce that the Danes, after their cruel desertion, can still welcome the heir of the British throne, who was, individually, their friend, with henary corlialit and as pleasant to watch the welcome accorded to him in the free North ern Courts. But the facts which create that impression could have been cenveyert in twenty lines ; aud it is not for this that thousands buy le ters telling them that a footman running with a toreh before a carriag is a sery "impressive" sight.

## 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-shoot-ing-besides myself there were, Lord Clontarf, Mohun, and Kate my wif- when we were disturbed by a perfect hail of knocks at the servant, went down to see what wase. up; and Mohun's old Austrian was instantly bome by the tumultuous ruah of Miel Kelly, was instantly borne by the tumultuous rul of Michel Kelly, gentleman, agent to hali-a.doze castace, ane he had given, seem, neighbonring peasantry, and they had eaught him that the neighbouring peasantry, and they had caught him that night as he
relurned home, intending to put him to death with that ingennity of terture for which the fine warm-hearted fellows are juatly 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 jovially below. The rictim contrived to let himself down from the window, and ran for
his lifo to the nearvat house, which, unluckily, happened to be the Lodge. Two boys, however, saw and recognised him ns he entered the demesne, and raised a whoop, to show that they knew where the fox had gone to ground.
This we made out from a string of incelherent interjection ; and then he lay, panting and contorting himself in an agony of fear.
Moban sat on the hatl-talle, swinging his foot and regarding the spectacle with the indolent curiosity that one might exhibit towards the gambols of som -urly now importation of the Zoological Society When the story was told, he pointed coolly to the door
The shriek that thie miserable creature set up, on secing that gesture I shall never forgel
'Do you think I hall turn my honse into a refuge for destitute attorneys ?' Ralph said, answering my look of inquiry. 'If ther

Kate had come out, and was leaning over the gailery: she heard the last words, and spoke, tlushing searlet with anger
I would I leave your humse this instant, Colonel Mohnn
, Mont Rasph stmiled slighity,
ment of her interrapnto
' Don't be indignat, Mrs. Carew. If you have a fancy for such an excitement, 1 shall be too happy to indulge you. It is settled, then We back the atcorney. Mon't hie there sir, lioking so like a whipped hound. You lear! You are safe for the present' He had hardly finished, when there came a rustling of feet outside, then hurried whispers, then a knock, and a summuns.
I am here ; what do sou waut ' Mohun plase.
'I am here ; what do you waut ' Mohun prowled.
'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. 1 would'ne turn ont a badger to you,
You see, he took the lij moral mrumd, now
'Then we'll have him out, in spite of yez,' 'wo or three voices cried out 'Tryether.' Ralph said. 'Meantime I am going to dine; good night. A voice that had not spoken yet was hearl, with a shrill, piling accent. 'Ah, hin, the best of appetites to ye, Curnel, darlin! and
make haste over ver dinner. It's Pieree Delaney that ll kive se yer make haste over rer dimner.
supper.' Then they went off.
supper. Then they went off. The said Delancy is a huge quarryman.' Ralph observed. 'He represents the physical element of terror hervalonts, as I leclive 1
do the moral. Wexhall have warm work before morning. He does do the moral. We shall have wurm work before morning. He does
not like me. Fritr, send Comnell up ; he is tolow, smewhicre
 stables, and had only just heard of the disturliance.
stables, "Giet the riftes gnt thins reads, with belletes and burk-shot, his master said. We are to be attacked, it seems.
The man's bold face fell, blankly
"By the powers, yer honour, I haven't the value of an ounec of poudther in the house. I meant to get some the morrow mornin,' afore yo

Mohun shrugged his stoolders, whistling saffly.
'Man proposes,' he suid. 'It's almost a pity we found so many cocks in the Lower Copse this afternexit. Thate fifieen charges or so n my pistol case We must make that do, londing the rittes light.
Then hewent to a window, whence he could see down the rond ; the Then he went to a window,
'I thought so ; they hase pot scouts postel already. The harbarians know something of skirmishing, after all. Maldox, cone here.' (The groom was a strong Englinh hov, very mheh afraid of his master, but of nothing else on carti.) Saddle sunbeam, and po out by the back gates, keeping well ander the shatow of of the paldock. You'll get over with a scramble, I think - kexp fast hold of his head- you musstn't fall. Then make the best of your way to $A$, and tell Coloned Harding, with my compliments, that I shall be glad it he will seend over a troop ns quickly as pasible
And mind, don't spare the horee going, hat lring thim hack casy. You will be of no use here, and 1 won't have lim lamed if 1 can help it. Yoa'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 groom pulled his forclock as if the most ordinary commission had been given him, and vanishoct.
'Connell, Ralph went on, 'po and saw the lalders that are in the yard half-through. They will hanill try the barred windows; but it looks more workmenlike to take all precruations. Then come hack, and
 fire through. Light all the lamps, and get more candles to tix ahout we shall not see very clearly after the smoke of the first dozen shots, When you have finisthed come to me. Now shall we po buck to dinner ", I am not ashamed to own I had little apperter: neverthedess, I sat down. Kate had gone to her room. If her courago was failing, she did not wish to show it
Suddealy our host got ap, and went to the window. His practised ear 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 Sunbeun to speed, and rode boldly at cherails. A yell went up from the roal, and we saw dark figuers rum ing; then came a shot, just as the horse was rising at the fence. He het it hard, and the splinters flew up, whitle in the moon-
light; but he was over. We peld our breth while light; 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 reief, we heard the wild rush of frightenee horses subside into a long stretching gallop, and the wind brought back
a cheery hollo-'Forr'ard, forr'and away? 'So far, so good,' said Ralph Mohun, ss be
'So far, so good,' said Ralph Mohun, as he sat down again, and went in steadily at a woodcock. Don't hurry yourselves, gentlamen. We
He three-quarters of an hour yet ; they will take that time to muster'
Contarf, some hock?

The boy to whom he spoke held out his glass with a pleasant smile The coming peril had not altered a tint on his fresh, beardless cleeks -rosy and clear as a page sin one of boucher,s pictares. A pood contrast he made with the miserable attorney, who had followel us uninvited (it secmed he omly felt suff in our presenee), and who Was crouching in a corner, his lank hair plavt red round his livid consu
It strack Molum, Ithink It Lair
It struck Mohun, 1 think. He hiid his hand on Clontarf" shoulters and spoke with a kindlenese of voice und manner most unusual to him'Well quell the savage mountainuer:
As their Tincthell cows the gaue ;

Even at that anxious moment, I could not help laughing at the idea of Ralph quoting poecry-of that grim Saul anong the prophets Twent in to kexp up Kate's spirits. She bore up gallantly, poor child, atad Hett her toleratly calm. She beliesed in me, ns a plunger to an cnormous extent, and in Mohum still more. When returned,
my companions were in the pallery. This ran around two xides of the Muy compramions weve tin the paly. The only aceess to the upper of the hail, which went up to the roof. The unly access to the upper part of
the house was by a stone stairense of a single flight. The kitehen and offices were on the sround flowe, of hersiniee it was uninlatited. Ralph had his pistols by him, and his cavalry sword, long and heary but admirably poised, lay within his reachi-
'I have setted it,' he said. 'You and Connell are to take the guns. Smooth bores are quiekest loaded, and will do for this short distance. Clontarf, who is not quite so sure nith the trigger, is to have the post of honour and puard the starcase with his sabre. Throw unother bucket of water over 11 , Comen-is it thoroughy direnched And draw the windows up' (these did not reach to within ten feet of the floor) 'we shall be stiflel else. But there will be a thorough-draught He dew me aside, aul speke demet in a hisper while fis foee grave and stern. fruou will do me this justice, whatever happens. Unless it had been forced upon me, 1 would not have risked a hair of your wife's head to sare all the attorneys that are patronized by the Father of lies. But, mark me, if tomes to the wors, keep buek a bultet for hers. Shoud better die ten times over, than fall into fheir brutal hamls. You must use your own discretion thougli. I shall not be able to atrise you then. Not a man of them wiif oe in this gatery mill amp past praying for Nerertheless, , hope and welieve all will be right. Don't trouble yourself to reloal, Fritz will do that for you. Thave given him his orders, Aim sery eoolly, too; we must not waste a builet. You can choose your own
sword; there are several behind you. Ah, It hear them coming up. Now men, to your posts.
There was the tramp of many feet, and the surging of a crowd about and against the hailiour. 'Once for all, will ye give him up, or shall we take him, and serve the rext of yez as bad! Ye've yot women there, too-. rext of yez as hal? me more wolfish than eser I thought it possille to fent mee more wolish than ever 1 thought it possible to feel; for I am a
poodnatured man in the main. Mohan, who is not, bit his monstache poonluatured man in he main. Mohm, who is not, bit his moustache ' Do you ever sey a prayer; Pieree Delanes! You need one now. If you live to see to-morrow's sunset, 1 wish miy right hand may wither at the wrist.
A shrill howl pealed out from the assailants, and then the stout oak door cracked and quivered under the strokes of a heary battering-twam: in a hundrel seonds the hinges yielded, and it came chatering in; over it
Ieaped three wild fignres, bearing torches and pikes; but their chief, leaped three wild fignres, bear
Delaney, was not
Deancy, was not onc of them.
The now if wo had wrul, Carew : Connell, take the middle one, said Ralph, as if we had sprung a pack of grouse. While he spoke his pistol cramked, and the righthma neruicr aropleer arross the threshold I were nearly os furtumate. Then there was a panse; then a reper form without, an irrmular discharge of musketary, and the clear purt of the

## hall was crowded with enemies.

1 can't tell exaetly what ensued. I know they retreated several times, for the harricade was impansible : and while their shots fell harmiessly on the matiresses, every one of ours told-nothing makes a man shoot straight life being short of powder-but they came on agnin, each time with added feromity
1 heard Mohun mutter more than once, in a dissatisfied tone,' why does not that ecoundred show himsell ' -1 can't make out Delaney." Ail at once 1 heard a stided cry on my right, and, to my horror, 1 saw Clonthar dragged over the datustrade in the gripe of a giant, whom 1 guessed suoke he had sway hemalf up hy the tlostrule of the raver of the masuing the poor boy's collar us he looked out incautiously from his shel ter, dropped back into the hall, carrying his vietim 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, aud the blossoms wave, And the forgetful air
Blows heedlessly across her grassy grave.

> Yet, when she lived on earth,
> She loved 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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