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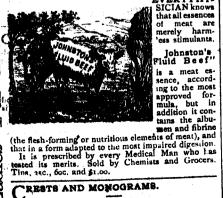
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VOLUME I.

Of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR will be completed at the end of December, and the publishers venture to ask for the continued support of those who so generously helped the paper into life by sending in their names as subscribers. The publishers have to confess that mistakes have been made, but then it was the

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THE TIMES.

The grand reception is now a thing of the past. So far as the Marquis of Lorne and H. R. H. the Princess Louise were concerned it was a great success. The Marquis spoke fairly well; his answers to the many addresses were good considering the number of them, the sameness of them, the tameness of them, and the short time he had in which to prepare his replies. The manner in which he allowed himself to accept invitations and then carried out his programme was creditable to himself, and proof of his desire to please all parties. Whether he will please all parties remains to be seen; for these are early days. If he will carefully praise all parties he will be sure to please them-

The Princess had all hearts before she came; they are still in her keeping. We loved her for what she would represent; we love her for what she is. H. R. H. will easily make herself Queen of Canada -Queen, that is, in our social and domestic life. She has it in her power to exercise a great and good and lasting influence upon the whole community—and it looks as if there will be no encouragement given to the wild extravagance, and imbecile flunkeyism so many of us

The Montreal people were also a success; that is, they crowded the streets, and, after a little time wasted in a wondering stare, warmed up to the point of enthusiasm, When they took the horses out and laid hold of the ropes to drag the carriage up the hill they gave proof of their gladness and loyalty. It was a sight worth seeing, and will do good as a set off to the coldness and disloyalty of some of the people. The Fenians may form an idea what kind of a reception they would be likely to get if they were to proclaim themselves in the streets.

But, with very few exceptions, all our red-tapeism was a failure. The most notable exception is the work done by the officers of the Grand Trunk Railway; that was good, and deserves the gratitude of the whole city. For of course the Corporation failed; it could do no other with such a man as Mayor Beaudry at the head of it. The need for keeping order along the route seems never to have entered into the head of the officials, and the crowd had matters in its own hands. Sometimes those matters were used in a free and uncomfortable way, as the Marquis and Her Royal Highness must have felt once or twice. The illumination of the new City Hall was the poorest thing to be seen on the streets; two dozen of Chinese lanterns artistically arranged would have made a better shew.

Along with some friends I took a cab that had two good lamps and went in search of the torchlight procession, but we failed to find I have not met with anybody who did. Has it been found yet?

But we did meet the students of McGill College, and they were behaving like students who are gentlemen, and not at all like rowdies, as a correspondent to the Witness has affirmed.

It was somewhat of a misfortune that the feception should have fallen on, or near, St. Andrew's Day; for it gave the thing a Scotch appearance, or at least made the Scotch element a little more prominent than it would otherwise have been. Large numbers of our French-Canadian fellow-citizens held aloof, not exactly understanding matters, and not exactly appreciating the situation perhaps, or comprehending the enthusiasm of some portion of the community when St. Andrew and a son of Argyll came along together.

Either the Scotch are still as cautious as ever, or the depression in securities is far greater than is generally known. Preaching on St. Andrew's Day, Mr. Green wound up a very capital sermon with these words: "Like apples of gold in pictures of silver is a word fitly spoken;" "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." "The security is unquestionable. Brethren, invest largely." "The President," says the newspaper account a little farther on, "reported that the collection amounted to \$60.49."

But then Mr. Green told us in the same sermon that, being Scotchmen, they must admit that "facts are things that winna ding, and mauna be disputit." Was the "fact" in this case that the money had gone on the arch and the ball?

But to the minds of many the most painful part of the whole proceedings was that which related to the Sabbath services. least should have been left to the newcomers as sacred to thought of God and manhood's life that is apart from all officialdom. But the indecent haste to secure the attendance of the Marquis and Her Royal Highness at church on Sunday which sent an invitation by telegraph the deputation—the announcement in the newspapers—the "Show your tickets" of the police in charge of the doors-the audience rising to its feet to honour those who in that house and before that altar were but fellow-sinners and fellow-worshippers—the gorgeously draped pews-the new Prayer Books so grandly bound-the large staff of officiating clergymen, and the prolonged service, all formed a most pitiful and painful episode. Let us have enthusiastic loyalty—as much shouting in the streets as we can get up; but, gentlemen, the Sabbath—even in Montreal—should be devoted to the worship of the Lord of Heaven, and not to sinful man, though he be an aristocrat, and the husband of the Princess Louise, and the Governor-General of our Dominion. Read the Epistle of St. James in the light of last Sabbath's flunkeyism; read the story of Christ's dealings with the high and mighty of His time; or, for the matter of that, read the sermon which the Bishop elect preached on the occasion, and which was admirable in tone, and which in the intense earnestness and meek piety displayed must have been a terrific rebuke to those who had gone to the house in a spirit to worship their fellow-mortals.

Memento mori. There are some queer people in this world. A friend tells me that on the night of the illumination, when all the world was jostling all the rest of the world—that is, the Montreal world, which in its own estimation is not small—and craning its neck to look at very costly but very monotonous decorations, he saw a man and wife, rustic, not long married, spell-bound in front of the window of a—coffin shop.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR:

SIR,—I have carefully noted your remarks in reference to certain statements made by me at a meeting of the Finance Committee. I admit the language I used was strong. I thought then, and I do now, that it was necessary that public men have at times to both say and do things that are not only unpleasant to themselves, but seem very unreasonable to those who do not know the circumstances.

I do not like Corporation Investigations; in my memory their odor is bad—as far as I know they do two things—first, they afford an opportunity for venting private spleen; secondly, they usually end by a general whitewashing. If I had time, and could get a competent committee, free from religious, national or sectional prejudice, I might, perhaps, accomplish some good by an investigation. At present, however, it is impossible. I am at the City Hall now almost every day, sometimes going down at 10 am., and several times within the last two weeks I have come away with Mr. Robb, City Auditor, at 6 p.m. I am associated with Mr. Melancon, and we are examining all arrears due the city; some of those go back for 20 years and odd; in many cases there are disputed points, and in hundreds of cases there have been lawsuits, which for one reason and another have been put off. I am making an effort to settle every outstanding claim that can be settled. Citizens of every class have been before us; we try to settle on the basis of equity. The City Attorney and City Auditor report on every case. I think there is a good 6 months' work in the job, but if I live, and am supported, I will put the Arrears Department of city matters on a different basis.

Then, appointed with Mr. Ald. Grenier, and Mr. Ald. Childs, I am working on the foot-path dispute question. Many citizens have good cause of complaint for charges made against them in re foot-paths. Our committee purposes examining each claim and settling upon the merits, as the law is evidently arbitrary, and under its sanction very great injustice could be done.

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The above duties are extra to my ordinary ones as an alderman, and they are a tremendous tax on my time and brain. I was induced to take hold of them because many of our best citizens applied to me to see if I could not obtain justice for them; in order to do this one must hear both sides of the question. Now, my dear Mr. Editor, I think on the whole that I am doing better work for the citizens in my present course than if I were to take up the investigation business.

WM. CLENDINNENG.

Montreal, Nov. 27th, 1878.

That is all very well so far as it goes, but to my thinking it is not satisfactory. Statements involving serious charges against men's personal reputation should not be made unless he who prefers the charges is prepared to bring proof. I believe Ald. Clendinneng is a good business man, and that he is working hard in the Corporation on behalf of the city; but then, personal character is not a thing that even public men can afford to hold in small esteem. It too frequently happens among us that a man's private character is thoughtlessly assailed, and it is quite time to learn the value of individual rights. There is no need for the Alderman to be at the head of an Investigation Committee; he should not even be on that Committee, but appear before it to give evidence. I still hold that Mr. Clendinneng is in cannot agree about.

honour and justice bound to follow up his charges or withdraw them. Mr. G. W. Stephens has challenged him to produce proof; the challenge must be accepted, or Mr. Clendinneng will allow public judgment on himself to go by default.

It is hardly within the range of reasonable dispute that the flagstone contract—whether the price was moderate or not—was a wasteful and extravagant proceeding. Not only were good foot-paths replaced, but miles of unnecessary flagging was done, and some of the stone is now lying in large quantities about the streets unused—like Mr. Mackenzie's steel rails. When public money is spent unnecessarily, it of course suggests that somebody has had a profitable contract. The Mayor's strictures on the City Auditor and Treasurer were imbecile, and would suggest softening of the brain if we didn't know that such a thing is physically impossible. But there has been wrong doing somewhere; can Mr. Clendinneng tell us where?

The Church Times—an English organ of the extreme Ritualistic party in the Church—looks with supreme contempt upon all, or nearly all, the Episcopalians of Canada. It can see no good thing in the denomination, and roundly scoffs at Dean Bond and those who elected him Bishop and those who opposed his election. Here are some specimens of brotherly speech: "It would probably have been difficult to find in the whole Dominion of Canada a man more thoroughly unfitted for the post. Dean Bond is not merely a furious and persecuting bigot, but he is a man of narrow understanding and scanty education." I know but little as to the understanding and education of the Bishop-elect, but I am quite sure that the man who wrote that would be all the better if he had some of Dean Bond's common sense and courtesy and piety of tone. The truth is, the Church Times is angry with the Episcopalians-clergy and laity alike-in Canada because Ritualism is neither "high" nor strong, and is not likely to be. The party, of which Provost Whitaker is the head, has gone as far as it will dare to venture; but of it the Church Times says: "Such sham and thoroughly un-Catholic High Churchmanship as that represented by Provost Whitaker and his friends has not vitality or strength enough to contend on equal terms with another form of Protestantism which is more in earnest, and so it must go the wall if it will not take up the bolder and honester line of what is called Ritualism." Yes—it has gone "to the wall"; but if it should "take up the bolder and honester line" it would get pitched over the wall—that is the trouble.

President Hayes has issued his message, and the Houses of Congress have entered upon what is hoped to be a short session. But the members of Congress have some important work before them. The Silver law will have to be dealt with, greatly altered, or perhaps repealed altogether. The vexed Greenback question will have to be discussed, and the friends of inflation and believers in the "fiat money" creed—although smarting under the disasters which the late elections brought upon them—will hardly be content to sit in silence while a law is passed to redeem and then cancel every greenback. There is the matter of the election frauds and violence in the Southern States to be discussed also, which will lead to the difficult and dangerous "Southern question." The general demand that some change be made in the Navigation laws—so as to admit to registration any vessel, whether built or bought in the United States or anywhere else—cannot well be ignored. Add to all these the question of Custom House duties and patronage, which it is rumoured will come before it, and it is difficult to see how the members of Congress can hope for a short session—unless they are prepared to work a miracle upon themselves in the matter of putting restraint upon their own tongues.

In Great Britain they cannot see the end of their troubles yet. The little war with the Afghans has gone on briskly enough. It can hardly bring glory to Britain if it end where it has begun, that is with the Afghans. But not many believe it will end there. Russia has given proof that she does not want another war just yet, but it seems certain that England cannot hope to have things all her own way in Afghanistan. If to punish the Ameer is all that is sought after by this war, there will be no occasion for Russia's interference; but if that is to be succeeded by a scientific carving of the "haphazard frontiers," then it looks as if Russia will have at least reasonable excuse for taking action.

The gravity of the position impressed all the members of the Cabinet except the Earl of Beaconsfield, who was anxious to carry on, and extend, his personal government. But in spite of the Prime Minister's opinion, Parliament has been called together to discuss the situation, and the discussion is likely to be more than ordinarily hot and strong. The old question will be debated once more—how is Russia to be met? with threats and challenges, or in an amicable and generous way? All are agreed as to the end—all are anxious to secure "British interests," but the manner of the thing is what they cannot agree about.

THE TRADE DEPRESSION.

It is now nearly three months since our general election, and if all the bright prospects then predicted for Canada have not turned out Dead-Sea apples, at least the revival of trade, &c. &c., promised to us still "looms in the future." The sugar refinery is not yet open, the "manufacturers" have met, and although some of the trades appeared a little recalcitrant, they have agreed upon a "platform," which at least one irreverent newspaper declares beforehand. beforehand as inoperative, or impossible to be put into practice, and so the months wear on, and trade is still "bad"; one journal in the exuberance of its lovelty said. loyalty said that now our new Governor General had arrived things would come right—nous verrons! For ourselves, we have no faith in any royal road to prosperity, nor do we believe that this or that statesman can give us right off a second for the off a return to better times; as many reasons might be given to account for the general depression which has now hung over every branch of trade for so long, so we believe that it will take time to bring about a return to the good times of some form

If Canada stood alone in the suffering from "bad times" we might of some four or five years since. possibly be inclined to regard it as the result of bad legislation, and so throw the blame on Ministers, but when we see that the depression has been spread

world-wide, we have to look further and seek for causes. In the United States, in England, in France, in Germany, during the past five years, this stagnation of trade has been severely felt, and although the discipline has been sharp, let us hope that when the improvement arrives, it will have worked a thorough cure, and that the foundation may have been laid of a more of the cure of a more of the cure of th

of a more stable and well-balanced prosperity.

The time has gone by when nations can indulge in the luxury of contemplating with tranquil satisfaction the misfortunes of their neighbours. A wider plating with tranquil satisfaction the misfortunes of their neignbours. A wider knowledge of the causes of national prosperity, and also, perhaps, a larger and more generous international sympathy, have brought all civilised countries to feel that in commerce, at any rate, what the political dreamers call "the solidarity of the in commerce, at any rate, what the political dreamers injured the whole peoples" has become a vital reality. When one member is injured the whole body suffers. The jealous rivalries of politics do not affect this strong material body suffers. The jealous rivalries is this law of mutual dependence more plainly true relation. Of no countries is this law of mutual dependence more plainly true Of no countries is this law of mutual dependence more plainly true than of the great Anglo-Saxon communities which stand at the head of the world's commerce. The unparalleled prosperity of England antecedent to the world's commerce. The unparalleled prosperity of England antecedent to the present "hard times" was stimulated by the feverish activity of trade and present "hard times" was stimulated by the feverish activity of trade and present "hard times" was stimulated by the feverish activity of trade and speculation in the United States. About the end of 1873 the collapse came; speculation in the United States. About the prosperous years that followed the venturesomeness and improvidence of the prosperous years that followed the Civil War enterled its penalty of stagnation and suffering, and the revival the Civil War entailed its penalty of stagnation and suffering, and the revival has been hindered by errors in policy and popular follies. An inconvertible paper currency and a recurrent demand for its inflation, joined with a protectionist tariff and a passionate feud between labour and capital, have retarded the inevitable and a passionate feud between labour and capital, have retarded the inevitable and a passionate feud between labour and capital, have retarded the inevitable and a passionate feud between labour and capital, have retarded the inevitable reaction, but the Americans confidently believe it is coming at last.

The waste of capital in the United States and elsewhere when it seemed as if capitalists would never tire of lending, worked incalculable mischief both to borrow to borrower and lender. It has been the proximate cause of half the trouble which has a second aumicipalities corporations and industrial enterwhich has ensued. States and municipalities, corporations and industrial enterprises of every sort, had the free handling of what seemed a limitless supply of borrowed and the handling it great numbers of unscrupulous men levied borrowed money, and in handling it great numbers of unscrupulous men levied toll for the augmentation of wages which toll for themselves and their favourites. The augmentation of wages which naturally resulted from a spasmodic and febrile increase of employment was pushed still further by the ambition of politicians and local schemers desirous of accounts. pushed still further by the ambition of politicians and local schemers desirous of acquiring a cheap popularity. How all this revel of extravagance reacted upon production and the rate of wages we need not recall. All our commercial interests are still suffering from this unhealthy fastness of living; the hope cial interests are still suffering from this unhealthy fastness of living; the hope remains that though so much has been wasted there may be yet something left remains that though so much has been wasted there may be yet something left remains that though so much has been wasted that many of the enterprises rashly to show for the expenditure of capital, and that many of the to show for the expenditure of capital, and that many of the enterprises rashly undertaken may survive under new management, and that railways, mills and other under the capital and that railways with a contract the capital and that railways with a other undertakings in which the money has been spent may again rise with a

Whilst passing through the unprecedented trial which trade has undergone, Whilst passing through the unprecedented trial which trade has undergone, it was almost natural that men should look for some help from legislation, and so protectionist ideas have been once more brought to light, occasionally in unexpected quarters, for we hear of them again even in free trade England. Unexpected quarters, for we hear of them again even in free trade England. Many people believe that their respective trades would gain by protection, which they clamour for accordingly, although they may disguise their demand; which they clamour for accordingly, although they may disguise their demand; which they are not unanimous, each one speaks for himself. Farmers think of but they are not unanimous, each one speaks for himself. the price of bread and meat, and the protection they want is against the articles of food impact of the other hand, declare that duties on of food imported. Manufacturers, on the other hand, declare that duties on the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question, but we must prevent the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question are the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question are the necessaries of life are, of course, out of the question are the necessaries of life our being inundated by foreign manufactures. All they agree in is that something must be support them—to give them an thing must be done by Government to support them—to give them an advantage in the industrial struggle they would not otherwise possess, and to advantage in the industrial struggle they do their own save them save them from the law of competition and the duty of trusting to their own exertions alone in a field which should be as free as possible, so far as legislation exertions alone in a field which should be as free as possible, so far as legislation of opinion is, it is inexpedient to can make it. Distable as this expression of opinion is, it is inexpedient to can make it. Pitiable as this expression of opinion is, it is inexpedient to ignore it although a ship came improbable than that any responsible Ignore it, although nothing seems more improbable than that any responsible statesman should not a state and failure if he were to attempt any such statesman should risk the ridicule and failure if he were to attempt any such legislation. The peculiar character of these protectionist doctrines may be traced to the states and the states are countries. traced to the opinion that other countries, notably the United States, have prospered by means of protection, and are well satisfied with that policy. Some particular industrial and here abnormally developed, but no greater Some particular industries may have been abnormally developed, but no greater mistable and are well satisfied with the policy. mistake can be made than looking at special industries when dealing with a general question. The whole field must be surveyed, and when this done whether the growth in imports and exports. or the a general question. The whole field must be surveyed, and exports, or the is done, whether we consider the growth in imports and exports, or the increased consumption of articles of coarse luxury by the masses, we increased consumption of articles of free trade England. Trade is no find no parallel to the advance of free trade England.

doubt seriously described at present : factories doubt seriously depressed in England at present; factories are shut up doubt seriously depressed in England at present; factories are shut up and workmen out of employment; but then trade has been depressed and workmen out of employment; and elsewhere. There is nothing to in the United States and Germany, and elsewhere. There is nothing to support the notion that protectionist countries prosper more by protection in the United States and Germany, and elsewhere. There is nothing to support the notion that protectionist countries prosper more by protection than do free trade countries, but there is much presumptive evidence to the than do free trade countries, but there is much presumptive evidence to the than do free trade countries, but there is like the cry of a patient for the constant cry for more protection is like the cry of a patient for the contracting party are concerned.

There is no pretension that statutes or laws in force in such maritime territories on other subjects than the fisheries do not apply to the foreign fishermen, but merely that the British regulations quoad fishing do not affect contrary.

a noxious drug, the administration of which allays his malady for a time and then leaves him in a worse state than before. The of the badness of the patient's condition. In the The cry is a sign moreover, the evils of protection have been so deeply felt that, along with the demands for more protection, there has been developed a movement of some importance in favour of free trade. The patient is beginning to be tired and suspicious of his Protectionist stimulants, and turns When we find a politician like Mr. Bayard, a probable to more radical cures. Democratic candidate for the Presidency at the next election, declaring himself sausiaction with the Protectionist régime is by no means universal or profound. It would indeed be strange if the American people were satisfied. Considering on the one hand the number of industries, such as ship-building and ship-owning, which Protection in America has either killed or damaged, and on the other hand the obvious plunder of the American in the industries with the indu manufacturers, which is the real effect of the tariff, there is little cause for surprise at Free Trade opinions having lately been diffused with rapidity in the United States, although they may yet have to acquire a majority of votes

The real support of Protection in every country is always the manufacturer or producer in some particular trade, who sees that he will have a better market if foreign competition is hindered or wholly kept out. Protection has no root in the realities of trade, and breaks down against the facts whenever any prac-

tical measures come to be proposed.

The question of capital and labour, and the wages of the working classes, forms an important element in the discussion; there is only one rule for wages, and against it we must all contend in vain. It was formulated years ago by It was formulated years ago by Mr. Cobden: "If three masters are running after two men, wages will rise; if three men are running after two masters, wages will fall." A discontented portion of the working classes in different places have tried to disturb society, and to enforce wild Socialistic remedies for evils that gradually exhaust and heal Even the workingmen will have been benefitted by the reduction of wages, if it has taught them once more the almost forgotten lessons of frugality, patience, steadier work, and longer hours of labour.

We have said that we believe it is of little use looking to legislation to better the condition of affairs. It reminds us of the fable of the waggoner calling upon Hercules to aid him in lifting his cart out of the rut. The opinion of intelligent men, and all experience, seem to teach us that if a meddlesome policy be avoided, the revival of commercial and industrial activity will come about in a natural way, not by leaps and bounds, but by equable and sure pro-

gression.

It is obvious, however, that the Protectionist policy of our American neighbours has forced this question upon our consideration in Canada, and the depression in trade has induced us to catch at any help, or seeming help, out of our troubles. The opinion of the people was so unmistakably expressed at the polls in September last, that we are probably committed to a trial of Protection, if only as an experiment.

THE HALIFAX FISHERIES AWARD.

Mr. Evarts in his despatch of September 28th, 1878, addressed to John Welsh, Esq., American Minister in London, says:

"This Government conceives that the fishing rights of the United States conceded by the Treaty of Washington are to be exercised wholly free from the restraints and regulations of the Statutes of Newfoundland, now set up as authority over our fishermen, and from any other regulations of fishing " now in force, or that may hereafter be enacted by that Government. It may be said just participation in this common fishery by the parties entitled thereto may, in the common interest of preserving the fishery and preventing conflicts between fishermen, require regulation by some competent authority. "This may be conceded, but should such occasion present itself to the common appreciation of the two Governments, it need not be said that such competent authority can only be found in a Joint Convention that shall receive the approval of Her Majesty's Government, and of our own. Until this arrangement be consummated, this Government must regard the pretension that the "legislation of Newfoundland can regulate our fishermen's enjoyment of the Treaty right as striking at the Treaty itself. It asserts an authority on the one side and submission on the other which has not been proposed to us by Her Majesty's Government, and has not been accepted by this Government.

In answer to this, Lord Salisbury in his reply to Minister Welsh under November 7th, 1878, says:

"In pointing out that the American fishermen had broken the law within the territorial limits of Her Majesty's Dominion, I have no intention of inferentially laying down any principles of international law, and no advantage would, I think, be gained by doing so to a greater extent than the facts in question absolutely require. I hardly believe, however, that Mr. Evarts would in the discussion adhere to the broad doctrine, which some portion of "his language would appear to convey, that no British authority has any right to pass any kind of law binding Americans who are fishing in British waters, "to pass any kind of law officing Americans who are using in Iritain waters, "for if that contention be just, the same disability applies a fortiori to any other power and the waters must be delivered over to anarchy. On the other hand, Her Majesty's Government will readily admit, what is indeed self-"evident, that British sovereignty as regards these matters is limited in its scope by the engagements of the Treaty of Washington, which cannot be

"modified by any municipal legislation."

The pretension made by Mr. Evarts in effect is the following:

The United States and Great Britain by Arts. 18 and 19 of the Treaty of Washington virtually renounced their respective rights of sovereignty and jurisdiction over the maritime territories specified in these articles quoad the kinds of fishing therein mentioned, so far as the subjects or citizens of the

American fishermen in the British maritime territory as specified in Article 18, and the United States regulations quoad fishing do not affect British fishermen in the United States maritime territory specified in Article 19.

The principle of international law recognised by Great Britain and the United States is that a State exercises over its maritime territory as full and complete sovereignty and jurisdiction as over its land territory.

Lawrence's Wheaton, p. 320.

1 Phillimore, Int. Law, § 333, 2nd ed.
1 Twiss, Law of Nations, § 159.
"The right of jurisdiction civil and criminal over all persons and things within the territorial limits, which is incident to a State relatively to its own subjects and their property, extends also as a general rule to foreigners commorant in the land.

r Phillimore, § 333. Certain exceptions to this general rule are recognised.

Foreign sovereigns, ambassadors, and their suites, public armed vessels and armies in their permitted transit through foreign territory are regarded as exterritorial.

Woolsey, Int. Law, § 64. Exemption from local jurisdiction has been granted to foreigners from christian lands resident in certain non-christian countries, by virtue of treaties vesting in certain functionaries of foreign Governments exclusive civil and criminal jurisdiction over the subjects of the States appointing such functionaries.

Woolsey, § 65.
But between Christian States it seems to be admitted that, where subjects of the one are permitted either expressly by treaty or impliedly through custom to enter into the territory of another State and there trade, such foreigners so trading are subject to the operation of the laws in force therein, and that the State does not by giving liberty to foreigners to trade within its limits, relinquish its right to bind them by laws thereafter to be passed regulating such trade.

To entitle the State to which foreigners belong to maintain the pretension

that by such permission to trade the State granting renounces the right to regulate that trade quoad foreigners, it must be shewn that such renunciation is express, it cannot be implied from the presence in a treaty of words granting the liberty

The sovereignty of the State granting a liberty to fish or trade to foreigners in its territory in common with its own subjects is not in the slightest degree impaired by such concession. The liberty given is to share in a right possessed by each of its subjects; it is not a right transferred to another State. The persons entitled to avail themselves of such liberty are themselves the subjects of another State, and cannot ptetend to exercise any sovereign power in the

territory wherein they are licensed to fish or trade.

The very words "shall have in common with the citizens of the United States the liberty to take fish of every kind," &c., show that nothing in the nature of the right of sovereignty over the territory mentioned in Article 19 of the Treaty of Washington was intended to be conveyed by the United States to

Thus Vattel, B. 1, c. 22, § 273, says: "In the same manner, rights ceded by the proprietor of anything are considered as ceded without prejudice to "the other rights that belong to him, and only so far as they are consistent with these latter, unless an express declaration or the very nature of the right " determine it otherwise."

But it may be urged that the liberty granted by Arts. 18 and 19 of the Treaty of Washington are in the nature of international servitudes, and as such vest in each of the contracting parties certain sovereign rights in the maritime

International servitudes are considered by the authors as one of the most complicated questions of International Law. In Great Britain and the United States but little has been written on the subject. In Phillimore's International Law there are but seven paragraphs treating on the subject, and in but few of the other works is there even any reference to it. By the German writers it is treated of at greater length, but even they seem to consider it as unsettled in the extreme. Thus Bluntschli, § 353, says: "Ou donne le nom de servitudes the extreme. Thus Bluntschli, § 353, says: "Ou donne le nom de servicides internationales à toute restriction conventionnelle et perpétuelle apportée à la souveraineté territoriale d'un état, en faveur d'un autre état ou exceptionnelle-ment aussi en faveur d'une corporation ou d'une famille placées sans la protection spéciale du droit international.

On ne peut appliquer ici qu'avec prudence la théorie des servitudes prédiales; car il ne s'agit pas de questions dépendant de la volonté ou du caprice de simples étrangers; il s'agit du bien des peuples. La sûreté et l'indépendance des états est tout autre chose que l'inviolabilité de la propriété foncière ; les restrictions apportées aux premières ont des effets très—différents de ceux des

servitudes privées."

Kluber in his work, " Droit des Gens Moderne de l'Europe" (Ott's Ed.,) says §138: "1. Pour qu'un droit puisse être réputé servitude publique, il est necessaire que les deux parties contractantes soient des Etats indépendants. 2. Il est également essentiel que celui auquel le droit appartient soit, quant à son exercice, indépendant de l'Etat chargé de la servitude. 3. Toute servitude publique est réelle, de côté et d'autre. 4. Les servitudes peuvent avoir pour objet, non seulement des droits de souveraineté, mais aussi des droits régis par les lois civiles pourvu que la servitude accorde en même temps la souveraineté pour l'exercice de ces mêmes droits. Au contraire, les droit privés soumis à la souveraineté du pays, qui appartiendraient à un souverain étranger, ou à l'administration financière d'un état étranger, p. e., des fonds de terre, rentes, droits de pâturage, etc., ne constituent jamals des servitudes publiques. 5. Les droits, même régaliens, et les immunitês qui sont concédés par le droit public intérieur à certains sujets ou à certaines classes de sujets, ne peuvent pas non plus être considérés comme servitudes passives de l'Etat."

Heffter, "Droit International Public de l'Europe," § 43, says: "A côté des servitudes passives de receive consenties librement par les Etats (considérés comment par les Etats (considérés contra considérés comment par les Etats (considérés contra contra considérés contra c

ment par les Etats (servitutes juris gentium voluntariæ) elles ont pour objet l'établissement d'un droit restrictif du libre exercice de la souveraineté territoriale au profit d'un Etat ou d'un particulier étrangers. Autrefois elles etaient

d'une application plus frequente, surtout en Allemagne, qu'elles ne le sont aujourd'hui.

Ces servitudes ont pour objet exclusif des droits souverains ou régaliens, et généralement le domaine public, non le domaine privé de l'Etat, ni la propriété privée de ses regnicoles, bien que celle-ci puisse se trouver indirectement atteinte par une servitude semblable."

Taking for granted that the liberty to fish granted by Acts 18 and 19 of the Treaty of Washington created international servitudes quoad fishing In favour of foreigners in the maritime territories therein described, it is submitted that the sovereign power of the United States and Great Britain to regulate the mode of fishing in the said maritime territories was never thereby renounced

by, much less made common to, both powers.

"Les traités constitutifs des servitudes internationaux s'interprétent d'âprès le sens clair et strict des termes y employés. Il n'est pas permis de tirer de la concession d'un droit de souveraineté une induction en faveur d'un autre; et dans

le doute c'est seulement le droit le plus faible qu'il fandra admettre.

Heffter, § 43.

"6. Une servitude ne peut être fondeé que sur un titre spécial. Donc la règle ou la presomption est toujours en faveur du gouvernement du pays.

7. Toute servitude étant une exception de la règle, elle s'inteprête par les principles de l'interprétation stricte.'

Kluber, § 139, continuation.

"On doit, dans le doute, présumer toujours en faveur de la souveraineté complète d'un état, et interpréter dans un sens restrictif les droits exceptionnels que confère la servitude reconnue."

Bluntschli, § 358.
"The entire liberty which each State naturally possesses over its own property cannot be curtailed upon presumption. The jus in re aliena is a derogation from the general principle of law, and requires, as a special and
extraordinary right, the strictest proof of its existence."

r Phillimore, § 282.

It would seem from the expressions made use of by Mr. Evarts that he admits the power to make the regulations resides in the State to which the maritime territory belongs, but that the exercise of the power is restricted in such a manner as to prevent any regulation being made without the consent of the other contracting party. WILLIAM H. KERR. (To be continued.)

THE OMNISCIENT JENKINS.

Not Edward of that ilk this time, but a person whose vast knowledge and critical power would make even the Member for Dundee confess that there are more things in earth and heaven than his philosophy hath dreamed of. The doings and sayings of some of the "gentlemen of the press" who for the past week have been keeping Canada informed about the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess, give proof to the full that old-fashioned loyalty still seems to live—even in Montreal, notwithstanding free advertisements and plutocratic vulgarity: so the chronicler of small beer is with us always to delight Canadian Mrs. Malaprops with his nice "derangements of epitaphs." On this occasion he has excelled even that most excellent being himself. Promotion to the rank of "special correspondent"; temporary admission to a "social circle"—as he would call it—of whose ways and ideas he had heretofore about as much linearized as of these of the inhabitants of the moon intercourse with would call it—of whose ways and ideas he had heretofore about as much knowledge as of those of the inhabitants of the moon; intercourse with aides-de-camp, railway managers, Cabinet Ministers, and the Marquis's servants; fellowship with a real New York Herald reporter—that incarnation of reportorial ambition; champagne and cigars ad libitum from admirers; and the crowning honours of actually shaking hands with the Governor General; all this was too much for him. Hence the extraordinary flow of what he imagines to be descriptive writing remarkable for its abundance of adjectives imagines to be descriptive writing, remarkable for its abundance of adjectives and absence of grammar, its extraordinary portrayal of the customs of society and arrant vulgarity. Of course the public wants to know all that is going or, and the public must be humoured, or papers would not be sold; and it is idle to pretend that this rubbish does not imply a demand. Indeed it may in justice to the reporter be said that his ignorance is wisdom compared with that of many of his readers who are quite ready to take all he gave as true history, justice to the reporter be said that his ignorance is wisdom compared with unaof many of his readers, who are quite ready to take all he says as true history,
and to believe that they are really reading just such a description as men of the
class of the English "special"—gentlemen, trained writers, and acute jour
nalists—would furnish. But we should be sorry to think that Canadians as a
rule are content with the crude thoughts, cruder language and flippant conceit
of our local lenkings. We have enough ignorance and vulgarity among us; of our local Jenkinses. We have enough ignorance and vulgarity among us; that is never plainer than at festive times like last week, when a loyal and hearty welcome has to struggle out of a mass of curiosity and snobbery, jealousy and bad breeding. But in all the absurdity and bad taste that have been displayed since the Princess put foot on shore at Halifax, nothing has equalled the accounts in the daily newspapers. To begin with, we had much highflown writing in histories of the Campbells and lives of the Marquis and Princess. This would have been well enough and we could have made allowance for the This would have been well enough, and we could have made allowance for the good intentions and limited means of information of the writers, had they but taken some little pains to spare us the agony of unconnected sentences and misspelt names in every second line. Their intimate personal relations with the Royal Family and the House of Argyle may also be condoned, in spite of the studied carelessness of the manner in which the allusions are intended to convey the compiler's own connection with the aristocracy. Few of us have anything but a second-hand knowledge in this respect, and all of us have our little varieties. It is better, too, that people should know something about their future rulers than nothing; and the loyalty that finds expression in ungrammatical gush is not therefore to be totally despised. It is when he gets to details that the Canadian Lepkins is most repulsive although to say the truth to details that the Canadian Jenkins is most repulsive, although to say the truth also very amusing in his profound ignorance. When we are told that the Princess looked "pinched and petulant" it is not hard to understand that no aspersions upon her temper are meant, but that the absence of a dictionary has led the reporter into an incautious alliteration. And again, this opinion was formed without the opportunity for cool reflection which another correspondent

enjoyed, who saw the dinner given by General MacDougall through "a narrow aperture in the screen," by the kindness no doubt of the "genteel waiters" who were "darting to and fro in wild excitement" under perfect control, nevertheless, of "full-informed directs are really with the left gloved hand on the hilt of a sword "full-informed director generals, with the left gloved hand on the hilt of a sword and the right waving with gestures not unlike a musical director" who controlled and the right waving with gestures not unlike a musical director" who controlled all this wild excit ment, which it seems after all was but "the studied moveall this wild excit ment, which it seems after all was but "the studied moveall this wild excit ment, which it seems after all was but "the studied moveall the subordinates." This favoured reporter had the chance of admiring the beautiful diadem which sits upon the most luxuriant hair ever seen," and "the beautiful diadem which sits upon the most luxuriant hair ever seen," and which we suppose was covered with "diamonds sparkling to the value of many which we suppose was covered with "diamonds sparkling to the value of many which we suppose more than that of another lady "whose presence charmed thousand dollars" more than that of another lady "whose presence charmed thousand dollars" more than that of another lady "whose presence charmed thousand aspect of the reception," and her back hair—the reporter looking every social aspect of the reception," and her back hair—the reporter looking through the key-hole. It is a pity that after such unrivalled opportunities of every social aspect of the reception," and her back hair—the reporter looking through the key-hole. 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However, the Marquis is "a hardly have escaped such an observant critic. However, the Marquis is "a nobleman of tact," another point in which we might reasonably expect a valuable opinion. At this "banquet," notwithstanding its resemblance to the valuable opinion. At this "banquet," notwithstanding its resemblance to the valuable opinion. At this "banquet," of the senses by "bouquets, ornaments, "stage of a theatre" and the distraction of the senses by "bouquets, ornaments, upon the sense of the choicest kind. "all mixed up crests and monograms, plate and viands" of the choicest kind, "all mixed up together in a most refreshing sight," there was "order everywhere, and no together in a most refreshing sight," there was "order everywhere, and no restraint." The guests seem perfectly at home and are chatting freely. Strangest restraint." The guests seem perfectly at home and are chatting freely. Strangest of all, "General Sir Patrick is in the best of spirits." And this is at a dinner of all, "General Sir Patrick is in the best of spirits." Verily we feel grateful where "all the guests are of distinguished rank"! Verily we feel grateful for this glimpse of a world where people are at their case, and should for this glimpse of a world where people are at their ease, and should be thankful that the waiters were more "genteel" to this correspondent than was a bluff Sergeant of Engineers to the reporter of another paper. This than was a bluff Sergeant of Engineers to the reporter of the power of the press ignorant new constitution of the power of the press. ignorant non-commissioned officer had never heard of the power of the press nor the weight of the formula, "the public demands information," and actually nor the weight of the formula, "the public demands of the trip to ordered the " Montreal, when the reporters travelled in the same train with the "Vice-Regal Montreal, when the reporters travelled in the same train with the "Vice-Regal Party," and discovered that the Princess liked mutton chops; the rhapsodies party," and discovered that the Princess liked mutton chops; the rhapsodies party and wild median of words called forth by the proceedings here, we must relucant and wild medley of words called forth by the proceedings here, we must reluctantly pass

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to an imperfect social and literary education, is sure to beget.

CANADIAN CELEBRITIES.

No. IV.—SIR FRANCIS HINCKS

Whom have ye here?

A grey old man, my lord.

What hath he done?

Why he hath cracked the crowns

Why he hath cracked whom now we four WATCH. Why he hath cracked the crowns
Of these dull-pated clods; whom now we found
W.thstanding him w.th fists and shrieking words:
While he had caught him up a three-legged stool
And, swaying it around his head, had laid
A brace of clumsy numskulls prone.

Aye, aye!

The grey old man hath vigor in his arm

The grey old man hath vigor in his arm:
And Ætna's pent up fires within his eye.
Mark ye how, even now, their blaze shoots out?
Ware ye your handling of this caged lion!
Watch. Shall we not clap him i' the pillory?
Men swear he is not honest: that he loves
To filch their lawful gains of usury.
And fob them in his own fat, grensy pouch.
I dare be sworn they falsely swear. That face
Is not the visage of a buckstering knave.
They do but envy him his sharper eye
And keener Lombard touch. An'ye do stock
This grey old man for fools to gaze upon,
See that none stone the hoary head; or mire
The clear white face: and if the vulgar mob
Would egg him, as he stocked and helpless stands,
See that their eggs be sweet:—nct rottened.
Do him but small despite. It well may be
That they who loudest howl should places change.

Exempl.

[Old play: 'Ye knyghte and ye Graff':-1578.]

Grev as he is—a veteran of over seventy years, Sir Francis Hincks is still a prominent public man. His portly form and fine white head still fill and a prominent public man. His portly form and fine white head still fill and grace the chair at a festival, or face the public from the lecturer's desk. Few living men have been more than he interwoven with the political history of living men have been more than he interwoven with the political history of Canada, although for a long time he was absent from her shores. And few living men have been more than he interwoven with the political history of Canada, although for a long time he was absent from her shores. And few living men have come in for a larger share of popular odium, although there is living men have come in for a larger share of popular odium, although there is living men have come in for a larger share of popular odium, although there is living men have come in for a larger share of popular odium, although there is living men have come in for a larger share of popular odium, although there is living men have come in for a larger share of popular odium, although there is living men have been fact upon which are flung about so recklessly upon the usual stock charges of corruption which are flung about so recklessly upon the usual stock charges of corruption which are then when thou doest good unto to the proverbial rule that "men will praise thee when thou doest good unto to the proverbial rule that "men will praise thee when thou doest good unto the proverbial rule that "men will praise thee when thou doest good unto the proverbial rule that "men will praise thee when thou doest good unto the proverbial rule that "men will praise thee when thou doest good unto the proverbial rule that "men will praise thee when thou doest good unto the proverbial rule that "men will praise thee when thou doest good unto the usual stock charges of corruption which are flung about so recklessly upon the usual stock charges of corruption which are flung about so recklessly upon the usual stock charges of corruption which are flung about so recklessly upon the usual stock charges of corruption which are flung about so recklessly upon the usual stock charges of popular odium, although them is should be used to stock the usual stock charges of popular odium, although them is should be used to stock the usual stock the usual stock charges of popular odium, although them is should be used to stock the usual stock that the popular odium can attach itself, beyond the usual stock that the usual s the busy life which has been spent hither and thither in two hemispheres, is drawing towards a close, he finds not abundantly the otium or the dignitas which should mark the device days of an active and serviceable public life. which should mark the declining days of an active and serviceable public life. This is undoubtedly largely due to himself; in that he does not altogether withdraw into the quiet and privacy of public life; but continually re-descends into

the arena of controversy and action. The o'd "brave" cannot contentedly lay down the tomahawk, or cease the war-whoop. Now and again his cry rings out amid the shoutings of the Canadian tribes: and, not content to sit in his wigwam and count the scalps taken in his youth, his still active hand lifts the knife ever and anon, and the old warrior "goes for" another trophy to add to the string at his belt.

Like his great contemporary—Mr. Gladstone—inaction is impossible to Sir Francis Hincks; while everything else seems possible. From the presidency of an Art Association, he hastens to take the chair in the bank board-room, or ventures into the stormier precincts of a joint-stock company's business meeting to defend or enforce some vigorous policy. Or we see him take the platform; and with equal energy present at length a historical retrospect, from which he proceeds to draw an unpalatable inference which runs directly counter to the popular passions of the day. Or he rushes into print; to tilt with a foe who has set pen in rest to unhorse him. No matter how young or vigorous that foe may be, the first blast of defiance brings as its instant echo the answering horn of the aged knight, who rushes to the fray to do or die. Anon, he is called to counsel on the finances of a nation: anon, he is found presiding jovially at a public dinner. Ready, apt, quick, courageous, the strong old man is not to be

Some one has said that Genius is a capacity for hard work. definition were entirely and exactly true, Sir Francis Hincks would be a Genius. But it is not the whole truth. Genius is that: but it is something more. And the lack of this other quality keeps Sir Francis below the rank of Genius. A genius is a man who is larger than his own self. When the iron casket which contains his soul is once unlocked, the Man evolves and enlarges. He bulks and spreads beyond the petty confines of himself. Alas! for him, if he be by any cajoling narrowed down to shut himself again within himself! The lock will soon be turned upon the Genius: and the smallest mortal will not be afraid to dance upon the lid of the chest. That noble subordination of self to the whole breadth of humanity, which is the constituent and sign of Genius, Sir Francis has hardly attained.

The retrospect of the life of Sir Francis Hincks carries us back to the middle ground of Canadian history: when this century was in its greenest youth. Of an old family—originally from Yorkshire, but settled in Ireland—young Hincks was well and practically educated. An elder brother had entered the church; but Francistalready shewed the busy restlessness which was foreign to the pursuits of his father and brother. He signed articles with a merchant: thus serving an apprenticeship to trade and finance which has served him well in after life. Desiring to find a field for his talents, the young Irish merchant sailed away to the West; passing enquiringly from point to point. The West Indies were visited: Demarara also: but none of these points do to be turned North and took a survey of Canada. His preliminary would do; so he turned North and took a survey of Canada. His preliminary voyage is significant as having mapped out the whole after-life of the future Sir Francis Hincks. He was afterwards to govern in those very Indies; in that very Demarara; in that very Canada; and these places were to comprise the scene of his many wanderings. But the time was not yet. He returned to Belfast; was married; and having doubtless laid his plans while abroad, came out to Toronto, and at once entered into business in a shrewd and business-like way. Educated men who were also apt to speak and apt in affairs, were not too plentiful in the early days of Little York; and Hincks soon established a reputation which placed him in high commercial positions connected with Banking and Insurance. But he must also be an Editor! Can no man succeed in Canada without a Newspaper? Francis Hincks had an object in starting the Examiner. It was not editing for its own sake, but to help him into Parliament: into which he stepped in 1841; and after that not much was heard of the paper. A few years later another round is reached, and we see Mr. Hincks Inspector General of Upper Canada: and on Baldwin's withdrawal from office, who so fit for Premier as the rising Financier? There was plenty of scope for business ability in those days in the Government: not wisely or or scope for business ability in those days in the Government: not wisely or too well had the finances of the country been administered; and the Hon. Francis Hincks by the exercise of his acknowledged ability, made his administration a success. His views were large, but his methods circumspect. A ready debater, he yet said only as much as he wished to say. This was the palmy period of Hincks's connection with Canada. His course was wise and palmy period of Hincks's connection with Canada. His course was wise and patriotic, though it did not pass without criticism and abuse. The charges which are the reproach of our Canadian life were abundantly poured out upon him. He was said to have used his office for personal profit; Mayor Bowes's name was mixed with his in a property-selling scandal; other transactions at Point Levis were denounced; and his popularity waned and waned. Different classes were aggrieved in different ways: some disapproved of the Municipal Loan Fund under which a large indebtedness had accrued. True, the country had been developed and improved in roads, bridges and harbour facilities; but have things did not nay an immediate dividend in tangible cash. Others did these things did not pay an immediate dividend in tangible cash. Others did not like Mr. Hincks for his action in regard to the Clergy Reserves. At first he favoured the restriction of the Fund to the Church of England. Further on he allowed this, but withstood the secularization of the Fund, and its application of the fund, and its application of the fund. Then, wise with time, he sailed with the irresistible current tion to education. of popular feeling, but too late; for "it swept him to the bottom." Yet, says the historian, "happy if every colony had as wise and patriotic a governor."

Hincks resigned: and, following the even more unpopular Lord Elgin, returned to England: turning his back on the ungrateful colony. But Lord Palmerston had balm and wine for his wounds; and from the inhospitable North sent him to govern—first the Windward Islands, and later—British Guiana. Behold him now at the top of the tree! "Sir (Francis) now, he time like other falks." But menderful to relate he did not satisfy quarabled. Guiana. Behold him now at the top of the tree! "Sir (Francis) now, he lives like other folks." But wonderful to relate, he did not satisfy everybody, even in the sultry easy-going sugar country. Perhaps he was too energetic for the planters. Perhaps he was 'down upon' some of their little games with the revenue. Perhaps he had a mercantile side to his life still; and became in some sort a rival. Certain it is that although Sir Francis did some useful things, the press of Georgetown has not even yet ceased its attacks upon him.

The year 1864 witnessed the return of Sir Francis Hincks to Canada where he has since resided, with short intervals of visits to Britain. Great changes had passed upon Canada, and greater were to come. The stirring events of

the American Civil War were transpiring: raids and counter-raids were the order of the day. Confederation came to consolidate and strengthen the country; and soon after the aid of Sir Francis was sought to consolidate and strengthen its finances. His re-accession to power and influence was the signal formula of the signal strengthen in the signal strengthen its finances. for a howl of fury from his old political antagonists. All the weight of the Globe fell on his devoted head. But it did not seem to hurt him; and he

quietly pursued a task which was congenial to his tastes and powers..

The record of Sir Francis while Minister of Finance under Sir John A.

Macdonald is one which is creditable alike to his intellect and morality. He had to face many difficulties. The currency of the country was in a disturbed and abnormal condition. So little had been the metallic circulation in Canada that the moneys of the United States had freely passed in all transactions. But when the silver and copper money of the States was driven here over the border by the greater cheapness there of the legal-tender 'greenbacks,' the harder money accumulated in Canada till it became a 'silver nuisance.' This nuisance was intensified by the fact that the silver was below its nominal par in gold; for which our own paper money was exchangeable. Speculators quietly replaced the full-value Canadian paper by the less value American silver, and it is not too much to say that the course of trade was dis-arranged. The banks tried in vain to arrest the evil by the system of special deposits; and it was only effectually removed by the wise action of the Finance Minister in demonetizing the depreciated foreign silver and replacing it by a temporary issue of national paper of fractional value, which was called in when the danger had passed. Other action of Sir Francis Hincks to regulate the position of the

criticism, and is now generally approved. Private business speculation has always been a favourite pursuit with Sir Francis. The busy active brain finds its pleasure in the mere conduct of these operations; apart from the question of pecuniary results. With these operations the public has no concern, except as any of them may come under notice in the courts of law or in the public newspapers. One of these latter has been the occasion of much comment; but as the affairs of the Graphic Gompany are in a sense sub judice, that comment will not be repeated here. Very 'graphic' accounts of the stormy meetings of directors and shareholders were given at the time, which have already been hinted at. Time will doubtless demonstrate the good faith and good management of Sir Francis in these

banks and to issue certain Dominion notes, has stood the tests of time and

Later still, our knight has been before the public as an earnest deprecator of Orangeism, and of the religious animosities which are supposed to be kept alive by that shadowy organization. While it may be a question as to the wisdom and policy of the zealous defence of Romanism to which Sir Francis Hincks has committed himself, there can be none as to the courage with which he has encountered the odium of many of his own creed; and there should be none in regard to the honesty of his convictions, or the sincerity and patriotism of his motives. It may be that too much has been already conceded to Rome: it may be that it is wisest to maintain peace and social harmony and leave ecclesiastical errors to be ground to powder "exceeding small," by the inexorable grinding of the "mills of God," slowly though they work their grist. But again and again, for these and similar offences, has our good knight stood in the pillory and faced the mud-throwing of bitter and infuriated opponents. Not often has he had credit for sincerity of motive: not always fresh have been the eggs with which he has been bespattered. But he is used to these things: and quietly wipes off the soil, which after all leaves no stain, and so holds on his way: except where he sees a chance to give as good as was sent. Then he can throw right out from the shoulder; and with right good will. It is not probable that he will be again active in political life, but in a green and hale old age the country may long have the advantage of his ready counsel and of his long and varied experience.

GRAPHITE. his long and varied experience.

WEST INDIAN TRADE.

During the stay of a fortnight, about four years ago, at Bridgetown in Barbados, about twenty vessels, ranging from 125 to 250 tons each, arrived there, either from Boston or Baltimore. They were all laden pretty much alike. About one-third of every cargo consisted of ice, and on this were laid quarters of beef, carcases of mutton, boxes of cheese and eggs, tinnets of butter, barrels of flour, with more or less "sundries," which consisted chiefly of apples, preserved milk, salt fish, &c. On deck of the larger vessels, a few horses and other live stock were carried, and the cargoes were usually sold at auction within forty-eight hours after their arrival.

It may not be generally known that in the West Indies, as in all tropical and semi-tropical countries, there is no grass. They are therefore entirely dependent upon other places for the articles we have enumerated. of vessels which arrived during our stay were not, we were told, beyond the usual average for the rest of the year. In the other islands, notably in Jamaica, St. Thomas, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Trinidad, similar cargoes, and of a similar proportion in number to the respective population, were, and are still, we

understand, annually received.

It was often asked why Canada did not compete for a portion of the trade. In the article of ice it was believed these Provinces usually produced an abundant crop. Our cheese and butter are believed to be not inferior to that produced by Brother Jonathan; and our fish were pronounced superior to his, and were brought there, more or less, in every cargo. They added that boots and shoes were reputed to be cheaper here than in the States, from which their supply chiefly came, and that in window blinds and sashes, doors, furniture, sewing machines, and in beef and mutton, we could more than compete with the United States at any West Indian port. Our flour, we were told, did not suit them. Our cereals, it was said, had a tendency to become speedily sour during their hot season. Their "staff of life" had therefore to be grown a latitude south of Pennsylvania.

Intensely loyal to Great Britain—"plus Arab qu' un Arab"—they would prefer commercial intercourse with another British colony rather than with the prefer commercial intercourse with another British colony rather than with the States, all other things of course being equal. They asked why the Canadian without any admixture of negro blood.

It there means a native white, without any admixture of negro blood.

J. P.

Government did not aid in promoting this trade, by subsidizing a line of steamers between them and us, and by a re-adjustment of our tariff on sugar, molasses, and other West Indian products?

To these enquiries, it was replied that the conduct of the then Government furnished, perhaps, another illustration of the truth of Chancellor Oxen-stern's dictum, that the world was often governed by little wisdom. Why or wherefore the late Government made no effort to cultivate the trade we were unable to say. But if it be true, as it is so reported, that the present Government ment are about to make an effort to this end, they deserve encouragement from the public, irrespective of race or party. And the first step to the success of this effort must be speedy and regular mail communication, by the establishment of a line of steamers, sailing from Montreal in summer, and from Halifax in winter, and calling at least at Jamaica, St. Thomas, Barbados, St. Lucia, Trinidad, and Demerara. The second step must be in a re-adjustment of our Tariff, to the end of promoting return cargoes, without which no intercolonial trade could be profitable. With these desiderata, it may be reasonably believed the merchants of the Dominion and of the Antilles would quickly establish a large and mutually profitable interchange of trade. The articles we chiefly cultivate and manufacture are those the West Indies are unable either to grow or make, and they have hitherto supplied the lack from places where they are actually dearer than here, and we have, notwithstanding these advantages, been unable to reap them from the want of quick and regular communication, and by a tariff which practically excluded return freight. Our government should be therefore warmly supported in any effort to remove these impediments, and no paltry feeling of party prejudice should withhold approval.

There are other considerations of importance though they may be regarded as of less importance than that of trade. A closer and larger commercial intercourse, between the sixty islands composing the West Indies and ourselves, would be of no mean assistance towards creating that bond of federative union which may become a necessity to our integrity at no remote period. And in this age of travel for "fresh fields and pastures new," the Creole would, with this age of travel for "fresh neigs and pastures new," the Creole would, with better facilities than now exist for reaching us, frequently avail himself of the opportunity, either to enjoy what to him would be the greatest of natural novelties,—namely, our frozen rivers, and our mountains of snow, or to enjoy the curative properties of our winter climate. While we, on the other hand, would find on their beautiful sea-girt isles relief from pulmonary ailments, and everywhere objects to gratify in a very high degree a love for the heautiful in where objects to gratify, in a very high degree, a love for the beautiful in nature. "In the wide world over," there are few places more lovely, and yet comparatively less visited by the tourist, than the British West Indies. They have attractions as marked and distinct of their kind as the Italian lakes and During our winter the climate in the Antilles is rarely warmer than here in June or September, except in the valleys. During these so-called winter months is their harvest season. There is no rain then; the sugar-cane becomes ripe, and is made into sugar; the other fruits are in their prime, the greater part of their flora is in bloom, and their gorgeous and infinite variety of palms appear most luxuriant. Viewed from the calm and pellucid Carribean Sea, these beautiful islands appear like

"Larger constellations burning, mellow moons, and happy skies-Breaths of tropic shade, palms in cluster, knots of Paradise.

Droops of heavy perfum'd flower, hangs the heavy fruited tree, Summer isles of Eden lying in dark purple spheres of sea."

The hotels, it must be confessed, are somewhat deficient in comfort, and we know no better fields for an enterprising Southgate or Worthington than at St. Thomas, or at Port of Spain in Trinidad, or at Hastings in Barbados. But this lack is largely supplied by the unbounded hospitality of the Creole.* A letter of introduction is enough to procure for the bearer a hearty welcome to JOHN POPHAM.

MILK AS FOOD IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH .- Dr. Crosby, of the Bellevue Hospital, pronounces milk an article of diet which all persons may use, under nearly all conditions. There are those who say that they cannot take milk, that it makes them bilious, &c., but he declares that this is not true. A person who is sick may take milk with the greatest possible advantage, because it contains, in a form easy of assimilation, all the elements essential for maintaincontains, in a form easy of assimilation, all the elements essential for maintaining nutrition. It is the natural aliment of the young animal, and certainly answers a good purpose for the old animal, provided it is used properly, and not poured into a stomach already overfilled, as though it had in itself no substance or richness. New milk, he does not hesitate to say, may be taken, as far as disease is concerned, in nearly every condition. Perhaps it will substance or richness. New milk, he does not hesitate to say, may be taken, as far as disease is concerned, in nearly every condition. Perhaps it will require the addition of a spoonful or two of lime water. The addition of a little salt will often prevent the after feeling of fullness and "wind on the stomach," which some complain of. If marked acidity of the stomach is present, then perhaps a little gentian may be requisite to stimulate the stomach somewhat, and it may be necessary to give it in small quantities and repeat it often: but ice-cold milk can be put into a very irritable stomach, if given in small quantities and at short intervals, with the happiest effect. It is used in case of fever, which formerly it was thought to "feed," and when scalded it has a desirable effect in summer complaints
But it is as an article of diet for has a desirable effect in summer complaints. But it is as an article of diet for people in health, and who wish to remain in that happy condition, that milk should be most appreciated. For the mid-day lunch of those whose hearty meal comes at night, or for the supper of those who dine at noon, nothing is so good. The great variety and excellent quality of prepared cereals give a wide choice of food to use with milk. Bread, with berries in their season, or baked sweet apples, boiled rice, cracked wheat, oatmeal, hulled corn or hominy, taken with a generous bowl of pure cold milk, makes the best possible light meal in warm weather for children, and for all adults who have not some positive physical idiosyncrasy that prevents them from digesting it. The men of the physical idiosyncrasy that prevents them from digesting it. firmest health and longest life are the men of regular and simple habits, and milk is a standard in such a diet.

NEWS SUMMARY.

COLONIAL.

A pair of ostriches at a recent sale in South Africa brought over \$1,400, while the average price per pair at the sale was \$1,000.

In the last Kaffir war in South Africa, one large tribe was kept back from fighting

against England by the influence of the German missionaries.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach intends to send a commission to Malta to inquire into the state ducation in the island. There is probably no population in the world in a grosser state of transcribing the learner of Malta to inquire into the state. of education in the island. There is probal ignorance than the lower class of Maltese.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Ten years hence the London Times will be one hundred years old.

The Prince of Wales' Indian collection is to be exhibited in Edinburgh.

English counterfeiters have of late turned their attention to Russian bank-notes. The Liverpool Police Force has lost a valuable member by the death of Inspector

Lord Devon has been appointed to succeed Lord Chichester as President of the Eccles-Carlisle.

The number of vessels at present under construction in the Clyde ship building yar is is iastic Commission.

Within the last year Queen Victoria has given \$25,000 to the temperance cause. Four 78, compared with 118 in August, 1877.

The subscriptions already received or promised for the extension of the buildings of members of the royal household are total abstainers.

University College, London, amount to upwards of £14,000.

The Most Rev. Bishop McCabe, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Dublin, has been chosen by the prests and canons of the Diocese for the archiepiscopal chair, rendered vacant by the death of Cardinal Cullen.

Sir William Armstrong has given \$100,000 worth of land to the town of Newcastle-on-Type for the purposes of a public park, and Sir Richard Wallace has presented Ipswich with \$25,000 to found a school of art and free Library.

The magnificent recreation ground of Epping Forest, 6,000 acres of greensward and noble timber, within half an hour's rail of the poorest districts of London, is now secured to noble timber, within half an hour's rail of the poorest districts of London, her citizens forever, mainly through the public spirit of the Corporation.

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The house in which John Knox, the great Scotch divine and reformer, lived and died, is yet standing in the Old Town, Edinburgh. Extending over the entire front is this inscription yet standing in the Old Town, Edinburgh. Extending over the entire front is this inscription in large Roman letters: "Lufe God abuse all, and yi nychtbour as yi self."

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The majority of employers refuse to enter into the usual Michaelmas contracts with the men unless the latter employers refuse to a reduction ranging from five to ten per cent, on the terms of last year's contract.

Four Prime Michaelman and the last handred neare refused the Garden-Vicenness.

Four Prime Ministers have within the last hundred years refused the Garter—Viscounts Sidmouth and Melbourne, Mr. Pitt and Sir Robert Peel. Pitt, however, accepted it for his brother, the second and last Lord Chatham, who had no personal claim whatever to the distinction.

The Scotch Banks have a certain authorized issue of notes—that of the City of Glasgow having been about £73.000. If more notes are issued than are prescribed by law, then having been about £73.000. If more notes are issued than gold put into the collers of for every one-pound note so issued there must be a sovereign in gold put into the collers of the bank.

For the third time within thirty years the tower of the paris't church of Week et. Mary. North Cornwall, England, was on Saturday night. November 9th, struck by lightning and destroyed. A massive basement stone was thrown twenty yards from the tower, and all the corner stones were declared.

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UNITED STATES.

The American Pharmaceutical Association meets in Indianapolis next September.

Angell, the defaulting secretary of the Pullman Car Company, was passing in Lisbon as Englishman, under the name of Seymour, when arrested.

The Manual

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East Liverpool, Ohio, is warmed and lighted by its natural gas wells, one of which has been running for 20 years and sends out as strong a stream as ever. The gas gives out flames that rival the electric light in brilliancy, and it costs so little that the lamps in the city streets that rival the electric light in brilliancy, and it costs so little that the lamps in the city streets that rival the electric light in brilliancy, and it costs so little that the lamps in the city streets are kept burning day and night. It is used in private houses and factories alike, and cooks a stream or heats a furnace with equal catisfaction.

The American Minister for Agriculture has recently stated that in the extensive caverns of Texas enormous masses of guano are deposted. The quantity is estimated at 20,000 tons, and the quality is said to be superior to that of fish guano. It is origin must be looked for in and the quality is said to be superior to that of fish guano. It is also reported that in the immense numbers of bats which inhabit these caverns. It is also reported that in the immense numbers of bats which inhabit these caverns, that the threatened exhaustion of Ind.an Ccean several guano islands have been discovered, so that the threatened exhaustion of Ind.an Ccean several guano is lands have been discovered. guano deposits need not be feared for some time to come.

FOREIGN.

A horrible massacre by Turks is reported from Macedonia.

The Turkish dollar has depreciated in value till it is now worth only 31 cents.

Germany Germans report that Bismarck weighs 243 pounds, a gain of 43 pounds in four years.

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It is stated at Constantinople that the English Reform scheme is to be tried experimentally in Saujacks of Syria and Brussa.

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The first the state of The first street railway in Rome now operates successfully from the Porta del Popolo, at the entrance of the Villa Borghese, to the old bridge of Ponte Molle on the Tiber, a distance of nearly two miles

As the British frontier has advanced in Western Asia, so has the Russian frontier. The separation now is a country of about a breadth of 200 miles, with an average elevation of 10,000 feet, with passes of 12,000 to 13,000 feet.

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New firmans have been obtained by He muzd Rassam for explorations throughout the whole of Mesopotamia and the hitherto u. ou hed field of North-Eastern Syria. This is the region which once formed the seat of the limit of Ianan show a sincere desire to promote the in-

The members of the Imperial family of Japan show a sincere desire to promote the industries of their country. The Empress takes great interest in silk-spinning, and not long ago dustries of their country. The Empress takes great interest in silk-spinning, and not long ago their country. The Empress takes great interest in silk-spinning, and not long ago the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the tea shrubs growing in the garden of the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked in the Imperial palace at Akasaka were picked i

diessed alike in holiday clothes, and were regaled with cakes and tea at the close of their labors.

Whalers recently returned from Behring's Stra'ts report the occurrence of volcanic eruptions on Amukta, Chegula and Umnak, three of the Aleutan Islands. On Unalashka an earthquake destroyed the village of Makushin on the 29th of August.

The kingdom of Prussia annually expends the immense sum of \$18,000,000 for its educational interests. Last year 56,050 teachers were employed. It is stated that at least 8,000 more teachers are needed. The average salary paid to teachers is \$250.

The law in the canton of Zurich, Switzerland, which until lately confiscated the property of guls for the benefit of their brothers, has been amended. A newspaper there says that the male peasants consider themselves ruined because their sisters are now to share in the family property. the family property.

The rage for exhibitions has now spread even to Central Asia. The latest news from Tashkend stress that an agricultural and industrial exhibition is about to be made for it at Samarcand, and the Government has promised gold and silver medals to the exhibitors, as not as honorary extenses. well as honorary caftans!

One hundred and two societies, 28 newspapers, and SS books and pamphlets have been prohibited in Germany since the promulgation of the anti-Socialist law. In noithern Germany there is but one journal of Socialist proclivaties leat; in central and southern Germany there still remain 11. All these have changed their names since the new law, and try to conceal their bas

The Russ an Government lately gave its sanction to the proposal for founding a new university in Siberia. Tomask is the town chosen for this new seat of learning. At present the donations for this establishment amount to \$30,000 toubles. The Russisch: Reduc suggests that the year 1882, the third centenary of the Russian possession of Siberia, would be the right time for opening the new university.

RELIGIOUS.

Mr. Spurgeon's health is again variable, and he has probably seen his best working

A society is being formed in London to carry out the reprinting of the old works of early Presbyter.ans

There were only three native Christians in China twenty-seven years ago. To-day there is 12,000.

Rev. S. G. McFarland, of the Presbyterian mission to Siam, has been intrusted by the king with the charge of a Christian college for the education of youth in the Samese and English language, to which the king has given a large endowment.

The Duchess of Sutherland, who has long been a member of the Crown Court Scotch Established Church, London, of which the well known Dr. Camming is pastor, has left, it is gated, and united with an extreme Raualistic Church in the West End.

The Wesleyan Methodists and the Primitive Methodists in Ireland, who have been separated 62 years, have just re-united. In 1816, the year of the division, the one included 28,000 members; it now numbers even less, there being but 26,000.

In Scotland, after the first of January, persons may be married without proclamation of banns, by giving seven clear days' notice at a reg star's. The cost of this is half a crown if the pattics reade in the same parish, and five shillings if in different parishes.

Father Gavazzi expects that in 1880 there will be 300 congregations of his church in Italy. In 1848, there was but one evangelical church member in Italy. In 1872, there were 100 congregations, 10,000 communicants, and 30,000 hearers in the chapels every Sabbath.

The Evangelists' Association connected with Mr. Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabermacle devotes its attention especially to the evangelization of London. During the year just closed it has supplied 82 chapels, established 30 evangelistic services, and conducted in all 1,084 services of various kinds.

The Journal de Commercie, of Rio Janeiro, contains an account of the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Brazil and their state to the American Presbyterian Mission School at Sin Paulo. Their Majerties were very much struck with the proficiency of the scholars, and declared to Rev. Mr. Howell that it was the best school of its grade of scholars that they had ever seen.

ART, SCIENCE AND LITERATURE.

Among the novelties of the Paris Exhibition is a drill which hores square holes—an invention of a Londoner.

Leon Lewis, the famous novelist, is about to begin the publication of a new literary paper of a character similar to the New York Loiger. It is to be issued at his home, Penn Yan, and he has established for the purpose a model printing establishment.

Lady Anne Blurt, Byron's granddaughter, is about to publish "Winter Residence Among the Bedouin Arabs." Lady Anne and her husband, formerly in the British diplomatic service, have been admitted by the Arabs to the most friendly it timacy, lived with them in their tents, Sec. Lady Anne has a touch of eccentricity about her.

Whose is the best translation of Dante's "Inferno"? Some years ago Prof. Lowell told his class in Italian that Dr. John Carlyle's translation of Dante's "Inferno" was in his judgment the best. It is a piose literal translation, the text of cach verse being given, with explanatory notes. Of metrical translations Mr. Longfellow's is probably the bes

We have seen it stated somewhere that Napoleon I. was the deviser of that system of book-keeping known as "double entry." Is that so? The double entry system is of much greater antiquity than Napoleon. It was in use among the Italian merchants in the 15th century; the earliest known treatise on the subject being by Luca di Porgo, published Venice in 1495.

praise to Him "from whom all blessings flow," is, says an American contemporary, compiled from four old Gregorian chants, probably by Franc, who furnished the music for the Geneva Psalms, published in 1564. It was known originally as the "Gne Hundredth Psalm" in that collection. Hence its present title.

An interesting experiment has been made to determine whether the head waters of the Danube found their way through subterranean passages into the Aach. Some fluorescein was placed in the waters of the Danube, and in three days the splendid green color and golden reflections were quite distinct in the waters of the Aach. Ten kilos of fluorescein had coloured at least 200,000,000 it.es of water.

Europe has about 14,000 newspapers and periodicals, of which only about one in fourteen are Roman Catholic in tendency. Great Histan and France have the same number of Romanist journals, forty two, but in Britain it is forty-two out of 2,500, and in France forty-two out of 2,000. Of North America's 8,500 journals only 113 are Roman Catholic, while in South America only eleven out of the 1,000 newspapers represent the dominant religion.

LAW, MEDICINE, &c.

The question of women medical practitioners is not yet settled in Russia. On the 2cth of October last the right of women who had completed a course of medical training to practise medicine in the empire was brought formally under the consideration of the Sanitary Council strached to the Ministry of the Interior. After prolonged discussion, the Council unanimously resolved as follows: "Although the right to pract se medicine by the female students of the medical faculty has not to the present been recognized by the legislative authority, having regard to the evidence now submitted by the professions, that these students are fully competent to exercise the medical profession, the Sanitary Council will itself endeavor to obtain from the Government the authorization necessary for them to enter mon deavor to obtain from the Government the authorization necessary for them to enter upon practice."

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THE PROMOTER AND PERFECTOR OF ASSIMILATION.

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It will displace or wash out tuberculous matter, and thus cure consumption.

By increasing nervous and muscular vigor, it will cure dyspepsia, feeble or interrupted action of the heart and palpitation, weakness of intellect caused by grief, weary, overtax or irregular habits, bronchitis, acute or chronic, congestion of the lungs, even in the most alarming stages.

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ses of the lungs, the inventor is permitted to refer to the medical gentlemen of St. John, N.B., se signatures are attached hareto.

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T. W. CARRITT, M.D.

1, AARON ALWARD, Mayor of the City of St John, in the Province of New Brunswick, having ed she letters of Drs. Earle, Addy, Clay, Jacobs, and Chandler, and also the signatures attached to the foregoing permit of reference, hereby certify that I believe them all genuine. I can also testify to the high therapeutical value of Fellows' Compound Symp of Hypophosphites, and consider it deserving of attention by the profession generally.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto et my hand and affixed my seal of Mayor ity, at the City of St. John, this sixth lay of February, in the year of our Lord ne thousand eight hundred and sixty-

Dr. S. Jacobs on Aphonia, or Loss of Voice.

Orange Street, St. John, N.B., 1869.

MR. FELLOWS,

Sin,—I am bound to award the palm of merit to the preparation of Hypophosphites discovered by you. I had occasion to use it myself in a case of Aphonia, which would not yield to regular treatment, and an happy to say it proved to be all you claimed for it, having acted with expedition and entire satisfaction. I feel called upon to publish the fact, that the profession may avail themselves of a remody in your "Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites."

Vous very triply

Yours very truly, S. JACOBS, M.D.

Dr. Howe's Testimony.

PITTSFIELD, ME., March, 1872.

MR. JAMES I. FELLOWS.

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DEAR SIR.—During the past two years I have given your Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites a fair though somewhat severe trial in my practice, and am able to speak with confidence of its effects. In restoring persons suffering from emaciation and the debility following diphtheria, it has done wonders. I constantly recommend its use in all affections of the throat and lungs. In several cases considered hopeless it has given relief, and the patients are fast recovering. Among these are consumptive and old bronchial subjects, whose diseases have resisted the other modes of treatment. For impaired digestion, and in fact for debility from any cause, I know of nothing equal to it. Its direct effect in strengthening the nervous system renders it suitable for the majority of diseases. I am, sir, yours truly, MAS HOWE MD equation.
ous system renders it sunance to cous system, sir, yours truly, w.m. S. HOWE, M.D.

Inflammation of the Lungs.

UPPER SOUTH RIVER, Antigonish, N.S.

To Whom it may Concern.

This is to certify that in February, 1873, I had a very severe and dangerous attack of Inflammation of the Lungs, accompanied with a copious expectoration of mucus and blood, exhausting my strength until was scarcely able to breathe. My physician held out no hope of recovery, and the evidences were that Hasty Consumption would soon put an end to my sufferings, an opinion concurred in by my friends. dants were induced to administer Fellows' Syrup of Hypophosphites, and I am happy to testify that I experienced relief from the very first dose : the effects of the first bottle amazed me, and a very few bottles restored my health completely. I attribute my recovery (under God) to the use of Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites. I write and testify to the above, simply, that the proper party may receive due credit, and especially that others who suffer may have knowledge of a sure remedy for like diseases.

(Signed)

Mrs. JOHN McPHEE.

We, the undersigned residents of Antigonish, do hereby certify the above correct, from the fact that we are acquainted with Mrs. McPhee and the circumstances attending her case.

HUGH K. SINCLAIR, JOHN SINCLAIR, J.P., JAMES A. SINCLAIR, Mrs. JAMES SINCLAIR, SIMON SINCLAIN, JOHN MCPHER, HUGH MCNELLS, J.P.

Testimonial to Mr. Fellows.

We, the undersigned, Clergymen of the Methodist Church in Nova Scotia, having used the preparation known as Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, prepared by Mr. James I. Fellows, Chemist, St. John, N.B., or having known cases wherein it effects were beneficial, believe it to be a re'inble remedy for the diseases for which it is recommended.

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James G. Hennigar,
Pres. of Conference.

John McMurray,
Ex-Pres. of Conference.

WM. SARGENT,
John A. MOSHER,
JOHN W. HOWIE,
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RICH'D. W. WEIDALL,
ALEX. W. NICHOLSON,
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Letter from Rev. J. Salmon, M.D. CHIPMAN, QUEEN'S Co., N.B.

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SIR,—In the practice of medicine I have recomnended your Compound Syrup of Hypophosphies, and found invariably the following results:—

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I am, sir, yours truly, JAMES SALMON, Practising Physician and Surgeon.

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THE SECOND ADVENT OF THE PAST .- No. III.

By REV. THOMAS RATTRAY.

The two articles which have appeared in the Canadian Spectator of the and oth November, on this subject, were written nearly a year ago. They are part of a series which I had intended for publication. Subsequently I wrote a series of discourses on the regal advent and the resurrection of the past, the sixth of which I published last July in a pamphlet of sixty-four pages. As my object was not profit, I have already sent over five hundred copies to clergymen and others interested in theology, and any one addressing me at Toronto will receive a copy by return mail.

The second or regal advent, as of the past, may seem strange to Christian minds imbedded in the post-milennial or the pre-milennial theories, or to those who accept the Church history of doctrine as conclusive, and rendering unnecessary any further reference to Scripture. An appeal to Scripture may be necessary any further reference to Scripture. An appeal to Scripture may be deemed by such only warrantable, if its results are favourable to the popular adage which, translated from the Latin, means "what is always, and everywhere, and by all received," is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. We are all aware of the general acceptance of this ancient theological maxim, and were it not for the command of the great and only Teacher, "search the and were it not for the command of the great and only Teacher, "search the Scriptures," and the words of the prophet, "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them," we might rest in the Church history of doctrine concerning the regal advent and its immediate and subsequent issues. It is confessedly painful to traverse the decisions of former times. A work of reformation and especially on doctrines permeating the very substance of theology, and stultifying the decisions of nearly all Christian times, should and must have a Divine warranty. Nothing less than the explicit testimony of Scripture will avail as a plea for such a work, and valid reasons must be advanced to account for the errors o the past, and to justify their reformation or removal.

In now presenting these I will briefly call the reader's attention to the widely different features of Old and New Testament revelation. what was suitable to those waiting for redemption in Israel; and to those who witnessed the atoning Christ travailing in sorrow for the putting away of sin, who saw the triumphant end of the work of reconciliation and the preaching of the joyful news, and who believed that they stood on the threshold of the Kingdom of God, and near to the time of the regal glory, and the consummation of the priestly work of Jesus, in the resurrection to eternal life of all the faithful of the past, and the commencement of a reign of life to go on until the end of Faith and hope and a joyful experience were realized by the faithful in time. Faith and hope and a joyful experience were realized by the faithful in the olden times. As Abraham saw the day of the Christ and was glad, so all the faithful had "a good report through faith." "These all died in the faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Yet of them it is said, they "received not the promise. God having provided some better thing for us that they without us and pilgrims on the earth." Yet of them it is said, they "received not the promise, God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." The words "they without us should not be made perfect," and "God having provided some better thing for us," reveal the waiting time before the regal advent, and the time of fruition at its inception. They account for the different features in Old and New Testament revelation. They suggest a radical distinction between the former and the formal dispensations, death, reigning in the one and life in the other. They final dispensations, death reigning in the one, and life in the other. They fillustrate other words of St. Paul, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," and more especially these, God is eternal me unough jesus chilist out forth, and more especially those, "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

The different features in the Old and New Testament revelation, if well studied, will in time give to those indoctrinated in the prevalent Eschatology a desire for its reconsideration, and then for its reconstruction on principles more consonant with Scripture. One thing will especially strike the mind—that Scripture nowhere speaks of the soul as a part of man entering into glory at death. It speaks not of the days, but of "the day" of redemption. It gives that of the consumption as fulfilled first on the soul immediately after death. It speaks not of the days, but of the day of redemption. It gives no hint of the consummation as fulfilled first on the soul immediately after death, and then on the body at the last day of time. In the Old Testament we read nothing of life after death, in the sense of active and conscious existence, as the portion of the righteous. In the New Testament we read much of it; indeed, the whole volume flames with the light of an approaching full redemption. It is connected with the regal advent, as at the door. Let the Greek tion. It is connected with the regal advent, as at the door. Let the Greek scholar ponder the original text of Hebrews x., 37. Let him notice mikron oson, "yet a very little while,"—(or, "the least bit of time," as Liddell and Scott's lexicon gives as the rendering of oson duplicated)—"and he that is coming will come, and shall not tarry." Let him carefully observe the use of the new mello in many papers on the regal advent, the resurrection and the judgment and he will confess that account for it as we may no reason that is ment, and he will confess that, account for it as we may, no reason that is reasonable can be found, unless in a settled belief shared in by Apostles and believers, that the regal advent, the resurrection and the judgment, and a reign of life to the end of time, were then near, or at their commencement. The only inference following is that there is a radical difference in the dispensations preceding and in that of the final age, and that the different features of Old and New Testament revelation have manifest reference to the passing away of the old heavens and earth of Judaism, and to the entrance of new heavens and a new earth under the regal sway of the Son of God.

It will not do to interpret the words and phrases of the New Testament, such as "life," "everlasting life," "eternal life," as the spiritual experience enjoyed by believers from faith and hope. The Old Testament believers had an experience somewhat like to that enjoyed now, any difference coming from a faith leaking forward and our faith resting on what is accomplished, but what faith looking forward, and our faith resting on what is accomplished; but, what-ever the difference, it fails to account for the gloom resting on the records of ever the difference, it fails to account for the gloom resting on the records of "the ministration of death," and for the effulgent light which in the New Testament illustrates "the ministration of the Spirit." No reason that is satisfactory can be given, apart from this, that the records of the New Covenant annunciate a dispensation of life. We leave the Old Testament with the conviction that "sin hath reigned unto death." We read the New Testament, from Mathat

thew to the end of the Apocalypse, and the heart responds, "Grace reigns

thew to the end of the Apocatypse, and the heart responds, "Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

I give as a second reason to justify the reconstruction of the prevalent Eschatology, that the final age is the kingdom or reign of God, and as such gave judgment at the regal advent on the accumulated issues of the preceding dispensations, and because it is the reign of God does not refer any final issues to the end of time.

There was a simultaneous resurrection and judgment when "the King of the Ages" came in His regal glory. The resurrection now is the rupture or the translation of the saint as he ends his earthly course. The judgment now is unceasing and continuous. We are always manifest before the judgment seat Paul said eighteen centuries ago, "He hath appointed a day (not a human day, but the Lord's Day-the Messianic regal day) in which He will judge (Greek, he is about to judge) the world in righteousness." Acts xvii., 31. He also said, "I charge thee, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge (Greek, who is about to judge) the quick and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom."

On this I have not space to enter at large. Let the reader receive what is now given as hints to his own efforts in the further elucidation of the final age as the Kingdom or reign of God, and as confirmatory of the difference in the features of Old and New Testament revelation. As he pursues the study, the true nature of the final age will be seen, and Christianity will stand forth before him in its catholicity and spirituality, and better fitted to fill the earth with righteousness, and therefore with the glory of God. We have been in the dim twilight. Let us enter into the day. We have been looking for the regal advent. Let us know that it is of the past. Let us live in the presence and understand the rule of our Glorious King, the King of Righteousness, and feeling the inspiration of His reign over us, let us strive to be righteous, even as He is righteous.

Allow me to give from the *British Quarterly*, Oct. 1878, a notice of a book entitled "The Parousia: a critical inquiry into the New Testament doctrine of our Lord's Second Coming" (Daldy Isbister & Co., Ludgate Hill, London,

England):—

"'The Parousia' is a careful and reverent inquiry into the meaning of our Lord's second coming, as predicted so largely and in such manifold forms in the New Testament. The conclusion that the writer reaches is, that the whole of the references are to the overthrow of the Jewish dispensation, and the establishment of the new spiritual Kingdom of Christ; and that therefore in a direct and literal sense the predictions were fulfilled to the men of that generation. Beginning with Malachi, who speaks of the doom of Jerusalem—of course meaning thereby the Jewish system—the writer carefully and critically examines all the passages of the New Testament that refer to the 'Parousia,' He distinctly rejects the double sense, as in every way perplexing, dishonouring and unreal, and affirms that in manifold forms of parable and rhetorical, and especially of Oriental imagery, the only reference is to the new economy; that in Matt. xxiv.; I. Thess. iv., 13-18; the Apocalypse as a whole, and other passages which even the most literal interpreters have referred to the general judgment, the reference really is to the new Kingdom of Christ. Some of the difficulties of his interpretations press him hard; as, for instance, when he says concerning the passage in Thess, iv., 'The Lord descending with a shout, the sounding of the trumpet, the raising of the sleeping dead, the rapture of the living saints'..., Is it certain that these are facts cognizable to the senses? Is their place in the region of the material and visible? But although we think he fails in this, he is scarcely at a comparative disadvantage. Almost every other theory presents difficulties as insoluble. Nero he thinks is the man of sin about whom Paul writes to the Thessalonians, and John's anti-Christ is not a person but a principle. We can, of course, neither follow him into details nor examine any of his positions critically, but we are disposed to agree on the whole with his conclusions. Nothing can be more reverent, scholarly or thorough than his tre

It is evident from the general tone of this notice, and from the remark of the writer-"we are disposed to agree on the whole with his conclusions' that at least the re-consideration of Eschatology is admitted as necessary by theologians of the highest class. The present time is signalized by agitation theologians of the highest class. The present time is signalized by agitation on the Second Advent, as is seen by the meetings of the Prophetic Conference lately held at New York. The New York *Tribune* has issued an extra containing a verbatim report of the speeches and essays then and there delivered by distinguished clergymen of the Episcopal and the Presbyterian Churches. Let us read the Tribune extra, and learn what is advanced for pre-milennarianism by men whose character for piety and learning stands so deservedly high.

And let us also hear and consider the best that may be said by postmilennarians in favour of their view. Let them not rely too confidently on its general prevalence, nor on the prestige that age has given to it. The voice of Scripture which aroused a slumbering world at the Reformation, and proclaimed the Word of God as the only test of doctrine, is now, as it was then, the only court of appeal. Before it, the deliverances of all churches must stand aside, and by it the Second Advent as of the future or at the last day of time and and by it, the Second Advent, as of the future, or at the last day of time, or at A.D. 70 when the Mosaic system for ever passed away, will be decided.

PRESERVATION OF TIMBER.—With regard to the preservation of the timber on the public lands of the United States, the President says:—"The protection of the public property is one of the first duties of the Government. The Department of the Interior should, therefore, be enabled by sufficient appropriations to enforce the laws in that respect. But this matter appears still more important as a question of public economy. The rapid destruction of our forces is fraught with the gravest consequences appearable in mountain forests is fraught with the gravest consequences, especially in mountainous districts, where the rocky slopes, once denuded of their trees, will remain so There the injury once done cannot be repaired. I fully concur with the Secretary of the Interior in the opinion that for this reason legislation touching the private timber in mountainous States and Territories of the West should be especially well considered, and that existing laws, in which the destruction of the forests is not sufficiently guarded against, should be speedily modified. A general law concerning this important subject appears to me to be a metter of present public passessity." be a matter of urgent public necessity.

The above is from the Message of the President of the United States. Attention has already been directed to this subject in the SPECTATOR, and the duty of the Government urged to interfere in the de-arboration of Canada,-

process which is now rapidly going on.

"A LEGEND OF ARGYLL."

By Our Special Lunatic.

Tis the voice of the Marquis-I hear him complain: I doubt if I ever shall slumber again; I'm worried and wearied—can't rest in my bed-Those eighteen addresses have "gone to my head." I'm dizzy, disgusted, and quite ill at ease, And so is my darling, my Princess Louise. For pity's sake drop it, and give me a rest! Sea-sickness is nasty—swing-beds are a pest. And old Frather Neptune was unsympathetic, While the beat of the engine seemed, at times, quite pathetic; But the sturdy "Sarmatian" meant me no harm, Hemmed in by her stout hull I felt no alarm; But here I am lonely, defenceless, and weak, Surrounded by beings who all seem to seek. To drown me with oceans of wordiest "wash," To drown me with oceans of wordiest "wash," Tempestuous billows, which roar, reel and crash, And pour their cold eloquence over my heart. Is there never a man of you who'll take my part? And help me to stop this continued effusion Without saying "confound it" and breeding confusion. But speeches, alas! are not all I've to bear, For these must "play out"—get somewhat more rare. I see I am used as a walking advertisement, And not only just as a pleasing "divertissement"; For every rank snob that has get him a place For every rank snob that has get him a place As Mayor or Magistrate, with worshipful grace Advertises his greatness by calling on me In grand robe of office, that the round world may see. And it doesn't stop there, but that lever, "the Press," And it doesn't stop there, but that lever, the Fig. Advertises itself through my Darling Princess, By welcoming her with an "Evening Edition," Printed nicely on satin—to suit her position And mental acquirements; for snobs readily see She cares only for Dress, Fashion, Satin, and me. I confess all this makes me feel sick at the heart, And visions assail me of what kind of part I'm expected to play in the eyes of this Nation— The use they intend to make of my station. I am troubled by dreams of a man, like myself, *Who patrolled the streets for so much daily pelf With a board on his breast, and a board on his back, (Of boredom here surely there ain't any lack,) Writ all over, large, with an eloquent stack Of names on the front—of Judges and Mayors, With the Press, on its back—in neat printed layers. And this vision don't cheer me, but maketh me ill, And it reacheth beyond my most prominent skill To find what I've done to deserve the hard fate Of an agent for "Ads" in deplorable state, Who's permitted to place no check on the "Biz": To whom no *cheque* is offered—though certain it is That Newspapers, Mayors, and the Whiskey of Lorne, Lorne ties, Lorne scarfs, Lorne tartans, are borne By my name and effect to a string success— Yet nobody thanks me—the more or the less. If this be a National welcome! Oh! then Let me write it all down with a strong iron pen And, perceiving I'm welcomed because I'm of use Let me make myself useful—never mind this abuse-And labour to bless those who persecute me. Let me show them I braved the billowy sea
For this purpose—to lead them to loftier heights Where true hospitality hath truer rights, And rejoices in giving forth all that she has Regardless of gain—that can be let pass If usefulness, dignity, helpfulness, Truth, Can serve to give Charity healthier growth.

WITTICISMS.

"And he is oft the wisest man who is not wise at all."-WORDSWORTH.

A HARD-MONEY enthusiast says he never met a woman in his life that seemed to know anything about coins. He never Numismatics!—Yonkers Gazette

THE time when a man sighs for more response-ability is when the toastmaster calls him up.—Exc.

WHEN a man builds a house for himself, he departs from the pay-rental -Newhaven Register.

Motto for a dyer's establishment:—Morituri Salutamus, "we who are about to dye salute you."—Albany Journal.

It is well to have faith in everthing, but you want to carefully examine the inside of a chestnut before you trust altogether to appearances.—Salem Sunbeam.

Por Cuts, wrap up the wound in the blood, and wet the bandage thoroughly with Brown's Household Panacea and Family Liniment. For chills and Fever it has proved very efficacious. It quickens the blood and invigorates the whole system. No mistake about it. For internal and external use. Sold by all druggists.

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III.—RECOLLECTIONS OF FIJI.—IN A WAR CANOE TO SEE A MEKI-MEKI.

"The war canoe I can understand, but what a meki-meki is I am at a loss to make out," is, I daresay, the mental exclamation of the reader. In a few words, the meki-meki is the great Fijian dance. The visit of one chief to another results in a meki-meki; a cannibal feast is not complete without it; a raid on a neighbouring island is prefaced by a meki-meki, and concluded by another performance of this popular custom. Feast or fast, fight or festival, none are complete without this national safety-valve.

With this preface I will now take the reader on a canoe trip to see the

meki-meki performed

My cannibal friend Maasii, whom I have before mentioned, came to me one morning with the intelligence of a meki-meki that was to come off that evening on the neighbouring Island of Taying and world I are his evening on the neighbouring Island of Taviuni, and would I go? If so, his war canoe was at my disposal. "Would I go?" I exclaimed; "I should rather think so." Why, the trip in the canoe in itself was worth the trouble, let alone the meki-meki. Out of our little hut we went, and across the broad beach of yellow sand to the spot where the canoe was lying, half in and half out of the water. A canoe did I sav? Rather two canoes: and such ones! Eighty feet water. A canoe did I say? Rather two canoes; and such ones! Eighty feet long, if an inch; they were about three feet across in the broadest part, tapering to a fine point at each end, and about two-and-a-half to three feet in depth. These canoes were placed about six feet apart and connected together by strong bamboo cross-pieces on which was built a platform some fifty long; the ends These canoes were placed about six feet apart and connected together by strong bamboo cross-pieces, on which was built a platform some fifty long; the ends of the canoes projecting beyond this platform were decked over. On the stage was erected a hut about seven feet high and taking up the major part of the platform; this hut was lightly built of bamboos, reeds and palm leaves, but yet strong enough for the roof to bear the weight of men, and roomy enough for about fifteen to twenty to stand on. A small mast with a long lateen yard tapering sky-wards, and from which depended a sail made of tappa—a species of fibrous cloth, curiously painted—completed the equipment of this marine curiosity. Each canoe was formed of several trees cleverly and even neatly hollowed out with stone axes, and curiously fastened together, I might almost say laced, with dry shreds of skin and withes. If the reader can gather ordinary Fijian war canoe.

A shout from some fifty of Maafii's followers (for Maafii was a great man in his own country), who were in and about our war vessel, greeted our approach. It being a gala day my dusky friend and his men were all in full dress, a costume hardly adaptable to a Canadian winter, as it consisted of a scanty very scanty—piece of coloured cloth wound round the loins, the hair stiffened with a white paste made out of lime, a large red hybiscus flower stuck behind each ear, and the whole body brought up to a high state of polish by a liberal use of cocoa-nut oil. To bring the picture more vividly before you, take your footman, if you have one, powder and stiffen his hair well, stain his body with good dark walnut-juice, stick a rhododendron behind each ear, and tie one of your best table pankins round his waist. Vou will then have Manfi full dressed. your best table napkins round his waist. You will then have Maafii full dressed.

The "Siamese Twins," as I mentally christened our duplicate vessel, having been shoved off into deep water by the admiring crowd, we slowly made our way out of the reef-locked harbour with the aid of six lusty scullers, who, with long oars perpendicularly down through small holes in the platform, propelled the record forward by manipulating the core precisely in the same manner as the the vessel forward by manipulating the oar precisely in the same manner as the sailor uses the scull. Outside the harbour the huge unwieldy sail was hoisted, and the "Siamese Twins" began to move through the water at such a rate and in such a handy manner as to considerably actorish me remembering what an and the "Siamese Twins" began to move through the water at such a rate and in such a handy manner as to considerably astonish me, remembering what an extraordinary looking piece of marine architecture she was. I think I have made but few trips that were so enjoyable. A sky without a cloud, a deep blue sea, and islands of all shapes and sizes in every direction; now gliding past one, a mere patch of yellow sand with a few feathery palms waving in the gentle breeze; then coasting along another of tall hills and deep valleys shrouded in tropical foliage, little frail huts of bamboo peeping out here and down in one corner denoting the presence of the energetic white settler; islands in the mid-distance, islands in the far distance, each and all surrounded by its observe the deep blue water beneath the canoe assume a lighter color, and on peering over the edge the slowly up-growing coral can be seen springing from out of its weird looking arms and many crannies and fissures; suddenly a dark looking body slowly rises from one of these fissures, resolving itself as it nears the surface into the dreaded form of a shark, making us draw backward into the surface into the dreaded form of a shark, making us draw backward into the canoe more hastily than dignified and producing a desire to know how soon the voyage would be over and whether the canoe was perfectly safe.

But by this time we are arriving at our destination, and amidst the yells of the natives, the drumming of lali-lali's, a species of wooden trough, the edge of which is drummed on with two short sticks, and the chattering of the hordes of children, we land in great style. Maafii having introduced me to the Chief, and having informed him of my desire to see a Meki-meki, we gravely sat down in front of his hut and awaited events. After a few moments of silence a distant chanting announced the approach of a large body of natives, and through the cocoa-nuts came in single file about fifty men and women, each bearing on his or her head some article of food, which, as the bearer past, was cast down in front of us; some bore strings of green cocoa-nuts, others bunches of yams, others, fowls (oh! what fowls, they were about the size of good fat sparrows) others again, pigs, ready cooked, wrapped up in leaves and looking ridiculously like cooked infants; there were also bread, fruit and bananas, and all formed a goodly pile before us. This display originated from an order given from the Chief, as it is a custom that on a visit from any great person an order is issued that every family shall bring some gift, and it will be found that, that the family shall bring some gift, and it will be found that, order is issued that every family shall bring some gift, and it will be found that, let the family be ever so poor, only, perhaps, possessing two fowls, they will have to give one. Our worthy donors having all passed, everything was ready for the Meki-meki.

A venerable old and excessively ugly lady approached with her lali-lali, and seating herself in the midst of a group of young girls and men, struck up

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her tum-ti-ti-tum; the surrounding group commenced to slowly clap their hands with the accompaniment of a chant, the words of which sounded very much like sa-ma-ou-na-ou, which sentence was chanted over and over again. From between the trees on the right advanced, in fours, a group of warriors with limed hair and coloured cloths round their loins, and profusely anointed with cocoa-nut oil, each held one, and some two war-clubs in his hands, and came forward in a kind of prancing dance; from the left a similar group advanced likewise prancing. When these groups had met face to face they retired backwards and then again advanced, this time passing each other and waving their clubs. Forming in single line the two bodies again approached, and when passing each other, exchanged clubs; this performance was twice repeated, and the whole of the time the prancing kind of dance was kept up. The old lady here began to quicken speed and the dancers to give vent to their feelings in shouts. Forming in one line about eight feet deep, they advanced in a threatening manner toward us, shouting and flourishing their clubs; when nearly on the top of us they suddenly dropped their weapons, wildly leapt over them and back again of the agent time recovering their glubs and retreating them and back again, at the same time recovering their clubs and retreating by this time, what between their overcharged feelings of excitement and exerwhom, from his ridiculous likeness to the great German Chancellor, I had whom, from his ridiculous likeness to the great German Chancellor, I had named Bismarck, was nearly mad with excitement. The orchestra quickened more and more, the dancing became still more frantic, and the yells still more, if possible ear piercing until Bismarck with a final diabolical yell and supreme if possible, ear piercing, until Bismarck with a final diabolical yell and supreme jump fell exhausted, and the collapse of the Chancellor was followed by that of his followers amid the plaudits of the audience and a final tum-ti-ti-tum from

The war-clubs used by these people are of a peculiar shape about four feet the old lady. long and curved like a hocky stick at the club end, this club end is flat on both sides, profusely carved, mostly in a diamond pattern, and covered with Other clubs have their heads carved in the likeness of a pineapple and are named after that fruit. The handles are beautifully worked over with are named after that fruit. The handles are beautifully worked over with sinnet made from the cocoa-nut fibre, and coloured red, black and yellow, these colours are obtained from clay. After the Meki-meki I was accommodated colours are obtained from clay. After the night. I should not have menwith a shake-down in the Chief's hut for the night. I should not have mentioned this fact cocoat from the giranmeters of the but being lighted by a coal tioned this fact, except from the circumstance of the hut being lighted by a coal oil lamp!! The romance of the day was spoilt, there I had been, as I flattered myself, utterly away from all traces of civilization and in the very marrow of savage life when the whole fancy and picture was blurred by a miserable little Cockney-looking, tin coal oil lamp, procured from a store in the little town of Levutia, the capital of the Fijian group.

MODERN LITERATURE.

One need not be a cynic to observe that our literature is slowly but surely There was a time when somebody found leisure to remark, for the benefit of those not well versed in such matters, that of bookmaking there was no end. To-day both the observer and the observation would be superfluous—every body knows what we would convey, and everybody would be supermous—every body knows what we would convey, and everybody is engaged in extending the happy practice he complains of. If already in Byron's time (and even much earlier, for that matter) it could be said that—

"Rhyme and blank maintain an equal race Sonnets on sonnets crowd, and ode on ode; And tales of terror jostle on the road:"

we may rest assured that this condition of affairs will be found appreciably we may rest assured that this condition of analis will be found appreciably augmented seventy years later. And what will it be in another hundred years or so? Who knows where it all will end—and who cares?

Doubtless in the near future the civilized portion of the human race will appreciate and then the process are all the process are and the process are and the process are all the process are

Doubtless in the near nature the civinzed portion of the human race will consist of nothing but poets and prose-ists, and then—to stoop to a somewhat rugged phrase—God help the savages! Man, for want of an audience, tired himself of reading continually what none of his brethren can afford to listen to (being in a similar "fix" themselves), will rush to foreign shores and force the wrotehed inhabitants thereof to lend their ears, like Marc Antony's countries and the process of the lend their ears. wretched inhabitants thereof to lend their ears, like Marc Antony's countrymen.

Other countries doubtless have their share of this Reign of Learning, but

in England and on this side of the Atlantic it has had its surest and greatest development. We need but conjure up the myriads of newspapers, magazines, development. We need but conjure up the myriads of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals, and glance over the monthly, weekly—even daily—book-lists to become aware of the progress that letters have made among us. Even a red-hot enthusiast might rub his hands in satisfaction and exclaim: "Was red-hot enthusiast might rub his hands in satisfaction and exclaim: "Was red-hot enthusiast might rub his hands in satisfaction and exclaim: "Was red-hot enthusiast might rub his ancient of anything like it in their ancient civilization and refinement, never dreamt of anything like it in their ancient civilization and refinement, never dreamt of anything like it in their

If we survey the history of English literature, beginning with Caedmon the Anglo-Saxon, it is just like tracing the Mississippi-from its source, which widens gradually and grows in volume, until it reaches the Gulf and finally the Ocean. The nineteenth century may be likened to the Gulf of Mexico in this respect,—

It cannot be said with show of reason that the art of writing has deteriorated, although it has become more volatile. Much of the poetry and prose that have come down to us from the first eras of our literature would find no more of the hands of the public of to down. and prose that have come down to us from the first eras of our literature would find no mercy at the hands of the public of to-day. Some portions of it would be admired, but only for its quaint rudeness, while the rest would be voted downright stupid and fit only for the hardened antiquary. Would be voted downright stupid and shining lights scattered all along It is true that there are great and shining lights scattered all along It is true that there are great and shining lights scattered all along the stream—even as far up as Chaucer, Wycliffe, and James of Scotland, when writing was in its infancy: there have been periods in its course when writing was in its infancy: there have been periods in its course compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles compared with the compact brilliance is but never before to-day have minor of Goldsmith and Johnson, for instances: but never before to-day have minor compared with the compact brilliancy of which the present dwindles into insignificance—that of Shakespeare and Milton, of Pope and Addison, of Goldsmith and Johnson, for instances: but never before to-day have minor of Goldsmith and Johnson, for instances: but never before to-day have minor writers been as numerous and maintained so high a standard of excellence. The past ages seem to have concentrated all their energies in producing a limited number of Titans; later days, with America as well as Great Britain at limited number of Titans; later days, with America as well as Great Britain at limited number of Titans and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command, abound in giants and countless legions of six-footers, delightful their command.

Pucks and beautiful dwarfs. Their number is their bane, so far as remembrance is concerned. Many of them, doubtless, would rank as Titans, standing alone, as in the olden time, and not made too common by so many brethren.

There was a time when the student could easily keep up with the accumulated literature of his day, and when old authors were not so generally neglected by the public. But to-day, who can pay the necessary attention to the past, and still continue abreast of the times? Only the most skilled of book-worms. No author, unless he be of the first water, or the happy inventor of a "Pilgrim's Progress," a "Don Quixote," or a "Robinson Crusoe," can count upon a permanent place in the popular affection.

More than half of the poets and writers already live only in the archives of the past, in history and the encyclopædia, and now many tyros and novices in

the chase for fame have fallen short of even this distinction!

Some men write for a name, some for the mere pleasure of writing and some for money; others still, and by far the most numerous class, for all these combined, or as much of them as they find healthful. Many, even some of the most deserving, have recognized how small is the chance of perpetuating their memory beyond their own day; of melancholy interest to these are the following words which Barry Cornwall at 76 wrote to a friend:

"I see a great deal—all behind me: but the prospect before me is not cheerful. Sometimes I wish I had tried harder for what is called Fame, but generally (as now) I care very little about it. After all, unless one could be Shakspeare—which (clearly) is no easy matter—of what value is a little puff of smoke from a review? If we could settle permanently who is to be the Homer or Shakespeare of our time, it might be worth something; but we cannot. Is it Jones, or Smith, or——? Alas! I grow short-sighted on this subject, and cannot penetrate the impenetrable dark."

Melancholy indeed then is the outlook for us! cry the youthful Knights of the Quill, resting dismayed upon their lances. Melancholy indeed, unless you prove yourselves Amadis de Gauls and Rinaldos in the lists; or, to speak modernly, Napoleons and Wellingtons among the foot soldiery. The vast, vast majority can hope only for a butterfly existence at best. But even that is generally deemed worth trying for; and fight as hard as you can, and trust to the cauries of time to make you remembered, must be the motto of all the caprice of time to make you remembered, must be the motto of all.

A time must come when our Westminster Abbeys will not suffice to hold the illustrious dead, nor all the bookshelves in creation their productions. Perhaps this catastrophe to human greatness will be avoided by a mysterious survival of the fittest only among the great, as in the affairs of nature, and the preservation of only the *crème de la crème* of their works. Perhaps the present volcano will exhaust itself before bringing on the threatened event; or the letter to parody Gray slightly may Fates, to parody Gray slightly, may

"Shut the gates of Learning on mankind,"

for a season; or mankind itself may, in sheer desperation, throw off its selfimposed yoke and sit down calmly to survey the past and regain its breath.

Another guesser might suggest the wreck and loss of our language as the ultimate remedy for all our literary ills. Then a new tongue might arise out

of its ashes and give a fresh race of poets a chance.

But, whatever the future may bring, let us glory in the present, even to-day when savages may become the only listeners left. As I said when starting out, a man need not be a cynic to make the above somewhat sombre reflections. We can make use of no Malthusian doctrine to regulate the children of the muses; law cannot prohibit them, and should not in a free country. pleasant to think that even now there is a poet, or writer, for every few hundred of his countrymen, and that no one need die for want of literary nourishment. As some of the latter-day humorists would say, the next thing we know litera-As some of the latter-day humors would say, the little will be as plentiful and necessary as whiskey, and even the poorest will be able to obtain their glass. Well, so let it be. Sound, healthy literature, even able to obtain their glass. Well, so let it be. Sound, healthy literature, even from a mere sensual point of view, is a good thing, and as long as the masses are the better for it, let all enjoy the blessing. Perhaps through the gigantic rivalry among the caterers to the public taste they will be sure to get plenty, and the best, if they are critical enough to pick it out.

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To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR ::

SIR,—The *Post* of 9th inst. tells us that the Irishmen of Hamilton have set "a splendid example" in the formation of an Irish society embracing all creeds. This is a very gratifying piece of intelligence. Success to the society, may its members be many, and I suggest that copies of Father Graham's "great lecture" on the Irish Famine, published in the same paper, be forthwith forwarded to the society for general circulation. The tone and obvious intent of that remarkable performance are altogether so conciliatory, so characteristic of a man whose mission is to preach peace and goodwill among men—even among Irishmen—that, in connection with the "splendid example" set by the Irishmen of Montreal respecting the formation of that other Irish society on the rath Luly last it could not fail largely to influence such timid Hibernians of 12th July last, it could not fail largely to influence such timid Hibernians of the Protestant persuasion as may hesitate about entering the new organization.

from an audience representing the wealth, culture and strength of the Catholic element in Montreal," are sufficient to show how much, and how happily, the "great lecture" in extenso would contribute to the closing of "the unhappy breach" between Protestants and their Catholic fellow-citizens which the *Post* says it desires to do all in its power to accomplish. The further perusal of Pere Gtaham would be rewarded by honorable mention of the English people and Government, respecting whom the Irish Protestants are so much in the habit of professing loyalty and affection. There is the usual romance of the great glories that were a long time ago, and the great glories that are to be in a very long time to come, and, of course, England is to fall for ever before another Irish orators seem to be no more able to keep that famous fight out of their speeches than could Mr. Dick keep King Charles out of his book. England was beaten at Fontenoy. Pere Burke, Pere Graham and other celebrities have given us the poetic fiction of the fight. Will some one give us the facts? I want the facts! On, Fontenoy! On with the facts!

The Post asks why cannot Irish Protestants be proud of Owen Roe O'Neil? It seems hardly fair to ask people to be proud of a man who thrashed their I can assure the Post that although pride could scarcely enter into Protestant feeling respecting that hero, not only Irish Protestants, but Saxons—those favorites of Pere Graham—can, and do admire the military genius of Owen Roe O'Neil and Hugh O'Donnell, as also the literary genius of the lamented McGee. But I do not believe that any rational being could be called on to either admire, or be proud of, a Christian clergyman whose mission is peace, love, charity, but who could debase his undoubted ability to the inciting of hatred between Englishmen and Irishmen.

Anglo-Saxon.

Montreal, 19th Nov., 1878.

MUSICAL.

MECHANICAL MUSIC.

When literature was confined to that small section of luxurious individuals called the "reading public," and the love of antiquated models was considered a proof of taste, it often happened that those persons who really had little or no creative genius would spend their time in spinning verses which were only remarkable from the fact of their adhering strictly to some shape or form, trusting that the ingenuity of the workmanship would compensate for the want of originality of thought. Addison, in his essays on wit, fully exposed the shallow pretensions of these would-be authors; and, as many of his remarks on "false wit" apply so aptly to what may truly be styled "false music," I cannot refrain from quoting a few of his observation in the form of an egg a pair of wings an area a shepherd's pine and

written in the form of an egg, a pair of wings, an axe, a shepherd's pipe, and an altar, he proceeds to say that he would have been happy to present his readers with the translation of some of them had he not found, on examination, that the authors had been much more intent upon the form of their poems that the authors had been much more ment upon the form of their poems than upon the sense of them. In speaking of the Anagram, he compares it to a mine not yet broken up, which will not shew the treasure it contains till many hours have been spent in search of it; the great object being to find out one word that conceals itself in another, and to examine the letters in all the variety of stations in which they can possibly be ranged. The Acrostic, he says, was probably invented about the same time as the Anagram, though "it is impossible to decide whether the inventor of the one or the other was the greater

Any person reading these essays cannot avoid being struck with the similarity between those artificial contrivances in literature and those ingenious mechanical inventions in music, which depend for their success entirely upon the accuracy with which they are put together. During the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries we find that composers, anxious to lessen the monotony of the gloomy church music, had recourse to the canon, which was then a puzzle, and bore about the same relation to music that Anagram and Acrostic do to literature. These ingenious gentlemen also devised the fugue, some specimens of which were written as to be sung backwards and forwards; and, whilst music was thus regarded as a pleasing game, every person who could invent a new trick received his meed of praise. Notwithstanding the rise of melody, however, and the birth of true musical genius, the taste for many of these antiquities was carefully preserved, and thus the fugue and canon, not merely in spirit, but in form, are still held up by musical gropers in past ages to the intellectual student of the present time.

Now it may be asked how can I be so bold as to deprecate a species of composition which has so long been considered classical. My reply is, that I am bold enough to say what I think on all occasions; and, as I think that am bold enough to say what I think on all occasions; and, as I think that the cold form of a fugue is the very worst that can he held before the student during his probationary study, I do not hesitate to say so. The ingenuity and industry requisite to produce a perfect fugue or canon, would produce, with equal success, a poem in the form of an axe; and, as the production of either of these should never be attempted by a man of the highest order of genins, so would I not wish that it should ever become the fashion to compel him to

In speaking of the *fugue* and *canon*, however, I do not wish to underrate the value of the *idea of imitation*, as this must ever be acknowledged as one of the most beautiful effects in composition. All I wish to establish is, that writers of this mechanical music must be content to take their places as studious men who use notes as mathematicians use numbers, whilst the composer, who, knowing and feelings music to be an intellectual and eloquent language, speaks to the *feelings* of the people must ever be considered as the true and heaven-born musician. The time is rapidly approaching when pedantry in music will die, as it has already done in literature; and, by the light of public opinion we shall quickly discover who are the men destined to shed lustre on the art. Industry will then only be considered valuable when allied to genius; and the person who prides himself on the ease with which he can construct fugues and canons will receive precisely the same praise as the writer who contrived to transcribe the whole of

of wigs came in again, that he would add two or three supernumerary locks

that should contain all the Apocrypha.

The above, from the pen of Mr. Henry C. Lunn, of the London Musical Times, will doubtless be interesting to our readers. We think that far too much attention is given to the *letter* and too little to the *spirit* of musical composi-Even in our leading English universities degrees are conferred, not for the most poetical and refined compositions, but for those which are mathematically and scientifically correct; and though we could not expect that any musician who was ignorant of the generally accepted grammatical rules should receive a degree, still we think it quite as absurd that a mathematician devoid of musical taste or feeling should by any possibility be dubbed a Doctor of Music.

What is required of a candidate for a musical degree? We would expect that the quality, style and poetical nature of his composition would at least have something to do with the matter; but no—the candidate (at most universities) is required to write a composition in four or five parts (for a Doctor's degree in eight parts,) the harmony to be free from consecutive fifth octaves, false relations and the like, but the melody may be the most lugubrious and sickly stuff ever written. There may be neither style, spirit, sense nor meaning in the entire composition; all that the authorities require being an observance of certain negative rules laid down by some of the early composers.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR :

SIR,—The dis-ingenuous reply of Mr. George Wallace ("lessee of the Academy of Music"!) to what he is pleased to call your "attack" upon him, elicits from a few music-lovers amongst this community possessed of some "bottom facts" a desire for increased light.

It is quite refreshing to me to note Mr. Wallace's zealous defence of Mr.

agents for the Kellogg-Cary Concerts in Montreal-Messrs. Hathaway & Pond—when I happen to be aware that these gentlemen neither require nor desire any championship in the premises, and, I am of opinion, would prefer to choose one who was thrice armed by having his quarrel just.

When Mr. Wallace engaged the Kellogg troupe (composed of forty persons, he states) contracting on "sharing terms," as it is styled, and issuing all notices, posters, placards, bills, tickets, &c., besides inspiring the press notices and telegrams," whom but he can be responsible for each and every announcement especting the performance or personnel of the troupe?

A more recent effort, however, of this lessee—viz., the engagement of the "Marie Roze Concert Company"—suggests one more pertinent query. Will Mr. Wallace be good enough to inform your readers why he failed to carry out his Toronto contract with Messrs. Hathaway & Pond, when he discovered that his Montreal speculation showed a balance to the debit?

I have heard some wonder expressed that Sir Hugh Allan should lease one of the most important opera houses in the Dominion to any but responsible and experienced parties. There would assuredly be neither incentive nor security for enterprising managers to visit our city with their artists should the impression go abroad that the venture might be simply a game of "heads I win, tails you

Montreal, with its advancing taste for high-class entertainment in music and drama, requires to be catered for with particular care, and really good amusements are not so abundant with us that we can afford to jeopardise the fleeting opportunities for culture in art which drift in our direction by frightenring away any who might be attracted to this growing and beautiful city by vagaries in regard to contracts, or fears of promises as invalid as dishonoured notes.

Yours truly,

Diogenes.

Montreal, Dec. 3rd, 1878.

THE GRAND OPERATIC CONCERTS AND THE WEBER PIANOS.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR:

Sir,—In the last number of your valuable journal your musical critic, while doing justice to the marvellous qualities of the piano used at the recent Camilla Urso Concerts, takes exception to the maker's name being placed so conspicuously on the instrument. And another writer, signing himself "A Musical Subscriber," in the same issue, in a very able and candid criticism of the recent Roze-Mapleson Concerts in the Academy, while characterizing Mr. Pease's performances on the grand Weber used on that occasion as extraordinary, and the instrument itself as fully justifying the great expense of specially importing it from New York, objects to having the advertisement of the maker appear as it did on the programme of the second night's performance. Now I think in Mr. Weber's case the objections are not well founded. It is well known that there is a hostile influence existing against the introduction of the Weber piano to the concert halls of this city, and this hostility appears in various forms. In these very concerts where the troupe brought the Weber instrument with them, thousands of printed biographies of the prima donna, with advertisements of another manufacturer interspersed, were delivered at the houses of our leading citizens, and here and in Toronto were distributed at the very counter where the tickets were sold. If the programmes first printed had been allowed distribution at the doors of the Academy with the appropriate previously tribution at the doors of the Academy, with the announcements previously circulated, the grand tones of the Weber piano brought out by the masterly execution of Mr. Pease would have been credited to another maker. As it was the audience had placed in their hands a very glowing and pressing invitation to purchase one instrument, while the incomparable tones of another were

appealing to them from the stage.

I am informed that Mr. Weber has since refused the use of his pianos at the Academy, and will not allow their use at any concerts in Montreal unless his name appears on the instrument in view of the audience.

Yours faithfully,

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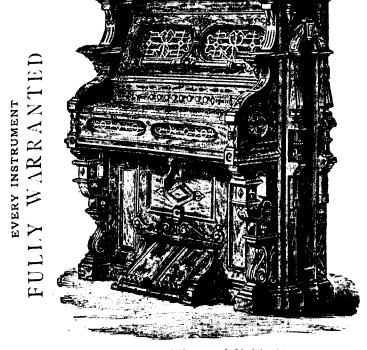
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