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## CURRENT TOPICS.

One good result of athletic games is the bringing together of friends and acquaintances, often from considerable distances, and the revival of old friendships, as well as the forming of new. There are greyhaired men who will travel hundreds of miles to see a favorite game well playedEspecially is this true of the good old Eng$\mathrm{l}_{\text {ish }}$ game Cricket. There are men who Came to see the match between Lord Hawke's English eleven, and an eleven of Ontario players, who will recall the batting of Grace on the old Toronto Cricket Ground many years ago, and who will eagerly compare notes of the great match of the Week and other famous matches of days long gone by. The friends of cricket are of the staunchest kind; no new game, be it
lacrosse, baseball, or what not, c in for a moment challenge their affection for it. This feeling is by no means confined to people of wealth and leisure. The number is by no means small in Canada, of men in humble life, whose great pleasure it is to see a good game of cricket. We refer not merely to those who first trundled a ball, or wielded a bat on a village green in "Merrie England," but to men who acquired their first taste for the game on Canadian soil. Cricket has been called a game for gentlemen. We have seen many a match in our day, but we have yet to see one where an angry word has been spoken, or a blow struck by the players. Cricket deserves the cordial support of our people, as one of the best, if not the best, of athletic games which provide health and recreation for the British race.

The London Spectator of the 17 th ult., referring to the clamour against the House of Lords, suggests one very mild change which it thinks might remedy some of the admitted evils connected with the operation of that House as at present constituted. The remedy suggested is simply to copy the example of Prussia, France, and several other Eucopean states, by allowing Ministers of the Crown to sit and speak, though not to vote, in both Houses. This change might go far, the Spectator thinks, by admitting such men as Sir William Harcourt, Mr. John Morley, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, to take a part in the debates in the Lords, to restore the balance of debating power in the Upper House. As things are at present, the few able speakers on the Government side, in the Lords-Lords Rosebery, Herschel, Kimberly , and Spencer-are "borne down by the weight of oratorical ability possessed by the Unionists." To an observer at a distance no reasonable objection suggests itself to such a change, though it seems questionable whether the conduct of business in the Commons would not suffer through the attempt of the ablest members of the Government to do duty in two places at the same time. But this arrangement would do nothing to remedy the enormous disproportion in voting power in the Upper Chamber, and it is the inequality of votes rather than any inequality of oratorical power, which is creating the outcry against the Lords at the present time. There is this, however, to be said in favour of the Specta. tor's proposal: It would give to a Premier who, like Lord Rosebery, has the misfortune to be a peer, a much better chance to
sustain himself at the head of the Government. In fact, as things are now shaping themselves, it is becoming exceedingly doubtful whether any member of the Upper House can long sustain himself in the premiership unless he be permitted to have a seat in the Commons.

The late number of the Dispatch, of Woodstock, New Brunswick, contains a practical article on the question of a union of the Maritime Provinces. The writer argues that the saving in expense effected by such union, while worth considering, would not be nearly so great as Westerners are accustomed to assume, measuring by their own higher rates of remuneration for political services. For instance, the combined salaries of the premiers of the three provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, amount to only seven hundred dollars more than the $\$ 7,000$ paid Sir Oliver Mowat. But, then, the combined populations of the three would be less than half that of Ontario alone. "Again, while the members of the Ontario Lagislature are paid $\$ 600$ each, for the session, the members of the New Brunswick Legislature get $\$ 300$ each, of Nova Scotia $\$ 500$ each, and of Prince Edward Tsland $\$ 172$ apiece. Allowing $\$ 600$ each for the legislators of Ontario, the total expense per annum would be $\$ 54,000$. Forty mem bers for New Brunswick at $\$ 300$, forty for Nova Scotia at $\$ 500$, and thirty for Prince Edward Island at $\$ 172$, make a total cost of $\$ 37,000$. So that the 110 members in the Maritime Provinces are not paid as much \&s the ninety members in Ontario.' That, however, seems bardly to be the log. ical way of computing the saving to be effected. It does not follow that, should the three provinces see fit to unite their forces, they would be obliged to adopt the more expensive habits of the $W$ estern provinces. That would be a matter of choice, not necessity. Nor is it clear that with less than half the papulation, the new province would need a larger number of legislators than Ontario. The Dispatch thinks that the consolidated province would do very well with fifty or less. Nothing is said by the Dispatch about the reduction in the number of Ministers and of subordinate officials. It aduits, however, that maritime union, on the grounds of economy and convenience, is a question well worth considering, and that it would result in an increase of influence in the Federal Parliament. It is probably only a question of time.

The commutation of the sentence of McWherrell, under sentence of death for murder, illustrates in a striking manner one of the perplexities which sometimes arise in the execution of criminal law. From a strictly logical point of view, the decision of the Executive is as unsatisfactory as any that could be conceived of. There can be no doubt that the change of sentence was made in consesequence of a certain degree of doubt in regard to the guilt of the condemned man. If he really committed the crime, one can hardly conceive of a case in which there could be a more complete absence of extenuating circumstances, to justify Executive clemency. On the other hand, according to a well-known maxim of British law, the man should be held innocent, unless proved guilty, and, if innocent, the injustice of a sentence of life-imprisonment is less only in degree, if less aj all, than that of the death-sentence. That is to say, there is exactly the same reason why he should not be imprisoned for life, or for any shorter period, as why he should not suffer the death penalty. The case seems to be one in which the much abused American system of second trial might have been fairly introduced. We say this, not by way of criticising the action of the Executive in the affair. That action will be approved, we have no doubt, by the judgment of the great majority of the people, for there was, we believe, in the minds of most of those who read the reports of the trial, a lingering doubt, more or less strong, of McWherrell's guilt. The life sentence has this advantage, that, should the man's innocence at any time be established, he will not be beyond the reach of a cessation of punishment, though redress would be, in such a case, im. possible. It is to be earnestly hoped that such new evidence may be procured at an early day as may fully establish the man's innocence or guilt as the fact may be.

If a reasonable percentage of the political gossip cabled from England from day to day is reliable, the Government of Lord Rosebery is in a very precarious position, and, unless aided by some unexpected turn of events, or by some stroke of political genius of the existence of which no evidence has yet been given, can hardly survive the first few weeks of the coming session. Some doubt is, it is true, cast on the representations of its present weakness by the fact that the ministry seemed to grow perceptibly stronger, up to the end of the session. But the probable withdrawal of Sir William Harcourt from the leadership of the Commons, coupled with the growing distrust of Lord Rosebery, and the outspoken disaffection of the Irish Home Rule leaders, seem very likely to lead up to a shock which will overturn the present rather unstable structure. It can hardly be denied that the Premier has disappointed many of his admirers. It is yet possible that he
may atone for past deficiencies, or apparent deficiencies, by suddenly developing unlook-ed-forstrength and courage at a critical period. But appearances thus far are against him. Whether from want of tact, of courage, or of frankness, he has not only failed to win the confidence of those who were distrustful at the first, but has scarcely retained that of many who at that time expected great things from his leadership. On the other hand, it must be confessed that he has fallen upon a most difficult time. The related questions of Home Rule and the abolition of the veto power of the House of Lords are of such a kind that either of them might well wreck any Government. The party is pretty thoroughly pledged to both these radical changes, but there seems to be some reason for doubting whether Lord Rosebery is in hearty sympathy with either. There is no doubt that certain members of his Cabinet are not ready for the latter. There is no certainty, perhaps not a strong probability, that either would at present command a majority at the polls. Yet refusal, or even hesitancy, with regard to either would, there is little doubt, seal the fate of the Government in the Commons. The dilemma is a trying one. Scylla and Charybdis are on either hand with no certainty that thers is a safe channel between.

That the scattered and subordinate parts which make up the British Empire should impose customs duties upon each other's goods, and upon those of the Mother Country, is a strange anomaly. If there is any one condition which might be supposed to be inseparable from the unity of a great empire, one would feel inclined to say that freedom of trade through all its length and breadth would be that condition. A tax on imports must have one of two objects. It must be imposed for the purpose either of raising a revenue, or of protecting the industries of the country which imposes it, that is, of excluding the goods of the country whose goods are subjected to the impost. If a colony taxes the productions of a sister colony, or of their common Mother Land, its aim must be, therefore, either to compel that colony or country to contribute indirectly to the support of the Government of the taxing colony, or to exclude from its markets, in whole or in part, the products of the colony against which the tax is levied. In either case it is difficult to see how the colonists can boast of their attachment to the Empire, or the citizens of the United Kingdow regard the colonies as part and parcel of the Empire, so long as such unfilial and unfraternal taxes are imposed. But let that pass. The point to which we wish to call attention at present is that in offering a prize of a thousand guineas for the best scheme for an imperial customs union, the London Statist has taken an admirable and patriotic plan to bring the tedious and somewhat discursive talk
about Imperial Federation to a focus, since it must be evident to all who have given serious attention to the subject that the tariff question has so far been and is likely to be really the crux of the movement.

As the precise conditions under which the competitors are to write have not yet been announced, we may not at present know the scope and limits of the discussion. But the feasibility of the respective schemes and the probability of their adoption by all the parties concerned must necessarily have a foremost place in the minds of those who make the award. It might, therefore, be well if some one familiar with the whole discussion, and sufficiently impartial, would sum up at the outset any points which may be considered as having been settled up to date. At least two such points, each of a negative kind, will, we believe, be recognized on almost every hand. One is, that Great Britain will not surrender her free trade principles or practice, under any conditions. The other is, that some of the colonies will not, at the present, give up their protectionisi tariffs. Hence, the projected union cannot be formed on the basi either of common free trade or of a com mon protective tariff. The only remaining possibility, so far as we can see, would be free trade among the members of the union, each colony being left at liberty to impose what duties it thinks best upon the produc tions of other nations. Would not such ad arrangement cover all the essentials of a customs union? Whether it would conflict with existing treaties would, of course, be question for careful consideration. Bat however those treaties may read or be in terpreted at present, it is difficult to see how any nation could object to so natura and reasonable a thing as freedom of com mercial intercourse between the different branches of the same imperial family. Would any colony refuse to surrender its right to impose taxes upon the productions of its sister colonies and of the parent State? If so, such colony might as well drop all pretence of loyalty to the Empir $\theta$ or desire for Imperial Federation.

No little excitement was caused a weelk or two since, on both sides of the ocean, by the reports which were at first sont abroad with regard to Mr. Gladstone's alleged $\mathrm{pr}^{-}$ nouncement upon the plan of "loca. option," in his letter to the Bishop of Chester. Later despatches, containing ex tructs from the letter itself, scarcely bear out the statement conveged by the earlier despatch, to the effect that the ex-Premier had declared himself radically opposed to the principle. It would have been strange indeed had he so far stultified himself as to make such a statement touching a policy which had a distinct place on the Liberal programme while the party was under his leadership. That he should have expressed himself as growingly dissatisfied with that

Particular scheme for lessening the evils of intemperance, which seems to be about the extent of his offending, can hardly surprise any thoughtful person, even the staunchest enemy of the liquor traffic. All reflection must tend to suggest, as most experiments bave probably tended to confirm, the utter insufficiency of such a remedy. So long as strong drinks are used by a very large part of the nation as everyday beverages, and even considered by many essentials to health and comfort, and so long as their manufacture and importation are sanctioned by law and custom as legitimate industries, the futility of any attempt on the part of a single locality of larger or smaller dimensions to prevent their sale and use within its bounds must be apparent. Local probibition can, at best, be but very partially eflective, and must, at the same time, give rise to other evils of a serious character.

Like every form of prohibition, the Gothenburg system, which Mr. Gladstone approves, can be defended only on the ground that the whole liquor question is suigeneris, and must be dealt with accordingly. Were the ground taken, which is that of the pronounced prohibitionist, that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is evil, only evil, and always evil, but that the public welfare requires that it shall be procurable for medicinal purposes, and for Use in the mechanic and chemical arts, etc., the taking over of the business by the Qovernment might be defensible on the same ground on which the sale of poisons is restricted. But to make a Government monopoly of so vast a business as that of the production and sale of alcoholic drinks of all kinds, not for the purpose of increasing the revenue, but solely to prevent priVate profit and interest in their sale on the one hand, and to regulate their use by individuals on the other, would be, in a coun-
try like Great Britain, a truly novel and figantic experiment. Yet it is coming to be more and more clearly recognized that the science of government is an experimental and practical one, and that it would be supreme folly for any people to deny themselves the benefits of what might prove to be thoroughly beneficent method, because it was not easily reconcilable with some theory of political economy. There can be
no reasonable doubt that if every liquor-
seller in Great Britain, or any other coun-
try, could be put on salary to-morrow, so that henceforth he would have no pecuniary interest in the increase or diminution of his sales, the worst evils of the traffic would be mit once immensely lessened. Very few men, indeed, would sell liquor to a neighbour to his manifest hurt and to that of bis family, if there was nothing to be gained by so doing. It is also to be said in $f_{a v o u r ~ o f ~ t h e ~ s t a t e ~ m a n a g e m e n t ~ o f ~ t h e ~ t r a f-~}^{\text {fic the }}$ fic that it would afford every facility for the prevention of poisonous adulterations,
Which are undoubtedly a most prolific
source of the worst evils of the traffic as at present carried on. It is evident, therefore, that there is a good deal to be said in favour of the Gothenburg system, especially when it is admitted, as it must be admitted by reasonable men who know anything of the views and habits of the British people that there is no possibility of reaching the prohibitionist's goal, the suppression of manufacture, sale, and use in Great Britain, for at least many years to come. It is probable, now that attention has been directed to the matter by Mr. Gladstone, that the Gothenburg system will come to the front as a practical proposal, as it has not hitherto done. It would be unfair that its efficacy should be judged by the success or non-success of local experiments, such as are being tried in some parts of the United States. Its strength would be largely in its national character and scope. Perbaps when it has been tried and approved, a similar method may be adopted to regulate the sale of firearms and some other articles most liable to abuse.

## GLADSTONE ON THE ATONEMENT.

The spectacle of Mr. Gladstone writing on the Atonement, Mr. Balfour reading a paper at a church congress, and Lord Salisbury delivering himself on evolution and the doctrine of God, is worth pondering. It is a spectacle which could hardly be seen in any country outside of England; at least, if not confined to England, it is peculiarly Anglo-Saxon. It would be interesting to enquire whether such things are due to the English University system or to racial characteristics. Perhaps the University system has its roots in the AngloSaxon race, and who can say how much England owes to the social life of the college residence, or to the religious training of the college chapel. Nothing is so disastrous to the growth of character as specialization. And nothing so effectively corrects the dangers of over-specialization as the social and religious life of Oxford and Cambridge, justly called " the cradles of English statesmen." Be this as it may, England rejoices to point to the three men we have named, not only as legislators of the people and supporters of the throne, but also as defenders of the faith.

Politicians have sometimes wished that Mr. Gladstone would betake himself to Theology; theologians, that he would confine bimself to "his last." But we question whether any theologian will regret Mr. Gladstone's latest theological utterance. The doctrine of the Atonement has been the butt of many a random shaft. Men who ought to have known better have revealed their moral thoughtlessness nowhere so much as here. No doubt, Christian teachers have taught false theories of the Atonement, but this does not excuse much that has been said and written by men who
are well informed on every other subject. Mr. Gladstone lays down a number of propositions, from which we single out this: "The pretexts for impugning the Divine character in connection with the redemption of man are artificially constructed by detaching the vicarious efficacy of the sufferings of our Lord from moral consequences, wrought out in those who obtain the application of His redeeming power by incorporation into His Church or Body. Take away the unnatural severance, and the objections fall to the ground." 'This is finely said. And surely if the hideous travesty we often see of this great doctrine were true, then Christ might have taken the world by the hand and led it into the presence of God. But such is not the case ; only those go into the Eternal Presence who have found in the "pardon of Calvary a real power helpful to the great end of sanctification." But in that case who can condemn this life-giving Atonement as unworthy of God or unnecessary for man? The whole article is well worth a careful study. Coming from the quarter it does gives it a peculiar interest, and many thoughtful men, who have regarded this central doctrine of the faith as a hard saying, will find it easier to receive at the bands of the veteran statesman, than from the pulpit of the professed theologian.

## INDIVIDUALISM VS. SOCIALISM.

Considerable attention has for some weeks past been aroused in certain circles in the United States by the trial of Professor Ely, of Michigan State University, before the Board of Regents of that Institution, on a charge of economic heresy-in other words, of Socialistic teachings. After a prolonged investigation the Board have announced their verdict. They not only acquit Professor Ely but pronounce him entirely guiltless in the matter charged, in the most emphatic and unambiguous language. Professor Ely was already a wellknown writer on economic and sociological questions, and this incident will have the effect, no doubt, of giving to his writings in. creased popularity. That he does not follow in the beaten track of the old political economists is, in the view of the Regents, a merit rather than a defect in his methods as a teacher. In pronouncing distinctly in favour of allowing teachers and investigators in public institutions full liberty of thought and expression, the Regents have given a valuable utterance in favour of freedom of scientific and philosophic research.

Oae of the first-fruits of this somewhat re. markable trial is a couple of articles in the current number of The Forum. In the first, Professor Ely, at the request of the editor, expounds, from his own view-point, some of the difficult questions which are now perplexing the minds of economists, sociologists, and statesmen. In the second, Profes-
sor A. T. Hadley criticises unfavourably Professor Ely's last book, "Socialism and Social Reform," and takes strong ground in favour of the old, individualistic system. Professor Ely's article shows him to be far enough from accepting the modern socialistic theories, though he is almost equally at war with the intense individualism of the old system of Adam Smith and his successors. While admitting that in the past strikes have been a necessary evil, and have resulted in good to the industrial population, he holds that, under the present chang. ed conditions of society, they can no longer be successful and should no longer be tolerated. "What we have lately witnessed in railway strikes is," he avers, "barbarism and not civilization." He fully approves of rigorous measures being taken, if necessary, by the national authorities, to put down such strikes as interfere with the public interest. Strikes are a form of war, and even war is sometimes necessary. But the war must not be permitted to interfere with certain primary institutions, such as railways, gas-works, telegraphs, etc. "If wrong and injustice are done to employees, effective means must be discovered to remedy them without a disturbance of domeatic peace." In what direction the "effective means" is to be sought for, or how it is to be applied, Professor Ely gives no hint. Hence it is evident that he casts no light upon the darkest spot of the diff. culty.

The larger part of Professor Ely's article is devoted to the consideration of the peculiarly public industries which are called natural monopolies. These are streets and highways of all sorts, the means of com. munication and transportation, and light-ing-plants. They include railways, telegraphs, telephones, harbours, canals, street cars, elevated urban railways, gas-works, electric lighting plants. Some of these are local, some national, in the scope of their operation, and some intermediate between the two extremes. Experience in the United States has, he says, demonstrated that there are two, and only two, ways of dealing with monopolies. These are private ownership and operation with control by Government, and Government control and ownership. One of these the Legislatures have decided must be had. In the case of private ownership, Government con. trol comes in to supply the lack of the competition which regulates operations in agriculture, manufactures, and commerce. After admitting very fully the vast difficulties which exist in the way of public ownership and management, and setting them over against the evils which inhere in the sysem of private ownership, with all its tenlencies to corruption, and the dangers arising from the great power the corporations come to exert over Governments, Professor Ely inclines to the belief that in State ownership will be found the ultimate solu.
tion of the problem, "though it does not seem likely that such a decision will be reached, except for some local monopolies, and perhaps the telegraph and telephone, in any near future."

But even this is not Socialism, and the concluding part of the article shows clearly enough that Professor Ely is no Socialist. In fact, so far as his general social philosophy is concerued, he avows himself, and those who read his remarks in this connection will agree with the avowal, "a conservative rather than a radical, and in the strict sense of the term an aristocrat rather than a democrat." He takes pains, however, to explain that when he uses the latter term he has in mind a natural, not a legal aristocracy. It is at this point that the most interesting part of the discussion arises. We touch here the broad question which is causing so much unrest in all the more progressive countries of the world at the present moment.

Another phase of the question is discussed in the article by Professor Hadley, which follows, though it is pretty clear to the reader of both, that Professor Ely would hardly recognize as his own the views which form the object of Professor Hadley's attack. This discussion deals with the difference between the individualistic and the socialistic conceptions of industrial life. We are sorry that our space will not permit of our following out the discussion on these lines, as we had intended. Every thoughtful observer knows that it is the struggle between these two conceptions which is agitating the civilized world today, as perhaps it has never before been agitated. Professor Hadley devotes much of his strength to an attewpt to prove that the current representation of the old political economy, by socialists, is incorrect; that political economy does not regard the individual as an end in himself; that " rational egoism and rational altruism tend to coincide." It may be admitted that in secking to promote his own personal gain the individual often promotes the general welfare of the community. This simply means, the Socialist might retort, that things are so wisely and beneficently arranged that the intense selfishness of the individual is often over-ruled for the good of others. The fact is far from proving that selfishness should be approved and cultivated as the ideal force in social economics. But then, on the other hand, grant that genuine altruism would be both a much nobler and a much more promising force for working out the social well-being, the question arises, What can legislation, or any compulsory social compact, do towards effecting the change of motive or aim in the individual? Some influence other than external compulsion is necessary to accomplish that. And of what use would be the most elaborate socialistic machinery without the necessary force to put and keep it
in motion? In short, must not the attempt to substitute by legislation an altruistic for an individualistic aim in the world of industry necessarily result in failure?

On the other hand, we can imagine the Socialist making reply to Professor Ely's doctrine of aristocracy, his assertion that "the eighteenth century doctrine of essen. tial equality among men is pernicious; that men are essentially unequal in power, capacity, requirements," etc. Grant the fact at any given moment. How large a part of the inequality is due to the inequality of conditions and opportunities which is the oftspring of the existing social system ? In other words, to what extent is the inequality natural, and to what extent the product of environment? And how much of that part of the inequality which we assribe to heredity may be due to the influence of previous environments for which the social systern was largely responsible?

The controversy is endless, though it forces itself upon the mind and is well worth pursuing. But do not both parties, after all, forget that it is "a condition and not a theory" which confronts us? What are the socialistic tendencies of the time but a necessary accompaniment of the advance, the now resistless advance of democracy! Are those tendencies really anything else than the outcome of the determination of thetriumphing democracies to legislate with a view solely to the interests or supposed interests of the indub. trial classes, just as much of the old legislation was undeniably the outcome of the natural tendency of the special ruling and legislating classes to legislate solely in their own interests? The end who can foretell?

Professor Giulio Fano and Dr. Gialio Masini, of Genoa, Italy, have recently made an interesting series of experiments, described in the .Journal of Nervous and Mental IIseases (New York), to determine the inter-relations of the auditory appsratus and the respiratory centre. They find that loss of the semicircular canals of the ear causes profound modifications of the mechanism of respiration, which are much less notable when only the cochlea is extirpated, the canals appearing to inhibit res piration, while the cochlea causes an acceler ation of respiratory rhythm. The respirstory movements approach the normal when after destruction of the semicircular canale, the cochlea is extirpated, so that there seem ${ }^{8}$ to be a sort of functional antagonism between the canals and the cochlea. Respiratory movements refect very sensitively the impressions made upon the ear, so that the may be employed as a sort of test of auditory sensitiveness, and thus one may demonstrate how sensitive the acoustic nerve is to auditory impressions.

Verdi's new opers has for its subject not King Lear, as has been reported, but Count Ugolino, and the Tower of Famine from Dante's Inferno. In preparing it be has had examined a musical setting to the episode written in the sixteenth century by Vincenzo Galileo, the father of the astro nomer

## MONTREAL LETTER.

In vitw of the increasing trade between Canada and Japan, the council of the Mont. real Board of Trade considers it very desirable that a Japanese consulate should be established in Montreal whereat full and reliable information concerning Japan, its products and manufactures, might be obtained, and thus the further development of trade relations between the two countries encouraged. Why not suggest a Chinese consulate for the same reason?

An effort is being made by certain capitalists to secure the right to run an elevated railway through the city. The route upon which they bave their eyes takes in Craig Street and St. James Street, and the proprietors therein object strongly. The matter came up before the civic committee on such matters and it considered that these streets should not be marred and that the river front is the only place for an elevated railway. As yet, however, nothing definite bas been settled.

Among recent sporting events was the eleventh annual championship games of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, beld on Saturday last in the M.A.A.A. grounds. The attendance was very large, and the event was successful in every way. Four Canadian records were broken and a world's record was equalled. George Orton, formerly of Toronto, but now representing the N.Y.A.C. of New York, carried every. thing before him in his line. Nearly all the "firsts" were captured by representatives of American associations. It is un. fortunate that as soon as our young men show superiority in anything, they leave us and help our neighbours to retain honours Which should rightly belong to this country.

In the registration of new names on the Voters' lists the revising barristers say that this year does not compare with previous periods of revision. It appears that the young men are neglecting to look after their rights, and unless there is a change in the feeling before October 15th, the lists wili not be complete by many thousands of names. In St. Antoine division, the principal English district of the island, there are not, up to date, more than one thousand young income voters enrolled, and it is estimated that there should be ten thousand. Something should be done to make the young man feel that this is his country and that he is a part of it. It would be a good idea to tax those people, say twenty$\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{v}}$ dollars each, who, through neglect, deprive themselves of the franchise.

The Sohmer Park people are moring to have Suaday liquor selling legalized by the Provincial Government. Up to within a $f_{\text {thr months ago they enjoyed this privilege }}$ through the indulgence of the civic authorities, but upon the urgent request of the Citizens' League the Government stepped in and stopped it. Opposition to this extraordinary privilege comes from the.clergy of all denominations, and even liquor-sellers object to this special privilege which is refused to other licensed places in the city.

The Rev. James B. Robertson, of Cape Palmas, West Coast of Africa, now visiting this city, has had an eventful life. A sailor in early life he roughed it in different parts of the world, especially in the Indian Ocean at the time of the Indian Mutiny. He joined the Federal Navy during the war of the rebellion in the United States and was present at the taking of New Orleans, Mobile and Vicksburg. Through the instrumentality of the Boston Young Men's

Christian Association he became a missionary and in 1838 sailed for Cape Palmas. There he has worked up to the present and his labours have met with success. Mr. Robertson is a Scotchman by birth.

The Hon. Honore Mercier, ex-Premier of Quebec, is lying at his residence in a dying condition and ere this reaches the eye of the reader be will, perhaps, have passed over to the great majority. Lieut.-Governor Chapleau visited the sick man. In the bitter struggles of the political arena they bad been enemies; now they embrace and become reconciled and talk over their old fights in a new spirit. Sir John Thompson's private secretary called and expressed condolence on behalf of the Premier. Mr. Tarte is one of the most assiduous visitors to the bedside. Telegrams and letters of enquiry and condolence are being received hourly. Whatever Mr. Mercier's life was, he has not been neglected in his last hour.

The meetings of the American Pablic Health Association held here last week abounded with interest and for a while the public mind was brought to bear upon that important though much negle cted subject, sanitation. Many prominent sanitarians were present and many important papers were read and discussed. A grand reception was held in the Windsor Hall and besides the usual complimentary addresses some good solid things were said on matters pertaining to the health of the public. Lieut. Governor Chapieau was there and he made the visitors welcome in an eloquent speech on behalf of the Province. Major Villeneuve did the same on behalf of the city. Dr. Gregorie Mendizabol, of Orizaba, Mexico, varied the proceedings by delivering an address in Spanish. He said science knew no country; the salvation of the people was the supreme law. In labouring for public health they laboured for material prosperity; a sound body was essential to a sound mind. It was refreshing to hear such expressions from a native of Mexico. The papers read at the meetings treated with every subject relating to health. Good seed was sown and good should result therefrom. Of course there were dinners and other entertainments and the proceedings were wound up by a trip to Grosse Isle, the Canadian quarantine station. The general opinion expressed by the visitors was that Canada's quarantine arrangements are perfect.
A. J. F.

## A LOSS TO CANADIAN LITERATURE.

A few weeks ago, on the twenty-eighth of July, there passed quietly away, at an advanced age, one who has long held a deservedly honoured place among our leading Canadian writers. Now that our authors are multiplying so rapidly, it is not easy to realize how refreshing, in a comparatively arid literary field, it once was to meet with the finished and artistic prose which bore the well known signature of Louisa Murray, a signature which, attached to article or story, was always a pledge that it would be charming in style, as well as thoughtful and suggestive in matter. We may claim Miss Murray as a Canadian writer, since Canada was her adopted country, and her home during the greater portion of her life. She was, however, a native of Limerick county, Ireland, which she left in very early youth. Her father was a British officer and asted as aide de camp to the father of our Queen, when, as Duke of Kent, $h$ ? was stationed at Halifax. After-
wards engaged in active service during the war of 1812 , he at length settled down on a farm on Amherst Island, afterwards removing to Wolfe Island, opposite Kingston. Here Miss Murray's life was as quiet and retired as if lived in the backwoods, while she always took her full share in the duties of the farm. Nevertheless, her richly endowed intellect found its natural expression despite all that seemed-and was-adverse in surrounding circumstances. Near her lived the family of her life-long friend, Mr . J. A. Allen, whose younger son, Grant Allen, was then growing up in a happy childhood, already a quick observer of the nature around him. In the society here open to her, Miss Murray found the intellectual sympathy and stimulus she needed and which she might otherwise have missed. One of her early poems describes the interesting little circle, and the happy hours she had spent in its much-prized companionship -sorely missed when it was withdrawn by the removal of her friends to another home $a^{+}$Kingston, and afterwards by their residence abroad.

Miss Murray's first important literary venture was her vivid tale, "The Cited Curate," a story of the wilder side of Irish life, with its passionate impulses. It was first serially published in the old AngloAmerican Magazine, and, afterwards, through tie kind intervention of Mr. Allen, was just about to be published in book form by Messrs. Putnam, when that firm's failure intervened.

When the Canadiun Monthly Mayazine was first established, and during its whole life, Miss Murray was one of its most valued contributors, and her charming story, " Marguerite Kneller," added grace and dignity to its first volume. Some years later another Irish tale, "Little Dorinn," ran serislly through the magazine. It is to be regretted that none of these stories were ever published in book form, as in that case their author would have become known to a much wider circle of readers. It is also to be regretted that her able and polished articles and critical sketches did not come before a wider public in English or American magazines, on which they would have reflected much more credit than many articles which have found a place there. But in those days "colonial" writers were practically "side-tracked," and Miss Murray had scarcely enough of personal ambition to push her own way. Such masterly studies as her essay on "Ophelia" and that on "Swift and the Woraen who loved him," both of which appeared in the Canadian Monthly, would have done honor to any periodical. To the writer there was in her tone of mind and expression, something that suggested George Eliot, who she greatly admired, and with whom she had much intellectual affinity. Had she met with more encouragement, she might have done still more important work. But she scarcely received the appreciation she deserved, and though she never worked for mere popularity, her sensitive spirit could not but feel the lack of an appreciative atmosphere. Some years ago, in an otherwise pleasant sketch of her work by a Canadian writer, there appeared a criticism, which, to the present writer, seemed uncalled for and unjust, and which could not have failed to wound her in a sensitive point, a remaris to the effect that her characters were not lifelike and real. How they may have struck others, of course, one cannot eay but to the present writ-r there did
not seemany lack of reality abouther literary creations, insight into character being one of her strong points; and the injustice was felt for her, if not also by her. To those who knew the obstacles to her literary work with which she had to contend, the amount of such work she accomplished was really remarkable. Her family history was marked by one heavy trial after another, such as would have crushed the energies of a weaker nature. But ber strong love for literature was, no doubt, one helpful possession, which, combined with her interest in great general questions, helped to beguile many a weary hour.

Her later years have been lived in Western Canada, to which she accompanied the brothers and sister to whom she was ardently attached. She resided for a time near Tilsonburg, but her last home was on a beautiful spot near the whirlpool at Niagara Falle. She delighted in the beautiful scenery about her, and contributed the letter-press of the number of "Picturesque Canada" which deala with Niagara. Her life here was deeply saddened, however, by the mysterious disappearance of a beloved brother and the long period of agonizing suspense before the family could settle down to the conviction that he had met with a fatal accident. She had always shrunk from general society, and, towards the close of her life, when infirmities were growing upon her, she clung more than ever to the retirement in which she bad lived so long, and could not be persuaded to leave home, even to visit the friends she had most loved and valued. She continued to write, however, as long as her fingers were able to weild the pen, which she seemed able to weild as gracefully as ever. Latterly, however, she could not even use it to write letters, and when she tried to do so, her fine, strong handwriting seemed sadly changed. She did not by any means cling to life, perbaps the less so, that she felt herself to a great extent "forgotten by the world." The world of readers is an ungrateful one after all, and, in the pressure of new favorites, is very apt to forget those who, in the past, have instructed and delighted it. But something might have been done to manifest the appreciation which was her due. Considering the leading part she took in our budding literature, and the character her writing gave to our early periodicals, would it not have been a graceful act, had she received from her brothers of the pen-who should scarcely be monopolists, since art knows no distinction of sex-the well-earned honor of being the first lady-member of the Royal Canadian Institute? If such distinctions are of any value at all, they should, in the first instance, be for those who have borne the burden and heat of the day and won their honors in a fair field with no favor. No doubt such a recognition would have cheered the last lonely years of her life, but she has passed beyond the use of such laurels now.

In her earlier years, Miss Murray wrote some graceful poems, one of which, "The Merlin's Cave," showed great power of imagination and language ; but prose, not pcetry seemed her natural vehicle of expression ; and she will be remembered chiefly as one of the best prose writers Canada has yet possessed. In her case the power seemed the more spontancous as she had none of the modern educational advantages now so eazily secured. She was, indeed, mainly self-educated, and to a strong and highly cultivated intellect was added a noble nature which raised her above
all petty;ambitions, and made her a most loving and devoted daughter, a faithful sister and an ever-loya! friend.

FIDELIS.

## SAPPH0.

Give us back the Lesbian measure, That lost art of long agoBlinding pathos, burning pleasure, Light of laughter and of woe.

Give us back the Lesbian measure, Lighter Horace lost the vein, And with all his golden treasure Caught no note of Sappho's pain.
Give us back the Lesbian measure, How could'st thou Catullus sing ? Thou the bard of Roman leisure, Sound the depths of Sappho's spring ?

## Heart of Hellas still is beating,

 Golden memories linger yet, Passion's chords forever tleetingWe who love, can we forget?> JOHN A. T. LLOYD.

## THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH.

In the list of lyrical writers of America, the first name is easily that of Thomas Bailey Aldrich. Among the lyrists of the nineteenth century, there is no question about his place. Indeed, he belongs more to the world at large than to any particular spot in a hemisphere, and though he has sung sweetly of certain phases and incidents in American life and movement, by far the greater part of his work is cosmopolitan. The influence of Herrick, Keats and Tennyson is plainly discerned in his verse. But the influence is suggestive only, for Mr. Aldrich has borrowed nothing from the English bards, save, perhaps, a little of their form and manner. His art is his own. He mixes his own pigments, and originality of thought is certainly his strongest characteristic. His coloring is exquisite and his melody is perfect. One rarely stumbles on a balting line, and such a thing as a bad metaphor is unknown in the whole range of his poetical writings. Mr. Aldrich is, moreover, a man of superlatively fine taste. He is his own severest critic, and has been known to cut away half and sometimes more than half of a poem, simply because he thought, mayhap wrongfully, that the additional verses weakened the force of the predominant idea. To do this, we may be sure, cost the poet a pang, for he is a slow craftsman, and this work of his which we find so tuneful, and so easy to read, flows not readily from his pen. He is, in the highest sense, an artist, and like Tennyson, is always fearful lest the standard may be lowered by himself. This faithfulness to his art, to himself and to his public, has therefore not been realized without great effort. The reader, in consequence, has lost many acceptable stanzas. But no one will say that art has suffered, for the poet has allowed only his best work to see the light, and really, after all, it is better, perhaps, that it should be so.

It is a fortunate thing for literature in America, that Baby Bell was written. Everyone remembers the touching story of the dainty babe, and how she came "into this world of ours," the gates of heaven being left ajar:
" With folded hands and dreamy eyes, Wandering out of Paradise,
She saw this planet, like a star,
Hung 11 the glistening depths of even-

Its bridges rumning to and fro,
O'er which the white-winged angels go,
Bearing the holy Dead to heaven. She touched a bridge of flowers-those feet, So light they did not bend the bells Of the celestial asphodels,
They fell like dew upon the Howers: Then all the air grew strangely sweet: And thus came dainty Baby Bell
Into this world of ours.'
The story of the brief life is told with keenest sympathy and delicacy. The heart readily lends itself to the sad beauty of the narrative. And then.
"At last he came, the messenger,
The messenger from unseen lands
And what did dainty Baby Bell !
She only crossed her little hands,
She only looked more meek and fair
We parted back her silken hair,
We wove the roses round her browWhite buds, the summer's drifted snow,Wrapt her from head to foot in flowers And thus went dainty Baby Bell Out of this world of ours!
The tearful ballad, so taultless in conception and in execution, so genuine in human sympathy, and so admirable in its art, proved on the instant a complete and unqualified success. Mr. Aldrich had sent it, with perhaps some misgivings, to Willis or Halleck ; I have forgotten whom. He had not to wait long for an answer. The editor wrote enthusiastically to the young poet, and backed his words with an honorarium, in the shape of a crisp bank note. This reception to the literary guild decided the poet. He abandoned commerce for letters, and gave his whole mind to the calling in which, in after years, he achitved such signal success. He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on the 11th of November, 1836. The quaint old town figures agreeably in several of his books, as "Rivermouth." His early youth was passed in Louisiana, and while preparing bimself for college, his father died. This putan end to his plans, and he accepted the invitation of his uncle, a prominent New York merchant, and went north to take a position in the counting room. He spent three years at the ledger, but business had little charm for him. His spare time was given up to writing and reading, and from time to time he enriched the columns of the local newspapers with contributions in prose and verse. One of these was Baby Bell, the success of which we have already seen. He became a "reader" for a publishing house, and his writings, exhibiting growing strength, appeared at intervals, in Putnam's Monthly -famous in its day as one of the best exponents of modern thought in the United States; the Old Knickerbocker-then, if I mistake not, under the editorship of Lewis Gaylord Clark; the New York Mirror, conducted with conspicuous ability ; the Satur. day Press and the Home Journal, Nathaniel Parker Willis's paper. In 1856, Mr. Aldrich joined the staff of the Journal. After this, he went to Boston, edited with judgment Every Saturday, from the first number to the last, and when Mr. Howells retired from the conduct of the Atlantic Monthly, he became its chief editor, resigning the position only a few years ago.

Mr. Aldrich's prose is as captivating as his poetry. He has given us a charming account of a journey from Ponkapog to Pesth, which no one will willingly set down until he has read it through, and four or five volumes of stories which must be praised for their originality and manner of treatment. Of these we will speak later on.

How they endured, while kings and realms Passed into darkness and were lost ;
How they had stood from age to age,
Clad in their yellow vellum-mail,
'Gainst which the Paynim's godless rage,
The Vandal's fire, could naught avail Though heathen sword-blows fell like hail, Though cities ran with Christian blood, Imperishable they had stood !
They did not seem like books to him,
But Heroes, Martyrs, Saints-themselves The things they told of, not mere books
Ranged grimly on the oaken shelves."
It was a laudable ambition and the Friar made up his mind to devote the remainder of his days to the great work, which seemed revealed to him as a mission, which he must perform. Then says the poet in this splendid passage:
"To those dim alcoves, far withdrawn,
He turned with measured steps and slow,
Trimming his lantern as he went;
And there, among the shadows, bent Above one ponderous folio,
With whose miraculous text were blent Seraphic faces: Angels, crowned
With rings of melting amethyst;
Mute, patient Martyrs, cruelly bound
To blazing fagots; here and there,
Some bold, serene Evangelist,
Or Mary in her sumny hair ;
And here and there from out the words A brilliant tropic bird took Hight;
And through the margins many a vine
Went wandering-roses, red and white,
Tulip, wind-flower, and columbine
Blossomed. To his believing mind
These things were real, and the wind,
Blown through the mullioned window, took Scent from the lilies in the book."

The Friar began his book and bent long and lovingly over the lengthening page, pausing scarcely to tell his beads, save when the night had come. And even then his mind worked, for he lay restless on the straw, anxious and impatient for the morn. ing's dawn. He excused himself, now and then, for forgetting the poor at the convent door, by whispering to himself :
"I feed the souls of men
Henceforth, and not their bodies!"
"Yet," says the poet:
"Their sharp, pinched fentures, now and then, Stole in between him and his Book,
And filled him with a vague regret!"
Thus thought and toiled Friar Jerome, now eagerly finishing a vignotte, now adding a fragment to a tail-piece, anon painting some grand figure in the Book. He was full of the great work he had in hand, and though a blight had come stealthily upon the region where he lived, and the corn grew cankered in its sheath, and sickness, the "green-spotted terror called the Pest," was hurrying to the grave the young bride, the infant and the strong man, the monk, filled with the magnitude of his task, and unmindful of anything else, still pored over the tome, which grew more and more beautiful under his skilful touch :
"And evermore that dreadful pall
Of mist hung stagnant over all :
By day, a sickly light broke through
The heated fog, on town and field;
By night, the moon, in anger, turned
Against the earth its mottled shield."
Then we have a picture of the friars and the monks, going about two and two, chanting, shriving the sick and burging the dead. Of all the monks only Jerome remained behind, hiding in his dusty nook, resolved at all hazard to complete the last ten pages of his Book. The stately figure of St. John, his master-piece, done, the work as a whole would be finished, and then be would go out with his brethren
and busy himself, as in the old days, with the calls of the sick, the dying and the poor. He sketched the head, laid in the tint, when lo!
"He found a grinning Death's head there, And not the grand Apostle's face.'

The old friar, horrified and appalled by the change, deemed it revelation from God and a message. He hastily closed the Book, left undone his task, drew his cowl about his face, and went out among the sufferers into the stricken city,
"And there was joy in heaven that dayMore joy o'er this forlorn old friar
Than over fifty sinless men
Who never struggled with desire!"
The good monk toiled with his people, but before the hideous black scourge had disappeared, it overtook him, and soon he became a wasted shape. He crept back to the convent. There was silence in the corridor,
"For of that long innumerous train
Which issued forth a month before
Scarce twenty had come back again
He crawled up the moldy stair to his damp cell, that be might look on the pages of his beloved Book, which had consumed so many years of his life, before he died. A cry of joy escaped from his lips as he beheld the tome resting on the familiar stand where he had left it. It was open now and spread out. When he had last seên it, it was closed. Some angel's hand had been here and finished it, for
"There 'twas complete, as he had planned ;
There, at the end, stood finis, writ There, at the end, stood finis, writ
And gilded as no man could do."
Jerome could neither speak nor stir. His eyes remained fixed on the last word, and
"He passed from sin and want and seorn ; And suddenly the chapel-bells
Rang in the holy Christmas Morn!'
This poem must convince the reader of the high quality of Mr. Aldrich's art. It is full of beauties and quotable passages, but perhaps it is unfair to the poet to separate them from the work itself. "Judith" is another poem molded in that blank verse in which Tennyson has proved himself so great a master. It is dramatic in incident, picturesque in color, and strong in character drawing. Mr. Aldrich has given us nothing finer than his portraits of the Prince of Assur, and the Hebrew woman, nor in the way of description, has he produced anything more notable than the powerful episode narrating the assassination of Holofernes in the tent :
And gazed upon him, "Judith knelt her thoughts were dark:
For half she longed to bid her purpose dieTo stay, to weep, to fold him in her arms, To let her long hair loose upon his face, As on a mountain-top some amorous cloud Lets down its sombre tresses of fine rain. For one wild instant in her burning arms
She held him sleeping; then grew wan as death,
Relaxed her hold, and starting from his side As if in asp had stung her to the quick, Listened ; and listening, she heard the moans Of little children moaning in the streets Of Bethulia, saw famished women pass, Wringing their hands, and on the broken walls
The flower of Israel dying.
With quick breath
Judith blew out the tapers, all save one,
And from his twisted girdle loosed the sword,
And grasping the huge hilt with her two

Thrice smote the Prince of Assur as he lay,
Thrice on his neck she smote him as he lay, And from the brawny shoulders rolled the head
Winking and ghastly in the cresset's light ;
Which done, she fled into the yawning dark,
There met her maid, who, stealing to the tent,
Pulled down the crimson arras on the corse,
And in her mantle urapt the brazen head,
And brought it with her ; and a great gong boomed
Twelve, as the two women glided past the guard
With measured footstep : but outside the camp,
Terror seized on them, and they fled like wraiths
Through the hushed midnight into the black woods,
Where, from gnarled roots and ancient, pal sied trees,
Dread shapes, upstarting, clutched at them ; and once
A nameless bird in branches overhead
Screeched, and the blood grew cold about their hearts.
By mouldy caves, the hooded viper's haunt,
Down perilous steeps, and through the deso late gorge,
Onward they flew, with madly streaming hair,
Bearing their hideous burden, till at last,
Wild with the pregnant horruis of the night,
They dashed themselves against the Uity's gate."
"Wyndham Towers," dedicated to the author's "friend and comrade," Edwin Booth, in half a dozen charming lines, presents our poet in a new light. The poem belongs to the dramatic narrative class. It is full of passion, strong, imaginative, and all the qualities which enter into heroic work. Many will place it among Mr. Aldrich's finer performances, if they do not account it his masterpiece. Its flavor is of the Eiizabethan age, and the poet has caught most exquisitely the manner of the contemporaries of Shakespeare and of Rare Ben. "Wyndham Towers" is of too fine a texture ever to become popular in the ordinary sense, but its value as a great contribution to poetic thought, feeling and intellect will long remain. The story, with all its admirable mechanism, its sterling worth, its art and its beauty, need not be told here. But this excerpt may be made. It is a sweet and graceful love song, which even the poet's critics will not say is cold :
"It was with doubt and trembling
I whispered in her ear.
Go, take her answer, bird-on-bough,
That all the world may hear-
Swetheart, sigh no more!
Sing it, sing it, tawny throat,
Upon the wayside tree,
How fair she is, how true she is,
How dear she is to me-
Sweetheart, sigh no mure!
Sing it, sing it, tawny throat,
And through the summer long
The winds among the clover-tops, And brooks for all their silvery stops,

Sucetheart, sigh no more.
Daintiness of treatment has ever been a characteristic of Mr. Aldrich, and this quality appears very often in the last volume of verse which has come from his pen, The Sisters' Tragedy, with other poems, lyrical and dramatic. The initial poem is particularly striking, and will take the fancy of many, not because the story told is new, but from the manner in which it is recited. "The Last Caesar" contains a reminiscence of the Third Napoleon, which though unpleasing is effective, and this tribute to the genius of Tennyson is quite in Mr. Aldrich's happiest vein :

[^2]But thou, O builder of enduring rhyme,
Thou shalt not pass! Thy fame in every clime
On earth shall live where Saxon speeds ber sway.'
But the fame of Mr. Aldrich will not rest alone on his poetry, though it is easy to admit that poesy is his first love. One story he gave us in his joung manhood, the Story of a Bad Boy, one of the cleverest tales of juvenile life and character ever written. It is partly autobiographical, and the bero, Tom Bailey, is the author himself, of course, considerably exaggerated. The story is intensely real. Little Benny Wallace, the credulous Pepper Whitcomb, Nelly, Miss Abigail, Capt. Nutter and Kitty, the Irish servant, are drawn from the life, and the reader is very early interested in them. Benny's brief existence is pathetically doscribed. His is a notably fine character genuine to a degree, but Tom Bailey and Pepper Whitcomb will carry the reader by storm, for they are the life and soul of the book. While Aldrich was writing this story in the pages of that excellent juvenile monthly, Our Young Folks, the elder lights in American literature watched its progress, from number to number, with as much interest and delight as the youngest reader. It proved a worthy successor to Judge Hughes' Tom Brown, almost the best bistory of boy life jet published. It is a mistake to compare it to Tom Sawyer, as some have done, for the latter is coarse, trivial and unreal, while Tom Bailey is wholesome throughout, and made from metal which sounds the true ring. The Queen of Shebs was a more ambitious venture, and in it Mr. Aldrich gave a taste of his quality as a romance-writer for men and women. The story is quite original, charming in form, wealthy in description, and full of episodes which attract on the instant. The love making between Ruth and Lynde is delicious, while the scene in the New England village, with the lunatics, is intensely strong. Mr. Aldrich manages his lesser incidents with that light and graceful touch which be has made his own. His tenderness, his wit, his geniality, his perfect taste, have full rein always. One looks in vain in his pages for a glorification of the commonplace. The characters be describes have something in them. They speak and act and what they say is worth setting down, and the deeds they do are worth describing. The Queen of Sheba is a refreshing story, dramatic enough to give it poignancy, and with plotenough to hold the reader to the end. The Stillwater Tragedy tella the story of a strike, a murder, and the unravelling of a chain of circumstantial evidence. This novel is so finely wrought, the imagination is so vivid and sometimes startling, that many must regret that the author has not produced more work of the same sort. He has constructed a bold plot, and developed it with skill, and the events and personages, so artistically treated, emphasize his merit as a writer of fiction, which must have more than a passing vogue. The interest never abates a jot. The surprise is kept well in the background until needed, and the story is real, and not sensational. Comedy too, there is in it. Prudence Palfrey has ever been a favorite with Mr. Aldrich's admirers. It belongs to the Rivermouth romances, and few young women have been drawn, with better success than Miss Prue, in this bright and exquisite story-we had almost called it a novel. The portrait of the heroine is full of color, and the picture we get of New England rural life is very de-
lightful, very true and very touching. Of course, Mr. Aldrich treats us to interviews with some very amusing people, and his genial humor shines constantly through the narrative. The Parson, John Dent, Dillingham and the others, are stronglydrawn characters. The plot only is a trifle slight, or perhaps, we should say, slender.

I remember how shocked Aldrich was When the post brought him, from London, a copy of a pirated edition of his lovely story, Marjorie Daw, quite the best thing of the kind from his or any pen. The pirate publisher printed on the outside cover a flashy and hideous wood-cut, and rechristened the book, "Marjorie Daw and Other Beguilers." This offence against good taste was properly resented by the poet-1omancer. The story is a delicate hoax, very prettily told, and so well managed that everyone is promptly fooled to the top of his bent. The letters and telegrams tell the story in good faith, and Marjorie herself soon wins her way to the heart of the reader. The story is a mere sketch, very light in texture, but most charming reading for all that.

Aldrich excels in short story writing. His work in that department is finished and unrivalled for its art and beauty. One story of his, "Two Bites at a Cherry," is old enough in plot, in all consciousness, but the treatment is altogher another thing, and in the author's hands it becomes invested with a fresh charm. Our New Neighbors at Ponkapog, Père Antoine's Date-Palm, Miss Mehetabel's Son and Mademoiselle Olympe Zabriski will not want for readers. They will long be numbered among the really brilliant and original short stories of our time, poetic in a way, rich in kindly humor, and falling below none as works of art. With Mrs. Oliphant once, Mr. Aldrich wrote a novel, The Second Son. The reader will find little diticulty in placing the responsibility for the different chapters on the pens which furnished th m .

GEORGE STEWART
FAREWELL TO SUMMER.
Weep! weep! Oh tearfulskies.
While summer gently dies,
And let us bid her sud farewell ;
There are no tears so dear
As yours, nor so sincere,
Nor to our hearts such solace tell-
Farewell:
The trees with beauteous green,
The leaves no longer screen,
But to the sum their verdure sell
He gives them glittering gold,
And colours manifold,
How short their day 'twere vain to tell :Farewell!
Let the wind sadly sigh
O'er Howers that withered lie
In sober mead or shadowed dell
Under the falling leaves -
The shroud that autumn weaves--
They sleep that once we loved so well-.
Farewell:
Not with rare How'rets gay
Make we a last bouquet,
But mint, and rue, and asplodel :
These are our chosen tlowers,
Now that the summer hours
No more our hearts with gladness swell-
Farewell!
Early the waning light
Fades from our pensive sight,
While deeply tolls the evening bell ;
Over the tree-tops tall,
Night treads her airy hall,
And silent listens to the knell-
Farewell !

By che night coldly kissed,
The silrery ghostly mist,
Wakes from its slumbrous earthy cell ;
Wanders bencath the trees,
Moved by each passing breeze,
Where late the burning sunshine fellFarewell !

Beneath the stars' faint gleam,
Moves on the placid stream,
And townrd the sea doth flow and swell
So doth our life-stream flee,
On toward Intinity,
Where no abiding sorrows dwell-
Farewell !
BERNARD MoEVOY.

## PLUTOCRACY AND THE SOCIAL CRISIS.

A little over a century ago the common people. not of France alone, but of Europe, were emancipated. This, with all that it means, was the net result of the French Revolution. The violence of that explosion showed only the tremendous pressure of the forces apposant, as Lord Macaulay has somewhere observed-the height and depth of that tyranny which had for centuries oppressed the third estate. Civilization raised to a bigher plane bas progressed since then. And the nineteenth century draws to a close.

In its march society, it seoms, has reached another halting place where it must needs stop and examine into its proper fabric and make such readjustments as the circumstances, necessities and intelligence of the age demands. It is no longer a question of individual liberty. A hundred years age that matter was settled. Then he people leaped at a bound from a yosition not much better than veritable chattels of the soil-from slavery to citizenship. They became free men, free individuals, free citizens. But dow the question is-How shall individual liberty be restrained and circum-scribed-that liberty which, when pushed to the extreme by the few, is a menace to the well-being of the many. This is the problem confronting progressive democracy.

While the social disease exists and is malignant and potent, the remedy does not appear to be so immediate: it is not even apparent. Whether the cure for our greatest social evils is to be found in nationalization, or co-operativism, or any other doubt-fully-feasible scheme, it is not the purpose of this writing to enquire. But one thing seems evident, that whatever the form may be into which society will resolve itself, and a great English philosopher has reminded the world that the social change is certain, and approaching, the reformation will take place first in the west where the conditions are most favorable to the change. For what is the condition-the strangely anomalous social condition of America at the present time. Is it not amazing that in a young and vigorous nation cut off from the beginning from all the trammels of the feudal system and constituted and governed upon modern principles, with a country of infinite resources and capable under normally healthy conditions of supporting in peace and plenty three times its present population, there should be found, after a brief career of some one hundred and fifteen years, all the keen asperities of class and caste and an aristocracy that is a curse to every free people because it is an aristocracy not based on any true foundation, not on worth or intelligence, not on patriotic devotion to country, or disinterested service in the cause of humanity, on
no good quality of brain or heart, but on gold and gold alone. And in a land of boundless opportunities and free and liberal government to find an army of men without employment and without food givan over to crime and starvation. War-taxed, pauperised Europe is no longer pre-eminent in her standing army of such stuff.

On the one hand there is beggary, on the other unprecedented luxury. Here there is organized labor antagonistic to capital, and it is possible for half a million of men to stop work, "tie up" the railway system of the continent, paralyze commercial intercourse and yet not infringe in a single iota on the law that protects individual rights and liberties. The producing classes, the intelligent classes, the professional classes are roused to the necessity for some change. Clubs and organizations have sprung up throughout the nation by hundreds for the purpose of propagating the schemes of social reformers, and colonies have been planted whereby their theories may be practically tested.

To-day this is the picture the distrasted republic presents in which there is scarcely a relieving or encouraging feature.

What has brought these things about and how does it come that America is foremost in her demand for social reform with every advantage on her side that nature, liberty, and our later civilization can give? Is it the natural progression and degradation of triumphant democracy? Or is it taxation, or over-production, or monopolization of the natural resources, or class legislation that has brought the country to this pass? All there, no doubt, and something more. And that something more we frmly believe is the root and spring of all the outward and apparent causes. The root of that tree of which the external causes are the deadly and pestiferous fruit. The fountain of which, the visible causes, are the conduits that have spread its vile stream abroad and from which the nation has drunk till it is ready to burst.

It is the plutocracy of America who are responsible for the present social crisis, because they have been unfaithful and morally recreant to the duties and responsibilities of their class. They have corrupted the people from the highest to the lowest. By virtue of their example, and the glittering elevation that gold gives, they have lowered the ideals, debased the standard of social precedence, and degenerated the moral instincts of the nation. It is not as the mere possessors of wealth that they are accused. It is the manner in which they have acquired it: it is the manner in which they have used it! Plutocracy has combined, politically, commercially and socially. They have corrupted the legislature, crushed out all rivals in trade, and drawn themselves off as a distinct and superior class, assuming all the marks and paraphernalia of a recognized aristocracy. But they are not the aristocracy of America. They are a mixed and recentclass. Their fathers sailed to the West with no pomp and display-but quietly and with a fixed purpose. It was to be fed and to find wherewith to be clothed. They profited by the abundant opportunities of the new world, and prospering under its free and liberal institutions, and under the protection of its benignant laws they succeeded in rolling up vast fortunes, which their children have probably multiplied, and now their descendants, a half-educated and dissipated class, either pose in America as its aristocracy, or as a foreign-marrying and foreign-living class,
return to Europe, and drain the Republic of the vast wealth which was heaped together under its genial government and protection.

And only at this late hour has the state awakened to the fact that it has any claim whatsoever to interfere in the matter. As thoughthere were no precedents in the law of property to justify the state's intervention! Asthough property accumulated through the instrumentality of the state in protecting it, and in lending its power to the fulfilment of all legal obligations could not be interfered with when it becomes a menace and a danger to society, which may be, and is daily expropriated irrespective of the owners' inherent rights for the pablic utility. And this by the power that nursed it into being! The plutocracy of America have never been taxed by the state even in a shadowy proportion to the debt they owe it.

The holders of the money power of America have resisted every effort of the state to reach them. They have been eminently hostile to Republican institutions. They have corrupted government and tied the hands of those who should, like Samson of old, have been strong enough and honest enough to have burst asunder the golden thongs of these social Philistines. As a class, as a great and privileged and leisurely class, what have they given to art, to literature, to the state, to humanity. There are some exceptions, but they are few. Nevertheless, society is thankful for those who of their own free will gave what the scate has not had the courage nor the power to exact. As much and more. These are the salt of the earth and teach men never to lose faith, never to lose hope in humanity. But as a class they have given nothing good to the people except a negative example. On the contrary they have initiated that mad rush for gold which has permeated all classes of society, and in the pursuit of which conscience and fair-dealing have so small a place, and in the possession of which lies the only claim to bonour, influence, and even respectability. And it is spent as gained, unrighteously-spent in luxurious living and in the gratification of selfish pleasure.

Thus we are convinced the root of the present social unrest is the conduct of the plutocracy itself. It is too late now to withdraw. The intelligence of the country is directed upon the flaw in the social structure, and sooner or later bars and bounds will be set to restrain the liberty of the individual. So much we have learned in a hundred years. We have been taught since the French Revolution that we cannot trust humanity with too much liberty. And while means are being devised for reatraining the accumulating power, or for diverting superfluity, in part, at least, into a legitimate channel, there is a danger in America that threatens social philosopher and plutocrat alike. It is the power of the class that have been the chief victims of the monopolist. All that is wanted is organization, consolidation, education. And that day when the labouring classes, uniting at the polls by a vote of nine to one, return labor representatives will not be an auspicious one in America either for moderation in social reform or impartiality in legislation.

Then the vox clamantis in deserto of the social reformer may be remembered with sorrow.

ROBERT T. MULLIN.

## PARAS LETMER.

France has clearly made up her mind to conquer Madagascar. It will be something more than a "little war." Its initial cost is put down at 30 million frs. and 10,000 men. The country does not like that outlay, but if the French are determined to have colonies, even though not developing them, they must pay for their glory. One cannot make an omelette without breaking the eggs. Professional authorities do not blink the fact, that the subduing of the natives, will be a long and tedious affair. Of course France will in the end succeed by not hestitating to expend plenty of blood and money. But it is a country having aFmurderous climate and through jungle and forest roads the French must push their way. Every Frenchman believes, like a Thirty-nine Article, that all their trouble in Madagascar is due to the English, to the Protestant missionaries; in a word to the "Bible." M. de Mahy is Deputy for Reunion; he is the Chief of the Anglo-phobian Colonial Expansionists, and suffers from Protestant missionaries in Madagascar on the brain, though the French Calvinists who work in with them, told him he was labouring under a lamentable delusion. He replied, they were even worse than the English. He proposed that the Government should vote cash liberally, and send out Jesuit missionaries to expel the Protestants. The truth is, the Catholic Mission Schools have been emptied by their rivals, but they are the Americans, and not the English who finance the Missions, as they have also the monopoly of the market for their special make of cotton goods.

England recognized the protectorate of France over Madagascar, in exchange for her ideal rights at Zanzibar. As ever, France drove a hard bargain, and made England pay dearly. Whatever rights the latter may yet retain, and Sir C. Dilke, asserts they are of great importance, she will this time make France pay dear for her whistle. Since the Republic of late has taken for model the Napoleonic maxim -and sound it is-" action, action and rapidity," in her diplomatic as well asin her war policy, it is only natural that she should have directed M. Le Myre de Vilers, the Deputy for Cochin China, to proceed to Madagascar, take stock of the situation and prescribe accordingly. As in the case of Siam, he will, like the Roman Envoy, carry peace or war in the skirts of his coat, and give Queen Ranavale III twenty-four hours to knuckle down. That was less than the orthodox time allowed to the Bey of Tunisia and the King of Siam. In the meantime, an imposing naval expedition will be prepared to set sail in the early weeks of 1895 , to back up the ultimatum of M. de Vilers. The drama will then follow its natural course, if the Sino-Japanese war, Morocco, Tripolitania and the Soudan do not block the way. Aided by their Gibraltar at Diego-Suarez, the French will be then, they assert, strong on the Indian Ocean. M. de Vilors is aged 61, slender and rather undersized; he is full of energy, rarely smiles, is suspiciously silent and very retiring. He studied for the navy and served as a lieutenant till 1859, when he resigned, and took service under the Home Office, as a sub-prefect. On the outbreak of the 1870 war, he resumed his position as naval lieutenant, and took part in the defence of Paris. On peace being signed, he returned to Home Office duties, became a high civil functionary and made colonial
and maritime questions his spscialties. He was governor of Cochin China in 1879, was next Resident-General at Madagascar, and then Eavoy at Siam. But all that work is child's play to what his diplomatic skill will have to solve at the Court of Imerina.

Opinion has never changed in its estimate of the Comte de Paris; he is not even discussed; he is viewed rather as a political hobbledehoy, whose mission was to extinguish the last sparks of vitality in French Royalism. The indifference of the country in connection with the death of the Comte, is not due to the latter's colourless character, so much as to the fact, that the very idea of monarchy is dead in France. He had in him the stuff of a good, average, middle class citizen, but nature never designed him for the purple. He danczd ever as he was pulled. He wrote on every subject-3ven on the Irish question-but he only reflacted the ideas of others. When he exchanged the tricolor with the Comte de Chambord's white Bourbon flag, "Ichabod" appeared written on the mansion. The Comte de Paris never recjived the credit he merited for his sincere conviction-that his restoration was impossible, while he had to appear and act a true believer in the contrary, and accept all the gas carinades of his earwiggers, that "the monarchy was made." Had he become a republican-like the Pope, got elected as a deputy, bjcome an admirable Parliamentary Committee-man and a Blue Book Wrangler, he might have risen to very high honours under the Third Republic. He missed the flowing tide, and instead of spending his millions in France, has had to do so in England. The Pretender is dead-long live the Pretender.

The Pretender, Philippe "VIII."Philippe VII., like Napoleon II., never reigned-or, the Duc d'Orleans, is not a whit more important in the eyes of the sovereign people than his rival, the latest faddist at pretendership, the Duc d'Anjou, whom the old Ryyalists are running also for that phantom-the French throne. In 1871, and shortly before his death, the Comte de Paris "rallied" a little to the Republic. The Duc d'Orleans would do well to follow in the footsteps of his father and the Holy Father-and become a Republican. He has no army, and the staff of fossils that plaged court to his papa has largely melted away. Of 580 deputies. only 30 are no-surrender Royalists; but even this remnant are not all Orleanists, The Duc d'Orleans will wait his life-time ere he will be invited by the French House of Commons-a " House" more omnipotent than that of the Bourbon and Orleans unit-ed-to rule. What can he do? The ballot boxes laugh at the Orleanist's pretension. Will he make a Prince Charlie or a Prince Louis Napoleon dash at the crown? But he has no rank and file, and those that might follow him would be hardly a mouthful for the Republicans. France will allow no country-not even Eogland -to accord hospitality to the Duc d'Onleans, should he address therefrom insurrectional "proclamations " or organize a " descent," without a very disagreeable protest. Should he be captured and opinion be in an excited mood, the nation might remember the revolutionary maxim, that only the dead do not return. Should a milder, a cynical spirit pervade the people, he might be lodged as a "recidivist," in his Olairvaux prison home, less this time the farcical accessories. The Republic has one grip on the Duc d'Orleans; he now becomes owner of the chateau and the estates of Eu, valued at
thirteen millions of francs, hard money That property could be impounded to prevent transfer, and it likely will be, a legal
triend triend informs me, on the first dynamitish sddress the duke publishes to loving sub jects who neither know him nor want him It he commits an overt act, it will be confiecated for an asylum for the worn-out soldiers of Industry. The other live pre fonders may thank God that they are not, like their rival, the duke, possessed of millions in France, nor, indeed, anywhere there. They are run by speculators, for there are promoters of "pretenders" just ${ }^{48}$ of "companies," and brought out upon no capital. But nowadays no one would pablish in a king. It was the caricatures pablished against the Prince Imperial, mocking his bravery and ridiculing his lotas life that goaded that pretender to aeek reputation at the cannon's mouth, or at the point of a Zulu spear. The cartoons and akits are commencing to be general at the expense of the Duc d'Orleans; they digesent him as a man upon town, scowling public, a bund and superciliously at Lady Republic, a buxom, youthful mother, the piclore of health and vigour, with her young Samsons playing at her feet; she looks at the Oomte with a mixture of curiosity and adifference as to who the political masher ${ }^{\text {can }}$ be ; the Comte holds in his hand a charter of liberty signed by the Comte de Chandord, while in the background are his toll ${ }_{0}$ wers, tottering courtiers, with long ${ }^{\text {shankgs, eye }}$ glasses, and dressed in the cosSaps of by-gone times.
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Otc., are ${ }^{\text {otceng, }}$, are maladies of parasitical origin and
${ }^{\text {coming}}$ within the sphere of practical cure.
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Text richest member is M. Leon Say.
The Academy of Medicine has formally
oncluded that the bicycle is an exercise
eminently hygienic even for the aged, if ingen in moderation. Only those labour8 under heart affections should be interlicted wheeling.

## GLIMPSES AT THINGS.


moral purposes, recently granted an interview to a representative of that journal, in the course of which he said :
"I can assure you, you will do the army the greatest possible service if you draw attention to the hideous evil that is done to our soldiers, morally and physically, by the non-enforcement of the Contagious Diseases Acts. And, though I greatly respect the motives of those who are diametrically opposed to me in this matter, yet I solemnly assert that they are doing us the greatest possible harm. Within the last two years, out of a total of $70,000 \mathrm{men}$, we have admitted into hospital no less than 56,000 men suffering from nameless horrors. We are, I believe, the only nation so acting. Our neglect may be criminal ; we shall in time poison and defile the whole world, and all for the sake of a ceriain feeling of sentiment." It is known that Lord Roberts shares these opinions of his successor. Truth, in its issue of Spatember 13 ch , estimates that quite a third of the soldiers in India are "permanently invalided " by preventable diseases. "I think myself," says M. Labouchere, "that it behoves those whose opinions involve the Empire, and, indeed, the United Kingdom itself, in such peril, to suggest a way out of the difficulty." The addition of 60,000 to the army, he naturally imagines, would cause a revulsion of popular feeling.

A cause is often hurt more by an injudicious friend than by all the arts of its adversaries. If Mr. O'Brien, or whoever sent Mr. Gladstone a circular inviting a subscription to the Nationalist funds, had been a Unionist, his action would have passed as a ruse of Machiavellian ingenuity. Mr . Gladstone subscribed and the cry arose that Englisb Liberals were subsidizing the Nationalists in order to control their movements and to burke Home Rule. Had he not subscribed, the cry would as surely have arisen that Mr. Gladstone and his party had forsaken Ireland. "Continental union" is another cause that has been dangerously wounded by some of its partisans. Strangely underrating the spirit of Canada, Mr. Farrer persuaded a few public men in the United States that the most likely means to effect their common object was to substitute threats for conciliation, coercion for moral suasion. The result has been that Canada manfully resented a seeming effort to cow her into subjection, and that for a number of years the United States appeared to be her chief foe and England her chief friend and only $p$ cuector. Those who base their policy on the assumption that Canada lacks pluck or gratitude reckon without their host.

I helieve in the sincerity of Dr. T. A. Emmet and most of the Irish-American gentlemen, who have used Mr. T. B. Grant as their mouthpiece (in the American Journal of Politics) to proclaim that Irish-Americans do not now hate Britain as they used to, and that "the granting of Home Rule would obliterate whatever hostilities there are," except in the hearts of irreconcilables and those who might try to make a living out of their irreconcilability. It is likely that the withdrawal of self-respecting and Christian Irishmen, like Dr. Emmet, from the vendetta against Britain would lead to the formation of new and unscrupulous organizations; but these would either perish from lack of support or be stamped out by the indignation of their countrymen.

Lord Salisbury's fear that Home Rule "would enable Irish-Americans who are still supposed to hate England to use Ireland as a lever with which to work out a retributive policy against Great Britain at its very gates," seems to me a chimera. The combativeness of Irishmen would then vent itself upon each other, and the more lawless spirits would be "agin' the government," not of the Empire, but of Ireland. With Home Rule for Scotland and England also, and with the representation of each one of the three kingdoms, as well as of the great colonies, in a new imperial parliament-a scheme approved by Cecil Rhodes and Archbishop O'Brien-the loyalization of Ireland would be complete. She would become the staunch friend of her partners, the hope of the Empire, the leaven and the effervescence of united AngloSaxondom.
F. BLAKE CROFTON.

## IN MEMORIAM.

We should not weep for one whose lot has given

Surcease from ${ }^{\text {rain }}$;
Who this hard world has left for that glad heaven,

We all would wain.
She was so young, so beautiful, so good,
That surely death Must have felt sorrowful as near he stood To steal her breath.

No, not for her we weep, but for our own
Most bitter loss
For our bereaved and saddened lives we moan

This heavy cross.
Lord of the sorrowing, unto Thee we turn,
With tear-wet eyes.
We know that Thou hast her whom thus we mourn,

In Paradise.
And in that blessed resting-place above,
May we at last
Regain once more the object of our love,
And hold her fast
No more to separate, no more to fear
For anything,
For Death will in our happy union then
Have lost his sting.
CONSTANCE FAIRBANKS.
March 8th, 1802.

## SEA-CLIFFS AT SUNRISE.

Seen from the verge of the castern cliffs, the rise of the summer sun presents a picture in curious contrast to the low and angry dawns of winter days, with their lines of red and tumbled cloud brooding over tossing breakers, or the gradual and mysterious effects of sunrise in the forest, where the forms and masses of trees and woods are minute by minute separated from the clinging mists and vapours, as mere white light gives place to goldon beams; and these, as warmth follows in the train of the colouring rays, separate vapour from earth, until the forest is revealed in its true shape, when the conquering sun at last-
" Stands tiptoe on the misty mountain tops.', The beauty of the summer suarise over the sea is of the calm and silvery sort. There is no mystery of form to be disclosed on the quiet surface of the sea; the floating vapours are uniform and without visible outline, the sky as a rule cloudless, and merely receptive of the light. Thus while
in the deep harbour valley which runs inland behind the cliffs, level masses of white mist are rolling and eddying like steam in a pot, and the trees around it appear as if fringing the margin of a lake, over which the black cormorants are flying high as if to avoid the fumes of some hidden Avernus, the aspect of the sea is like a level bath of quicksilver, veiled with pale grey exhalations, similar in tone, but with. out reflected light, which appeara only in the broad and shining track which runs from the shore across to the horizon and the sun. Only on the sea-level the southeast wind and tide seems to revolve the mass of water in an immense dimpled and revolving eddy, which has for one margin the whole semi-circle of the bay. The horizon, even where the sea whitens under the sun, is indistinct, and the division of water and vapour undiscoverable by a landsman's eye. Backed by the cornfields and bounded by the sea, the narrow line of cliff-face and beach enjoy at this hour a quiet and repose which seems for the time to allay the mistrust and fear of man of the wildest of the sea-fowl and land-birds which haunt the cliffs and precipices of the shore. Just after sunrise, in Whitecliff Bay, which, with its adjacent precipices of the Culver Cliffs, corresponds at the eastern angle of the Isle of Wight to Alum Bay and Freshwater Cliffs on the west, the writer found the ravens sitting on the juts of a sand cliff, and almost as tame as the jackdaws, whom they had for the moment driven from the warm ledge on which they take their morning sun-bath. Except for the ravens there seemed not to be a living creature in the bay, though from beyond the chalk crag to the right, where the high cliffs face the south, the croak of the cormorants, and the screams and laughter of the gulls, rose above the measured suck and surge of the flowing tide among the shingle. The sand and clay cliffs were full of small landbirds, pert, blackheaded stonechats were flitting from spray to spray on the furze-banks, butcher-birls and wheatears hovered in the cliff; and, strange to say, a large flock of sparrows had flown down from the cornfields in which they had been stealing wheat since daybreak, and weredrinking and washing, with an immense amount of loud and vulgar conversation, where a stream of sweet water broke out at the foot of the cliffs, and trickled down through the sand to the sea. To descend the steep path of yellow clay it was necessary to doff boots and walk in "stocking feet;" for the boot-soles, drenched with dew, slipped on the clay as if on a surface of oiled and polished metal. The quiet bay was scored and furrowed by the violence of the great thunderstorm which flooded towns and fields in the last week of August. A mass of water had collected in the hollow of a narrow valley above, and poured like a bursting reservoir over the cliff, cutting a chaniel 10 ft . deep and 30 ft . wide through the shingle banks, and laying bare the rocks and boulders buried deep below. The shingle was cleared away as if by hand, and pure water was still running over the smooth grey beds of shale below. Beyond the channel the shingle was spread fan-wise for a space of 60 yards, abutting on the smooth sand beyond. On this sand, for many yards above the fresh, salt margin of the breakers, the surface was covered with neat round pits, the size of a half-crown. They were filled with water, and in the centre of each was a small round channel sunk-probably the shaft leading to the
shell-mouth of a buried razor-fish. Two or three isolated rocks, covered with green and brown seaweeds-" sea-ferns " would be the more appropriate name for the beautiful submarine fronds-lay in succession between high and low water mark; and between these the sand was marked in regular lines with crab-tracks, foliowing, in the main, beaten paths, like rabbit-tracks on the snow. It is difficult to distinguish how many lines of foot-prints a crab leaves. It has eight small legs and two large ones, which last it usually carries in the air, though when not frightened it also uses them in walxing. Consequently a crabtrack looks as if a small wheel, with a number of spikes and projections, had been rolled over the sand from rock to rock. Most of these shallow-water crabs are "King-crabs," marked on the back with the distinct outline in profile of a royal crown, with the jewels studding the edges of the arches, exactly as it appears in the water-mark on official paper. Though useless for food, they are caught in numbers by the fishermen as bait for their prawn pots. The monster crabs which are seen in rows on the slabs of the London fish-shops, never live near the shore, but lurk in the seaweed jungles among the submerged rocks out at sea. The puzzle is how they ever get into the crab-pots, for in the largest of these, which are made in certain fixed sizes by the fishermen themselves, according to ancient and established tradition, the aperture at the top is only nine inches wide. Probably the big crabs, when they see any bait which looks and smells particularly nice, creep into the pots sideways.

The sea-fowl colony round the corner of the chalk precipice had a sentinel gull watching the bay, to give notice of any stranger approaching the point beyond which the chalk precipices rise to face the sun. This solitary white gull, flying at a great height above the down, kept up an incessant clamour, which, without causing the groups which were basking on the rocks to leave their stations, made them uneasy and alert. The Culver Cliff, like that on the opposite side of the island, might well be named "Sun Corner." The heat and light reflected from the 400 ft . of perpen. dicular white wall fill the atmosphere with warmth and brightness, and all the birds were taking a quiet sun-bath, either on the cliff or on the flat rocks below. Rock. pigeons were sitting crooning to each other on a jutting ledge, and a colony of cormorants were basking on a ridge of turf which sloped back like a green roof from the perpendicular cliff. Best of all, a pair of peregrine falcons were quietly sitting not 300 ft . from the foot of the crag, their black-and-white breasts, and dark-blue wings and tails, even the eye and head, distinctly visible with the glass as they faced the sun. They were in no hurry to leave : but after a few minutes the pair launched themselves from the cliff and flew with lightning speed round a projecting corner of the rocks to some more secluded part of the precipice. A whole family of ravens, six in number, were perched in a grave and contemplative line on another part of the precipice. The two old birds were watching a young cormorant, which was sitting on a flat rock below them, and receiving from time to time supplies of fish from the parent birds, which were diving near the shore. A larger fish than usual was brought up by the birds, and laid upon the rock at the feet of the young one, which, having well breakfasted, was apparently un-
able to swallow any more, and sat luoking at the fish as if contemplating how long it would take to get up enough appetite to eat it. The ravens too saw the fish, and at once flew down on to the rock. Their method of robbery was, no doubt, in ac. cordance with some unwritten law of the cliff colony; but unlike that which most birds adopt when they are dealing with ${ }^{\text {a }}$ weaker, and, as in this case, quite defence. less neighbour. It would have been easy to make a dash at the fish, and fly off with it at once. But for some reason they did not choose to do so. The ravens, after a short croaking conversation, sidled up on one side of the cormorant, until all three birds were in a line, their shoulders touching. The ravens then proceeded to edge down upon the cormorant, gradually shoving it away from the fish, and towards the edge of the rock, all in a very gentle, friendly manner, with no appearance of force. The cormorant then shuffed in front of its fish, and turning round, set its sloping back towards the ravens, who found that as they pushed the bird, they only upset it on to the coveted morsel, on which it lay sprawling. As this did not answer, the ravens separated and sat one on each side of the cormorant; one then gave it a push, while the other neatly picked up the fish, and both flew of with it to their own full-grown brood on the cliff. The probable explanation of this complicated manceuvre is that the rarens were quite aware that if frightened the cormorant would pick up the fish and dive with it out of their reach. Hence they adopted the trick constantly practised by watch-snatchers in town, in which one hustles the victim, while the cther seizes hig property.-The Spectator:

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CANADA AND JAPAN

To the Editor of The Week
Sir,--In the present war between Chint and Japan -one threatening to involve other national powers, such as Russia, Britain, the United States, France, (xermany, Hollanh Italy, Spain, Portugal, and, in fact, all other naval powers of eath, in defence of their d spective interests in the field of strife-Crand has a specially close and (to her) importand interest. Her position and quasi nation hot status in the world of commerce--with the transeontinental railway and connecting of tho lantic and Pacific steamship lines-all of tho highest order and capacity-as, even already a highway for the nations of the world, intor her a truly, very special, almost mique, in the est in the struggle. In the great work, has Cat in the struggle. In the great wan Pacific Railway, to which she ${ }^{\text {as }}$ contributed so largely-say, in money ald land to the amount of two hundred million lars, and half as much in addition for subsid branch lines, with comecting ancillary stean ship subsidies, running up to a million dolally per annum - she has invested, if not virtull io her all, certainly her best hopes of progr civic assistance.

The objective basis of that bold ventur in was, $\{$ have every reason to know, and so, time, have the great public concerned beg to see and even tentatively, realize, the trade of the Pacific, viz., with Japan neighbours across), China, Polynesia, Australia.

Our commercial relations then, and since, with China and Japan, under trea and $^{15}$, were (as they still are) of the utmost and to promising, and effectually contributing their mutual benefit in every regard.

Thus it is that Peace was (as it is, or ghould be still), their true policy; as it is national powers in commerce with them Russia may the

Russia may have contingent views in that matter ; bnt there is no ground to assum ${ }^{6}$
she, in subservience to any such views, to her her own aggrandizement, has moved in that direction. Both China and Japan have ever claimed, proudly, an utter independence of ther powers in their national polity and on this score are so sensitive that no Thisper of foreign intrigue is ever heard before (or behind) the throne.

It (the war) is, essentially, a feud between the two powers; and, like all feuds, is, When roused, as it has been, to daggers drawn, must be left to its own madness, its own re medy. What that might be, no one can say Probably Japan will dictate terms of peace rom the palace of Pekin. That these will involve any disruption of China is, to use a public "not on the cards." The traditi nal parbic policy of Japan, in its essential autonomy ust such a departure. But in her claimjust and well founded so far as appears from historical record-to the protectorate of her neighbour Corea, she will, there is every reason So may it me!

BRITANNICLS.

## BIMETALLISM.*

A publication by Elijah Helm, entitled The Joint Standard," is the latest impor ing the bimution to the literature respect expositionetallic controversy. "A plain exposition of monetary principles and of the monetary controversy" supplements the that "thile in the preface the author states the needs attempt has been made to satisfy the needs of inquiring minds by stating, as and fim clearly as possible, the principles eray, facts involved in the monetary controverrsy,
lies in . that the justification forthis essay ins in the wide demand for a manual deal. ing concisely with the subject, both in the busin of economic teaching and practical conceas life," and that while "he has not concealed his own views, his chief object has sumable elucidate and inform." It is presumable, however, that the author did not
give the troduct same thought to the title and inWork, as as to the matter proper of his from, as his statement of the case is solely thereformetalist's point of view, and "and inform" scarcely calculated to "elucidate And inform" upon the principles involved. $b_{\text {alance }}$ theader is really anxious to obtain a involved inea of "the principles and facts should stin the monetary controversy," he janction study Mr. Helm's book only in con"Casen with some such work as Giffen's occura Against Bimetallism"-indeed, it these two the reviewer that a perusal of a fairly ${ }^{\text {two }}$ publications together would give ypon which the controversy has been waged, if it be borne in mind that "The Joint lagdard" has the advantage of being "the

As a statement in general terms of the in $_{\text {certain }}$ case, however, Mr. Helm's book certainly of value. Hitherto the student,
of numero has had to follow the arguments of the sub writers on detached branches of the subject in order to get an outline echool restound upon which the bimetallic ol rest their case.
The the greater portion of the book deals and to effects of the fall of gold prices, that to arguments designed to demonstrate increased dall has been entirely due to the parposes demand for gold for monetary Bil ver eses ever since the demonetization of ${ }^{\text {in }}$ Vur ber by Germany in 1873 , and by other enorpean countries subsequently. The Which in the view even of some bimetallists

[^3]have been in ! part the cause of the fall of prices, it is argued by Mr. Helm, are the result of the fall of prices, and represent the railway companies' share of the bur den cast on the commercial system by the appreciation of gold. Other points in the monometallists' case are dealt with upon equally novel lines of reasoning. The bear ing of the greater facility of production due to improved methods and machinery, upon the question of prices, is skipped over with an admirable lightness, as is also the question of the compensatory advantages arising frcm lower prices. One curious argument and one which hardly seems to belong to Mr. Helm's side of the case, is that cheaper bread has resulted in dearer meat and dairy produce, owing to the fact that the poorer classes, having to spend much less on the former, indulge more in the latter, and have so increased the demand-in other words, that the poorer classes have benefited to such an extent by the fall in the price of one article of food that they are able to buy more meat and dairy produce even at the higher prices now currenthave now, in fact, more wholesome food.

In endeavouring to demonstrate that gold must in the future appreciate seriously, he founds his case very largely on a theory which is plainly unsound, but one which is often met with in the works of economic writers who possess a theoretical knowledge only of the relations borne between the vast volume of credit instruments which are brought into use in the exchange of commodities, and the volume of metallic money requisite. The theory of Mr. Helm is to the effect that as the volume of commodities to be exchanged will no doubt continue to increase in the future at as great a rate as in the past, the supply of gold available for monetary purposes must either increase in the same proportions as the increase in exchangeable commodities, otherwise prices will continue to fall. Every practical banker, however, knows that the amount of gold needful for monetary purposes -apart from the coin requisite for change making purposes (which, for several reasons, counts for little in the argument) -is determined by the amount required as the basis for the paper currency issues and as the reserve for the deposits held by the banks of the world, and also that the increase in these gold reserves need not of necessity be in the same proportions as the growth of the banking liabilities. It is a remarkable fact that while the deposit liabilities of the English banks increased more than $100 \%$ between 1870 and 1890, and the volume of commodities exchanged increased in the same period probably upwards of $35 \%$, the average gold reserve of the Bank of England, the basis upon which the vast trade and commerce of that country rests was actually $5 \%$ less in 1890 than in 1870. As the amount of the Bank of England reserve is controlled by raising and lowering the rate of discount, according to whether the reserve falls below or rises above the desired level, and as at the period of the year 1890 when the reserve held was at the level of the average for the year, the rate was only $3 \%$, it is clear that the average reserve held in 1890 was about the sum which the directors of the Bank deemed sufficient for the country's requirements at that time.

The exchange of commodities is, except to a trifling extent, effected by means of bills of exchange and like credit instruments, the volume of the latter rising and
falling automatically, according to the volume of commodities to be exchanged, and the only relation between the volume of credit instruments and the amount of the reserve of metallic money lies in the fact that the latter is the force which ensures that a community will not issue its credit instruments beyond the extent to which they will have exchangeable commodities with which to meet them. The want of practical knowledge on this point is the cause of much error in the views of bimetallists.

On the main consideration, however, as to the practicability of bimetallism, or "the joint standard," as Mr. Helms prefers to term it, the book contains only the original statement of the bimetallic belief, without modification or extension to meet the arguments which have been urged against it. The vital question, i.e., the power of governments to regulate the relative values of the two metals, is dealt with quite briefly. Mr. Helm quotes the oldicontention of bimetallists, that the operation of the French Mint Law, under which gold and silver were received by the mint without limit as to amount and coined at a fixed ratio of $15 \frac{1}{2}$ to 1 , was the cause of the stability of the relative values of the two metals during the period between 1803 and 1873. This is an argument, however, which has been very effectually answered by Mr. Giffen, and it will not do to reiterate it at this late date, ignoring the reply of a writer of such eminence that even the author of the book under review has thought fit to quote him as an authority on points where their views happen to agree.

Mr. Helm's demonstration of what the working of the joint standard would be is based upon an illustration suggested by Prof. Jevons, which, as it touches a point at the foundation of the bimetallic case, deserves examination at a litule length. The illustration consists of a diagram of two reservoirs of about equal size, connected by a large tunnel running from the bottom of each, the contents of the reservoir on the lelt being marked $G$ and of that on the right, $S$. The explanation accompanying the diagram is as follows:
"Let G represent the whole mass of gold existing or in use for monetary purposes at any given time, and $S$ that of silver so existing or in use-one fed from the region of gold on the left, the other from that of silver on the right. So long as there is no communication between the two reservoirs, it is evident that the level of the water in each will vary with every variation in the volume of the stream supplying it or in the quantity taken from it. But if a conduit of adequate dimensions be placed between them, then the level of both will remain the same, no matter what changes may take place in the quantity received or taken from either of them. The water cannot rise higher nor fall lower in one reservoir than it is in the other, but the level actually preserved will not be that which either reservoir would have had if the two had not been thus joined. It will be a mean, and although this will be subject to a certain rise and fall, the changes will not be so great in either reservoir as they would have been had they each been subject to the constant variations of rainfall or offtake affecting itself alone."

This is a most plausible argument and one which is calculated to impress the reader who has only a general notion of monetary principles, as based on sound reasoning. But there are elements entering into the monetary question which are not provided
for in the simple mechanism of this illustration, and its fallacy is easily demonstrable. To take an extreme case for example: Let us suppose that the chief nations of the world entered into an agreement to adopt a joint-standard-say of gold and some metal valued in the market at the moment at 40 parts to 1 part of gold, the legal ratio being fixed at 10 to 1 . The value of the total supply of the two metals would not, of course, be increased, but the value of the one would be artificially forced down, while that of the other would in the same manner be increased until they met at the point of 10 to 1 . New mines of the poorer metal would be opened up and its production enormously increased, while on the other hand, coincident with a reduced production of gold owing to the closing up of some mines which could not be profitably worked at the lower value, would arise a greatly increased demand for that metal in the Arts. Gold would then rapidly disappear from use as money, and the moment that those holding it as money ceased to part with it readily enough to satisfy the demand for it as a commodity as freely as usual, it would go to a premium, when the world would be on a single standard basis again, but with a cheap and bulky metal, the transportation of which would be very costly. This is, as stated, an extreme case, but if bimetallism were to be introduced at even the average ratio which bimetallists desire, it would be a sufficiently extreme case to render such a result as that outlined above not improbable; while, in any case, the illustration serves to show that the permanency of bimetallism would depend abso. lutely on the relative supply and demand of the two metals continuing forever at a point where-the commodity demand being satisfied-there would always remain a proportionate quantity of each metal to flow into the channels of money.

This is the consideration which is presented at the very outset in considering bimetallism, and until bimetallists establish their case herein it is of no avail to argue the question of the appreciation of gold, except as suggestive of the advisability of a more scientific and, economic use of gold in the world's currency systems, or-this having been effected to a reasonable extent without bringing entire relief-of some of the nations adopting a single standard of silver, a course which would be the logical outcome of the situation the bimetallists are endeavouring to establish as existent, and one which some countries will doubtless be willing to take when-the price of silver having fallen to a point where its commodity value alone regulates its price-a long period of approximate steadiness in value makes such a course appear free from serious danger.

Of Mr. Helm's book, however, it must be admitted that it is very readable; it is written in excellent style, and contains many chapters which are exceedingly interesting and instructive, while as a statement of the bimetallists' side of the great monetary controversy it covers arguments and facts which the student of the subject could only obtain elsewhere after much research in a voluminous literature.

VERE BROWN.
Common sense in one view is the most uncommon sense. While it is extremely rare in possession, the recognition of it is universal. All men feel it, though few men have it.-N. H. Hudson.

## ART NOTES.

F. Hopkinson Smith, artist and story writer, has been spending August and September in Holland, sketching, painting, and gathering materials for future literary work. During his visits to Europe he gives up a very large part of his time to art work, sometimes painting three or four little pictures in a day, and thus gaining a direct impression instead of using sketches at a later period. He said recently that at the end of such a trip he gathers his salable sketches and more ambitious pictures to. gether and sends them to the dealer who handles them, after which he thinks no more about them, and after a while starts off on another trip.

Among the many gifts received by the Art Institute of Chicago, says the Art Amateur, is one from Miss Harriet Hosmer of a cast she made, over forty years ago, of the clasped hands of Robert Browning and his wife. The autograph "Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Rome, May 1853," is on one wrist and " Robert Browning, Rome," on the other. Such a cast may seem a trivial thing, but $I$ think it is infinitely more interesting than the death mask which sculptors so covet when a great man dies. Indeed little of real value is to be got from the mask. The profile shows the bone formations well, and the measurements may be secured; but that is all-nothing remains of the expression, which of course is the essence of portraiture. We are too prone to let our great men pass away without artistic recognition, and then invade the house of mourning to procure a death mask instead of a living likeness.

Mr. George Bruenech is again visiting the country which has yielded so many striking scenes to his canvas. We have had a letter from him "written at midnight without the help of artificial light at Ham. merfest, the most northerly town in the world, $70^{\circ} 40^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$. lat." In his very interesting letter Mr. Bruenech says of Hammerfest: "Its 'besetting sin' is the strong odour of cod liver oil, whale oil, walrus oil, etc., which is being extracted along the beach, or which is stowed away in the different warehouses. This strong perfume cannot be described and can only be appreciated by those who have visited Hammerfest. There is a good safe harbour here in which are seen fishing-boats and smacks from all parts of Norway and also a few Russian schooners which are constantly plying between this place and the north coast of Russia." Mr. Bruenech pays tribute to the beauties of the " ' Alten Fjord', so beautifully described by Marie Corelli in her novel, 'Thelma,'" and purposed visiting the principal fjords on the coast as far as Christiansund and expected to remain in Norway until the end of the present month.

The annual meeting of the Women's Art Association was held in their studio, Room 89 Canada Life Building, on Monday, Oct. 1st. The room was filled and the business proceeded with in usual order. From the President's address we quote a few sentences as showing the raison d'etre of this organization better than we could put it. "Let it be clearly understood that there is no thought in our association of superseding, of bringing our association into rivalry with existing unions for the encouragement of art. The aim is rather to supplement these by this fourfold effort to
influence four classes. Firstly, to afford to women who make a profession of art, an increasing number here as elsewhera, opportunity of meeting each other and. taking counsel together over thair wots. Secondly, to stir up women for whom art is one of many occupations to take it more seriously as a pursuit, and to aim at a higher standard of attainment. Thirdly, to encourage, or if need be discourage, aspirants to an art course by bringing them into contact with those who have already achieved something. Fourthly, to induce the general public to care more for pictures and other works of art and to look at them more intelligently." The Secretary's report was very full, containing reports fro the branch societies in Montreal, London. and Winnipeg. As a federal part of the National Women's Council, this association had been assigned the question of introducing manual training into the public schoold The officers elected were, president, Mrs. Dignam ; vice-presidents, Miss McConnel and Miss C. D. Osler ; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hemsted ; recording secre. tary, Miss Clarke ; treasurer, Miss Gormley. There are to be club days for mem bers to work together from the living model; the evening sketch class will bo continued at the house of one of the mear bers during the winter ; and the club day, Thursday, of each week is to be reserved ${ }^{\text {as }}$ a time when the members, both honorary and active, meet for reading and study of art matters. An appeal was made for contributions of art literature to form the nucleus of a library for the club. Altogether the association finds itself more firmly established and with better prospects thab ever before.

Some interesting facts concerning the founding of the National Academy are given by the Springfield Republican in the cour ${ }^{89^{8}}$ of some remarks on the death of one of tits members: Thomas Seir Cummings, the sole survivor of the founders of the Nation ${ }^{\text {sl }}$ Academy of Design, has died at the age of 90 years. He was a painter of miniature ${ }^{6,}$ in the days when that form of portrait ${ }^{683}$ in vogue, and had some reputation in tho art, but never essayed other fields. It ig the curious thing that the daguerreotype, the ambrotype, and finally the photogrip ${ }^{\frac{p}{b}}$ should have practically banished the nini ature, although it is one of the choicesp forms of portraiture, and far better adap d ed to the preservation of the likenesses for those who could afford the expense-for none of the cheaper processes is enduring Mr. Cummings was of English birth, to this country when a boy, was a clers ip his father's business, but, following ${ }^{\text {bi }}$ bent toward art, he became a pupil or Henry Inman. The artists of New Yot robelling against the niggardly and arb trary management of the "Americal Academy of Fine Arts." in November 1825, formed the "New York Drawing ${ }^{\text {pe }}$ sociation," which in the next January bed came the National Academy. The found ers included Mr. Cummings, William Dub lap, Asher B. Durand, Charles C. Ingham Henry Inman and S. F. B. Morse ; the 16 , there 15 in all, and these chose other ${ }^{1 b_{1}}$ among whom were Frederick S. Ag ${ }^{g^{\text {ble }}}$ Alexander J. Anderson, Thomas Col ef Rembrandt Peale, John Vanderiyn for Samuel Waldo. Mr. Cumming was many years the treasurer of the Acadedy and showed great ability in tiding over money difficulties. When after a long 符d gratory existence the Academy
$\$ 250,000 \mathrm{ky}$ a system of fellowships, and built their home, the beautiful Venetian Palace at Twenty-third street and Fourth arenue, Mr. Cummings was ckairman of the building committee; he also organized it schools. For many years he was connected with the militia, and received his commission as brigadier general from Gov. William H. Seward. He published in 1865 a history of the National Academy op to that date. Also he was an original member of the Sketch club, which devel oped into the Century club. For a long time Cumemings and Durand were the two survivors of the first association of Amercian artists, but Mr. Durand died several Mears ago, considerably over 90 years old. Mr. Cummings died in Hackensack, N.J., it the home which he maintained with two anmarried daughters.

## MUSIC AND the drama.

We have never seen such a beautiful Ramber come never seen such a beautiful
publication the press of any weekly pablication-or for that matter monthly Qither-as the September special of the New and Musical Courier. It is simply superb, And unapproachable. With the regular excellent weekly addition, which is always excellent, is amalgamated the European edi${ }^{\text {tion }}$ published in London, the two forming the hagnificent number, which should be in musicads of evergbody at all interested in nusical subjects. The articles are most inreresting and cover a wonderfully wide ${ }^{\text {range }}$ of subjects, and have been contributin by some of the most celebrated writers courious parts of the continent and this country. One may say that the musical Speaks practically covers the world, and ${ }^{\text {Panteakg volumes for the gigantic and artistic }}$ enterprise of the famous and indispensable
Courier.
The first rehearsal of the Mendelssohn Choir was held in the Guild Hall, McGill isters $^{\text {It, }}$ one evening last week, about 160 chorif $_{6}$ the being present. The following Patron, list of officers for this season: atron, His Honor the Lieutenant-GoverCor of Ontario ; president, Major A. M. $\mathrm{C}_{\text {osby }}$; lat vice-president, Mr. W. E. Wundl $_{00 \mathrm{~F}}$; 2nd vice-president, Mr. J. H. ill 80 n ; secretary, Mr. W. H. Elliott;期istant-secretary, Mr. A. E. Huestis; reasurer, Mr. T. Harold Mason; assistantfeensurer, Mr. A. S. Glasgow. Commit(Dr.) Mrs, George Tate Blackstock, Mrs. ${ }^{\left(D_{r} .\right)}$ ) Macdonald, Mrs. George Dickson, and Messrs. J. Massie, E. J. Lye, W. H. E. Detv, S. Samuel, W. C. Fox and A. L Davies ; conductor, Mr. A. S. Vogt.
W Thechoir of Beverley St. Baptist Church, W. J. McNally, choirmaster and organist, The preparing the Cantata of Ruth, by Gaul. mosiork is interesting, and thoroughly masical, and no doubt will receive splendid eatment under Mr. McNally.
Mr. W. Kuchenmeister, the violinist and well known teacher, is meeting with partlent success, he having pupils from all parts of Canada: Halifax, Ottawa, KingsKachendon, Sarnia and other places. Mr atuchenmeister is most painstaking; he
ander very celebrated masters in Hadied under very celebrated masters in
fell $_{\text {omburg and }}$ Frankfort, is a genial good ing.
ingow, and deserves the success he is hav-

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Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Saunders will give a recital of vocal, flute and piano music in St. George's Hall, on Wednesday evening Oct. 10th. The programme will include, vocal solos and duets by Schumann, Mendelssohn, Gluck, Franz, Spohr, Brahms, etc., and numbers for flute and piano by Kuhlan, Mozart, Frederick the Great and others.

Mr. W. E. Fairclough-whose artistic and comprehensive organ recitals were such a feature of last year's musical hap-penings-purposes giving a like series the coming season, the first of which is to take place next Saturday afternoon in All Saints' Church, at four o'clock. The programmes will comprise organ music of all schools, and will be doubtless highly interesting and instructive. We might say that the subsequent recitals will be given the first Saturday of each month during the winter at the same hour as the one spoken of above.

The Torbett Concert Company comprising the following artists: Miss Ollie Torbett, violiniste; Mr. Rudolf von Scarpa, pianist, and the Latteman Sextette, from Stockholm, Sweden, appear in the Massey Music Hall, on the evenings of October 18 and 19. Miss Torbett is spoken of as a violiniste of great power and in dividuality, and possessing a splendid technic and tone. The pianist is also mentioned very favorably and the Sextette as well.

Ovide Masin, the famous Belgian violinist, with his splendid concert company, comprising Annie Louise Tanner-Musin, soprano ; Miss Bessie Bonsall, contralto, and Mr. Eduard Scharf, the well-known pianist and excellentaccompanist, have been engaged by the Canadian Society of Foresters, to appear at their concert on the evening of Oct. 11th, in the Massey Music Hall.

A biography of Gounod may be expected before a very late date. Mdme. Gounod and her son are at present engaged in compiling an elaborate " memoire" of the illustrious dead musician.

Mascagni has another opera on hand. The book is said to be founded on a novel by Nicola Misa. The title is undecided as yet and the production of the work could not be for another year or so. Verdi also is said to have in contemplation another big work, an opera dealing with an Italian historical subject.

Next week, at the Grand Opera House, we will have an opportunity of hearing De Koven's opera "Rob Roy," with Juliette Cordon in the title role.

The manuscript score of "Tannhauser," was recently sold for 10,000 marks.

For the buyer a hundred eyes are too few, for the seller one will suffice.

The truly generous is the truly wise; and he who loves not others lives unblest. -Horace.

Bolata, the product of a tree in Sumatra, threatens to become a rival of India rubber and gatta-percha.

## LIBRARY TABLE.

QUAKER IDYLS. By Sarah M. H. Gardnet. New Yokk: Henry Holt \& Company. 1894.

We all remember Charles Lamb's delightful essay on a Quaker meeting and the kindly feeling gentle "Elia" had for the quaint and peace-loving brethren. This charming little volume, with its eight most readable sketches bearing on Quaker life, incidents and character, will intensify the impression made by Lamb. The very opening paper, "Twelfth Street Meeting," realls his pleasant essay, though here we have the swect and simple picture of a courtship which the devotional proceedings of the meeting ripened into a declaration immediately thereafter, the proper ripening of which we agreeably find in the next paper-"A Quaker Wedding." These sketches are indeed delightful reading, their authoress writes with such simple directness and with such apparent freedom from effort. There is no straining for effect, yet the effect is, almost unconscionsly, produced. "Some Ante-Bellum Letters from a Quaker Girl " forms a pleasing variant from the other papers and evidences the part taken by the calm yet dauntless Quaker in the old slavery days. "Quaker Idyls" is most soothing and restful reading in this hurly-burly age, and is a most acceptable antidote to the sensational element, which so largely mingles in the literary output of to-diy.

ASDECIS of MODERN STUDY. London and New York: Macmillan \& Co. Toronto Williamson \& Company. 1894.

This neat volume of nearly two hundred pages is mude up of nine university extension addresses, which, as the proface informs us, "were delivered to the students of the London Society for the extension of university teaching." The two first addresses, by Lord Playfibir and Canou Browne, rospectively, deal especially with the subject of University Extension, the former having regard to its erolution as a part of popular education, and the latter to the future of university extension in London. The remaining addresses are on the following subjects and by the following speakers: Hearing, Reading and Thinking, by the Right Hon. (i. J. Goschen, D.C.L., M.P., 1886 ; the Study of Literature, by the Right Hon. John Morley, M.P., 1887 ; Scientifie Study, by Sir James Pader, Bart., F.R.S., 1888 ; Some Lessons of Antiquity, by Prof. F. Min Muller, LL.D., 1889 ; the Application of the Historical Method to Economic Science, by His Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.(.., 1890 ; Ideals, by the Bishop, of Durham (Dr. Westcott), 1891 , and the Influence of the Greek Mind on Modern Life, by Professor Jebb, Litt. D., M.P., 1893. One can readily understand that the above subjects were most admirably treated by the able and learned lecturers who respectively dealt with them, To any one desirous of knowing something of the aims and methods of the university extension movew, ent and of tasting experimentally its fruit, we heartily commend the book. It may not be amiss to quote from Mr. John Morley's excellent address his view of the movement: "I take it that what they aim at is to bring the very best teaching that the country can afford, through the hands of the most thoroughly competent men, within the reach of every class of the community. Their object is to give to the many that sound, systematic, and methodical knowledge which has hitherto been the privilege of the fow." We might also quote a few more of Mr. Morley's words-ou his special subject: "Literature is one of the instruments, and one of the most powerful instruments, for forming character, foe: giving us men and women armed with reason, hraced by knowledge, clothed with steadfastness and courrge and inspired by that public spirit and public virtue of which it has been well said that they are the brightest ornaments of the mind of man. ments of the mind man. . $\dot{\text { a }}$ Literature helps us more than other studies to this most blessed companionship of wise thoughts and right feelings."

## PERIODICALS.

Mr. Edward T. Devine makes some strong claims for the American Society for the Extension of Chiversity teaching. In the last number of University Extension James W. Walk deals with the subject of Social Pat hology and T. J. Lawrence contributes a first paperon "The University Extension Congress."

Pastor Kneipp's Method of Hardening the Constitution is further discussed in a second paper in the Journal of Hygcine for October This remarkable method seems to involve most radical processes, such as walking on the snow with bare feet, etc. "Physical Culture in France " is the subject of a thoughtful paper in this number
"A Question of Courage," is the title of a spirited, complete story, by Francis Lynde, which fills the first 80 pares of the October number of Lippincote's Magazine. The contents of this number are well varied and most readable. One is always sure of a pleasant half hour or more, if it can be afforded, with each recurring number of this popular periodical.

Littell's Living Age always calls for commendatory notice. This fine old eclectic is ever new with the latest and best thought, fiction and poetry from the standard reviews and periodicals published in the English tongue. To one who desires a well selected and arranged compendium in preference to purchasing ind perusing the constantly increasing number of magazines-we say, by all means resort to this famous Boston publication.

No bird has ever uttered note
That was not in some first bird's throat ;
Since Eden's freshness and man's fall
No rose has been original,
says most beautifully Thomas Bailey Aldrich in the Chap Book of October Jst. Richard Hovey has a bright ringing "Lfunting Song" in this number (from King Arthur, a 'Tragedy) The prose contributions to this number are good and there is no lack of illustration.

Professor Eugene L. Richards of Yale, takes precedence in the Popular Science Monthly for October with a calm, strong paper on "The Football Situation," in which he hopes "to prove that with all its faults it is one of the best forms of athletic sport which can be invented," Professor Sully continues his learned "Studies of Childhood." The present paper deals with "The Questioning Age." F. Boas has an anthropomotric study entitled " The Half Blood Indian," which has involved no little research. Tho following paper, by Col. A. B. Ellis, on West African Folklore, is most interesting. Another interesting paper is by Professor W. H. Hudson on "Poetry and Science." There is other good matter in this most readable number.

The frontispiece of Scribner's for October is the striking picture "Three Waifs in an Almshouse," from the painting of Adrien Henri Tanoux. H. G. Prout who has been giving especial attention to the subject, writes on "Railroad Travel in England and America." Carl Lumholtz contributes a paper des. criptive of "Tarahumari Dances and Plant Worship." This is a most interesting paper and graphically details some curious practices of these remarkable people. Thomas Nelson Page's story, Little Darby, is concluded in this number, and George W. Cable's John March, Southerner, is well continued. Julia C. R. Dorr has a bright poem "Jacques and Suzette" and there is other excellont matter as well.

A refined, intellectual face is that of Edmund Clarence Stedman, poct and critic, which looks out from the frontispiece of the October Century. Edwin Booth Grossmann has a very interesting paper entitled "The Real Edwin Booth." This introductory paper is written by Booth's daughter and presents a number of letters written at different periods by the great American actor. 'F. Cole, in the "Old Dutch Master Series," has a short notice of Paul Potter and a fine example of his art. Brander Matthews follows with a finely illus:
trated paper on Commercial Bookbinding. Mr. George E. Woodberry throws new light on the life of Edgar Allan Poe and give selections from his correspondence. Aubrey de Vere continues his Recollections and the authors of Across Asia on a Bicycle describe their interview with the late Prime Minister of Chini.

## LITERARY AND PERSONAL

Messra. Sampson Low are about to publish Mr. William Black's new novel, "Highland Cousins."

Messrs. Longmans have in the press a book by the late Canon Liddon, entitled "Clerical Life and Work."
"Evolution and other Essays," the ninth volume of Professor Huxley's collected works, is announced by Messrs. Macmillan.

A serial story, entitled "David Crowhurst's Ordeal," by Miss Blanche MacDonnell, of Montreal, will shortly appear in All the Year Round.

Mr. John Murray will publish during the autumn Lady Blennerhassett's "Life of Talleyrand," translated from the German by Mr. Frederick Clarke.

Mr. George Curzon, the member for Southport, has set out upon his new expedition. He is bound for Afghanistan, of which he proposes to make an extensive study before returning to London for the new session.

Edwin L. Godkin, Esq., the editor of the New York Evening Post, is the author of a recent monograph on the "Problems of Municipal Government," published by the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Mrs. Burton Harrison has written a new novel called "An Errant Wooing," which will appear in the Century during the coming year. It is a love story, the characters being American tourists in Northern Africa and Southern Spain.

The Athenaerom understands that Mr. W. H. Pollock, late editor of the Saturday Review, has some idea of forming a syndicate with a view to starting a paper on entirely new lines. He has been promised in the event of his doing so, a most influential and distinguished following.

Mr. W. P. Garrison, Editcr of the New York Nation, has this week been a guest of Professor Goldwin Smith at "The Grange." It may be remembered that Mr. Garrison is a son of William Lloyd Garrison, the historic friend of the slave, whose life was so well written by his son's accomplished host.

There is, the Daily Chronicle hears, no possibility of Macuulay's famous diary being given to the public this autumn, as was rumored some time ago. It may now, however, be accepted as almost settled that the journal is to be published. Should it appear in full, as is likely, it will run to several large volumes.

Mr. Albert F. Calvert, F.R.G.S., who is prolably the most prolific writer on subjects connected with the "Coming Colony," will shortly publish, through Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent \& Co. (Limited), another work dealing with Western Australia, under the title of "Western Australia: its History and Progress."

Mr. James Payn writes in his recollections: I have always been, so to speak, half-a-dozen articles a head with everything,

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In the Badminton Club in Victoris, in B.C., is one of the best reading-roons in Canada. About eighty of the leadipg magazines and periodicals are provided for the use of the members. This feature of the club has proved a perfect boon to ${ }^{\text {men }}$ of literary inclinations. It is the intention of the committee to gradually acquire ${ }^{8}$. library of works relating to British Colum ${ }^{\circ}$ bia.

Colonel Vibart's book on "Addiscombe": Its Heroes and Men of Note," will be published by Messrs. Archibald Constable, it tis announced. Lord Roberts, the most distin. guished "old boy" of Addiscombe no" living, writes pleasantly of the institution in the preface which he contributes, it groups some of the distinguished men turned out for service in India, and pas high compliment to the Anglo-Indian or ficial.

The Colonies and India has this about Mr. Zangwill: A good story is going the round about Mr. Zangwill. A few monthe ago when Captain Lugard was being feted in London, the novelist received an invis tion to dine with a well-known dealer id social celebrities, and as an inducement, the would-be-host mentioned that Captaib Lugard had promised to be present. Ib reply of Mr. Zangwill was as follows: " Dear D.,-Why should you try to lur ${ }^{8}$ me in your portals with the magic of Cap tain Lugard's name? Are jou not yourgel the mightiest of lion-hunters?"

You will never have more than three of four friends in the course of your lifes your entire confidence is their right. Bul to give it to many-is not that to betra) your real friends?-Balzac.

A prodigal is a man who picks his ond pocket and hasn't the privilege afterward asking the police to hunt down the crimina

Unkissed kisses are frequently tho $0^{8 \theta}$ which linger longest in the memory.

# PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED. 

William Roscoe Thayer : Poems, New and Old. Boston: Houghton, Miftlin \& Co. Cambridge, Mass : The Riverside Press. \$1.
James Frederick McCurdy, M.A., LL.D.
History, Prophecy and The Monuments.
New York : Macmillan \& Co. Toronto: Rowsell \& Hutchinson. 83.00 .
S. R. Crockett : Mad Sir Uchtred of the Hills. New York: Macmillan \& Co.
John Ruskin : Letters Addressed to a College Friend during the years 1840-45. New York: Macmillan \& Co London : Geo. Allan.
Bliss Carman: Songs from Vagabondia. Boston: Copeland \& Day. \&1.00
Benjamin Kidd: Social Erolution. New York: Macmillan \& Co.
J. M. Le Moine, F. R. S.C. : History, Literature, Ornithology.
Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D. : Christianity in The Home. New York: 'The Baker $\&$ Taylor Co.
W. $J$ Gordon: Popular Natural History. London: The Religious Tract Society. Toronto: William Briggs.

## READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATUR :

## A Literary curio.

The Prince de Ligne is the possessor of a curiosity of literature. It is a book that is neither written nor printed. "How can that be?" you ask. Well, the letters are cut out of vellum and pasted on blue paper. from book is as easy to read as if printed from the clearest type.
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## OCTOBER WOODS.

The realization of the presence of autumn comes on by degrees, stealing alone lowast insensibly at first, and growing loward its fulness with the ripening of the season. It never bursts into view with the Changes of a single night, as spring somenees does, when the starting of the buds upon the willows, the greening of the grass along the southern hill-sides, or the note of a robin on the morning air, tells us that inter has gone.
The year glides into its sere and yellow leaf by a series of gradations, slowly, as if Autumn came with unwilling feet; then fast and came with unwiling feet; then longer lag superfluous. We see the meadows and the grain-fields lying bare and brown ; of thoky haze pervades the air ; the leaves of the maples flutter down, singly, then by mase and threes, finally in showers that of birds a rustling carpet under foot. Flocks the katydid seen flying south. The call of sible katydid has fallen to the smallest pos${ }^{\text {sibg }}$ 8 chirp. Then on a gray day, when the sumpooks cold but while the warmth of a afterinoon sun still lingers through the early afterioon, we saw suddenly that autumn
has come and almost gone, and so take ourselves to the woods for a last look before nature lays her drapery of the leaves aside.

That we have come upon melancholy days, that this brilliant plumage is but a festal garment that the trees put on, wherein to have one last fling before death comes, and which must be laid aside as they pre sently become in extremis, is arrant nonsense, and we will have none of it. These leaves about us, blown knee-deep in the gullies and into the corners of the fencerows, making a carpet through all the woods, fluttering down through the mellow air, or still upon the trees, taking prismatic colors from the slanting rays of the sun, are not dead, but ripe-ripe as the apples are in Smith's orchard yonder, and their falling no more to be deplored than that ripe fruit should fall, or that the sap should ebb and flow again for next year's leaves and fruit. --Lippincott's.

## a populak president.

President Casimir-Perier is very popular at Pont-sur-Seine, where he has a magnificent chateau. The old peasant woman who was his nurse when he was a baby is still living in the village. She is nearly eighty, and the President paid her a special visit the other day to look after her comfort. When he went home last year as President of the Chamber, one of the men at a country fair asked him if he remembered when he used to run races with the children of the neighborhood. "Yes," replied the futura President, "and I have not forgotten how. I bet you twenty sous," taking off his coat, "that I can beat you to yonder pole." The bet was accepted, and M. Casimir-Perier won it with ease. All the peasants for miles around are either his tenants or employees, and are devoted to him. Tbe Casimir-Perier fortune is estimated at about twenty millions of dollars. -The Argonant.

## "thanatorsis" house.

In the western part of Hampshire County, Massachusetts, there is an extensive area, some thirty miles square, as yet unspoiled by the invasion of the locomotive and the electric car. The peculiar oharm of this region is its road-side loveliness. Here are hundreds of miles up hill and down dale and along the pleasant valleys, for the most part overarched with the lithe branches of the hemlock, beech, and maple, but frequently open to the meadows, or to wide views from the ridges of the long-, backed bills. This is "a land of streams," hundreds of them modest tributaries of the Westfield River, which flows into the Connecticut under another name; but as the Westield, or the Agawam, it is always beautiful, and the walk or drive along its banks is of all our walks or drives the best, reaching its climax in a five-mile stretch from West Chesterfield towards Huntington, without one house to mar the privacy, the road and river hugging each other all the way, as if they were lovers too.
As you drive along this stretch, not far from that divergence of the road which took Bryant to Plainfield on that December day (1815) when he saw the waterfowl of his immortal song, you come upon a little house which is intrinsically more interesting than any other in the vicinity. Its gam-brel-roof, as well as its general flavor of decay, marks it as already venerable. Its
situation is picturesque, the hills rising steeply at the back, the meadows sloping pleasantly from the road-side before it to the Westfield's winding stream. It looks as a house ought to look which has a history and fame; yet if you should assk any of its numerous inhabitants-a colored family of most picturesque gradation and variety -what makes it famous or historic, you might get no intelligent answer. It may be doubted if any of them has ever read Bryant's "Thanatopsis"; yetit was writton under their lowly roof, between their narrow walls. There is no other building in America that stands for so much in the early history of American literature as that old weather-beaten house.

## THE ART OF FICTION.

During the past fifty years, as everyone knows, the art of fiction has been expanding in a manner exceedingly remarkable, till it has grown to be the predominant branch of imaginative literature. But the other day we were assured that poetry only thrives in limited and exquisite editions ; that the drama, in England at least, has practically ceased to be literature at all. Each epoch instinctively chooses that litarary vehicle which is bast adapted for the expression of its particular temper: just as the drama Hlourished in the robust age of Shakespeare and Ben Jonson ; just as that outburst of lyrical poetry at the beginning of the century in France coincided with a period of extreme emotional exaltation ; so the novel, facile and flexible in its conventions, with its endless opportunities for accurate delineation of reality, becomes supreme in a time of democracy and of science -to note but these two salient characteristics. And, if we pursue this line of thought, we find that, on all sides, the novel is being apprached in one special spirit, that it would seem to be striving, for the moment at any rate, to perfect itself within certain definite limitations. To employ a hackneyed, and often quite unintelligent, catchword, the novel is becoming realistio. Completely idealistic art-art that has no point of contact with the facts of the universe, as we know them-is, of course, an impossible absurdity ; similarly, a complete reproduction of nature by means of words is an absurd impossibility.
Art is not invested with the futile function of perpetually striving after imitation or reproduction of nature; she endeavours to produce, through the adaptation of a restricted number of natural facts, an harmonious and satisfactory whole. Indeed, in this very process of adaptation and blending together lies the main and greater task of the artist. And the novel, the short story, even the impression of a mere incident, convey each of them the imprint of the temper in which their creator has achieved this process of adaptation and blending together of his material. They are inevitably stamped with the hall-mark of his personality. A work of art can never be more than a corner of nature, seen through the temperament of a single man. Thus all literature is, must be, essentially subjective : for style is but the power of individual expression. . . So, then, the disparity between the so-called idealist and the so-called realist is a matter, not of æsthetic philosophy, but of individual temperament.-Herbert Crackenthorpe, in the "Yellow Book."

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## PUBLIC OPINION.

Ottawa Free Press : Certain persons are clamouring for the destruction of St. John's Gate, Quebec. It is alleged that it is an obstruction to traffic. The gate is certainly not a very old one, but there is this to be said for it, that it looks like a fortress gate and is not a mere arch of a fancy and ornamental character. It will be a bad day for Quebec when it begins to remove its peculiar external characteristics.

Halifax Chronicle: The Czar's illness is well known to be serious, and what is feared is that if it should result fatally the war party may gain the ascendency in imperial councils and plunge the country into war in order, by appealing to the patriotism and national pride of the Russian people, to divert their attention from the serious internal difficulties which threaten the peace and stability of the empire. That is the trouble which is giving a serious aspect to European affairs at the present time.

St. John Telegraph: For years the great bulk of Canadian products have gone through Portland and Boston to Europe. Instead of spending nearly a million dollars a year to divert the passenger traffic and then not be successful, it would be far wiser for us to grant a freight subsidy of $\$ 200,000$ a year for two stfamship lines during the winter, one to sail once a week from Halifax to Europe, and the other to sail once a week from St. John to Europe. This would give Canadian products an ample cbance to get quickly to the European market, and would insure the great western freight business through our own maritime ports.

Quebec Chronicle: All over the world the Salvation Army now exists, and while some of us may not agree with its methods of carrying on the war against vice and idolatry, yet it must be granted that hundreds of thousands of waifs have been rescued from careers of evil and idleness. Many have been led to attend divine worship, and listen to the word of God, who never saw the inside of a church before the advent of General Booth and his band. If the society did no more than keep the gamins off the streets, it did much. But it has done far more than that, and to its credit there is much to enter in the books.

Montreal Scar: There can be no satisfactory escape from the position that the point at which the machine of municipal government has broken down is the lamentable fact that many of the men sent to the city councils to serve the cities have served only themselves. In dealing with rich corporations they have so far from guarding the pablic interest, hired themselves out to the corporations at high salaries to devise schemes whereby they could best rob the public for the enrichment of their masters, and at the same time to keep clear of the sweep of the law. The problem before them has been how to get a maximum of plunder at a minimum of riskrisk at sometimes of legal prosecution and at others of defeat at the polls.

Victoria Colonist: It will have to be admitted that Mr. Laurier's exposition of his policy-if it really deserves to be called a policy-is "loose, vague and very faintly delineated," and Mr. Laurier's supporters ought not to speak discourteousiy of those who make the very same demand that he made when he was criticising Sir John


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Macdonald's speeches on the proposed National Policy. They cannot expect the supporters of the Government to oppose its trade policy until it is known what the policy to replace it is to be. Mr. Laurier's expressions were apt, and the demand be made was reasonable. In 1877 he thought it unreasonable to ask men to take a leap in the dark-and Sir John Macdonald's explanations were clearness itself compared with Mr. Laurier's ambiguous utterances; is it any less unreasonable, we ask, in 1894 to try to persuade men to adopt a new policy blindfold?

By the demolition of some old houses in Catharine Street, Strand, and in Drury Lane, London, what may be regarded as classic spot has been exposed to view. This is the old church-yard which Charles Dickens graphically described in "Bleak House," and which is approached by a nar. row passage leading from Russell Court At the end of Russell Court the gate throug which Joe pointed out to Lady Dedlock the grave of his benefactor still hangs on it rusty hinges, although the grave-yard itself has been asphalted over and turned into play-ground. Some thousands of the admirers of Dickens's works, including a large number of Americans, have visited the spot within the past few weeks.

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## SCIENTIFIC AND SANITARY.

Chinnibor, the ore from which quicksilver is secured, is said to have been found in the southern part of Presidio County, Tex.

A recent invention is the pulsimeter, a watch made especially for doctors to time pulees with. It is made very much on the principle of a stop watch, and indicates the rate on a pulse dial in so many beats a minute.

A trolley line fifty miles in length, from Gettysburg to Baltimore, has been proposed. Two links in the chain are already in operation, and a third is contracted for. But these cover only about half the distance.

Chicago now has one elevated railway operated by electricity, according to the system used during the World's Fair on the Intramural Road, and it is now announced that a second line is to be equipped and run similarly.

A foreign scientific journal gives the results of some recent experiments upon the vocal cards which will prove interesting to singers. A baritone who wished to become a tenor succeeded by taking a course of inhalations, beginning with benzoin, going on to cafeine and chloroform, and ending with curacos; while the voice was deepened by using volatilized Norwegian tar.

The Chicago Board of Fire Underwriters proposes to establish a bureau in the North-western States to collect and disseminate data regarding fires resulting from electricity; educate underwriters on electrical hazards ; labor to secure uniform ordinances for electric wiring and installations, and maintain a laboratory in which tests will be made of electrical appliances.

Audubon's great work now being out of print, ornithologists have been greatly hampered in obtaining suitable books to aid them in their study on this side of the Atlantic. The Natural Science Association, No. 114 Fifth-ave., New York City, has therefore undertaken to get out an illustrated work, "The Birds of North America," prepared by Jacob H. Studder, and highly spcken of by experts. It contains 119 coloured plates.

One of the finest bridges in Europe is now being constructed across the Danube at Cernavoda, Roumania, by French engineers. It has a length of 2,400 feet, divided into five bays. Its height is 103 feet to the roadway and its highest point is 123 feet above high water. It is of steel and is supported on 30 piers. The $t$ ffect is said to be "one of elegance and lightness, the lines standing out like delicate lacework against the sky."

In France, the telephone is used on many railroad main lines. On a portion of the Vincennes railway, a rather novel system is in vogue, by which at a given signal on the telegraph-instrument the operator connects the telegraph wires with a telephone for verbal communication. The large Austrian railways use field telephones, which may be connected with the telegraph wires at any point, without interrupting the telegraphic communications.

The admixture of a small percentage of the rare metal chromium with steel toughens the latter greatly, and it has been thought possible that such an alloy might prove valuable for the thinner plates used

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in armouring a ship. But recent conaparative tests of nickel steel and chrome steel, in half-inch plates, at Indian Head, by the United States Navy Department, proved the superiority of the former, at least so far as the specimens presented were concerned.

The British Government is testing a new plan for signaling at sea which has already yielded remarkable results. It consists merely of an ordinary gong fastened to the bow of the ship below the water-line. This acts as a transmitter, and the receivers are gongs of exactly similar tone and rate of vibration, one on each side of the ship below the water-line. The receiving gong will take up and reproduce the sound of the sending gong from a long distance. Signals already have been clearly transmitted ten miles.

The peel or skin of the potato, like the bark of medicinal roots, is the part of the tuber richest in mineral salts, and consists of a dense cortical layer, covered with a pellicle of epidermis. The latter is valueless as a nutriment, but its removal in the usual way wastes nearly ail of the true skin, and frequently part of the body of the potato. Not only this, but when the potato is boiled the pellicle prevents the solution, and consequent waste of valuable saline matters. In the process of baking the latter fact does not hold true, but the greater ease with which the pellicle can be removed from the cooked tuber, without loss of true peel, is reason sufficient for cooking the root with the jacket on. In preparing potatoes for cooking in soups, stews, etc., the cuticle should be removed by rubbing with a rough, coarse cloth, like crash towelling.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Great Britain has 11 universities, with 344 professors and 13,400 students.

Thus far this season 18 tourists who set out to climb the Alps have lost their lives in the venture.

In Korea a boy goes bareheaded until he is 7 years of age; once he puts on a hat he never appears without it. A Korean girl is never seen in public after her seventh birthday.

The most valuable clock in the world is one that was made by the hands of Louis XIV of France. It is now owned by a member of the Rothschild family, who bought it for $£ 33,600$.

It is said that Paderewski made $\$ 250$,000 while in the United States, and that Yaaye, the celebrated violinist, has been engaged for an American tour which will begin in Oatober on even higher terms than those Paderewski received.

It is calculated that during the nine weeks of the Scottish coal strike $£ 630,000$ has been lost in wages to the miners. There has also been a loss of six and half million tons of coal which the collieries would have produced.-New York Post

It is reported that Pinturicchio's great frescoes in the Borgia apartments in the Vatican, for years covered by a coating of plaster which Gregory XVI and Pius IX refused to have removed, are now being exposed at the expense of Pope Leo XIIİ.

A Maryland man has a hunting terrapin, the only one of which there is any record. It has been taught to lure its fellows out of the soft mud of the creeks, and last year the " catch" of terrapins through the aid of the "hunter" yielded a sum exceeding $\$ 6,000$.

It is probable that large numbers of the German soldiers will be equipped with portable electric batteries weighing about half a pound. A small lamp goes with it, and the invention will be of great value to the men employed about powder magazines. They are also to be used for signalling from ballons at night, and can be fixed to the helmet when the men have to did trenches after dark.-Mail and Express.

The Eiffel Tower is to be removed from Paris to Baltimore at a cost of $\$ 500,000$, and set up over the latter city as an ornament and speculative enterprise connected with the Fair to be held there in 1897. It paid very well at the Paris Exposition, of which it was one of the chief features, and it doubtless has a satisfactory financial future before it in the new location to which it is destined.--New York Tribune

The crypt of the old Carmelite Convent in the Rue Vaugirard, in which are pre served the remains of 120 priests who were massacred by the Revolutionaries on Soptember 2, 1792, is now open to the public. The site is one of the most interesting connected with the French Revolution. The vestments of the murdered French Bishops, Alfred Sibour and Darboy, are exhibited while the crypt remains open.-New York Herald.

The total railway mileage of the world was at the end of the year $1892,406,416$. The American continents have more than one-half the railway mileage of the world, and the United States comes pretty near equalling Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia combined. The total capital invest-
ed in railways at the beginning of the year 1893 was, in round numbers, $\$ 32,150,000$, 000, an average cost a mile for the untire world of a little more than $\$ 79,000 .-N e w$ York Post.

REMARKABLE OPERATLON IN A LON. DON HOSPITAL.
A few months since a young noseless man asked the authorities at a London hospital whether they could obtain a real nose for him. To oblige the applicant an amputated finger of another patient was grafted on to his face, but it was found that amputation had caused the finger to die, and it failed to "take." The noseless man, nothing daunted, then agreed to the surgeon's suggestion that one of his own (the patient's) fingers should be cut off to furnish the nasal organ, but in order that the finger should not be wasted in the event of this operation being unsuccessful, the patient's arm was encased in plaster, and for four weeks he bad to hold his finger to his face in the hope of its taking root. This it did, and the finger was then taken off the hand and now remains fixed as a nose. It has been manipulated so that it is no longer to be recognized as a finger, and the process of shaping it is being proceeded with.Westminster Gazette.

## TENNYSON, THE POET OF SCIENCE.

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell,
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music, as before,
But vaster.'
There is the very index to Tennyson'sintellectual position. And a very casual reading of his collected works will suffice to show how large an expression many of our scientific conceptions find in his utterances. The underlying principle of all our modern thought--the doctrine of the universality of law, and of that orderly progression or development within the domain and under the influence of law which we call evolutionthese principles constitute the firm foundation of the entire fabric of his philosophy of life ; they characterize his attitude toward the external world; they mold all his social and ethical teaching; out of them grows his faith in the destiny of the race, his bope for the untried future. For him, man is, as yet, "being made"; the "brute inheritance" clings about him ; but, because so much has already been accomplished, much more will be accomplished by and by.
" This fine old earth of ours is but a child
Yet in the go-cart. Patience! Give it time
To learn its limbs. There is a hand that guides.
Above all things, it seems to me signiticant that, with all the reaction against the cry of progress that undoubtedly marks some of his later poems, the evolutionary note comes out with ever-increasing strength to the very end. It should not be forgotten that such poems as The Dawn, The Dreamer, and The Making of Man all belong to his last publisbed volume.-From Poetry and Science, by Prof. W. H. Hudson, in The Popular Science Monthly for October.

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Moderation is the insensible companion of wisdom, but with genius has not even a nodding acquaintance.-Colton.

Modesty and the dew love the shade. Each shines in the open day only to be exhaled to heaven.-J. Petit-Senn.

THE PREACHER'S TRIAL.
an interesting chat with the rey. w. f. chapin.
In the Strain of Pulpit Labor He had Overdawa his Health Account-How be met the Crisil and Returned to his Duties with Renewed Health.
From the Springfield, Ill., Journal.
In the pretty village of Chatham, Ill., thete lives a Baptist divine whose snow white hair is the one outward sign that he has encroached upon the days beyond the allotted three score years and tea His clear eye, keen mental faculties and magnificeol physique all bear witness to a life well spent. Thi physique all bear witness to a life well spen. W. I pioneer in God's eternal vineyard is Rev. noble Chapin, whose 72 years are cr
deeds in the Christian ministry.

To a Journal representative who asked him something of his career in the ministry, Mr. Chapio talked in an interesting strain, and said that, id spite of the indications to the contrary, his life had not all been sunshine and good health.
' As my present appearance testifies, I was for tunate in the possession of a very vigorous constilu tonate But as is too often a case ion. But as is too often the case, I over-estim late my physical resources, and when it was 000 lant learned that I had overdrawn my health accoun The crisis came about eighteen years ago. At thit time I was preaching the gospel from the pulpit, and I became suddenly so ill that I was compelled to stop before my sermon wa. finished. It way bad case of nervous prostration, and for a time $\mathbb{M}$ friends and family were greatly exercised over my riends and family were greally exercised ond Mrs condition. Complete rest was imperative, and. My Chapin and I planned and took a long trip. , bul health was sufficiently restored to resume work, buth. I was not the same man. I felt absolutely wortho less physically and mentally. I had so lost contrily of my muscles that my fingers would involuntarild release their grip upon a pen, and my hand wo turn over with absolutely no volition on my pal. About two years ago, to intensify matters, I was seized with a severe attack of la grippe. I recover. ed only partially from it and had frequent returns of that indescribable feeling which accompanies and follows that strange malady. I looked in vain 10 n something to bring relief and finally I read an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. do Something seemed to tell me that they would me good and I commenced using them. They gap me additional strength from the start and toned 0 . my system from a condition of almost absolute pries tration so that I was able again to resume my dulies as a minister. The improvement was simply mank vellous, and the credit is due Dr. Wiiliams' Pill.

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Mme. Trapino: You told me, sir, that all I had to do was to leave the tiblecloth outside during the night and the fruit stains would disin? pear. Well, I did so last night "Ah! then the stains-" "No! It was the cloth that disappeared!"
down "The gentleman you soe pacing up and is son yonder as if he were mentally deranged is Smieht, the famous accountiant." "What's the matter with him!" "He was trying yesterday to unavel the complications of his Wife's housckeeping book."
Teacher: Polly, dear, suppose 1 were to shoot at a true with five birds on it, and kill three, how many would be left! Polly (aged Six): Three, please. Teacher: No, two would be left. Polly: No, there wouldn't other The three shot would be left, and the ther two would be tlied away.
Bingo (to real estate agent) : Now, sir, hy wife has taken a great fancy to that last thanse you showed us; but it's a little more than I want to pay. Can't you throw out some $\mathrm{R}^{\text {pection that will make her change her mind ? }}$ Real Estate Agent: Yes sir; I'll tell her you say you won't live in any other.
"Obogether they were looking over the paper. it "," how funny," said she. "What is it!" he asked. "Why, here's an advertisement that says: 'No reasonable offers refused,.", "What's so odd about that?" "Nothing, nothing." she replied, trying to bush, "only those are my sentiments."
" $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{O}}$,' said Mr. Bean, when asked if he "I "uld contribute anything to a charity fund. "I don't think I will." "Can't afford it, eh ?" things fort that, but the last time 1 gave someWrong for charity, the papers spelled my name Wrong. They got it Mean, ard if I'm so mean in print, I don't mean to give any more to
The Widow: Do you think marriage is ure ! a failure? Bulfuch: Always a failare! Vell, I should say not. Why, I know band where the wife fairly idolizes her hus. hind, and he - why lie can't keep away from lone minute. The Widow: Bless me! How Nearly have they been married? Bulfinch: early a week.
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