

Millions for Africa.

There was a mass-meeting the other day in Manchester to consider Africa a consumer of calico. The natives are naked. It is proposed to clothe them. This sounds like a Christian effort, but it is wholly a cold, commercial one. It is sometimes said that commerce does much for Christianity, a statement which we do not give hearty or ready assent, for commerce is ready at all times to sell whiskey, opium or human beings for money. But when it is said that Christianity has done much for commerce, and will do much more in the future than it has done in the past, we cordially endorse the statement. Well, Manchester proposes building a railway into Africa 500 miles in length, at a cost of fifty million dollars. Livingstone and Stanley have completed their work and earned a good reputation, which will go down through the ages. The way has been pointed out, and a continent is offered to Christianity and commerce. We see what the merchants are doing. What are the divines about? The first thing to do with a savage is to introduce him to Jesus Christ, who will clothe him in his right mind and give him back the original image in which he was created. After this change the money-hunters of Manchester and Lowell will find him a profitable fellow-creature. Fifty millions for a railway to promote material things; we should have at least one hundred millions for the everlasting interests of the race. It looks as if our modern shepherds of the flock did not fully comprehend the task given by their Lord and Master, otherwise they would not be put off with cast-off clothes and second-hand books for the missionary. Wanted, from the Southern schools a few years hence a thousand colored young men to go as clerks and merchants to fatherland, and five thousand more to go as missionaries. These will have natural and recognized passports into the heart of Africa. Young men, get ready for this opening.—N. Y. Witness.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

At the Dundas County Assizes, on the 23rd ult., John Dinnie was found guilty of murder, in killing Jacob T. Schwedler, aged 15 years, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

The Stratford Herald argues that the National Policy is a great success because it has caused a great many mechanics to advertise for situations. Nice argument. But do they get the situations?

On Wednesday a boy of about 14 years, named Gray, residing in Scott, Ontario county, whilst driving a horse, rolling a field, came in contact with a stone, throwing the boy forward, and the roller going over him killed him.

At the post-mortem examination upon the body of the man found in a hotel yard in Peterborough, and who was supposed to have been suffocated in a manure heap, the doctors discovered a fracture at the base of the brain, extending from the left ear backwards, about four inches.

Says the Sarnia Observer:—It is surprising how the Provincial Leeches fasten upon the Dominion Treasury under Tony rule? Here the British Columbia getting "specified" with increased expenditure; Manitoba getting an extra pull of subsidy; and Newfoundland said to be ready to take hold if we will only build them a trans-insular railway. A Tory is the most generous creature living—with other people's money.

Stratford Beacon:—When the bogus apostles of economy who asked the electors to turn Mr. Mowat's Government out and put them in their places, are referred to the extravagance which reigns supreme at Ottawa, they always answer, "We are not responsible for the Ottawa Government." Well, if the Opposition are not responsible for the Government at Ottawa now, why hold Mr. Mowat responsible for the Government at Ottawa a year ago?

Sarnia Observer:—The Ontario opposition occupy a peculiar attitude in the electoral campaign. They have no policy to offer the country as a reason why they should be installed in office; nor have they any charges of corruption or of neglect of public interests, to bring against the Government. Their policy, if it can be called a policy, is merely a negative, a factious opposition to acts which on their merits they are unable to condemn.

A gentleman who has spent some days in the region of the coal-oil wells, in Pennsylvania, says that in his opinion the government ought to interfere at once, and put a stop to further pumping and boring for oil. He is quite certain the oil is being drawn through these wells from the bearing of the earth's axis, and that the earth will cease to turn when the lubrication ceases.

THE POPULATION OF GREAT CITIES ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.—London in 1778 had even then a larger population than any other city, although the number of its inhabitants was only 930,000, and was said to be decreasing. Peking came next, with a decreasing population of 900,000. Paris had an increasing population of 823,276, whilst Rome followed with 790,000. Next to Rome came Constantinople with 700,000, and Alexandria with 670,000. Moscow had 400,000 inhabitants, and St. Petersburg 350,000. The population of Madrid was 350,000, and that of Stockholm only 95,000. Berlin is not mentioned at all, nor is Vienna, or any of the American cities.

INFLUENCE OF PICTURES.—A room with pictures in it and a room without pictures differ by nearly as much as a room with windows and a room without windows; for pictures are loop-holes of escape to the soul, leading it to other scenes and spheres where the fancy for a moment may revel, refreshed and delighted. Pictures are corners of loneliness; they are books; they are the jagged guide; they are books; they are histories and romances, which we can read without the trouble of turning over the leaves. They are, as Ugo Foscolo has well said, the chief-ward of the mind's eye, and make up for the want of many of the enjoyments of those whose life is necessarily passed amidst the smoke and din, the bustle and noise, of an over-crowded city.—Gilbert.

Ringling the Water-boy.

A good story is told of a verdant one who was a passenger in a railroad express train and became thirsty.

"Where's that boy that has got the water can?" he enquired of his next neighbor.

"He has gone forward to the baggage car," was the reply.

"Wal, d'ye suppose I kin get him back here again?"

"Certainly," said the other, and he nodded toward the bell line that ran above their heads.

No sooner said than done. Before any one could prevent it Rustie had seized the line and gave it a tremendous pull.

The consequence was at once obvious; three shrill whistles were heard, half a dozen brakemen ran to their posts, and the train came to a standstill with a suddenness that startled half the passengers with astonishment, and caused every man near a window to hoist it and see what was the matter.

In a few minutes the conductor, red and excited, came foaming into the car to know who pulled the line.

"Here, mister, this way; I'm the man," shouted the offender, drawing all eyes upon him.

"You!" said the conductor. "What did you do for?"

"Wanted some water?"

"Coe I wanted some water?"

"Sartin; I wanted the water by, and my partner here in the seat said I'd better ring for him as they do at the hotel, and so I yanked the rope. Will he be along on 'em? and by-and-by what in thunder he you stoppin' for?"

The shout of laughter that greeted this honest confession was too much for the conductor, who had to wait till he got his train under way before he explained the mystery of the bell rope to this truly verdant customer.

The United States public debt increased \$1,996,216 during April.

To think kindly of each other is good, to speak kindly of each other is better, but to set kindly one towards another is best of all.

A book agent was knocked down by a street-car the other day, and two wheels passed over his cheek. The ear is laid up, pending repairs.

"A man," said one of the Jewish fathers, "should be prepared for death the day he is born. He should always be prepared for it; but as he does not know when that day will come, he should always be prepared for it." "You must recollect that all I have been telling you happened ninety years ago," said the other. "Yes, 'em," replied the man. "But, 'em, 'em, how the time do slip away."

An Irish gentleman having a small picture-room, several persons desired to see it at one time. "Faith, gentlemen," said he, "if you all go in, it will not hold you."

"Are these eggs poached?" inquired a customer of a colored restaurant-keeper, at an Alabama station.

"Yes, 'em," replied Sambo, "dat is—dat de chicken wat laid 'em var."

An honest Hibernian, in recommending a cow, said she would give milk year after year without having calves. "Because," said he, "it runs in the blood, for she came of a cow that never had a calf."

A painter's apprentice fell off a scaffold with a pot of paint in each hand. He was taken up insensible but as soon as he was restored to consciousness murmured, "I went down with flying colors, anyhow."

A post-boy having driven a gentleman a long stage through torrents of rain, the gentleman said to Paddy, "Are you not very wet?"

"Arrah, I don't care about being wet; but, please yer honor, I'm very dry."

It is heart-rending to make such corrections, but it is very necessary sometimes.

"In speaking of the president of our local bank last week," says a country journal, "for 'He siddled' please read 'His Scedule'."

In common with the rest of the world, Dr. M., an eminent Church of Scotland divine, visited the Paris Exhibition. Shortly after his arrival in the gay metropolis, an Irishman came running up to him on the street, crying: "Och, blessings on you, Doctor M! How are ye?"

"Very well," replied the doctor, rather dryly.

"And when did ye come to Paris?"

"Last week. But how do you come to know me?"

"Give me a shillin', and I'll tell ye." The doctor, curious to know how the fellow found his name out, gave him the shilling, and was answered by the Irishman: "Sure, then, I saw your name on your umbrella."

Answers to Riddles.

No. 23.—Archibald McLellan.—D. McLean, Bentinck, and D. McKinnon, Latona.

No. 24.—"Review."—H. McCormick, Bentinck, and D. McKinnon, Latona.

No. 25.—Wellington, No. 26.—Effeminate.

Aus. to Arithmetical questions, No. 6.—17,280 miles travelled by ship going north, No. 7.—309 and eleven twentieths days, or one and seven one hundredth years.

Riddles.

No. 27.—I am composed of five letters. My first is in Mary but not in John, "second is in Ontario but not in Quebec, "third is in crowd but not in none, "fourth is in ship but not in wreck, "fifth is in Eve but not in Adam, and my whole is the name of an animal.

Answers to No. 27.—No. 27.—Moose.

Two useful things nearly related to each other.

1, an animal, 2, an animal, 3, an animal, 4, a town in Kentucky, 5, a beast.

Arithmetical Question No. 8.—A drover paid \$76 for calves and sheep, paying \$5 a piece for calves and \$2 for sheep; he sold one quarter of his calves and two fifths of his sheep for \$28 and lost 8 per cent on his cost. How many of each did he purchase? N. W. C.

Answers to No. 8.—1, a cow, 2, a sheep, 3, a pig, 4, a horse, 5, a goat.

Answers to No. 9.—1, a cow, 2, a sheep, 3, a pig, 4, a horse, 5, a goat.

Answers to No. 10.—1, a cow, 2, a sheep, 3, a pig, 4, a horse, 5, a goat.

Answers to No. 11.—1, a cow, 2, a sheep, 3, a pig, 4, a horse, 5, a goat.

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