

IN THE EMIGRANT SHED.

(From the Winnipeg Times.) Old and poor and weary, like seemed very wretched. In the bitter weather on a bench outstretched. There an old man moaning, lay in bitter humors. On the plank's hard surface, vainly tried to slumber. Other waits of fortune on the floor together. Supperless, despairing, felt the cruel weather. From the shed the blizzard raged in fury blind. Through the clinks and crannies whirled the snow unkindly. Fell in cloudy furies o'er those sleepers weary. O'er their dark despairing, o'er their late so dreary. Young and old were clustered in the shed together. Starving, moaning, shivering, oh! the bitter weather. But the old man weary, when I saw his features, Filled my heart with pity, more than these sad creatures. Nature there had written courage with her fingers; Courage yet, but little strength about him linger. O'er his breast a beard, ancient, white and hoary. Showed the strength, where youth had flourished in its glory. Garments tain and patchy, too old for repairing. Clung around his body, years they'd been wearing. Like their owner, growing out of date and usage. Weather marked, storm beaten, like his ancient visage. Goodness there and wisdom moulded altogether. By sunlight in the days of youth, in age by stormy weather. Fierce in furnace flames the bronze had time, the sculptor cast. And this statue of an old man had produced at last. Old man poor and weary on the bench outstretched. Tell us all the story of thy life so wretched. Old man poor and weary in life's cold December. Tell us all the story, all that you remember! Lonely here and hungry! old! thy sons where are they? All thy kith and kindred, not one caring for thee? Now the old man slumbers, in the land of dreams. The twilight gleam of morning spreads its magic beam. All the shadows dreary from the bitter night. Sink in dark oblivion, see the beaming light. Oh joy that spreads his features for his thoughts have flown. Back to early years, his childhood's pleasant home. Back to woodland paths in sweet Avoca's vale. Where in days of youth, he told the pleasing tale. To willing ears that heard, and eyes that answered clear. On willing eyes and lips and arms in dreams how dear! Dream thou ancient traveller on the bench outstretched. A life with such a dream is not so very wretched. These old lips of thine, ere that old head grew hoary. These same lips of thine did tell that pleasant story. His dream flowed on: "The lass became my wife. And in my hill side cottage shared my quiet life. For many years, until the reaper death did come. And take my treasure from the peaceful hill side home. So lonely then was life, so drear with gloomy thinking. Of joys forever gone, I wildly took to drinking. One son remained at home, the other three had started. Out for the world and left me sad and broken-hearted. My sailor lad was lost on wild Newfoundland's shore. And Jack the soldier died amid the deafening roar. Of Landula's battle, and I know not where. My other son is wandering o'er the world afar. Soon to run went my ivy covered home. And through the lonely world I started forth to roam. With Tom, my youngest lad, I came across the sea. And oh! his death was bitter, bitter unto me. For the fever caught him ten short weeks ago. And they laid his body underneath the snow. Then the old man wakened from his dream of life. Shivered in the coldness, thought of his sweet wife. And in accents tender, thus I heard him muse. As he fell again to youth's dear scenes perusing. "Ah for those sweet mornings in Avoca's plain. The forest storms of life I'd gladly meet again. I have had my sunshine though my night be dark. Let the dogs of hunger howl around and bark. Grieve my very vitals, all will soon be o'er. And I'll meet my children on the other shore." W. C. HARRIS. Winnipeg, Feb. 1, 1884.

The Theory of Animal Evolution.

Until after the death of the late Mr. Charles Darwin, I had never paid much attention to the theory of man's descent, with which his name is so prominently connected. The honors paid to his memory, and due to his indefatigable research and extensive knowledge, far more than to soundness of his reasoning, led me to examine his principal works, the "Descent of Man" and the "Origin of Species." Having studied them with great care, and, as I trust, with candor, I was induced to examine in the same spirit the writings of Mr. Herbert Spencer on the subject of Evolution, with which I had also been previously unacquainted, excepting in a general way. I confess that I was a good deal surprised at the extent and character of Mr. Spencer's reputation as a thinker, and by the currency which his peculiar philosophy has received in this country, where it has led among the young and inexperienced, as well as among older persons, to very incorrect habits of reasoning on some subjects on the highest importance. The result of my studies of these writers, extending through two pretty long summer vacations from professional labors, was a book, hitherto unpublished, from some parts of which these papers are extracted. I saw, or believe that I saw, how the so-called science of these writers is undermining the foundations of rational belief. I say their "so-called" science, because I do not admit that true science is consistent with such methods as theirs. Science, properly so-called, implies demonstration, and there has been a physical theory propounded which has been accepted upon so little of what can be regarded as demonstration, as this theory of animal evolution.—George Ticknor Curtis, in The Manhattan for March.

What will Follow the Fall of Khartoum.

After the fall of Khartoum it will be difficult to hold Berber with Egyptian troops. It is said it will be evacuated. If this is done, the forces of Egypt must go to Assouan and Philae, or whatever they may elect, to fortify in Upper against the advance into Lower Egypt. This will give El Mahdi a clean sweep to that point, and to the Red Sea ports of Souakin and Massowah, and cause the loss of the provinces of Gallabat or Bogos, as Egypt cannot hold them. King John will solve the problem by taking back his own property. Baker Pasha has wisely sent Colonel Mason as Governor of Massowah; he is one of our Americans who went to Egypt to serve the Khedive. A bold man, he held his own in the valley of Fayoum, the focus of fanaticism during the whole of Arabi's rebellion, though he was an employee of the Egyptian Government. The city of Massowah is an important place to hold,

to prevent the slaves crossing the narrow sea to Arabia, and against the Abyssinians as well as against El Mahdi. Its population is Mohammedan. The country around it is mountainous and inhabited by the Shoho, who are also fanatical Mohammedans, and very brave, if they are judged by their number of swords, pistols, lances and shotguns they carry. When to these are added the numerous verses of the Koran in the form of amulets they are loaded with, they, of course, become very formidable, in their own estimation. They will, however, find it very convenient to obey strictly all orders that Colonel Mason may issue, and if attacked by the Abyssinians he will give a good account of himself.—Pusha Loring, in The Manhattan for March.

Ayoub Khan's Ambition.

Advices received by cable from St. Petersburg say that the published report that Ayoub Khan had issued an address to the Afghans stating that he intends shortly, with the aid of the Czar, to reconquer Afghanistan, created no surprise in diplomatic circles in St. Petersburg. A well-known Russian diplomatist, when questioned in regard to the report, stated that when Ayoub Khan was leaving Teheran, where he was living on a pension of \$1,750 per month, the reason he gave for so doing—that owing to the dearth of living in the Persian capital he found it difficult to live without privation, and that he wished to reside in Bokhara, where everything was far cheaper—was not generally accepted. His actions since leaving Teheran show plainly that his pretence for leaving there was not for the reason alleged, and that he must have received considerable sums of money to keep up the retinue he retains. It is generally thought that, excited by the late discontent which has been shown in Afghanistan against the rule of the Ameer, Abdurrahman Khan, he is going to try once more his fortunes against his lucky rival. According to current reports he has for this end been promised by Russia a large sum of money and indirect aid.

A Strike at Spring Hill Mines.

On Wednesday last the miners at Spring Hill went on a strike. The cause of the strike is said to be the refusal of the company to comply with a demand made for an increase of wages by the miners, on behalf of "outside" men, from \$1.10 to \$1.25, and a few men underground who were working in difficult places and were unable to raise the usual quantity, from 47 to 60 cents per box. The last named men, it is said, could only earn from 75 to 85 cents per day. If the strike continues, a delegation of Union men will go to Pictou to ask the miners there to join them. The coal train which went to Spring Hill on Thursday returned light and on Saturday no trains were sent there. As a result of the strike a number of train hands were out of employment and were amusing themselves at either promenading the sidewalks or driving fast horses. Gen. Warner and other directors have gone to the mines to try and amicably arrange matters.

\$8,000 For the Loss of an Eye.

In the Superior Court, New York, on the 21st, Morris Ritterham, a grocer, sued Elisha H. Ropes, owner of the Hamilton Flats, for \$25,000 damages. Ritterham delivered some goods to the fourth flat by placing the articles, among which were bottles of beer, on the elevator. He hoisted the elevator and looked up the shaft, when one of the bottles fell, struck him in the eye and knocked it out. He claimed that he was told by the janitor to look up the shaft to see if the elevator was in place. The jury awarded him \$8,000.

CURRENT NOTES.

In 1880, fifty-eight of seventy-six United States Senators, and 292 of 352 Representatives, were from States and Districts where illiterate voters held the balance of power.

The United States army of 25,000 men cost the Government within half a million dollars of the amount paid by Germany for the maintenance of its army of 400,000 men.

A prize or gold medal of \$100 value, is offered by the London Society of Arts, for the best plan of obviating or diminishing risk to life in the operations of coal mining; the same for the best method of obviating or diminishing risk to life in the operations of manufacturing, storing and transporting explosives; and a similar medal, or amount, for the best essay on the utilization of electricity for motive power. These prizes are open to indiscriminate competition until the close of October of the present year.

The exact number killed and wounded last year in the Isle of Ischia calamity have now been obtained. On the island the total killed and wounded (not counting those who were badly bruised) amount to 3,075, of whom 2,312 were killed and 763 were maimed—the most of the latter for life. About one-third of the fatalities occurred at Casamicciola. This little town contained just 4,300 inhabitants, and of these 1,784 were killed and 443 were wounded—a fearful total. There were 672 houses crushed and crumbled into ruins, 134 were damaged, and only one escaped intact! Of foreigners on the island there were 54 killed

Special Notices.

Mr. J. F. POWER, barber, will resume business in the new store of Donald McKinnon, Esq., on Thursday. He will, therefore, be pleased to see his old patrons; and, with a convenient shop and every facility, will be enabled to give them every satisfaction. [Feb 26] If

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Benevolent Irish Society will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on next Tuesday evening, the 26th inst., at seven o'clock, p. m., to further consider the revised bye-laws and constitution of the Society.—HENRY FITZGERALD, Secretary. [Feb 25] If

FRESH EGGS, only 16 cents per dozen, and the best tea in the city at the Family Grocery. [Feb 25] If

CALL at Johnson's and get your clothes cleaned, pressed and dyed; also get your beds cleaned. [Feb 25] If

NEW TWEEDS just received at J. B. MACDONALD'S. [Feb 25] If

A FEW tubs butter for sale by the tub at the Family Grocery.—R. K. BRACE. [Feb 25] If

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A SPLENDID lot of China, Glass, and Earthenware, to be sold cheap at COLWILL'S. [Feb 25] If

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SELLING OFF BOOTS and SHOES.—A discount of 10 per cent. on the present low prices will be given at J. B. MACDONALD'S Boot Store. Go there for a bargain. [Feb 9] wklly her pres

If you want to be suited with a Tea Set, a Dinner Set, or a Toilet Set, go to COLWILL'S. [Feb 9] wklly her pres

FIVE gallon tins Best American Oil cheap at BEER & GOFF'S. [Feb 9] wklly her pres

EVERY part of a gun or a sewing machine made at Brown's shop, on corner of Prince and Grafton Street, Ch'town. [Jan 25] wklly.

FIVE pound tins Tea just the thing at BEER & GOFF. [Feb 9] wklly her pres

GOLD and silver plating of every description done at BROWN'S. Shop on corner of Prince and Grafton Streets. [Feb 16] wklly her pres

CHOICE Winter Apples at BEER & GOFF'S. [Feb 16] wklly her pres

DINNER SETS, Tea Sets, Chamber Sets, in great varieties and cheap, at COLWILL'S. [Feb 16] wklly her pres

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