

freely gave Him up for us all." If, therefore, we give, we bear some resemblance to the Infinite and Divine Benefactor, and surely that is "blessed!" What can be better than to be "imitators of God as dear children?" An incident occurred in a midland town a few weeks ago, which may be named here. Two friends met. After a few words of salutation, one said that he wished he had more money. "But," answered the other, "you would be no better off if you had it." "Why not?" "Because you would give it all away." "No, not all, but a good part of it." "Then it would not benefit you." "Indeed! Are you quite sure of that? Please answer me a question, 'Does not God continually give away?' "Yes, he does." "And is it not beneficial to us to resemble God?" "Well, yes." "Then I should be better, very much better off for the money which I gave away." There was no gainsaying this, and it was not contradicted. Would that men were ambitious. How ennobled they would be if they tried to be assimilated to the Most High! Society is a huge game of 'follow my leader.' We are all copying somebody. Paupers imitate working people, the working classes imitate the middle classes, the middle classes imitate the aristocracy, and the aristocracy ape royalty. Oh, that people would go still higher, and all paupers, democrats, patricians, princes, and kings be 'followers of God,' the great Giver! It is more blessed to give than to receive, because it affords greater joy.—Rev. T. E. Stevenson.

There are two ways of defending a castle; one by shutting yourself up in it, and guarding every loophole; the other by making it an open centre of operations from which all the surrounding country may be subdued. Is not the last the truest safety? Jesus was never guarding Himself, but always invading the lives of others with His holiness. There never was such an open life as His; and yet the force with which His character and love flowed out upon the world, kept back, more strongly than any granite wall of prudent caution could have done, the world from pressing in on Him. His life was like an open stream that keeps the sea from flowing up into it by the eager force with which it flows down into the sea. He was so anxious that the world should be saved that therein was His salvation from the world. He laboured so to make the world pure that He never even had to try to be pure Himself.—Phillips Brooks.

News of the World.

The coming session of the Imperial Parliament is receiving attention. There will probably be some most important measures introduced. The *Pall Mall Gazette* publishes the results of an enquiry addressed by that Journal to Liberal members of the House of Commons in regard to the programme of business at the next session of Parliament. Of one hundred and seventy members who replied to the interrogations of the *Pall Mall Gazette* one hundred express themselves as opposed to the dissolution of Parliament in the event of the House of Lords rejecting the Franchise Bill. Eighty-five per cent. of the replies are in favor of taking up the franchise question as the first measure on consideration. Only three out of one hundred replies on the subject object to giving Ireland the same rights and privileges as are enjoyed by England.

The active antagonism between the Nationalists and the Orangemen is becoming pretty general all over Ireland.

Whenever meetings are held of one party the other hold counter meetings or go to disturb the proceedings of the other. Some of these gatherings are of the most dangerous character. Meetings of both were held on Tuesday the 1st inst., at Dromore, a riotous character. Twenty thousand people were in attendance at the meeting of the Orangemen. All the magistrates of the county were here, and there was great excitement among the populace. Messrs. T. D. Sullivan and W. D. O'Brien, members of Parliament, were also members of the reorganization committee of the National League, were directing the movements of the Nationalists. Three National bandmen were arrested for carrying revolvers.

The Orange meeting was held in a field close to Dromore. Col. Stuart Knox presided. He accused the Government of endeavouring to obtain the Parnell vote by prohibiting loyal and allowing Parnell meetings. Resolutions were passed opposing extension of the franchise in Ireland, condemning the action of the Government in allowing seditious meetings in Ulster, opposing Home Rule in Ireland and endorsing Lord Rosemore's action at Ross. Among the speakers were Lord George Hamilton, Lord Claud Hamilton, Mayor Hamilton and Lord Caledon.

The Nationalist meeting was held in a field at the opposite end of the town. The rival parties were kept apart by large bodies of cavalry, infantry and police. Even this force was hardly able to prevent a collision. The Nationalist meeting was attended by about two thousand persons. The usual speeches supporting the objects of the League were delivered. When the meetings were breaking up in the evening several attempts were made to attack each other, but the lancers, hussars, infantry and police prevented serious disorder. In an attempt of the troops to disperse the crowds, a young man, named McGivan, was wounded in the abdomen with a bayonet. It is expected he will die. Another man was seriously wounded. Great confusion prevailed at the railway station while the various delegations were boarding the trains by which they were to return to their homes, the Orangemen sang, "God save the Queen" "Rule Britannia" and other patriotic songs, and gave three cheers for Queen Victoria and troops.

After the close of their meeting, despite the efforts of the magistrates, the Orangemen by a detour across a field came within a short distance of the Nationalists. A serious fight was waged between the two parties for some time, during which the cavalry and infantry charged several times. Shots were exchanged, stones thrown and sticks freely used. The fight ended only after the Hussars and Lancers had charged across the fields and wounded a number of Orangemen. The infantry with fixed bayonets escorted the Nationalists beyond the reach of the Orangemen.

On Tuesday notwithstanding the proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant prohibiting a gathering of the Nationalists at Coolehill, County Cavan, J. C. Biggar and members of the organizing committee of the Irish National League arrived and were enthusiastically received by a large crowd. Magistrates and a force of police were also present at the depot. The magistrates handed Biggar a copy of the proclamation prohibiting the meeting. Biggar mounted a car and drove off followed by his friends and the police, the latter preventing any assembly of the crowd.

The Paris correspondent of the *Post* states that the French Government proposes to sell the State railways. It is believed that the Rothschilds, in behalf of certain great railway companies, have offered the Government 420,000,000 francs for the lines. If the sale is effected the Government will be enabled to dispense with its contemplated loan of 400,000,000 francs.

The Marquis of Derrys and others were on Wednesday last convicted of falsely inducing many people to subscribe to an alleged enterprise in colonization of the island of Port Breton, in the South Seas, some two years ago, of misappropriation of funds, and also of having induced several hundred persons to settle upon the said island, most of whom perished through privations. The Marquis was sentenced to four years imprisonment, and four of his associates of terms ranging from six months to two years, all of them were fined 3,000 francs each. Two others were sentenced to one and two years imprisonment, respectively.

It is reported that the passage in President Arthur's message wherein it is stated that it might become necessary for the United States to co-operate with other powers for the safe guard of the rights of trade on the Congo, has given grievous offence to the Portuguese Government.

The pope is threatened by Fenians. Should he continue to support England against the National cause in Ireland, is warned that there are priests whom he is bound to receive who will obtain access to his presence, and who will sustain the cause of the Irish against oppression.

The murder of Col. Suderkin at St. Petersburg, has caused great dismay. The murder is attributed to revenge for the arrest of Mme. Wolkenstein, who recently arrived in St. Petersburg from Kharkoff for the purpose of murdering the Czar.

Matters in Egypt are most critical. It is reported that the Arabs are drawing around Khartoum. The native population is mistrusted and strictly watched. Nobody is allowed out on the street after dark.

The London *Standard's* Cairo correspondent says there is a general cry for Ismail Pasha or English annexation. It is stated that the French Consul-General has informed the Khedive that if England is unwilling or unable to defend Egypt against El Mahdi, France is willing and able to defend her. Meanwhile it is significant that daily Cabinet Councils are being held in London.

It is reported that El Mahdi's brother-in-law, after occupying Kawa and Duem is within 30 miles of Khartoum. The Governor of Khartoum telegraphs that he is prepared to receive the enemy.

It is reported that Lord Dufferin will be sent to Egypt to remain so long as the existing difficulties continue.

The Khedive has written a letter to Haider Pasha, Minister of Finance,

urging retrenchment in governmental expenses, and stating that he has decided upon a reduction in the civil lists of himself and hereditary prince to the extent of ten per cent. The expenses of the court will also be reduced.

Baker Pasha has left Suakin to treat with Abyssinian chiefs and to secure a retreat from Khartoum of the garrison via Kassala in the Province of Taka. El Mahdi is gaining ground with his forces and the revolt is spreading northward.

The bodies of Lieut. Commander De-long and others of the Jeannette expedition, who perished in North Siberia, were borne through Tomsk, Russia, Wednesday on their way to America.

The disturbances in Newfoundland are still causing great anxiety. A despatch from Harbor Grace on Wednesday last stated that a squad of armed Orangemen was secreted on the road between Brigus and Bay Roberts. The mail carrier was stopped several times by gangs of men who came out of the woods, interrogated the traveller, and being satisfied, let him go.

There was a fresh disturbance at Spaniard's Bay the Roman Catholics being very harshly treated. Travelling in the outlying districts is still perilous to life. The judicial inquiry is expected to occupy two or three weeks.

A fearful hurricane occurred on the Mexico coast on November 4th, which entirely destroyed the town of Altava, at the port of that name. Not a house remained standing, and vessels and launches and anchors suffered severely.

A furious snow storm prevailed throughout the North-West on the 1st of January, and trains were badly delayed. The storm is said to have extended to the Rocky Mountains.

The Government Steam launch *Nellie*, struck a snag near Opossum Point and sunk in 60 feet of water on Monday morning. Three persons were drowned.

The cold in the west is said to have been more severe in many places than ever before known. On Friday last at Omaha it was 17 below zero at Dubuque, 21 below and at Minneapolis, 30 below at noon, the lowest in 25 years.

Eleven miles south-west of the stock yards on the Wabash road a train of twenty-five cars of live stock was snowed under on Tuesday night, since which time the animals have been without food or water. Although several engines were sent down the train could not be reached, and the party returned, several of them being badly frost-bitten. It is believed that the stock perished.

At Chicago the thermometer at five o'clock Saturday dropped to 27 below. At Jamestown, Dak. it was 43 below zero in the morning and 42 below at noon.

On Thursday night the storehouse of H. Fricke at Oakdale Junction, Chattanooga, was blown up by a keg of granite blasting powder. The building was torn to atoms and goods were scattered in every direction.

Jas. A. Wallace, cashier of the Bank of Hopkinsville, Ky., disappeared on Tuesday, leaving a deficit from \$40,000 to \$50,000 at the bank.

A report from Jerseyville, Ill. says the court house and jail there was burned and four prisoners were burned to death.

A terrible disaster occurred on Sunday morning in the burning of the St. Joseph's Catholic Convent at Belleville, Mo. There were in the convent sixty pupils—girls from ten years to adult age—several teachers and a number of other inmates. The fire spread rapidly, and a panic seized both the children and sisters. Making a wild rush to escape, forty or more pupils are known to have got out or were taken from the building and given shelter in neighboring houses, but several jumped from the windows, and were either killed or badly injured. Miss Mary Campbell, of East St. Louis, a teacher, leaped from the third story and died in a few minutes.

The scene at the fire was one of wildest excitement and terror. The streets in the vicinity were thronged with people anxious to be of some service. The fire department was of little avail against the mad rush of surging flame, and in one hour the entire building was a mass of ruins. Report says the fire started from the furnace in the basement. This seems most probable, as the flames spread upwards, cutting off most of the exits, and compelling most of the pupils and sisters to leap from some of the windows. The total number of known deaths is twenty-seven—twenty-two pupils and five sisters. Among the latter is the Sister Superior.

The building and contents were valued at \$65,000 or \$75,000. The insurance is \$25,000.

The *Galveston News* says the San Saba mail coach was robbed on Thursday evening near Senterfitt by three unmasked men. The amount they secured is unknown.

The new Park Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio, built to be fire-proof, took fire on Saturday morning, originating from the explosion of a lamp. The loss will be perhaps \$200,000. The Wick

Bank block, front of the theatre, the First Presbyterian Church, one side of the County Court house were also in great danger.

R. G. Dun & Co., New York report 319 failures in the United States during the week, and 29 in Canada, probably the largest number ever reported in seven days. The increase is in the West and South and New York city.

At San Francisco a meeting was held at the Grand Hotel on Thursday last to make arrangements for holding a World's Fair in that city in 1887. It was resolved to provide a guarantee fund of \$1,000,000, and when this is obtained, to petition Congress and the State Legislature for appropriations.

Notices.

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The Hants County Baptist Auxiliary Mission Board, will (D.V.) hold its January Session with the Falmouth Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 15th, at 7 P. M. The members of the Board are specially requested to be present as some important business is to be brought to their notice.
J. MURRAY, Secretary.

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