

was just what the verdict had declared him to be; and we made up our mind to treat the effusions of his belated spite in a spirit of charitable forgiveness, in hopes that this luminary, like other farthing rascalings, when put out, would, after a while, cease to pollute the surrounding atmosphere by clouds of offensive smoke.

He reminds us of the anecdote of a couple of disputants proceeding from words to blows. One of the parties suddenly measured his length on the ground, on which his opponent exclaimed—"There, sir, I shall compel you to act as a gentleman."

After insulting Mr. Justice Peters for his charge to the Jury, this consistent old man, in the next line, confesses that he did not hear it!

Morever, if one person lightly libel another, can he in turn be justified in falsely attributing to him the most odious crimes that man can perpetrate?

According to this worthy's ideas of comparative abuse, it is a mere trifle to apply to a man the term "murderer," and the other choice epithets which we read from the *Islander*, and with which we shall not disgust our readers.

Even-handed Justice

Commended the poisoned chalice to his own lips; and he could not conceal his sense of the bitterness of the draught which it became our duty to force him to swallow.

It now appears that the insertion of the amount claimed as damages was merely "a matter of form." If so, why proclaim the munificent intention of benefitting all the Benevolent Societies in the Island?

We are informed that we retracted an assertion which appeared some years ago in our journal, imputing to the immaculate Maclean a participation in the Canadian insurrection.

Our hurried notice of this brochure brings us to the strange assertion, that a rule was allowed to show cause why a new trial should be granted.

MURDER OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS. A horrible crime was committed on Saturday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in the Church of St. Etienne-du-Mont, during a procession in honour of St. Genevieve.

After imputing to the judges that they have acted and will act in a manner unworthy their high offices, the same paragraph in which they are assailed eulogizes their talents and independence.

We recollect reading, some time since, a story of an old deacon in Connecticut who enjoyed a great reputation for piety and equanimity of temper, coupled with very bland manners.

tion, he endeavoured to excuse his ebullition of feeling, by addressing to the fleecy patriarch the words—"If I may be allowed to use the expression."

The concluding paragraph is so unique a specimen of composition and logic, that we shall embalm it for all time by giving it a place in our columns. Here it is:—"The toothless virulence of the officials' press, the *Advertiser*, we accept as another indication that the charge of felony was a base conspiracy on the part of more than Whelan, which Sir Dominick did not discountenance."

With reference to the "toothless virulence" of the *Advertiser*, we think we could, without much trouble, point out, not far from the office of the *Advertiser*, a specimen of "toothless virulence" which it would be hard, indeed, to match.

We perceive by the last *Islander* that "a supper party" took place at Mr. Ness's hotel at St. Eleanor's, the other day, to which no less a personage than "Duncan Maclean, Esq., of New London," was invited.

It was also rumoured that Shanghai had been attacked by the rebels—a very likely result, if the rebels were well informed as to the actualities of the case.

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It is a pity that he or some of his friends should not have taken means to ensure his getting a good "tuck out." As it is, he appears to have wanted John Gilpin's energy under difficulties, and to have taken his food alone.

The Cockney hero duly estimated the necessity of deferring to public opinion, when he remarked,

"How all the world would stare, If wife should dine at Edmonston and I should dine at Ware."

We are happy to believe, that although "the party" broke up at a late hour, their separation was characterised by good feeling. In this respect they have manifested a decided improvement since the recent meeting of the St. Eleanor's Branch of the Political Alliance, when the Unholies adjourned to Crabb's hotel at Summerside, where "a free fight" ensued, and sundry hearty blows were given and exchanged by the model reformers.

Maclean need not fancy that his absence from the festive scene diminished the social feeling of those who attended, as we doubt not that, like the dogs at the Siege of Corinth,

"Growling and cringing o'er carcass and limb, They were too busy to think of him."

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL. LAST Wednesday evening the Courier arrived in Town with the Mails, including the English Mail.

Some of the latest papers furnish the following items of intelligence.

The relics of the saint are said to be kept in that church since the destruction of that which had been dedicated to her; and on the 3rd Jan., the anniversary of her death a solemn novena, or nine days' devotions, prayers, masses, and other acts of piety, and which attracts, from its celebrity, crowds of people, is regularly celebrated there.

The assassins' names are Verges. He was a priest of the diocese of Meux, and has been several times suspended from the exercise of his functions. He made himself known some short time since by a violent pamphlet against the Procureur-Imperial (the law officer of the Crown) of St. Leon, department of the Aisne.

The assassin made an attempt to escape in the crowd, but he was seized by five or six of the congregation, and narrowly escaped being strangled by them. In his examination before the authorities he answered coolly. He says he was suspended without just cause. Some time since he affixed a placard to the gates of the Madeleine, complaining of his punishment

by the Archbishop, and stating that he was perishing of hunger. He had already been pointed out to the police for having threatened one of the most respectable parish priests in Paris, but he never said that he entertained any evil designs against the Archbishop.

The dispute between Switzerland and Prussia has been brought to a close, through the intervention of diplomacy. The Swiss Federal Assembly has met and received a message from the Federal Council respecting the negotiations on the Neuchâtel question.

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The City Council has decided that all City advertisements, during the ensuing year, shall be published in the *EXAMINER* Newspaper.

THE City Council has appointed the following gentlemen to act as Fire Engineers for the ensuing year, viz:—

- Richard Wright, Ward No. 1—J. W. Morrison, John Ings, Ward No. 2—Wm. Macdonald, J. C. MacDonald, Henry Haszard, Ward No. 3—Wm. Heard, Thomas Green, Ward No. 4—Donald MacIsaac, Wm. Dodd, Joseph Crabb, Ward No. 5—T. B. Tremain, Richard Hearty, Pierce Gaul, Thomas Green, James Duncan, 6 J. W. Morrison, 10 Richard Wright

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Among the gentlemen who responded to the several toasts, we cannot omit mentioning Messrs. Mitchell, Davies, Howe, and Colonel Swabey, whose speeches were unusually good, and highly applauded.

MR. P. G. CLARK intends devoting a short time to the pursuit of the Daguerrean Art, and for that purpose has taken Mr. G. W. Miller's rooms, situated in Lower Great George-street, near the *Islander* office, where he solicits the patronage of his friends and the public.

himself by contributing to the enjoyment of his companions. The party retired at 11 o'clock, much gratified with having spent so pleasant an evening, and in having had an opportunity of thus evincing their admiration of the ability and consistent public conduct which has characterized the distinguished services of Mr. Whelan in this Colony.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—On Tuesday evening last, William Murphy, Esq., delivered a very interesting lecture on "The manufacture and illuminating power of Coal Gas," illustrating it by a number of experiments.

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