

THE DOWNFALL OF CICHY.

The midnight stars of the night which separated the 24th day of July from the 25th looked down on a memorable sight at the north end of the great, gay, witty, wicked city of Paris—the self-chosen metropolis of civilization and of Christendom. As the last stroke of the clock knelled the chime of the expiring day, the great, grim states of the apocryphal and substantial stone coffee, No. 70 Rue Clichy, were thrown open, and there issued in hasty, irregular procession, the whole body of prisoners for debt hitherto confined in that metropolis, save the hapless few only who, having no home, no friends, no money, had begged of the keeper the poor boon of retaining till morning their narrow cells and ragged pallets; so that they might walk forth in broad daylight to renew their unequal struggle with a stepmother world.

The credit of abolishing in France imprisonment for debt, was not due to the noble, but I trust for the last time—I judge is mainly due to Napoleon himself. His upholders, the self-styled conservatives of that country, still blindly, obstinately cling to every venerable abuse, to each moribund institution, to each baneful procession, as though Church and State would tumble into chaos if it were given up.

The French inherit from their Roman law-givers of twenty centuries ago not only the civil law, but the spirit which dictated it. A resident among the commandments (especially the seventh) so long as he can pay; but woe to him who, living in Paris, cannot respond punctually and amply to a pecuniary demand.

Twelve years ago, I spent two days, by urgent request, in the Maison Clichy. I had hated imprisonment for debt before, but did not clearly know why. I have not since been at all confused on that point.

Not that "jail birds" are all samples of injured innocence, nor anything like it. Many of them are prodigals; some are incorrigible profligates and swindlers. I made the acquaintance of both of these classes during my brief sojourn at No. 70 Rue Clichy. But mixed with them were as upright and worthy men as tread the earth—victims of fraud, of oppression, and of crime. I met there men of diverse nationalities, who had been put there by the force of their own rapacity and rascality, which they, if at liberty, would defeat, might be fully consummated—men whose imprisonment involved their own pecuniary ruin, with heavy losses to their good men.

An Englishman of decided ability and inventive genius was deeply involved in the manufacture of a patent pill at Rouen. His French partner, taking flight, hastily gathered up the ready means of the firm, and vanished. The Englishman called his partner together, laid a full statement of his affairs before them, was advised by them to go on, and assured that he should be satisfied. No real creditor of the concern dissented. But a French sea-captain who had been put there by the force of his own rapacity and rascality, which they, if at liberty, would defeat, might be fully consummated—men whose imprisonment involved their own pecuniary ruin, with heavy losses to their good men.

Again: A London merchant failed, owing heavily. His exhibit was so satisfactory, however, that his creditors, who had treated him so simply misfortune; you have done this wrong, and must not go under. We will sign your certificates of bankruptcy and extend to you new credits. So his debts were cleared off, his store filled up afresh, and he began anew with fair prospects and sanguine hopes. But among his creditors was a French house, which wrote him, "We, too, will trust you afresh, like your other creditors; come over and arrange the matter." He obeyed the invitation, called on the French house, by which he was politely received; and the next hour saw him, pliantly, Clichy, not to be let out till he paid the last farthing of his claim—\$4000—for his British certificate of bankruptcy was mere waste paper in France. He could have paid these by robbing his other creditors, who had treated him so generously; but this he would not do—choosing rather to write over to London to have his goods returned to their rightful owners, his store given up, and be left to rot in jail.

The world moves! In spite of innumerable frauds, and wrongs, and crimes, mankind are less selfish, less cruel, less brutal than they have been. Bad as we still are, it is something to have lived in the age which has witnessed the virtual overthrow of chattel slavery and the abolition of imprisonment for debt. Doubtless, there is much to do; therefore, let us rejoice over the encouragement afforded us by the good so visibly, so recently achieved. And in the light shed on our path by the triumph of humanity, let us reverently, gratefully go forward!—New York Independent.

Evangelical Alliance. This body closed its meeting at Amsterdam by what was termed a general national open-air missionary meeting. The gathering took place at Vollenhagen, a few miles from Amsterdam. Upward of 10,000 persons assembled, and the day was kept as a general holiday. The Rev. Pastor Holding opened the festival at 10 o'clock, and was followed by Pastor van Rhijn of Wassenaar, who delivered an introductory speech upon the subject of Christian missions. Mr. Logan, secretary, then gave an account of the state and manner of work of the missionary associations in the Netherlands, after which the people divided themselves into three groups before three tribunes, from which they were addressed in English and French, Dutch and German. There was plenty of singing, and some very good band music, and at the close of the proceedings the visitors to the Conference were hospitably entertained.

On the preceding day, Lord Falkland, on behalf of the English visitors, and Dr. Fries, on behalf of the Americans, expressed their sense of the handsome manner in which they had been entertained. The entertainment of so many visitors must have entailed considerable cost. About three hundred and fifty sat down every day to dinner with the Conference listed, in addition to which excursions to various points of interest in the neighborhood and free admissions to the Zoological Gardens and evening concerts were arranged for by the executive committee. Nothing seems to have been left undone to do honor to the Conference. The King of the Netherlands gave a liberal donation towards the expenses of the Conference.

A Sharp Letter from Bishop Colenso.

The following letter appeared recently in the Scotsman. It is directed to Mr. Henry Morrison:—"BISHOP Colenso, Natal, May 10, 1867.—Sir:—My attention has been called to an address delivered by you to the Young Men's Christian Association at Glasgow, on January 14. In that address, as reported by the Scotsman of January 19, you have charged me indirectly with dishonesty, duplicity, and cowardice, and you have stated directly as follows:—'I have had read Bishop Colenso's book, I must fairly avow, Bishop Colenso doubts whether the Pentateuch is inspired. It is a strange doubt for a bishop of the Church of England.' I venture to think that before attacking publicly in this way an absent man it would have been right for you, as a Christian addressing a 'Christian Association' of young men, to have first assured yourself of the truth of the accusations which you made against me, and of the inspiration of its writers. And I now call upon you, as a Christian gentleman, either to prove by quotations from my book that I have denied or doubted its inspiration, or to retract the inspiration of its writers. And I now call upon you, as a Christian gentleman, either to prove by quotations from my book that I have denied or doubted its inspiration, or to retract the inspiration of its writers. And I now call upon you, as a Christian gentleman, either to prove by quotations from my book that I have denied or doubted its inspiration, or to retract the inspiration of its writers.

In a letter published in the Guardian about two years ago, when I was in England, I gave a positive contradiction to a similar statement made in that journal, as I now do to yours. I have denied that the Bible is in every line and letter insubly true; I have denied that the Pentateuch is the work of a single writer or of a single age. I have not 'insinuated doubts,' but in the most open manner have stated my disbelief of the Mosaic authorship of certain portions of the Pentateuch, and have laid openly before all men my reasons for holding these opinions, which are not peculiar to myself, but shared by the great majority of Biblical critics. But I have never denied or doubted its inspiration, or of the inspiration of its writers. And I now call upon you, as a Christian gentleman, either to prove by quotations from my book that I have denied or doubted its inspiration, or to retract the inspiration of its writers. And I now call upon you, as a Christian gentleman, either to prove by quotations from my book that I have denied or doubted its inspiration, or to retract the inspiration of its writers.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 25, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 26, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 27, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 28, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 29, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 30, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 31, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 32, 1867. On the petition of J. S. FLETCHER, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 6th day of December, 1857, for an improvement in Railroad Cars upon Railroad Tracks, for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 6th day of December, 1867. It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, next, at 12 o'clock M.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, September 33, 1867. On