#### THE TRIUMPHS OF FREEDOM.

The Pesition and Prospects of the Colored People in the United States-Lecture by Hon. George Thompson Last Evening.

BEFECIAL REPORT FOR THE EVENING TRLEGRAPH. This gentleman, styled "England's Eloquent Champion of Freedom and Universal Suffrage," delivered a lecture on the above subject in Liberty Hall, Lombard street, below Eighth, last evening. The inclemency of the weather no doubt hindered many from being present that undoubtedly would have been there, but, notwithstanding, a goodly number were assembled to hear this, the first lecture for many years by this gentleman in our city. The speaker was introduced in a few brief remarks, at the conclusion of which he said:-

He wanted to communicate what he had to say in a conversational manner. He would address himself to those of his audience who by complexion or blood are related to that race which, upon this continent as elsewhere, have ever been the victims of slavery, proscription, prejudice, and unjust legislation, and who have yet to establish their true and rightful claims as human creatures and citizens of this country.

"All men are created equal, and endowed with certain inalienable rights," and to secure the blessings of liberty the republic of the United States was established. The victims of United States was established. The victims of American slavery and of American proscription have, in my judgment, a higher mission to fulfil than simply the achievement of their own liberty, and the conquest of their own rights upon this their native soil. You who are colored men are fighting a battle for your race and for humanity throughout the world. Hold to your glorious destiny, and awake and meet the foe. Every victory you gain is a victory for white humanity as well as black. When you establish your rights, you have won them for every shade of humanity throughout the face of the whole earth. Contrasting the former condition of the colored race when they were mere chattels, the speaker said it filled his heart with joy to think hat now the colored man is legislated for in

the halls of Congress the same as the white man. The colored fugitive, lacerated by the lash, scarred by the branding iron, mangled, perchance, by the bloodhound, wading through swamps, swimming through rivers, scaling mountains, and braving death, sought a hiding place in the North, where he might be safe from the pursuit of legalized traffickers inhuman flesh; it was the man whom toul wrongs had driven from the soil which gave him birth; it was the man whom slavery had caused to execrate the name of home, and curse the fate that, from his mother's womb, had stamped upon his brow the name of slave—what though he were a triendless and shivering exile from the sunny valleys of the South-he was happier far in the enjoyment of his liberty, and he would rather houseless roam with freedom and his God, than be the sleekest slave at home, crouching at his master's feet. Slavery caused the late disasterous and sanguinary war. The friends of peace should improve the opportunity to inculate into the hearts of the people this solacing

Peace without justice is impossible; there can be no peace without the right conditions. To avoid war we must study the things which make peace. Slavery itself is war. Of all descriptions of war it is the meanest and most inexcusable, and the most guilty. It was a war of the strong upon the weak in this country. It was a war of the white race upon the black; of the many upon the few; of those who had wealth on those who were poor, feeble, helpless, and despised; a war upon innocent men, women, and children, to compel them to

work without wages.

A four years' war between the Rebels of the South and the loyal States of the North—a war which had been waging for two centuries between the white and the black races. The war of the rifle, the bayonet, and the cannon has put an end to the war of slavery. Monster war has destroyed monster slavery. White men in their struggle have saved the life of the nation. They rificed their lives, and in the instruments employed by Providence for the emancipation of the black race. Thus have the destinies of men been overruled by the wis dom of God. The abolition of slavery is a great and glorious event. It is an event that has made the name of Abraham Lincoln im-perishable and lasting upon posterity, with the lustre and fragrance of those names among mankind who have wielded human power for human good. To liberate, not to enslave; to love, not to crush, is the proclamation put forth on the first of January, 1863. What was partially done by Abraham Lincoln has been completed, so far as slavery is concerned, by the amendment to the Constitution, so that Americans may now say there is not a slave within our boundaries. Some of my friends speak dis-paragingly of the proclamation of freedom and the amendments to the Constitution. I wish the people of America would take the proclamation for what it is, and for what it was meant; and the amendment to the Constitution also. I believe that slavery is abolished in this country. Wherever there is applying that has the sem-blance of slavery, it is in that spot where the people violate the great charters which have been conferred upon the population of this country. (Applause.) Slavery places obstacles in the way to civilization, education, and pro-gress. The slave doctrine in this country prewented the teaching of the slave reading and writing. Slavery perverted the teachings in the Testament. It placed a padlock upon the lips of the religious teacher. It precluded the introduction of ideas and institutions which

friends of treedom may now send the teacher, the Bible, and Northern ideas to the South. I have met with people who have said, "You make too much fuss about these black people, they don't possess the capacity for that which you would conter upon them. Why seek to elevate them above the position which Provi-dence manifestly designed them for?" I know that many, too, of my own countrymen speak contemptuously of the colored race. They call them "nigger," and other opprobrious names. These epithets are as unworthy as they are un-History will abon antly testify that their talents, patriotism, and , ety have , er been denied. The Mahommedan or , serors who held Spain in subjection for a centuries, and threatened the conquest of gorope, were black tellows. There can be no doubt that the black fellows of Africa had obtained a degree of accuracy in the practical departments of science, in connection with astronomy, unknown to Europe two centuries ago. Before our ancestors had put aside the robes of barbarism, Africa had seen her theories, beheld her statesmen, sent her bishops of the Church, and her Christian

have made these great States what they are. But the obstacle has been swept away, and the

martyrs to the stake.

There is little need at the present time to argue the question of the natural intelligence or capacity of the blacks. There is little need to claim for them capacities which they posess as well as the white fellows. Their deeds through the war, and the progress they have made since, wherever an opportunity has been given them, attest at once their rate and their fitness for the liberty with which they have been invested, and for the exercise of every right guaranteed by the Constitution to the citizens of this republic.

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The speaker continued at some length, and was frequently applauded throughout his able and logical address.

A Farmer Boy a Cardinal -- Cardinal Gousset. Archbishop of Rheims, France, died on the 22d of December. He was the son of a farmer, and worked in the fields before he entered a cierical college for his education. He was afterwards known as a man of extensive learning, and became Bishop of Perigueux in 1836. He was promoted to the Archbishopric of Rheims in 1840, on the death of Mgr. de Latil. He was created cardinal in 1850.

NEWS FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Mysterious Movements of the Fenians. New Obligans, January 21.—Much excitement prevailed among our Irish citizens to-day from prevailed among our Irish citizens to-day from some cause, possibly the card of Head Centre McCleary, calling on all able-bodied Fenians to report for duty immediately. Several prominent Fenian officials, from New York yesterday, left here to-day for Mobile, where the blockader Mary, Captain Hayes, is being urepared for sen, but whether by Fenians or Knights of Arabia is unknown. She had a large surplus crew on board, and it is pretty well established that she is destined for some mysterious cruise—the s destined for some mysterious cruise-the imes says for San Antonio, Cuba, where she will receive her armament.

The Deputy Commander of Knights of Arabia left this city incognito on the 3d inst., leaving part of his bagrage behind. Something is in the wind, but whether the expedition is against the English merchant vessels, or a raid upon the St. Domingo by the Knights cannot be discovered.

A Million Persons Starved to Death in British India. A Calcutta correspondent of the London Times, December 7, gives some painful details of the recent famine in the District of Orissa. A

Government Commissioner has prepared a report, of which it is said:-"A picture more heart-rending, facts more hideous, could not be given. The Commissioner estimates the deaths in Orissa alone at 500,000 to 600,000, and in some places he admits that three-fourths of the population have been car-ried off. Orissa had five millions. Add the mortality of Midnapore, which was as severely visited; of Ganjam and Chota Nagpore, which were terribly, yet more mildly dealt with; of Calcutta, whose hospitals still tell so sad a tale; and of the other districts, where the sequelee, at least of starvation, carried off many, and re-member that the deaths are still going on at the rate of a hundred a day, and you will agree with the rough estimate generally accepted here that the number of victims will not be under a million. In 1838-9, when as little was done for reliet as in 1866, the mortality in the Jumna Doab was 800,000. But the tale of victims in this Orissa visitation mounts higher than even that, as high as the greatest of all

recorded famines in India—that of 1770," The Burman Rebellion. Late accounts from Southern Asia bring additional accounts of the rebellion in Burmah. The King, who has the right of choosing the heir-apparent among all the royal princes, had conferred that honor upon his brother, instead of selecting his own son. The rebellion was commenced by two of the King's sons murdering their uncle, the heir-apparent. They then got possession of the King's only steamer, then at Mandelay, and came down the river; stopping about forty miles from the British frontier. From the towns on the banks of the river they made exactions, and where refused, they burned them down. But the officials who were in charge either withdrew into the interior or fled to British territory; there was no fraternizing, and

they have not succeeded in raising a party.

The King holds the capital, which is somewhat forused, and there is no apparent dissatisfaction around him. It is expected that he will make his remaining on heir-apparent, and the rebel prisoners will have to leave the country, The movement was so crude and ineffectual that it is difficult to comprehend the movive of the murder, as there was no apparent cause of the outbreak.

#### Modern Miracles,

A curious case has just occurred at Castlenau, France. In that town a certam Madame Mellet had been ill, and had recovered, as was alleged, by miraculous agency. A report of the case appeared in the Catholic journal, the Monde. The vicar and the cure of the parish took measures to reduce Madame Mellet's case to its true value, and sent a letter on the subject to the Semaine Recigieuse, in which the account had first appeared. They wrote to the conductor of that journal:— 'The recovery of Madame Mellet was due entirely to the skill and attention of Dr. Alhiet and Dr. Chastaine, and our people have been astounded and scandalized at learning that you have proclaimed it to be miraculous." The priests go on to beg the editor not to publish any more narratives of miracles as occurring in their parish without the testimony of "serious persons, who alone can give an authentic character to recitals," and to spare them a humiliation. The Semaine Religieuse refused to publish the letter, and it ultimately appeared by the courtesy of the Journal du Lol.

Eclipses in 1867.

There will be four eclipses in the present year -two of the sun and two of the moon-but no remarkable phenomena. An annular eclipse of the sun, March 6, will be invisible in America, It will be seen, however, in Europe, Asia, and Africa. At Greenwich the time of its occur-rence is 8 o'clock and 17 minutes in the mornrence is 8 o'clock and 17 inflates in the Both-ing. The other eclipse of the sun, August 29, will be total, but not visible in the United States or in Europe. The South Americans will have a view of it. A partial eclipse of the moon, March 20, may be witnessed from all parts of the United States. In New York city and State the time of its beginning will be about 2:20 in the morning, and it will end at about hulf-past 5 o'clock. In California and Oregon it will begin in the evening of the 19th. A partial begin in the evening of the 19th. A partial eclipse of the moon, Friday evening, September 13, will be visible in parts of the United States, though its beginning will not be generally seen. At places west of Boston the moon will rise more or less eclipsed. From the Pacific States this eclipse will not be seen at all.

A Reverend Giutton.

The Bishop of Verdun, France, who died re-cently, was considered the type of gourmands. So stout was he (writes a Paris correspondent) that it was only by means of considerable maneuvr ng that he ever succeeded in entering a cab. The amount of food he consumed at his various meals was something fabulous. Owing to the frequent illnesses brought on by his vora-city, he was always attended by a servant whose sole business was to prevent him from eating more than was good for his health. Whenever the bishop was invited to dinner at a friend's house, this domestic stationed himself behind his chair, investigated the amount of carlets, pates, perdreaux, truffes, etc., eaten by his mas-ter, and when he considered that he had had as much as was good for his lordship, he made a telegraphic sign to the mistress of the house, who, warned beforehand, immediately cut of the supplies!

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