#### THE CATHEDRAL.

We make the following quotation from Mr. ames Russell Lowell's new poem entitled "The sathedral," just published by Field's, Osgood ... Here was sense of undefined regret,

reparable loss, uncertain what:
Yas all this grandeur but anachronism—
shell divorced of its informing life,
where the priest housed him like a hermiterab.

alien to that faith of elder days hat gathered round it this fair shape of stone old Keligion but a spectre now, aunting the solitude of darkened minds locked out of memory by the sceptic day? ay, did Faith build this wonder? or did Fear, hat makes a fetish and misuames it God ockish or metaphysic, matters not), ontrive this coop to shut its tyrant in ppeased with playthings, that he might not

turned and saw a beldame on her knees; Vith eyes astray, she told mechanic beads fore some shrine of saintly womanhood, ribed intercessor with the far-off judge,— ach my first thought, by kindlifer soon re-

leading for whatsoever touches life
Vith upward impulse: be He nowhere else,
od is in all that liberates and lifts:
n all that humbles, sweetens, and consoles.

is irrecoverable, that ancient faith, lomely and wholesome, suited to the time, with rod or candy for child-minded men: theologic tube, with lens on lens syllogism transparent, brings it near,-best resolving some new nebula, ad blurring some fixed star of hope to mist. cience was Faith once; Faith were Science

Yould she but lay her bow and arrrows by and arm her with the weapons of the time. othing that keeps thought out is safe from thought,

or there's no virgin-fort but self-respect, and Truth defensive hath lost hold on God. hall we treat Him as if He were a child hat knew not His own purpose? nor dare trust he Rock of Ages to their chemic tests, est some day the all-sustaining base divine hould fall from under us, dissolve in gas?

dle who hopes with prophets to be snatched virtue in their mantles left below; all the soul live on other men's report. levelf a pleasing fable of herself an cannot be God's outlaw if he would. his life were brutish did we not sometimes ave intimation clear of wider scope, fints of occasion infinite, to keep he soul alert with noble discontent nd upward yearnings of unstilled desire ruitless, except we now and then divined mystery of Purpose, gleaning through he secular confusions of the world, hose will we darkly accomplish, doing ours. o man can think nor in himself perceive, ometimes at waking, in the street sometimes r on the hill-side, always unforewarned, grace of being, finer than himself hat beckons and is gone, a larger life.

The that hath known these visitations fleet fould strive to make them trite and ritual? that still pray at morning and at eve, bying those roots that feed us from the past, nd prizing more than Plato things I learned t that best academe, a mother's knee, hrice in my life perhaps have truly prayed hrice, stirred below my conscious self, have

hat perfect disenthralment which is God; or know I which to hold worst enemy— Him who on speculation's windy waste Yould turn me loose, stript of the raiment warm by faith contrived against our nakedness, brhim who, cruel-kind, would fain obscure, With painted saints and paraphrase of God. he soul's east window of Divine surprise. Where others worship, I but look and long; or, though not recreant to my fathers' faith, ts forms to me are weariness, and most at drony vacuum of compulsory prayer, till pumping phrases for the ineffable. hough all the valves of memory gasp and

Words that have drawn trancendent meanings up rom the best passion of all bygone time, teeped through with tears of triumph and re-

weet with all sainthood, cleansed in martyran they, so consecrate and so inspired,

y repetition wane to vexing wind s! we cannot draw habitual breath n the thin air of life's supremer heights Ve cannot make each meal a sacrament for with our tailors be immortal souls, We men, too conscious of earth's comedy Who see two sides, with our posed selves deand only on great days can be sublime!

et us be thankful when, as I do here, We can read Bethel on a pile of stones nd, seeing where God has been, trust in Him.'

## NEW-YORKISMS.

from Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17, 1869. Mr. Greeley and Mr. Reed. As soon as it became evident that the Richard on-McFarland scandal is about to die out, someing occurs to throw in another pinch of lquancy. If Messrs. Beecher, Frothingham, d Greeley had only imitated Schwyler Colfax and remained exasperatingly silent, the intersiewers generally would have had no new perpective, and the sensation newspapers would radually have loosed their hold. Mr. Greeley, lowever, has seen fit not only to make some ery inexpedient confessions to the reporter who alled upon him, and who, he knew, paid the isit for the express purpose of phonographically eporting him, but he also stooped to the still reater folly of interlarding those confessions with profane expletives, and of subsequently denying the correctness of Mr. Reed's report. o difficult is it to persuade people who only mow Mr. Greeley by reputation that he is in the habit of using oaths, that nine out of ten Philaelphians will be ready to credit the white-coated philosopher's denial. Deny it as he may, howver, the simple fact remains, however, that few nen living betray less reverence in conversation than he does, and are at the same time in the ceipt of more. He knows when and where to lant a good oath, aud when he grows indignant is conversation is as full of dams as the mill-lined river in existence. To linch the matter, however, Mr. Isaac G. Reed as gone to Jefferson Market Police Court, and here before Justice Dodge, in the presence of dinesses, taken cath as to the minute truthfuls of his report, especially in regard to the duts most strenuously denied by Mr. Greeley. Where will the end be, I wonder? Did ever one nhappy disaster ever produce such a series of ectacles, at once sad and amusing, as those esented by the wrigglings of the New York riumvirate, Greeley, Beecher, and Frothingmm? Of course it is easy to see that the pertiacity of the Sun-in which Mr. Reed's counterontradictions have been published—is due to ts hatred of Mr. Greeley. It is amusing to hear the breakfast-table comments upon Mr. Dana and his conduct, by people who know but little of the ins and outs of newspaper life, and who criticize in amateurist fashion.

"I believe that man Dana has sold himself, body and soul, to the devil?" says one man, a Wall street broker, who believes that Richardson was all right, and "by Jove I'd have done

"I believe Mr. Dana is one of the pioneers nation's purity," exclaims a cotton

merchant. "He respects the sanctities of domestic life, and countenances no outrages upon

"Do you suppose he cares a tinker's curse about the right and wrong of the matter?" a third puts in, a young man evidently on his way to the bad. "He wants to sell his paper. That's all he wants. Such a fraud as that ought to be kicked to death by lame spiders."

Indifferent to these opinions, but not indifferent to the fact of an opinion existing, and of himself and his paper being continually talked about. Meanwhile I might mention that one of the chief sources of the brightness of his sheet is his having secured as night editor a gentleman named Dr. Wood, who was formerly city editor of the Tribune, besides superintending on Saturday the local department of the Sunday Mercury. Dr. Wood's central idea concerning that department is that the city editor should be omniscient, that he should have a reporter posted at every point in city and suburbs where anything occurs or is likely to occur, and that the entire economy of metropolitan life should be as completely subject to his touch as the keys of a piano are to the master of that instrument. This was the course he pursued on the Mercury, where he sometimes had between forty and fifty reporters placed under his command. He was so invaluable there that the Sun snapped him up, promising, if he would agree to come to them, to give him double the price offered him by the Mercury, whatever the offer might be. Accordingly, he bade farewell to Messrs. Whitney & Caldwell, and abandoned their bummerian headquarters for the snug arm-chairs and argand burners of their daily rival. Since he don't know me and I don't know him, I may escape all charge of having written him a paid puff. Vanderbilt as a Paterfamilias.

If there is anything Commander Vanderbilt prides himself on it is his stern virtue-a virtue as enduring as the bronze which forms his monument and as unblushing as the suavity of Captain Albert De Groot, his favorite henchman. And if among all his virtues there is any single one upon which he particularly prides himself, it is his economy, which manifests itself in a rigid refusal to pay any bills which may have been run up without his sanction by any member of his family. It seems, however, as though, in a fit of good humor, he has lately settled a bill that a certain scion of his house ran up, and which had been quietly allowed to run on for years. Like many other people, the Commodore was in the habit of buying all his groceries at one place-a large grocery store kept by a Mr. Britton, who, to legitimate groceries, added the sale of liquors, eigars, fruit, etc. Once a month regularly the Commodore stepped in to settle up ; back bills. Upon one occasion, he apparently noticed something wrong.

"Hallo!" he exclaimed, in his gruff way. "I never ordered these luxuries," and he ran his forefinger down a luxurious list, in which varions wines and brandles vied with imported cigars and fruits.

"Oh yes, you did, Commodore," returned Mr Britton. "Your son Corneel" (short for Cornelius) "was in here last week, and ordered 'em sent up."

"The --- he did! Then he did it on his own account, and he'll have to pay for them, for I won't pay that bill," saying which the railroad and steamboat magnate stalked off, and left Mr. Britton out of spirits and out of pocket.

Regularly every month for more years than it is necessary to compute, the grocer sent the bill up to the Commodore, who as regularly sent down a refusal. At length, one day, when Vanderbilt had been out driving, and passed everything on the road, he came in in great good humor, and found the grocer's son Aleck waiting with the inevitable bill.

"When does your father expect to get the money for this?" he asked.

"Oh! this has a year more to run before it is outlawed," answered Aleck, who never lost his temper. "There's time enough yet to stick on the compound interest, and put the lawyers to work at it."

"- it! there's the money," exclaimed the Commodore. "But if you ever let Corneel have a pound of sugar without a written order from me. I'll see you all in -

Brevity is often the soul of profanity as well as wit. Commodore Vanderbilt paid the bill, but dld not finish the sentence.

A \$50,000 Law Suit. Mr. Benjamin W. Hitchcock, the originator and successful publisher of Half-Dime Sheet-Music, has commenced an action against R. M. Dewitt, for an alleged infringement of his trademark, laying damages at \$50,000. The courts have already awarded heavy damages in suits of

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