has not yet eighteen years of life in Pennsylvania, and has as yet shown little more than infantile proportions—a system of education to which the Quaker will not trust his child, which the Catholic flies from, and which the Presbyterian brands as "hostile to true religion"—a system under which the College withers though thousands and tens of thousands are bestowed by the bounty of the State to infuse life into its godless members—a system imported from the more than half-infidel Prussia, and from which was plucked even the lifeless religion it there contained—a system unknown to the fathers and founders of the Republic—for the system of education which they knew, was, as we saw stated by the Presbyterian board already alluded to, closely united with the religion they professed —such a system is not an "American institution." To call it one, would be a libel on real American institutions.

To such a system we are opposed. The fact already alluded to regarding its developement is the explanation of our opposition being of late more marked.

We have called on our flocks not secretly, but openly, and within the hearing of the nation, to make religion—what they believe to be true religion—the basis of the education they shall give their children. We only repeated jointly what most of us had already stated over and over many times before. As the danger increases, our earnestness increases in like manner, but we are far from having any reason to complain that the people are not as fully convinced of the justness of our conditions as could at all be expected. Here our concert stops; some of us have advocated a plan which seems naturally to arise from the character of our institutions—one which would satisfy us and embrace at the same time an honest effort to carry out the legitimate objects of State education, and we gladly embraced it. But whether we succeed in this or not, we have no hesitation in avowing our determination to leave nothing on our part undone to prevent error and infidelity gaining admittance amongst our flocks, under the name of education, as well as under any other name. We feel under no obligation of waiting until others who have expressed views like ours, in reference to the existing system, shall act up to a consistant discharge of the duties which such views would require. We make no apology for this mode of proceeding; it would be a cause of reproach to us, and would need an apology if we acted otherwise.

Having now stated what we aim at, are we wrong, I would ask, in carrying out our views, and if the means we propose are not liked, please say what you would deem suitable. Were we even alone in finding fault with this system, and were it not proclaimed dangerous by so many others, American justice and Yankee ingenuity could and ought to devise some better remedy than to say, there it is—you may take it or leave it; but, at any rate, you must pay for it. Why, Lord John Russell himself has done better than this. We have just received his speech in the British Parliament, in which he repudiates as antiquated and unworthy of the age, the plan of making the religious system established by law, or the religious system of the strong, the channel and the controller of the education of the nation, he denounces as productive of the worst consequences, the divorcing of religion from education, and finally resolves to let each religious denomination educate their children as they think well, and resolves to induce the State to assist them by exercising such supervision as will secure the objects it has at heart being accomplished. Canada, which we look upon as downtrodden, has just made a stride in advance of us in providing a system of education to meet the religious scruples of the inhabitants. Austria itself, which is held up as a monster of tyranny, does not seek by State education to draw away from the faith of their parents the children of the few Protestant subjects it has! It either assists the schools which the Protestants themselves establish, or frees them from the impost established for the support of the general schools which they do not use.

Are the United States of America, where the boast is that no religion is established by law, to be the only place where village tyrants shall be allowed to ride rough-shod over those who are too few to protect themselves, and to trample with impunity on their most sacred feelings in the name of liberty? Can no system be devised by which reasonable protection for the feelings of the minorities can be combined with such an education as is due regard to the safety of our institutions may require? Is this a problem which baffles the far-reaching skill of Yankee ingenuity? To say that this cannot be done, would be the worst charge ever yet brought against American institutions.

If people really loved the cause of education, they would endeavor to devise a remedy for this evil. If will not do to represent the present system as in favor with all but Catholics. I have no disposition to deny that many *honorable* men look to it as something superior to the constitution itself, nay, to the very Gospel. One of its orators boasted not long ago in New York that, now at last, the school was emancipated from the Church. I know too that other honorable men believe it may be established with their views of the gospel. It would be a mistake, however, to suppose that all who use it, or are silent, approve of it. Many who condemn, avail themselves of it. But without speaking of the widely extended dissatisfaction of other than religious grounds, which is palpable to every one acquainted with the sentiments of the people, the statements I have already made show how widely this dissatisfaction exists amongst many sects. You, *yourself*, the other day, added another to the list of the organs of Protestant sentiment that are opposed to it.

Can such a system—ought a system—stand as a State institution, which the principal religious bodies of the State declare subversive of religion? Our anxiety to introduce a modification that would make it suit our wants may indeed induce many who were cold or hostile before, to rally round it in time. But it would be a disgrace to the country if the alone could give it a lasting existence. Such cannot, and will not, be the case. Though many may feel anxious to see our children drawn away from the Church, they will think the price paid for this too high when they find their own children made infidels by the tendency, and particularly when they find, as I hope they will, that we will succeed in evading the snare.

People talk of Catholics alone being opposed to the present system—of its having a strong hold on the esteem of all others. Yet they are afraid to trust it to the support of its admirers. If no improvements were adopted, and all allowed to have the benefit of their tax in any school they preferred, were it true that the great bulk of the people admired and loved the present system, the schools established in accordance with it would continue to receive their support. When it is said all would seek sectarian schools and abandon the common ones, what is this but saying that all prefer something else to the present system, as far as they are themselves concerned, and that they submit to what they believe a privation, merely for the sake of making others submit to a similar one.

I do not propose that the State should undertake to divide the funds between sects, and settle their rival claims and define their limits. By paying for the *civil education* of the child wherever she finds it, she would leave the whole business of arranging the details to the parents themselves. If two or ten sects or parts of sects think it to their advantage to unite on common ground, they could do so. A truly common system might then be established, being made general, not by compulsion from majorities, but by winning general support by its justice and intrinsic advantages.

Where this cannot be done, is it right by subjecting men to serious losses to compel them to adopt a system, which is not what a majority or minority would prefer? The pecuniary loss implied in the fines by which the law discourages drunkenness and other crimes, is not greater than that sustained by one who, disapproving of the present system, seeks to give his child an education elsewhere.

If what men preferred were incompatible with the public welfare, there might be some excuse for not permitting it; but who will say that children being educated under the influences preferred by their parents is subversive of the State? If so, close sectarian colleges, close sectarian Sunday schools, and every thing else that favors Sectarianism. But as for State bigotry, much as we have suffered from it, I do not hesitate to say that any kind of religion, though accompanied by bigotry, is better for the welfare of the State and of individuals, than mawkish infidelity, which destroys the very sap of life that holds society together.

The Presbyterian Board of Education tells us that every denomination in the land is losing confidence in the present system. When the same plan is introduced into colleges, we find them withering, and synods and other ecclesiastical bodies come to their relief without any scruple against making their own the funds given by the State while they were of a general character, in exchange for the life they have breathed into them, when they became sectarian property. Yet Catholics are the only persons who prefer sectarian education!!

The support which such a system receives is not therefore natural, and it would be strange that a free country should be the only one where a man could not carry out, without annoyance, the principles dearest to every Christian soul.

Our institutions are admired by men even in another hemisphere. Our own people grow up with an attachment to them of which we would in vain seek an example elsewhere. If there be any exception, this will not be amongst Catholics who have here found a justice and a protection in most things, that they sought elsewhere in vain. You may raise difficulties and put forward objections, but they only bewilder those who raise them. The fact is there, that the Catholic, wherever you find him throughout the country, feels and announces it as his duty and his pleasure to uphold the institutions of the land.

The Bishops and the Priests have no interest, no wish, no opinion, in duty distinct from those of the people. They feel it a duty to inculcate respect even for governments that oppress them. Shall they plot and endeavor to destroy that under which they receive ample protection, and the principles of which, if carried out in good faith, would give them all they demand or wish for? And even if they wished it, they have not, and they never tried to acquire the power of giving any other direction to the minds of their people.

Is a country which thus recommends itself the only one that cannot trust the fathers and mothers of the land or their deputy to infuse a love for its institutions into their offspring, but though distrust of these must commit the work to—a hireling? Oh! forlorn indeed would be the hopes of a country that had only this means of securing the respect and the love of its own sons.

Stimulate if you will the apathetic, induce the parent by every proper means to get his child's mind enlightened, enlist and strengthen his influence for its moral culture. Dig the ground and water the plant so that it may draw more plentiful nurture from the parent earth; but do not pluck it from that earth though you may see some weeds growing near it. That earth, unseemly as it may appear, when properly tilled, can give a beauty and a fragrance to the rose itself, which no artificial substitute that science could invent will ever impart.

When you teach the child to disregard its parent, you set aside the source of culture provided by God.

I care not what house you build, or whom you employ to teach in it, when you have destroyed the parents influence, all the *light* you can give will only show the road to evil, and make your pupil a skillful miscreant, who may live to make you pay the penalty richly deserved for having demoralised and enlightened him.

Your fancied necessity does not, therefore, exist. That which is not just cannot be useful. So far from the State finding it necessary to take the child from the parent to make him a good citizen, or to employ people to do it whose position necessarily weakens the parents authority, it can accomplish its object only through the parent and those whom that parent *cordially* deputes; and the State will act wisely and gain its object only by enlisting the parents' co-operation in the important work. This would be done by what I propose; it never will be done by a State machinery that abstracts from, and practically destroys, parental support.

My remarks have extended farther than I first intended, and yet I have not done. With your permission I will return to the subject.

Yours respectfully,
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Bishop of Pittsburgh.

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FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,
MOSES POWNALL, *Of Lancaster County.*

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
ALEX. K. McCLURE, *Of Franklin County.*

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
CHRISTIAN MEYERS, *Of Clarion County.*

The following gratifying intelligence was received by telegraph late last night:

BALTIMORE, May 18.

The Senate of Maryland, to-day, passed the House Bill sanctioning the city of Baltimore to guarantee bonds of the Connellsville and Pittsburgh Railroad. It was passed in both Houses, and is now a law.

"COUNTRY HOMES."—We have two communications on this subject waiting their turn.—Both shall appear as soon as possible. "W." came first, and must have the first hearing.—"Girty" will follow in course.

BISHOP O'CONNOR'S LETTER.—We love free discussion, but we do not like long articles in a daily newspaper, and we believe they are seldom read. When we are particularly anxious to secure a hearing before the public, we condense our articles as much as the sense will bear. Long articles are in place in Books, Reviews and Magazines, but are entirely inappropriate in a daily paper. When, therefore, we received the manuscript of the Bishop's letter, comprising 38 pages of foolscap, our good nature was severely tried, and we confess, had the article been on our side of the question we should have rejected it at once, on account of its inordinate length. But fearing, if we rejected it for such cause, our motives would be misinterpreted, we concluded to let it go, with our earnest request to the Bishop, and to all other correspondents, when they favor us with their communications, to recollect that a daily paper has multifarious duties to perform, and that if too much space is occupied with one subject, something else of interest must be neglected. We intend no disrespect to Bishop O'Connor in these remarks, but make them both as a hint for his future guidance, and as an apology to our readers for taking up so much room with one subject.

The Bishop's letter is taken up with the discussion of one idea, couched in our reply to his previous article, and it is fortunate for us, as our comments must be very brief, that the question and argument can be brought within the compass of a nutshell.

We remarked, that the opposition of Roman Catholics to the common school system was evidence that their religious system could not stand the light. The Bishop reverses this proposition. He says that Romanists oppose the common schools not because of their light, but on account of their darkness—not because they teach a false religion, but because they teach no religion—not for their positive, but for their negative qualities—not because they make Roman Catholic children Protestants, but because they create infidels. The schools are godless.

To fortify his position, the Bishop quotes largely from Prof. Nevin's sermon against common schools, and from a report of a Presbyterian Education Society, and from one or two other sources.

We do not dispute that the common schools are poor nurseries of Catholicism, and Presbyterianism, and of sectarianism in general, but we deny the proposition of the Bishop, that they are necessarily, or in fact, inimical to religion, and injurious to the religious feelings and morals of the rising generation. When he points us to his authorities, they weigh no farther with us than his own unsupported assertions. We look upon them as the emanations of sectarian bigotry, or the production of a contracted view of a most momentous question.

The Bishop points us to his authorities against the schools. We point to the schools themselves, to their beneficial results, and to the consciousness of every person who has been educated in them, or whose children have enjoyed a similar advantage. Where is the infidel the schools have made? Being forth the man, or the woman, or the child, and let us probe the matter, and see if his infidelity is traceable to the education he received in the common school.

We deny the Bishop's position, and that of his authorities, because it is assertion without evidence. We deny it because there is nothing in the system of education pursued to produce such a result, but much to the contrary. We deny it from our knowledge of the schools themselves, and of the moral character of the Directors and teachers. And we deny it from the results we see in all the states where free education has been systematically introduced and persevered in.

Look at this country, and compare it with any nation of Europe, or with itself sixty years ago; and especially look at those states where the free schools have been the longest established, and have arrived at the greatest perfection.—Where on the face of this earth is there more intelligence, more social and domestic happiness, more public and private virtue, and more and greater evidence of the spirit of true religion? We acknowledge there is much of evil, much running after vain and hurtful fancies, much infidelity and indifferentism; but these evils exist in all countries, or others equally as bad or worse, the offspring of ignorance or of a sectarian education. Where are the houses for God's worship multiplied by thousands; where are hundreds of thousands voluntarily devoted to the works of religious benevolence; where are the ministers of Christ found located in every hamlet; where is the Sabbath most sacredly regarded; where are religious and moral books and papers most profusely circulated; where are Sunday Schools most regularly attended and munificently provided with books; where is the war against intemperance, and against slavery, and against every system of human oppression, most earnestly and successfully urged; where is the Bible found in every house; where in fact is civilization and Christianity producing their most glorious and beneficent results for the welfare of man? The answer is plain, and neither Bishop O'Connor, nor his authorities can dispute it—all these blessings are found to exist to the greatest extent in those states where the Common Schools have been the longest established and the best managed.

It is the free school which enables us to assimilate into the body politic and social, the vast crowds of foreigners who are pressing upon our shores from every nation of Europe. A majority of these emigrants are ignorant, and many of them vicious, and they are mostly antagonistic in their social feelings with American Society. No nation in the world but our own could stand such a tax upon its power of assimilation, and the free schools are the quiet, unnoticed and gentle absorbents which take up this host of ignorant children, and convert them into healthy, life-giving streams of intelligent American citizens. All the evil effects of the countless hordes of foreigners who thus visit our shores, are neutralised and destroyed by the agency of the common school, in one generation.

If the parent have no religion, his children are made no worse by attending the common school. If he is a pious man he will order his house aright, and his children will be taught the fear of God. The common school will make his children intelligent American citizens. His church and himself can impart the peculiar religious views he considers necessary to their salvation.

The only churches which have reason to fear the effects of a free and sound literary education—will the Bishop mark our words—are those which have lost the power, and light, and influence of Divine Truth. Any church which depends for its success solely or mainly upon drilling into a child the peculiar ceremonies or tenets of its own faith, and with instilling into his mind at the same time an inveterate hatred and suspicion of all other denominations, has reason to fear the Common Schools. Those churches, on the other hand, which rely mainly if not solely for their success, upon the Power of Divine Truth, as it is presented to the hearts and consciences of men, when read in the Bible, or plainly and earnestly presented from the Pulpit, find in the common school a sure defence against that sectarian bigotry which has always been a great hindrance to the spread of a vital Christianity. If the importation of a literary and scientific education to the minds of children, in schools where not a syllable is uttered by a teacher in derogation of the Bible, but where it is always spoken of with respect, and treated as the basis of all religion, and as a Divine Revelation, can destroy the influence of religion on the heart of the child, in despite of parental influence and example, and the teaching of the church, then we question the power and vitality of such religion. It has no inherent power, and cannot take care of itself. Thank God, such is not the religion of the Bible. The words of Christ are Spirit and Life, and his religion is a living principle, which glories and flourishes in the light, and which can always guard its own great interests.

We beg Bishop O'Connor, and his ecclesiastical brethren, to lay aside their fears. If they do not dread the Common Schools on account of the light they shed, they certainly need not fear them on account of their darkness. If they have the light of divine life in the church and Sabbath school, where their children statedly attend to be taught the principles of religion—if the parent, in the discharge of his natural and religious duty, instruct his children at home, teaching them to read God's word, and assembles them around the family altar, and as a priest in his own house, invokes God's blessing upon them, they need not fear the Common School.

We could say much on the danger to the State, and to the principles of true religion, of sectarian schools, such as the Bishop wishes to establish, but it is not necessary. They will be sufficiently apparent to the mind of every intelligent reader.

The Bishop asks if yankee ingenuity cannot invent some mode to divide the school fund which would not be liable to objection. Yankee ingenuity is rarely spent on unprofitable and hopeless undertakings. The Bishop has not touched on a single one of our objections to a division of the fund, made in our reply to his previous article; and as we deny in toto the premises laid down in the article we are now considering, we shall not weary our readers with finding remedies for an evil which does not exist.

It may be when we have an opportunity of reading the Bishop's letter more at our leisure, we may find some other points worthy of notice, if so we shall consider ourselves at liberty to comment upon them, promising not to consume more space than he has in the present article.

MORE HORRORS!—The telegraph announced to us a day or two ago, that the ship "William and Mary," from Liverpool to New Orleans, had foundered at sea, and that a large number of emigrant passengers were lost. The details which have reached us add but little to the telegraphic despatch, but they are fearfully distinct and impressive. The "William and Mary," loaded with railroad iron, left Liverpool with *two hundred and eight passengers*, mostly emigrants. On the 3d of May she struck on a rock on one of keys of the Bahamas. The pumps were resorted to—the passengers worked for life—all was in vain—the boats, five in number, were got overboard, and two of them stove, leaving only a small boat, one long-boat, and one life-boat. These were manned by the captain, his mates and the crew, together with as many passengers as could be crowded into them. *The remainder of the passengers were left, on board, and in a few minutes after, i. e., about eight o'clock A. M., went down with the vessel.*

The captain and six of the crew were picked up by the brig Reuben Cower, and brought into *New York*," and such is the horrible tale they tell. What became of the other two boats is not known. The probability is, as the sea was high, and they were overloaded, they went down also. *Over two hundred beings perished in this one accident!*

We have no heart for comment. The gurgings of the poor victims are in our ears, which are still ringing with the wails of slaughtered hecatombs by railroads and steamboats.

THE MAIL TRAIN on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, due last evening at 5 o'clock, did not arrive until half past 8 o'clock. The detention was caused by heavy rains on the west end of the line, between Wooster and Crestline, where the track is not gravelled or properly settled. It was necessary to proceed with great caution, to insure safety. The Conductor, Mr. Cornelius, brought his train in safely with a large load of passengers. A strong force is at work on the track, and it will be in a good condition by to-day.

The heavy rains yesterday afternoon, which poassed over this place, brought down a great deal of wash on the track between this city and Hay's station, but it was promptly removed.

PRETTY GOOD.—Our neighbor of the *Journal*, speaking of Joe Barker's mission to Cincinnati, remarks that prophets are not without honor, except at home. The Cincinnati Gazette retorts, that Joe must have been honored at home, as he was the predecessor of the editor of the Journal in the important office of Mayor of Pittsburgh!

TOILET SOAP.—The Messrs. Sawyers, on Wood street, are manufacturing a very fine article of Toilet Soap, which is fully equal to any ordinary toilet soap manufactured abroad, and is *afforded at a rate so low as will doubtless lead to* its speedy introduction into general use. We learn that they find sale for it as fast as it can be made. We are glad to see this branch of Pittsburgh manufactures flourishing, along with all the rest.

MONONGAHELA SLACKWATER IMPROVEMENT.—At the meeting held last night, in behalf of the extension of this improvement to the State Line, the best of feeling prevailed; owing, however, to the short notice, the meeting was not as large as it should have been. A committee of active men was appointed to canvass the city for subscriptions, with instructions to report at an adjourned meeting to be held to-morrow night.—This committee will wait upon our citizens to-day and to-morrow; and we trust they will meet with the success they deserve. We trust, also, that the meeting to-morrow night will be a full one.

For a full report of the proceedings of the meeting held last night, see our local column.

THE "WESTMINSTER REVIEW" for April, is on our table. It opens with an able article on the effect of Emancipation in Jamaica, which is followed by the usual variety of this excellent Magazine. For sale by Gildenfenny & Co., Fourth street, and Miner & Co., Smithfield street.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The determined efforts made in different parts of the country to break up our common school system, evidently belong to the settled policy of Rome. Wherever in Europe the priesthood gets into power, it takes the whole business of education into its own hands, laughing to scorn the pretensions of other sects to educate their own children. In France they demanded and obtained of Louis Napoleon the control of the schools as the price of their support. At Naples no man is allowed to teach, unless he can produce a certificate of confession and orthodoxy.—Not being able to play the same game here, they are seeking to get under exclusive direction the children of their adherents, with a view of gradually building up a sort of distinct class, a separate Catholic nationality in our midst.—With the compact organization of a large sect, moulded by education to reverence and obey the authority of the priesthood, it would be easy for the cardinals at Rome to hold the balance of power in nearly all the large cities in our country, in many of the States, and perhaps in the entire Union. Persons who are themselves indifferent to Catholicism, or who consider it effete, incline to regard the papal authority as longsighting. This is a great error. At no period since the Reformation, has Rome been more enterprising. She hopes not only to recover the old world, but subdue the new. This end she is pursuing coolly, judiciously and systematically. If she cannot attain it this century, she hopes to do so in the next. The "Church" never dies or grows old.

We believe she is doomed to disappointment. The spirit of the age is against her. Society has an abiding consciousness of the necessity of education. Children are no longer considered as chattels, forming part of the property of their parents or guardians, but as individuals endowed with a natural right to instruction and enlightenment—rights not to be brutally disregarded because they cannot be violently enforced. Parents are no longer supposed to be armed with the right to hedge up their offspring within the narrow prejudices of a sect, to cut them off from social intercourse with persons of their own age, to debar them the intellectual aliment commonly accessible, and to debar them from forming friendships and strengthening sympathies with the society in which they expect to live—Education is now required by public opinion in America to be universal and republican, not narrow and sectarian.

The question pressed, in its anxiety to fortify its power by getting the control of the young and shaping their ideas, utters the most startling absurdities. It declares it impossible for the children of different sects to learn arithmetic, spelling, geography, algebra and book-keeping together without a violation of the rights of conscience. A world have we believe in every teacher, must avail himself of the opportunities afforded by his position to saturate his pupils with notions on transubstantiation, the divinity of the Virgin Mary, moral ability and physical inability, and the relative merits of the Douay and the King James translation. The priests ask us to make no general provision for the education of the young, unless they are to have the execution of it. They will accept no compromise.

The Catholic laity is not so unreasonable. No firmer friends of general education are found than many upright, honest, Christian men of the pope. They are willing—nay, anxious—to aid in sustaining the Common Schools. All they ask is that neither Catholicism nor Protestantism shall be taught in them; that religious education shall be left to parents, and that teachers shall not be allowed to answer questions of Christianity, science and industry. These demands are just. let them be granted. What is better, let the terms of the compromise be observed.—*Phila. Register.*

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The *Philadelphia Register*, in commenting on the published exhibit of the earnings of this road for the last four months, adds the following well-timed remarks, which are worthy of serious attention, especially as they emanate from Philadelphia:

"While speaking in this strain, which the actual business of the road so well justifies, we take occasion to remark that complaints are made of the management of the Passenger department. The managers cannot lay too much stress on this matter. *There should be no possible ground for complaint.* Every appliance for safety, speed and comfort that liberality and ingenuity can devise, should be secured. On this latter head, comfort, there should be particular care bestowed upon the class of eating houses on the way. We suggest to the managers an excursion to Springfield, Massachusetts—to see what sort of a table is there spread for the flying guests by railroad. It has all the order, neatness and excellence, in materials and service, of the best city hotels, and the consequence is that the roads passing through Springfield have a reflected popularity from this fact alone. Our own experience in Pennsylvania does not tally with this; and there is no excuse for any shortcoming. Of varied travellers from the West, require to eat their meals at ease, and not have them unexceptionable. The eating houses should all be under the immediate control of the Company, and not made speculations for harpies, upon the stomachs and purses of those who they know cannot stop a minute to complain or to redress their grievances. We could have our great State thoroughfare a model for every other in every respect,—and we make no apology for offering our notions of deficiencies and requisite reforms, under this head of Money and Stocks, which is rarely savored with anything so palatable as an inkling of a good dinner."

ARRIVAL OF THE ITALIAN REFUGEES.—The Sardinian Sloop of War Il Giovanni, 20 guns, arrived at this port yesterday morning, with 64 of the Italian refugees compromised in the late Lombardo-Venetian Insurrection at Milan. The Il Giovanni received national salutes from Fort Hamilton, and Governor's and Bedloe's Islands. She made the passage from Genoa in thirty-five days. On her entering the harbor of New York, a Portuguese brig saluted her, while a Neapolitan barque from Palermo refused a similar compliment. The Il Giovanni carried at her mast-head the green, white and red flag of Sardinia, with red shield and white cross in the centre. In addition to the refugees, the Il Giovanni brings articles for the World's Fair at New York. She came to anchor off the Battery, where she now lies.—*N. Y. Courier.*

DRIED FRUIT.—There has been a great decline in the price of this article in most if not all the western markets. More dried fruit is sold perhaps in this market annually than any other in the Union, and it is therefore one of the staple commodities of trade. The stock of apples here and elsewhere is large, and within two months the market rate has fallen *fifty* per cent. Good apples can be had by the quantity for 85@90c. At Cincinnati from last accounts they were only worth 80@85c. Peaches sell considerably higher, but they could have committed to a considerable decline. Prime, in fact, cannot be sold here at over $2@2 25 per bushel. A few who have sent large quantities of fruit to this city for sale, will be somewhat disappointed in their account of sales. Few or none have been taken this season for the California emigration, and the consequence is there is a large supply, particularly of apples, left on hand.—*St. Louis News.*

SALE OF VIRGINIA COPPER MINES.—We learn from the Wasvington (Va.) Flag that Mr. Thos. S. Hall, of Fauquier county, has sold his copper mine to a New York company for $15,000—reserving also an interest of one-eighth in the property. Dr. Talliaferro, who owns a copper mine or contiguous land, some time ago sold it for $8,000, reserving a similar interest of one-eighth. The operations at these mines have thus far given promise of rich yields and profitable results.—*Balt. Sun.*

WE GIVE below a table showing the comparative receipts of a number of our railways, during the months of April 1852 and 1853, which will be interesting as showing the increase of travel and transportation.

	1852.	1853.	Increase.
Ohio and Penna. RR.	$18,327 55	$ 42,474 87	$23,147 14
Mich. Southern R.R.	48,474 06	112 555 87	64 083 81
N. Y. and N. Il. RR.	56,817 39	91,452 86	34,635 47
Mich. and Wor. RR.	21,353 07	32,256 26	9,103 19
Ohio and Penn. RR.	23,34 4 91	37,477 10	14,132 19
Long Island RR.	19,09 0 24	37,268 39	18,178 15
Michigan Central RR.	91,994 00	101,094 73	9,100 73
Rattle Mount. RR.	46,918 00	61,918 00	15,000 00
Ills. Cent. R. Dept. RR	20,481 23)	39,021 84	18,570 65

A MAYOR FINED.—The Mayor of New York City has been fined five dollars for allowing a servant girl in his employ to wash the pavement in front of his residence after hours.

Connellsville Railroad.

☞ AT A MEETING of Citizens of Elizabeth Township, and Borough, held on the 10th instant, the undersigned were appointed as a Committee to call a GENERAL MEETING of the friends of the above mentioned improvement, to be held in the BOROUGH OF ELIZABETH, on TUESDAY, the 24th of MAY, instant. A large attendance is expected, and the Officers and Stockholders of the Company are hereby respectfully requested to favor the Meeting with their presence on the occasion. The Meeting will convene at 11 o'clock A.M. on the day above named.

SAMUEL FREW,
SAMUEL WALKER,
J. E. SHAFFER,
E. PERCIVAL.

Elizabeth, May 14, 1853. my17dtd

☞ THE CHRONICLE OF THIS DAY will contain Bishop O'Connor's Letter upon the Common School System. my19it

☞ H. WILLIAMS has removed his Select School to that very eligible room of Mr. Bell's, at the corner of *Ferry* and Liberty streets—entrance on Ferry street. It will be the constant aim while imparting a knowledge of the branches studied, to cultivate the heart and instil correct principles. We have long known Mr. Williams as a faithful, efficient and successful teacher.

Richard Bard, H. P. Cain, S. B. Johnson, George F. Gilmore, Moses F. Eaton, A. H. English & Co., John L. Russell, A. L. Russell, William Larimer Jr., David Hunt, John Mecaskey, John F. Loy, Alexander Laughlin, John B. Warden, William C. Warden, R. C. Stockton, Francis G. Bailey, John Herron, David Elliott, George Albree. my18dtf

☞ ANOTHER CASE OF FEVER AND AGUE CURED.—A few days ago we recorded an astonishing cure of Fever and Ague by the use of Dr. M'Lane's Liver Pills. We have now another to mention, viz: that of James Sharpe, of Madisonburg, who states that he had labored under a very severe attack of Ague and Fever, and was soon restored by the use of these Pills. Mr. Sharpe also expresses an opinion, founded on observation, that the Liver Pills are the best for bilious complaints ever offered in this section of country.

Although long known as a sovereign remedy for chronic cases of Hepatic derangement, or diseases of the Liver, the proprietors of Dr. M'Lane's Liver Pills have not prepared for the frequent but gratifying evidences of his general utility and curative capacity. In this respect, the invaluable medicine has exceeded their most sanguine expectations, and that said tavern is now kept by JESSE PLANKINTON.

We, the subscribers, citizens of said township, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and convenience for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travellers, and that said tavern is necessary.

JESSE PLANKINTON.

We, the undersigned, citizens of the Ward aforesaid, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and convenience for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travellers, and that said tavern is necessary.

T. ATKINSON.

We, the undersigned, citizens of the Third Ward, Allegheny, in the county aforesaid, humbly sheweth: that the petitioner has improved himself, with materials for the accommodation of travelers, and others, at his dwelling house in the Ward aforesaid, and prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant him a license to keep a Public House of entertainment: And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray.

T. ATKINSON.

We, the undersigned, citizens of the Ward aforesaid, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and convenience for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travellers, and that said tavern is necessary.

We, the subscribers, citizens of said township, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and convenience for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travellers, and that said tavern is necessary.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the county of Allegheny.

The petition of JULIA DOUGHERTY, of the Second Ward of Pittsburgh, in the county aforesaid, humbly sheweth, that your petitioner hath provided herself with materials for the accommodation of travellers and others at her dwelling house in the city aforesaid: And prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant her a license to keep a table house of entertainment, and your petitioner as in duty bound, will pray. JULIA DOUGHERTY.

We, the undersigned citizens of the Ward aforesaid, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and convenience for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travellers, and that said tavern is necessary.

William J. Anderson, Bernard Burns, James Irwin, Charles Irwin, Robert Smith, George Parsons, Isaac Murdock, Asher Lemon, Esq. Peter Pearson, John M. Irwin, A. Wilson, David Campbell. my19d3d

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Allegheny.

The petition of JESSE PLANKINTON, of Pine Township, humbly sheweth, That your petitioner hath provided himself with materials for the accommodation of travelers and others, at his dwelling house in said Township, and prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant him a license to keep a Public House of entertainment: And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray.

JESSE PLANKINTON.

We, the subscribers, citizens of said township, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for honesty and temperance, and is well provided with house room and convenience for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travellers, and that said tavern is necessary.

JESSE PLANKINTON.

☞ WE DIRECT the attention of our readers to the advertisement of "MOSES'S INVIGORATING CORDIAL," to be found upon the fourth page.

Third Annual Statement

OF THE STATE MUTUAL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Harrisburg

Abets of the Company, May 1, 1853.....$ 149 97
Premiums rec'd. year ending May 1, 1853..... 128,471 17
Returned premiums, Losses, Re-insurance, Expenses, &c..... 87,225 58

Capital stock paid in and secured..... 100,000 00
Bonds, Mortgages, Loans, and stock securities..... 240,770 20
Cash on hands, and in hands of Agents..... 18,045 18

Total assets liable for losses, May 1, 1853..... $358,815 38

JOHN P. RUTHERFORD, Dauphin county;
P. C. S. REDWICK, Harrisburg;
SAMUEL JONES, Philadelphia;
A. WILKINS, Banker, Pittsburgh;
A. A. CARRIER, Harrisburg;
JOHN R. RUTHERFORD, Dauphin county;
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ROBERT KLOTZ, Dauphin county.

JOHN P. RUTHERFORD, President.
A. J. GILLAM, Secretary.

Will insure against perils of sea and inland navigation; also, on merchandize in all its variety, on steamboats, canal boats, and on vessels in port. Also, on dwelling houses, either perpetually or for a term of years.

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PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF STOCKS.

☞ Office over S. Jones & Co., corner Wood and Fourth streets. ja15

A. H. HOLMES & BRO.,

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REMOVAL.

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IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c. &c.

Have removed to their new and extensive store, No. 52 Wood street, four doors above the St. Charles Hotel, where their customers, merchants generally, are invited to an examination of the most complete assortment ever offered in this city. my19

REMOVAL.

POSTLEY, NELSON & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

HAMMERED AND CAST STEEL SHOVELS AND SPADES, GUN BARRELS, SOLID BOX VICES, PICKS, SLEDGES, MATTOCKS, &c. &c. &c.

Have removed to No. 17 Market street, where their customers, and merchants generally, are invited to call and examine our stock, before purchasing elsewhere. Having taken the agency for the sale of Messrs. N. Harper & Co.'s celebrated HAY AND MANURE FORK, we are now prepared to furnish a superior article of Forks at Eastern prices. jan4:3m

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☞ My stock embraces every variety and style of Boots, Shoes, Brogans, &c., purchased direct from the New England Manufacturers, adapted expressly to the Spring and Summer sales, and will be sold at satisfactory prices; comparing favorably with those of Philadelphia and New York. Purchasers will please call and examine before buying. mh7

Carriages For Sale.

THE undersigned has just received from the East, at his GARRIAGE REPOSITORY AND WAREHOUSE, situated near the Two mile Run, between Pittsburgh and Lawrenceville, a splendid assortment of vehicles of every description, and will continue to rece