

THE CONTINGENCY OF "INABILITY."

Dr. J. G. Holland, writing in The Century Magazine for November (recently Scribner's Monthly) of the question of "Inability," made the following plea for giving the Vice-President a more important part in our political system:

While President Garfield's life was trembling in the balance, there were, of course, strong considerations which made against the assumption of presidential duty by the Vice-President, but there can be no question that the contingency which the Constitution names as the basis of such an assumption existed during this whole period. It was a genuine case of "inability." Why was not the Vice-President engaged in the performance of his duty during this period? We suppose, in the first place, that such an assumption of duty might have had a depressing effect upon the President, and so might have hindered his recovery. There would have been abundant popular sympathy with this view, and there is doubtless a great multitude of people who would have regarded this assumption of a plain duty as indicative and inconsiderate under the circumstances. The real difficulty, however, was further back than this, and is time it were fully discussed and understood.

The American people have regarded the Vice-President as one who formed no part of an administration, but only as one chosen to take a dead President's place, and to have no important function except in the contingency of death. In all respects he is regarded as a possible President, and not as one who forms any part of any administration, except when, by the death of the President, he comes into an administration of his own. For instance, or illustration, we saw Vice-President Arthur operating at Albany in the interest of an enemy of the administration, so little did he regard himself as having any identification with the interests of the President elected with him on the same ticket, by the same votes. If Vice-President Arthur had been a member of the Government, with a seat in the Cabinet, he could not possibly have made this signal blunder. And here is the difficulty.—We have made the Vice-President the president of the Senate, so as to give him something to do, but there is not the slightest natural relation between his office of Vice-President and the Senate. Where he belongs in the Cabinet. We know of no way in which he can be identified with the Government, except by giving him a voice in its councils, and were this done, it would be easy for him to reside in the absence or inability of the President. We do not have any trouble of this kind with the Lieutenant-Governor of a State, or with the vice-president of a corporation. The latter would not think of electing a new board of directors as a preliminary to his engaging in presidential duties, in case of the absence or sickness of the president. Then why must our vice-presidential function be so clumsy a matter?

If our Vice-Presidents, upon assuming presidential duties, had not taken on the idea that they must revolutionize everything, and have a cabinet of their own choosing, and if the politicians and the people did not the choosing, and if the politicians and the people did not expect them to do it, we should have less difficulty. We elect a President, and he chooses his advisers and organizes a government. This is exactly what the people have elected him to do. He is the prime favorite and the trusted leader of his party, and it is this government of which the Vice-President should be a member, and over which he should be called upon to preside whenever his superior may be disabled. On the death of Mr. Lincoln, Andrew Johnson declared that he "did not propose to administer upon the estate of Abraham Lincoln." It was his way of saying that he was not, and never had been, a part of the government under Lincoln—that he did not propose to approve his policy, and did not propose to continue it. We all know how little he won to his own reputation by his changes, and how little the country had reason to rejoice in them.

Now it seems to us that there ought not to have been any formal meeting of the Cabinet after the President was shot, without Vice-President Arthur in the chair. If there were no formal meetings, on account of the absence of the President, then there undoubtedly ought to have been. It ought to be easy for a Vice-President to take the President's place. We do not know how it ever can be, unless in some way the Vice-President is identified with the Government, and we do not see how he can be identified with the Government, unless he has a seat in its deliberations. It has been a great mistake to separate the Vice-President from all administrative functions. We see no reason why it is not just as proper to give him a vote in the Cabinet as a casting vote in the Senate. One is certainly no more arbitrary than the other, while the reasons for attaching him to, and identifying him with, the Government far outweigh all that can be urged for retaining

him as president of the Senate. It has always been a curse to the country—this maintenance of separate interests and separate ambitions on the part of those holding the vice-presidential office. Hitherto, those who, through the death of the President, have come into the presidential office, have been, without an exception, failures. They have undertaken to institute a policy and government of their own, and to make their administrations widely different from those of their predecessors. What John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, and Andrew Johnson did, the country is only too familiar with. They disgraced themselves, and damaged the country. If they had all simply undertaken to "administer upon the estates" of their predecessors, they would have achieved a sweet renown, but they set themselves up as wiser men, of a divergent or opposing policy, and miserably failed.

By making our Vice President members of the Government, they would not only be ready to assume presidential functions without a jar, in case of "inability" on the part of the President, but they would find themselves so thoroughly en rapport with the Government, in case of the President's death, that they would not be tempted to make fools of themselves by establishing a new government. There ought to be some way devised for securing an end so devoutly to be desired, and now is the time to devise and enact it. Wise men and good legislators ought to find some way of identifying the Vice President with the administration of his own party and time. It would save the country from infinite trouble and loss. If President Garfield could have trustfully and confidently laid all his responsibilities upon Mr. Arthur's shoulders, from the time he was shot, it would have done more for his recovery than anything else we can think of.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The corner stone for the Garfield Memorial Church was laid Sunday.

BARON JAMES ROTHSCHILD died at his residence, in the avenue de Friedland, Paris, on Tuesday.

On Monday a rifled gun was cast at the Scott Works in Reading, a 6-inch bore, intended to carry solid shot from 10 to 12 miles.

FIVE tons of gold have been received at New York this week to pay for grain; and four tons more on the way. Europe is a good customer and pays cash.

DR. SCHLEMMANN has arrived at Constantinople, and the German Embassy has asked the Porte for a firm authorizing the continuance of his excavations at Hissarik.

CADET WHITTAKER has appeared in the role of concert manager. His first concert was given in Chickering Hall, New York, Thursday night. All his artists were coloured, and his concert was quite successful.

THE president nominated ex Governor Edwin D. Morgan, of New York, to the Senate on Monday, to be secretary of the treasury, and was confirmed as such. He is since reported to have declined.

Judge Folger, of New York, was nominated as secretary of the treasury by the President Thursday, and was confirmed by the Senate.

REV. EDWARD J. O'REILLY, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, New York city, died in that city Tuesday evening, aged 57 years. He was born in Savannah, Ga., and was educated at Mt. St. Mary's College, in Emmitsburg, Md., where he was graduated with high honors. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Fordham, N. Y., where he completed his course, and was ordained in the old Cathedral of New York by the late Archbishop Hughes.

NEW ORLEANS, October 16.—Gov. Wiltz died at 12.30 a. m. to day.—On Wednesday morning he was in an extreme condition of exhaustion, and had several fainting spells. It was thought then that his death might occur at any moment while in a swoon. His mind was remarkably clear, his manner calm and composed to the end. Though all along aware of his moribund condition, he has not shown the least fear of death. Governor Wiltz was much emaciated. His memory remained good, and he often inquired of his visitors as to their personal concerns, as if still interested in worldly affairs, notwithstanding his near approach to the grave. He died calmly.

Threatening Floods in the West.

CHICAGO, October 26.—A dispatch from Keokuk reports a continued alarming rise in the Mississippi.—The town of Alexandria is completely inundated. The city levees near there broke and the water was overflowing the Wabash railway embankment in the southern part of the city. A number of citizens have gone to Warsaw and Keokuk for protection. It is believed there is much danger of increased floods at Quincy, Ill., as the water is still very high.

QUINCY, ILL., October 26.—The Mississippi at this point is now higher than at any time since 1851. The running of trains on the Quincy, Alton and St. Louis branch of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad has had to be abandoned on account of the weakening of the bridge over Curtis creek, one mile south of this city. Trains are run to and from Hannibal via Palmyra, over the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS A TRUE TONIC A PERFECT STRENGTHENER. A SURE REVIVER. IRON BITTERS are highly recommended for all diseases requiring a certain and efficient tonic; especially Indigestion, Lymphatic, Intermitting Fevers, Want of Appetite, Loss of Strength, Insanity, etc.

PROVERBS. "No one can be sick when the stomach, blood, liver and kidneys are healthy, and Hop Bitters keep them so." "The greatest nourishing tonic, appetizer, strengthener and curative on earth.—Hop Bitters." "It is impossible to remain long sick or out of health, where Hop Bitters are used."

HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED STOMACH BITTERS Diminished Vigor Is reimbursed in great measure, to those troubled with weak kidneys, by a judicious use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which invigorates and stimulates without exciting the urinary organs.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphan's Court for Frederick County, Letters Testamentary upon the estate of ELLEN C. EYSTER, late of Frederick County, deceased.

EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL. To Sell a Household Article. THE poor as well as the rich, the old as well as the young, the wife, as well as the husband, the young maiden, as well as the boy may just as well earn a few dollars in honest employment, as to sit around the house and wait for others to care for them.

Look Here! Jno. T. Long, BUTCHER, EMMITSBURG, MD. Best quality of Butcher meat always to be had. Families in the town and vicinity supplied every Tuesday and Saturdays, at the door.

SHERIFFALTY. To the Voters of Frederick County: Feeling grateful for the interest manifested in my behalf before, and at the County Convention held in 1879, by so many of my friends throughout the county, and as I then stated, I now announce myself as a candidate for the next Sheriffalty of Frederick county.

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HILL'S LIGHTNING BAG TIES. Now that the Threshing Season is at hand, see to it that you have a supply of and don't waste time with the old-fashioned way of tying, and run the risk of spilling your grain. For sale at this office.

WHITE BRONZE! THE MONUMENTAL BRONZE CO. of Bridgeport, Conn., are now introducing their beautiful MONUMENTS into this country. Their Agents, U. A. & J. Q. LOUGH, who have given the White Bronze their entire attention, and find for Strength, Durability & Color.

GUTHRIE & BEAM. Livery, Sales and Exchange STABLES, EMMITSBURG, MD. ARE always prepared to accommodate the public with conveyances of all kinds on Reasonable Terms!

MOTTER, MAXELL & CO., AT THE DEPOT, DEALERS IN GRAIN & PRODUCE COAL LUMBER AND FERTILIZERS WAGON MAKING AND TURNING IN ALL STYLES, AT THE FOUNDRY SHOPS. July 14-ly

G. T. EYSTER AND Bro. HILL'S Lightning Bag Ties. Are a success in every respect give them a trial and be convinced. Millions in actual use. A general agent wanted in every state to sell to the Hardware trade. Sample Doz. and Terms by Mail, Post paid, 25 cts.

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CASTILIAN LINIMENT! Warranted to relieve effectually, every kind of pain, for which an external remedy can be used. RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, TOOTHACHE, CHILBLAINS, SORE THROAT, CORNS, &c., &c. As it is not put up in fancy bottles, it can be sold very much cheaper than any other Liniment ever offered to the public.

VALUABLE REMEDY, in this neighborhood, I earnestly invite all who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, ACHES OR PAINS, of any kind, to call at the office of the "Emmitsburg Chronicle," I will be happy to supply them, at a price, low enough to suit the slenderest purse, and also to satisfy them as to the efficacy of the article offered. PAUL MOTTER.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY FOR YOUNG LADIES. CONDUCTED BY THE SISTERS OF CHARITY, NEAR EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND. THIS Institution is pleasantly situated in a healthy and picturesque part of Frederick County, Maryland, half a mile from Emmitsburg, and two miles from Mount St. Mary's College. It was commenced in 1869, and incorporated by the Legislature of Maryland in 1876. The buildings are convenient and spacious.

GROFF HOUSE. THE OLD RELIABLE FARMER'S HOME. Comfortable Rooms and WELL SUPPLIED TABLE. CAPT. JOSEPH GROFF has again taken charge of his well-known Hotel, on North Market Street, Frederick, where his friends and the public generally, will always be welcomed and well served. Terms very moderate, and everything to suit the times. JOSEPH GROFF Proprietor.

TAX-PAYERS' NOTICE. THE Collector will visit the following places in the county for the accommodation of Tax Payers and hope that they will avail themselves of this opportunity to pay up: Sabillasville, at Sten's Hotel, Wednesday, Nov. 19th; Mechanicstown, at the Gilbert House, Thursday, November 10th; Emmitsburg, at the Emmit House, Monday, 14th, 15th and 16th; Oak Orchard, at Franklin's Store, Thursday, November 17th; Johnsville, at Lott Hartssock's Store, Friday, November 18th; Liberty, at Munshower's Hotel, on Saturday, November 19th; Middletown, at H. K. Young's Hotel, on Monday, November 21; Wolfsville, at J. W. Hoover's Store, November 22d; Myersville, at Upton Bulrman's Store, Wednesday, November 23d; Burkittsville, at Casper Pfeiffer's Store, Thursday, November 24th.

Mt. St. Mary's College AN IMPORTANT CHANGE. IN ORDER to enable parents living in this neighbourhood to obtain for their sons a College education, combined with the advantages of family life and discipline, the President and Council of Mt. St. Mary's College, have modified their rules so as to admit day scholars to the classes, on the same footing with the boarders. Terms:—For day scholars, boarding at home, in either the classical or commercial course, per session of five months, \$30 00. Apply to the President, J. Fitzgerald.

VASSAR COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For the Liberal Education of Women Examinations for entrance, Sept. 14th. Catalogues sent on application to W. L. DEAN, Registrar.

