

Canada the other over Mexico, and he holdeth the continent in his claws!

It was sad news to us, on arriving at Cincinnati, to find that Asiatic cholera was making its appearance again in the city. They had suffered from it severely in the preceding year. The papers, also, informed us that it was strong on the line of the Mississippi river; and this had made us the more anxious to halt at Cincinnati before we went on to St. Louis. I wished to make it my head quarters while studying the capabilities of the land of the neighbouring countries: and we looked out for a house in which to place our family. A furnished house could no more be rented here than at Bordeaux: nay, even unfurnished houses were not to be had. They cannot build them as fast as they are wanted for their own occupation. I inquired for one of the nice looking houses on the hills, in the outskirts of the town, with trim gardens about them, and which enjoyed splendid views: but I was informed that all those belonged to "the upper crust" of the town, and that they were not to be let. One, indeed, of these was offered to

me ; but I discovered that six people had died in it of the cholera during the last summer. The upper crust owner of this one puffed it, therefore, in vain.

My friend, the Very Rev. Edward Purcell, called on me in his buggy and took me out to see the ecclesiastical seminary that had been lately built by his brother, the archbishop. We passed out of the town and along a very dusty road, which, in other respects, was not a bad one, though occasionally mended with planks. We passed numerous tea-gardens, and rose among the hills. The scenery became very varied ; the hills were steep and broken. We circled about them, to catch different points of view ; and, at length, came to the Seminary. It was a large, handsome building, only just completed : as yet, it was unfurnished, uninhabited ; the classes were not yet organised : all this was to be done when the archbishop should return from Europe. The rooms were very large and lofty. We passed through them all and out upon the shingle roof : for, be it known, that tiles and slates are here made of wood, which, being

covered with gas tar, look as well as stone and, I believe, last a matter of thirty years. The masters of the vessels that trade from New York to Newfoundland or New Orleans, are said, by the captains of outward bound vessels, to drop such on the sea as they go along, in order that they may be able to find their way back again ; as Jack the Giant Killer dropped marbles from his pockets.

The view from this seminary was magnificent. On the edge of one of the highest hills where they encircle Cincinnati, it overlooked pretty glens, to the right and left, and the whole of the busy, reeking city underneath ; it overlooked the blue river winding between it and its opposite suburbs,—winding between the cultivated hills of Ohio and the green forest-clad mountains of Kentucky. It was a beautiful prospect.

I urged Mr. Purcell to allow me to rent and inhabit the seminary, that we might enjoy the views and the pure air that breathed around. We would furnish our floor, and surrender the whole so soon as it was needed for ecclesiastical purposes. He laughed off

my request. I know not why he hesitated to grant it. Perhaps he thought that our plan of spending some time in America, and of settling our boys there, was a fancy that would soon pass away. "It would never suit your evident habits and ideas," he said to my wife. "The only chance of getting along for such as you, would be for you to go into a slave state. You will not find here the servants and the manners necessary to what you think your comforts."

Yet in his love and admiration of America and of the character of the natives, Mr. Purcell was enthusiastic. He declared them to be the most kind-hearted people in the world: passionate, to a degree that would terrify, but their anger soon wearing away. Religious?—that was their own affair: he spoke not as an ecclesiastic: the men had not time to think of religion: but they were without prejudices; frank; intelligent. He was fond of considering himself an American; although, in real fact, I believe he is Irish-born. He cannot be an American; otherwise, according to his own showing, he would have long since forgotten

his anger against me for that I remonstrated with him for having removed my sons from college to college without my sanction or knowledge.

I made inquiries about the purchase of land; and was informed that the State no longer possessed any great quantity in Ohio: that all had been sold except some small portions in the north: and that the office for the sale of public lands had, therefore, been removed to Defiance, as being nearest to the tracts still undisposed off. The town of Defiance, however, is on the Maumee river, in a marshy and unhealthy part of the country; and, on this account, it was that these public lands still hung on hand.

I went to some of the many private estate agencies in Cincinnati and heard of several desirable locations, confirmatory of the opinion I had formed of the soil as I travelled in the railway cars from Sandusky. All agreed that the country about Chilicothe and on the Scioto River, flowing from Columbus to the Ohio, was as rich as any in North America: but all agreed, also, that the proprietors of it knew