

Torquemada or a John Knox, by a fanatic or a gentle enthusiast, by a pure, high-souled woman or the public hangman. Excess of love in such a matter is as perilous as excess of hate."

Sir Richard Burton was a most extraordinary man. He could speak fluently about forty languages and dialects. On several occasions he mixed with native tribes of Asia, as one of themselves without discovery. He was a most voluminous writer, having published some thirty volumes of travel and adventure.

He wrote a very elaborate and instructive book on Utah and the "Mormons." It was impartially written, and "Mormonism" was investigated from a purely secular standpoint. In all his writings there is nothing immoral, nor even suggestive, and how he could come to spending the closing years of his life in an immoral work it is difficult to conceive. If Lady Burton destroyed the manuscript, without submitting it to a jury of literary men, she is guilty of a libel on the dead husband's memory from which no protestations about religion will exculpate her.

Sir Richard was appointed British consul at Trieste in 1872 when Charles Lever, the Irish novelist who held it, died. It was a miserable reward for a scholar and explorer like Burton, who was worthy of any of the highest offices under the British Crown. Like Lever, he was born in Ireland, and perhaps that was why he succeeded him in the consulship. Unless Lady Burton has resorted to a skilful dodge of advertising her husband's book she appears to be guilty of a gross insult to his memory. It is possible the manuscript may not have been burnt after all.

WORLD'S FAIR ATTRACTIONS.

REPORTS from Chicago state that the foundations of the World's Fair buildings are being laid, and that the work of construction will be pushed energetically in the future. It is also stated that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Illinois Central Railroad for the switching business incidental to the Fair. A rate of \$5.00 has been agreed on for each car switched from other roads, and delivered at Jackson Park.

The finance committee is about to levy another assessment of 20 per cent. on the capital stock of the exposition. After this is paid in the receipts will amount to \$3,900,000, and then the \$5,000,000 conditionally granted by the city of Chicago can be drawn on.

Special commissioners have been appointed for Australia and British India. Steps are being taken, which it is hoped will induce Italy to

take part in the Exposition. A full blooded Indian, named Cussick, has been appointed to take charge of the Indian department, and altogether everything indicates that the Fair will be a magnificent success.

Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Michigan are discussing a plan by which a joint building is to be erected at a cost of \$100,000. This alone will make a permanent feature of the Fair, while it will accommodate the exhibits of the four States much more easily than so many small and cramped buildings would.

The Exposition will be dedicated in 1892. The committee on ceremonies has adopted a programme for four days carnival during the dedication. The ceremonies will be held October 11, 12, 13 and 14 of 1892. In carrying out the programme \$150,000 will be expended. One hundred thousand troops will be in line, with General Schofield in command. The military manoeuvres will include illustrations of the attack and defense of a position, in which all branches of the service will participate. A grand dedication ball will be given on the 13th, and on the 14th the officers of the World's Columbian Exposition will give a reception in the Administration building. The affair promises to be the grandest in the history of the world's pageants.

THE ACTUAL RESULTS.

THE results of the school election July 13th are gratifying in many respects. They show that without organization or party management, without committees or block captains, without checkers or challengers to detect bogus "Liberal" voters, the Citizens' ticket was elected with good majorities in two precincts, and the "Liberal" majorities were considerably cut down all through the city.

Of course, the "Liberal" organ, in flaming headlines, claims the victory, announces that it was "a sweeping Liberal success," "the greatest ever won," and that it was gained by "increased majorities everywhere." When was it ever known to tell the truth? The figures show that at the school election a year ago, the total number of registered voters was 7,621. The number at this election was 10,273. This is an increase on the lists of 2,652. Of this increase the "Liberals" claim three-fourths.

The "Liberal" majorities ought, then, to have been much greater than at the school election of 1890. But the returns show that the total vote cast by the "Liberals," giving them the largest vote on their two candidates in

the First Precinct was 2,942, or averaging the two votes to make the total exactly fair, 2935. The total vote of the Citizens' ticket was 2,254, but, averaging the two votes in the First Precinct, it was 2,263. This gives a "Liberal" majority in the whole city of 672. The "Liberal" majority a year ago was 1,039, therefore, instead of an increase, as there should have been with the enormously increased registration, there was an actual decrease of 367 in the total majority.

These figures will be prompters for the people for the August election. The city will then vote as a whole. A majority of 672 has to be overcome. To effect this the people will have to rally to the polls. There must be effective organization and means to bring out all the voters. Also, reliable men must be chosen to act as challengers at every polling place. A great many of the citizens did not vote on Monday. The "Liberals" were hunted out and carried to the polls, and, if reports from reliable sources are true, many illegal votes were cast, particularly in the First Precinct.

The expectation of the "Liberal" faction is that they can then carry the city because there will be two opposing tickets in the field—the Democratic and the Republican. These parties respectively should make such arrangements as will secure a fair and pure election. That is, see to it that every citizen who has a legal right to vote shall be free to cast his ballot, and that persons not legally entitled to vote shall be excluded from the polls.

The registration lists are crowded with the names of dead and absent persons and are kept so designedly. The total in the city is 10,273, the vote on Monday was but 5189. This gives opportunity for personations, a "Liberal" trick from the beginning. Heretofore there was little or no likelihoods of fraudulent voters being punished for their crime. With the changes that have come by reason of national party organizations here, the people will have a better show and the probabilities that justice will be done are greatly increased. This will be a powerful help at the August election.

The city can be carried as against the party of hate and obstruction if wisdom governs and vigilance is exercised. In the county the victory will be much easier. There is no reason why the "Liberal" majority of Monday, cut down so much from that of a year ago, cannot be entirely wiped out in August, in city and county. But work will have to be done and that systematically, or the lesson of Monday will be thrown away. It is time to begin the work at once.