PROFESSOR SWING ON SPELLING MATCHES

Professor Swing, of Chicago, being invited to attend a spelling match, not content with simply declining the invitation, saw fit to east the following foul and gratu, tous aspersions on his and our vernacular :-

DEAR SIR :--- I shall be out of the city on Friday evening, and shall not be able to attend the spelling tragedy of that evening. Could I be present, my remarks would be of a melanch ly nature. When I look out upon the outrageous conduct of the vowels and consonants that make up our English, the scene is "sad and dreary," and "I would not live always." The English language should be abolished. No doubt intemperance will pass away, the sources of the Nile will be approached by railway and will be decorated with a depot. and a rest urant, a bishop will be agreed upon for our diocese, the North Branch will abound with brook trout, but the man who shall look out upon that happy age, will sit down at his table and mourn as he tries to spell out a simple letter to his be full of those who went crazy over an HOUSTON & CAUSEY, effort to stand up last in spelling school. With inexpressible grief, yours,

DAVID SWING.

THE POWER OF DRY SAND.

According to Beandemoulin, if a quantity or dry sand be placed in a box of thin seleron, or even in a canvas bag, and abjected to a slight compression, it forms a mass capible of resisting a pressure of Party tons, without breaking or even straining the envelope. The sand, however, remains perfectly divisible, so that if a small kew slowly, and with so little force, that | SCOTT & DONNELL, even a small piece of paper pasted over the epening will check the flow, even with the sixty tons weight upon it. M. Beaudemoulin thinks this discovery may be utilized for building purposes, since the filled boxes need merely be held in place by a Frame-work ; while being very thick, they would form a protection for dwellings against variations of temperature. Such walls, moreover, would be fire-proof. It is also suggested that for lowering heavy buildings, or even entire buildings, which by a change of street wels, have been left too high above the roadway, the sand-bags could be placed beneath, and their contan's allowed gradually to escape, thus letting the load slowly settle down.

THE MCCLELLANS IN EGYPT.

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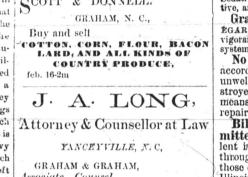
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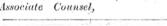
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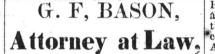
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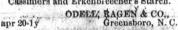
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