

COMMUNICATIONS.

TO THE MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION.

Ladies: In this fourth and last paper, the subject is treated upon the supposition that the purchase has been made. If, however, the contract for it has not been closed, as is likely, we premise that the funds actually raised be invested in loans to the United States, which is at present probably the best security, until the sum of principal and interest shall have become large enough to complete the purchase, unless, indeed, the sum already raised be sufficient to pay a large instalment on a purchase made on credit, being paid, ought to be invested in the purchase of American bonds and their ability to pay the last instalment. It is believed that operations upon the Washington Monument have not been suspended, though occasionally with an empty Treasury, upon the faith that the patriotism of the American people would not allow it to fall. If, inasmuch as this, it is suggested that the College and the building of charitable institutions, have been frequently built upon the good security of the contractors than the confident expectation that Public Benevolence and Liberty would raise the required funds. However this may be, and whether the purchase is made immediately or on time, it is suggested that the American people should be enabled to employ to legitimate their contract. Perhaps the Attorney General of the United States, or a retired Judge of the Supreme Court, would undertake this as a labor of love.

THE NEW ADVENT.

Experience proves that Jefferson, in saying in one of his disquisitions on government, that the Constitution should or would last more than one generation of eighteen years, spoke with much sagacity, it may, with the same probability, be said that no national party in a republican government can exist in full health beyond the same period. In fact, the same experience which teaches the one indicates to the other. That experience is the past history of our country; and, if necessary, we may go back to the Roman and Grecian Republics, where, if history is to be believed, the same Democratic rule was the habit of overturning and elevating the different interests as they became most popular with that ever-varying, Chameleon like thing, the popular will. In one we see first an empire, then a republic, or a form of one, and by turns despotisms, consularisms, triumvirates, and empires. And even in the more stable governments of absolute and limited monarchies, we notice that every few decades the people are refreshed by a new dynasty.

THE CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA.

There is a paper called the *Oriental*, or *Tung-Ngai San-Lau*, published weekly in San Francisco, of which a part is in English and a part in the Chinese character. From several copies of it that lie before us we gather some facts of interest, and which conflict with the generally reported statements in regard to the Chinese in California. The *Tung-Ngai*, &c., corrects the sentiments we had entertained as to the number of the children of the Flowery Land, that have immigrated to California. Instead of the large numbers set down by the State Senate Committee and by Governor Bigler, it does not allow that the present Chinese population exceeds 40,000.

THE BOUNTY LAND BILL.

The following is the proposed bill which has passed. It is now in the Senate bill, but a substitute therefor offered by Mr. Richardson, of Ohio, differing, however, in but few particulars from the one now before the House.

SLAVERY AND COMMERCE.

The following just observations are taken from the *Richmond (Va.) Dispatch*, dated Jan. 6, 1855.

WATSON & BOOTH.

HAVING established themselves in the City of Raleigh, will keep constantly on hand a large and handsome assortment of goods in their line, consisting of *Gilt, Velvet, Satin, and Common papers*, and borders to match, all of which they will put up in the neatest manner, both in town and country.

Giles Leitch.

ATTORNEY AT LAW, LEITCH & BUNNELL, Boston Co. N. C. Jan. 6, 1855. 2 ly