

not to pay, and which, had they urged the question to a different issue, they would not have to pay now. The settlement which the controversy received has been, economically at least, a very bad settlement for them. But there is no party that need triumph in such a result. Free Churchmen, as certainly as Established Churchmen, suffer in consequence; and the hard problem subjected to the country through the event it may take the whole of the next half-century to solve. It is something, however, that it is already compelling attention, and that Carlyle's "Condition of the People Question" is recognised as the great question of the day. These are but desultory remarks, and, withal, sufficiently prosaic; but the magnitude of the subject oppresses us; nor dare we attempt condensing into an article what, could we devote a whole volume to the survey, would require to be even then greatly condensed.—*January 1, 1850.*

THE ECHOES OF THE WORLD.

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HAS the reader ever heard a piece of heavy ordnance fired amid the mountains of our country? First there is the ear-stunning report of the piece itself,—the prime mover of those airy undulations that travel outwards, circle beyond circle, towards the far horizon; then some hoary precipice, that rises tall and solemn in the immediate neighbourhood, takes up the sound, and it comes rolling back from its rough front in thunder, like a giant wave flung far seaward from the rock against which it has broken; then some more distant hill becomes vocal, and then another, and another, and anon another; and then there is a slight pause, as if all were over,