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MR. J. G. HODGINS, I.S.O. or, Modgins Began Mis Sixtleth Year Civil Service in September

When it is stated that John George When it is stated that John George Hodgins, who was recently made a companion of the Imperial Service Order, had been 22 years in the public service at the time of Confederation, and had, several years previous to '66, been granted an annuity by the Government of Upper Canada for 'long and faithful services' to his country, an idea of his remarkable record may be imparted. Last September Dr. Hodgins commenced his sixtieth year in the civil service, always having been connectservice, always having been connected with the Department of Educa tion. He is now 83 years of age and, while his health is not as ro



MR. J. G. MODGINS, I.S.O. lin in 1821, came to Canada 1833, and became Secretary of the Board of Education of Upper Can-ada in 1844, and was promoted to be Deputy Superintendent of Educa-tion in 1855. He was thus an intimate associate and co-worker of Ryerson, the "founder of our education system." He has a store of engaging reminiscences of Lord Elgin, Bishop Strachan, and the other Bishop Strachan, and the other statesmen and educationalists who were the backbone of the young col-ony more than half a century ago. The made several trips of investigation of foreign school systems, and applied the results of his studies to Ontario's system. In 1876 he be-came Deputy Minister of Education. and in 1889 was appointed to be librarian and historiographer, posi-tions which he still holds. At pre-sent he is preparing a documentary history of education in Ontario. Upwards of a dozen volumns have all ready been issued.

Chancellor of Oxford Univ. rsity.

There was for some time the pros pect of a pretty fight between Lord Hosebery and Lord Goschen for the Chancellorship of Oxford University, which was made vacant by the death Marquis Salisbury. Lord Gosche received the nomination some time with the entire approval of the elec-teral body, which consists of all members of the convocation as it was claimed that despite his intel-lectual, political and financial ac



LORD GOSCHEN

hievements he was emphatically not a representative Oxford man. Then Lord Rosebery received a nomination and, although contested, the election academic circles was de Supporters of neither candidates seemed willing to back down. The situation was relieved by Lord Rosebery himself declining the nomina-

Lord Goschen was then formally Lord Goschen was then formally elected Chancellor.

Not for more than sixty years had there been a contested election for the Chancellorship at either Oxford or Cambridge, and the historic struggie at the latter university in 1847, when Lord Bowis almost defeated the Prince Consort, left scars which took long to heal. took long to heal.

Uses of Turpentine.

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Did you ever stop to think how many uses turpentine has and that you cannot afford to be without a large bottle in the pantry?

For croup, cold, sore throat in any form, it has no equal, especially when mixed with lard or vaseline to prevent blistering. Often a severe cold may be cured by rubbing the chest and throat with a mixture of turpentine and lard. Or still another way is to wring fiannel cloths out of hot water and turpentine.

In cases of colds, burns and cuts turpentine, if applied immediately, will prevent soreness. It will remove paint from clothing when everything else fails, drive away moths and ants from chests and closets, and in cleaning woodwork and windows it considerably lightens the task.

The bamboo in China is used for an enormous variety of purposes.

Paper, ropes, sails, baskets, umbrellas, shields, hats, and buoys are manufactured from the plant itself, the young shoots are converted into sweetmeats, a white silicious secretion in the joints is used as medicine, ornaments are manufactured from the stem, and pillows are made of the shavings.

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cream fruit tree, the fruit of which is very agreeable in taste.

In Ceylon there is the bread fruit tree, from which a food is made in the same way that we make bread. It is said to be equally good and

A Mindu Paper Suspends.

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A Hindu editor recently found it necessary to suspend the publication of his paper for a fortnight without warning. When the paper again made its appearance it contained this notice: "We regret that owing to a misunderstanding with a rival editor, in which we failed to get off the best of the argument, it was necessary for us to retire unexpostedity. sary for us to retire unexpectedly from the conduct of this paper for the space of two weeks, during which ime we have had the opportunities of devising certain improvements, which we propose to introduce into it. The rival editor, we regret to report, is still confined to his home."

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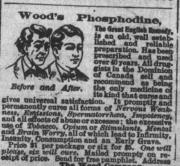
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UGANDA VILLAGES Curious Fashions of Bairdressing Obtains Among the Men-Houses Are Neut, Eut Very Dark Inside.

The villages and huts of the natives The villages and huts of the natives of eastern Africa are described by Major Austin in "With Macdonald in Uganda" as being generally weil and substantially built. The villages are surrounded by a high wall and a deep ditch. Entrance is obtained only in two or three places by means of causeways across the ditch at reentering angles of the wall, from which they are well flanked on both sides. The actual doorway is strongly barricaded by logs.

The interior of the villages is kept scrupulously clean, but the same can

scrupulously clean, but the same can hardly be said for the exterior sur-roundings of the wall. Within the enclosure plantations of bananas and choisure plantations of bananas and tobacco are frequently grown, so that in the event of a siege the food supply is assured. The huts and granaries are constructed of neat wicker-work, the granaries raised from the ground on piles, and the huts dome-shaped erections of twigs and wattle with raised grass roofs. They are very snug inside and beautiful and the state of and wattle with raised grass roots. They are very snug inside and beautifully clean, although very dark. The only light and ventilation is by way of the low entrance, which is not more than two and a half feet in height. Outside this entrance is generally a low versands under which

flour.

The young men of these settlements are smart-looking fellows, with their hair done up in a quaint form of chignon behind, fitting close to the head and well-plastered down with what appears to be gray clay, which is baked hard by the sun. Into this they generally stick an ostrich feather or two, and also a long curved piece of thin brass wire with a white "blob" of wool at the end, which bobs backward and forward over their heads as they walk. The lower lip is pierced, and a quill or a long, thin, flat piece of brass is inserted, with perhaps a bead or two attached to the end. The whole he

thin, flat piece of brass is inserted, with perhaps a bead or two attached to the end. The whole hangs perpendicularly from the lip.

The older men present a more sober aspect, the most striking thing about them being their headdress, which consists of a long, flat bag, so to speak, of hair which is worked almost into the consistency of felt, and is attached to their own hair. This mass is the hair of their forefathers, and in some cases hangs from the back of the head almost down to the waist. On the inner side there is an opening into this bag, which is used as a receptacle for carrying tobacco, spuff and small. as a receptacle for carrying tobacco, snuff and small articles.

Arithmetical Prodigies.

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Arithmetical prodigies, often spoken of as "lightning calculators," giving an unusual capacity for combining numbers. The wonderful feats of these prodigies have been pronounced genuine by competent judges, although their psychological peculiarities, however, seem characteristic of most of the known cases; an extraordinary memory for numerical combinations, and unusual methods for grouping numbers. That their ability is not entirely the result of special training is attested by the early ity is not entirely the result of special training is attested by the early age at which the power is manifested. Thus, at the age of 6, T. H. Safford computed mentally the number (617,760) of barley-corns in 1,040 rods, and could extract the cube roots of numbers of 9 and 10 figures. Buxton solved the problem, to find the product of doubling a farthing 133 times, the result, expressed in pounds, being a number of pressed in pounds, being a number of pressed in pounds, being a number of 39 figures. Zerah Colburn, at 9 years of age, gave at sight the factors of 294,967,297, and in 20 seconds found mentally the number of hours in 1,811 years. Raising 991 to the fifth power in 18 operations, and giving the product of any pair of two-figure numbers in 1½ seconds, are feats accomplished by Arthur Griffith, who also memorized the squares of all numbers up to 130 and the cubes up to 100.

uncertain stream cannot be found, ent with to for it is subject to sudden changes ratepayers. of depth, volume, and channel. Be-fore the great floods of 1851-53, its outlet was 300 miles south of its present mouth.

sent mouth.

The Hoang-ho, in its course of some 2,600 miles, drains nearly 750,000 square miles of land. Its crookedness can be gathered from the following facts: Flowing from the Kuen Luen Mountains, it runs northwest, then northeast, then changes to east as far as Han-chow whence Kuen Luen mortheast, then changes west, then northeast, then changes to east as far as Han-chow, whence it flows due north to Dun-chu. Here it takes a complete curve eastward for some 200 miles, then abruptly for some 300 miles, then abruptly some 300 miles. goes direct south. For some 300 miles it flows on to Tung-chow, then changes to an easterly direction to Hoal-king. Avoiding its former bed, it finally flows to the northeast, and enters into the sea at the Gulf of Pe-chi-li.

Other very crooked rivers are the Brahmapootra, the Niger, the Volga. the Mississippi, and the Jordan, but these are far behind the Hoang-ho for irregularity of course.

Werld's Diamend Mines.

It is estimated that about 28,000 people are employed in the diamond mines throughout the world. In past centuries 60,000 people were working in some single Indian mines at one time, and perhaps that statement is not exaggerated, since with modern machinery one miner can now accomplish as much as twenty who used the primitive methods. The total value of all the diamonds in the world undoubtedly exceeds, \$1,000,000,000.

Ambitious Russian Girl.

A Russian girl, Mile. Kanyevsky, age 25 years, has taken her degree as an engineer at the Paris Ecole des Ponts et Chaussees, being the first woman to pass the examination. She is a Jewess and intends to apply for a post on the Russian railroads.

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ham:
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To the Electors of Dover:

Griffith, who also memorized the squares of all numbers up to 130 and the cubes up to 100.

The Most crocked River.

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