

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Mr. BRADLAUGH's path to the House of Commons is not quite so easy as he at first anticipated, but there seems to be a disposition on the part of the Liberals to seat him at all hazards. He has, however, received another check. The Committee to whom the House of Commons referred the consideration of the question has come somewhat unexpectedly to the conclusion that he cannot be permitted to affirm, instead of taking the oath of allegiance, as other members have to do. Consequently, he will either have to swallow his objections, and take the oath, or to vacate his seat, unless the Government of the day should think it possible to amend the law in his favour. If the Government should attempt the latter course, it is to be hoped that the leaders of the Opposition will see fit to support the great body of the party in a way which they have not yet done in the action which will certainly be taken on this question. The Conservative party ought to have no hand even by implication in the admission of such a man as Mr. Bradlaugh to the House of Commons. The Liberal Government begins to find the member for Northampton a political white elephant. They cannot drop him altogether, and the more they take up his cause, the more they involve themselves in difficulty. How many Evangelical Dissenters are now beginning to share Mr. Morley's regret at having supported such a man? The admission of Bradlaugh to the House of Commons is only another instance of the blindness which comes of the infatuation of hatred.

Of course, you have already heard of the appointments of Lord Ripon and Lord Kenmore. Personally, I do not pretend to criticise the selections. I only repeat what is said, and the criticism upon them takes but one form—that of condemnation. Even the Liberals themselves do not pretend to excuse them, and the Orthodox Dissenters are very much annoyed. We do not like the idea of a Roman Catholic Viceroy attending mass at Calcutta and Simla—travelling about the country with a couple of tonsured priests in his train—and presenting to the natives the scandal of a double religion in the State—a Roman Catholic Religion and a Protestant religion. Perhaps, independently of his religion, Lord Ripon might make a passable Viceroy, although he is sure to be a feeble one; but it is a scandal that a Sovereign who is forbidden by Law to be a Roman Catholic, should be represented in the chief dependency of the Crown by a Papist, and when that appointment is coupled with Lord Kenmore's as Lord Chamberlain, I do not know where you are to find a sufficiently severe word to censure the appointments. Perhaps they are not very much worse than Mr. Bright's as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, for he, a Quaker, a Dissenter of Dissenters, a man who calls a State Church an adulterous, nay, an incestuous church, will, as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, have a right of appointment to more livings in the Church than any of our Bishops; but Lord Ripon's and Kenmore's appointments strike the imagination more, because Lord Ripon is in India, the direct personal representation of the Queen, and Lord Kenmore is, by virtue of his office, the head of the Court, with the supervision of the Royal Chaplains, and with the selection of special preachers. This part of Lord Kenmore's duties has been transferred—of necessity—to the Lord Steward. But what are you to think of a Lord Chamberlain who cannot perform more than half his work, and who seems to have been placed at the head of the Court as an insult to the Church of England? Certainly, the Protestant spirit of the country that some of our friends are so fond of declaiming about is dead, or else before this, we should have had a greater explosion over these appointments than that which took place over the Bulgarian atrocities.

You have, of course, heard of George Eliot's marriage with her stock-broker. It has taken everyone by surprise, because the lady was supposed to be beyond all thoughts of this kind; but I do not know what the public has to do with such matters. The gentleman is said to be about 40, the lady may possibly be about 60. But this is their affair, and I do not think George Eliot will thank the officious souls who take upon themselves to explain her marriage, by talking of her intense nervousness, and the necessity of having a protector. I suppose, on the same principle, the friends of the gentleman would say he

has married her for money. I do not—although George Eliot for an authoress is very well off—for those who know her, knows that she is one of the pleasantest and most amiable of women, and as charming at 60 as she was at 30 or 40.

Have you seen Tennyson's poem in the *Nineteenth Century*? It is distinguished by those philosophical contradictions which he regarded as amusing in the mouth of Merlin, but which have now become his serious occupations. The city in the Idylls, which was built to music, therefore never built at all, and therefore built for ever, was exceedingly interesting. When, however, in the Voice and Peak, seeing was not seeing and hearing was not hearing, there was no reason why everything should not be reduced to nothing by one stroke, and the poet invited to begin again. Only he should not begin again by talking about the "divisible indivisible world," numerable innumerable suns, finite infinite time, and finite infinite space. This is what he does in his wail over a new-born child in the *Nineteenth Century*, which he styles *De Profundis*. Out of the depths the poem certainly is—at least, it is out of my depth; for the divisible indivisible, and numerable innumerable, and the finite infinites seem to me to be finite or infinite nonsense.

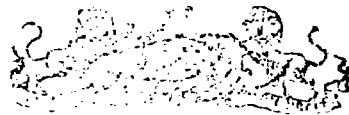
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