

— **PRINTING PARLIAMENTARY NATIONAL RECORDS.**—The Master of the Roll has laid before the Lords of the Treasury a scheme for the publication of a series of our national historical monuments, which has been favorably received, and a vote will be asked of the House of Commons for that purpose.

— **THE INVENTOR OF THE STEREOSCOPE.**—Who invented the stereoscope is a question that has often been asked without eliciting a reply: According to Sir David Brewster, it has been solved in favor of Mr. Elliot, a teacher of mathematics in Edinburgh, who constructed the first instrument of the kind in 1839.—*N. Y. Com. Advr.*

— **GEOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF RUSSIA.**—The Imperial Geographical Society of St. Petersburg is preparing the publication of a geographical dictionary of the dominions of the Czar.

— **CHINESE TYPE DESTROYED.**—Amongst the misfortunes occasioned by the bombardment of Canton has been the destruction of Mr. William's printing office, with the Chinese type from which Morrison's dictionary was printed. The Press was the gift of the Home Government to the Colony at Canton. With the types have been destroyed more than ten thousand volumes of Chinese Chrestomathy, English Chinese Vocabulary, and other important works.

— **PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON HINDOO PHILOSOPHY.**—A prize of £300 has been offered by a gentleman, lately a member of the Bengal Civil Service, for the best treatise on one of the six systems of ancient Hindu philosophy—the *Vedanta*. The treatise is to be written in German or French. A similar prize was offered some time ago for an English treatise on Hindu philosophy but has not yet been awarded. The object of these prizes is to elicit essays which will be of assistance to missionaries in the East. Competitors for the prize must deliver their treatises by the 1st of April, 1860, at the house of the Royal Asiatic Society. The examiners are Professor Lassen, of Bonn, the Very Rev. Dr. Windischmann, of Munich, and Professor Max Muer, of Oxford.

— **THE SOLAR TELEGRAPH.**—Experiments with a solar telegraph have been made with complete success in Paris, in the presence of Le Verrier, Struve, and others. The rays of the sun are projected from and upon mirrors; the duration of the ray makes the alphabet, after the system of Morse. It is proposed to apply it to the use of the French army in Algeria where the ordinary telegraph cannot be worked. The posts can be established at 20 leagues from each other.

— **AT THE FUNERAL OF DR. KANE,** the funeral car was surmounted by a canopy and dome, having the flags of England, France, Spain and the United States at the corners. The prominent gentlemen who attended it as pall bearers, were of course objects of interest, but no persons in the line excited more general attention than the surviving comrades of Dr. Kane, who followed immediately after the remains of their late commander, bearing among them the weather beaten flag of the *Advance*. This party was led by the gallant William Morton, a name which will be familiar to all who have read the account of the last Arctic Expedition, under the command of the lamented Kane. Mr. Morton was born in Ireland, but left his native land at a very early age, and has now been in America about seventeen years. He first became acquainted with Dr. Kane in California, and after one voyage to the Polar Seas, joined the Arctic Expedition under Dr. K., and on the ill-fated "*Advance*." Mr. Morton was the one who volunteered with the Esquimaux boy to go North in search of the Open Sea, and after a circuitous and fatiguing route of three hundred miles, dragging their sledges over the icebergs, the great Polar Sea was discovered. Mr. Morton is now the only living white man who has ever beheld the great open Polar Sea, whose cold waters roll and toss against the icebergs of the far distant North. Mr. Morton is now but thirty-five years of age, and has the appearance of one who could well undergo the fatigues of an Arctic Winter.

Departmental Notices.

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