BY MUTUAL CONSENT.

"I like to have young people around mo," remarked Mrs. Kenyon, "I take a great interest in them."

I quite agree with her. I had once met a man who said she was a born meddler. I did not go so far as that; I thought that she possessed a natural gift for managing.

It was a bright morning in May, and she had strolled with me to the garden gate, against which thuce bioyoles were propped.

"Why," she exclaimed, "are not Irans and you going by yourselves?"

"No, we thought it only kind to ask Dora to accompany us."

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"Dora is leaving us to morrow," she remarked. "Her father says he must be in the hum of things again."

"But surely the 'hum' does not claim his daughter as well?"

"A daughter's place," said Mrs. Kenyon, somewhat soverely, "is by her father's side."

"Yes, of course," I murmured.

"I have been thinking," she continued, after a pause, "that Irene and you will be settling down shortly."

Irene was Mrs. Kenyon's nices. Some time ago the thought had occurred to her that we were suited to one another. She had devoted her attention to the matter with her usual completeness of method, and the subsequent engagement was a matter of course. "I can't say that we have settled as

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"I can't say that we have settled as
to the exact date," I said,

"It is two years since you were
first engaged."

I looked around eagerly to see if the

I looked around eagers, so girls were coming.

"Do you know," she continued, "I have discovered the very place for a young couple—an ideal residence,"

"I must go and have a look at it," I said, vaguely, with another glance to

the rear.
"It seems as if it were built for freme. There is a charming study for her, a room with splendid lights that will do for her painting—a gem of a boundir—"

boudoir—"
"It seems a gitt from the fairies,"
I broke in. "What is it called?"
"Hatton House—within a mile of
this. It's a chance which should on
no account be missed. The only thing
is you must decide within three days."
"Not much time," I began.
She turned to me with a bright
smile.

oile. "My proposal is that you should ave the whole affair in my hands.

What do you say?"

At that moment Irene and Dora
Paget came hurrying across the lawn.
I put my finger on my lips to enjoin orecy. "What are you plotting?" cried

Dora.

"Oh, merely a little surprise for comebody," I said, with a glance at

"Oh, merely a little surprise for comebody," I said, with a glance at Irene.

I opened the gate and we wheeled our machines through. We were about to mount when another opelat role up. It was Herbert Grierson, a friend.

"I thought you znight be riding this morning," he began.

"Very happy thought "I said, oheerfully; "you will make a fourth and I shall not have to talk so much," We mounted our mechines and proceeded on our way. Presently Dora and myself found ourselves lagging a said myself found ourselves lagging a little behind.

"This isn't at all right, you know,"

che remarked.
"What isn't?"
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er?" I didn't. Mrs. Kenyon arranged

it for us."
Dora opened her eyes wonderingly.
Mrs. Kanyen arranged it for you?'
che repeated.
"Yes," said I. "She is very
thoughtful. She decided it was time
for Ireus to marry, and she thought I
was fitted to become a husband. With
admirable test she managed the whole
called and the shear."

And you love one another!" sh

sked.
"We admire one another," I re lied, "and that is an excellent sub titute."

"Do you think your tastes are

with they are not," I replied frank-ly, but we shall make allowances. She is clever and of a studious turn of mind; I am quite commonplace, and merer happy unless in the open air. We shall each follow our own inclina-

we shall each follow our own inclinations."

"How about travelling? I know
you are a wanderer."

"I rence hates it; abe detests 'roughing it' in any form. As I said, we shall
each do as we think best; but perhaps
for the eake of appearances, I shall
postpone my trip to New Zealand for
a month or two."

"New Zealand!" cried Dora; "how
lovely! Are you going there?"

"I had thought of it, but I am
afraid I shall have so marry first."

"Afraid?"
I laughed.

isughed.
Mrs. Kenyon has been thinking it is time for us to settle down.

As you know, when Mrs. Kenyon thinks, there is generally a result. And what is more, she has discovered a house which an architect ancon sciously designed to meet Irene's requirement;

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"How lucky?" said Dora.

"Yos—len's it jolly? I have to settle within three days. This is the surprise in store for Irene."

Dora looked ahead at the others; they were about 200 yards in front.

"When are you going to break the news to her?

"Some time or other. It does not look as if she would welcome an interruption just now. Grierson, who is also studious, can alwaye provide a subject of interest to her. That is why I encourage the acquaintance."

"Yeu are very generous."

"That is hardly the word. The principle involved is one of give and take."

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"We really must catch them up," said sho at length.

"Yes, really we must," I replied, back pedalling a little. "I hear that you leave to morrow. The reason given was something about your father and the 'hum of things,' I colleve."

"Yes, father likes to see life from his club window in Picosdilly; it makes bim feel busy," she added, with a little laugh.

"I often think," I remarked, "what a strange piece of coincidence it was that we should meet as we did, and then find that we were both intimate friends of Mrs. Kenyon,"

I had been out to South Africa a few months previously, and on my way home had met the Pagets, who had come on board at Madeira.

"The dear old Dutton Castle !" she exclaimed; "those days were the most pleasant I have ever spent."

"Yes, they were very charming," I assented, with a half eigh; "we as good deal of one another during that short voyage.

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I assented, with a half sigh; "we saw a good deal of one another during that short voyage.
"How can one avoid it on board ship?" she said; "and to think that you never told me that you were engaged to Irene!"
"It never struck me for a moment that you were unware of my good fortune."
"I knew she had become engaged in my sheence, but Mrs. Kenyon had omitted to say to whom."
"I famey I am not very important in Mrs. Kenyon's eyas," I remarked. Looking shead, I noticed that Irene and Grierson were riding very slowly.
"Unless we get off and walk," I said, "I am afraid we shall have to catch them up."
"That has been my endeavor for some time," said Dora. "I shall ride with Mr. Grierson and leave you with Irene."

with Mr. Greecous acceptance in the wants to ride with you."

Dors gave a little toss of her head.
"Men are not supposed to act as they wish, where ladies are concerned."
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men are not supposed to set use they wish, where Indies are concerned."
"That is evidently Mrs. Kenyon's idea," I remarked.
We joined the others.
"You seemed to be romewhat interested in a discussion," I said to Griersoo, "so we decided not to worry you with our chatter."
"Miss Fairfax and myself," he replied with a smile, "were comparing our impressions of a book we have both perused."
The four of us rode along slowly for some distance Presently Dora, true to her word, gradually drew Grieron ahead, and Irene and myself were left a few yards behind.
"Do you know, dear," I said with a glance at her, "that people are beginning to thick that it is time we should be married?"
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ne marrier ?
"People ?"
"Well, Mrs. Kenyon in particular.'
A veil, Mrs. Kenyon in particular.'
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"Has she said anything?" she asked anxiously.
I nodded.

too, had made my plans. Mr. Griesson!"—"Does Mr. Grierson enter into the
plans? I inherrupted, with a smile.
"Only so far as my literary work is
concerned," she replied.
"I like Grierson; he seems a
genuine sort of chap. But, of course,
the fact remains that he is very clever
and—well, I'm not," I finished.
"He is a very interesting comparion" che said; "but, tell me, what
did auntie say?"
"It appears that she has found out
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"For me?"

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"It mean. It has a lovely study for you to write in, a magnificently-lighted room for you to paint in, a perfect gem or a boudoir for you to —well, what do ladies do in their boudoirs? Mrs. Kenyon says that it is the chance of a lifetime and on no account must be missed. She thinks that it is absolutely necessary for your health and happiness that you..."
"Did auntie say all this?" she interrupted.
"Well, nearly all. I was trying to

interrupted.
"Well, nearly all. I was trying to give a general impression of her talk to me this morning. The unfortunate part is that I have to decide within three days."

"Three days?"

"Yes—quick work isn't it? She oposes that I shall leave it all in her nge." "Then it's settled I" ahn evoluimed.

mily. I am afraid it is." What is the name of this wender-

"What is the name of this wonderful place?"
"I think it is esiled Hatton House."
She broke into a laugh.
"Hatton House!," she oried. "I am afraid auntic will be disappointed."
"Why?" I asked, hopefully.
"Mr. Grierson just told me that last night he completed the purchase of the house."
"By Jove!" I oried. "How fortunate!"
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"By Jove!" I oried. "How fortunate!"
Grierson and Dora Paget were some distance ahead by now.
"They ara going the long way round," I said. "Let us turn down the lane and meet them at Walbridge Corner. They will know where we have gone."
Irene gave me a hesitating look.
"You seem a little tired," I said, "and it is considerably shorter—the third side of a triangle, you know."
She assented to the proposal and we turned into the lane.
"It will be a surprise for Mrs. Kenyon," I began. "I wonder what she will say?"
"Don't you think, Hugh, that in the past we have been accustomed to pay just a trifle too much attention to what auntie says?"
I shot a glance at her; hor oyes were contemplating the handle bars.
"I suppose that is why we became engaged," I ventured.
"Do you mean to say that you didn't love me "she asked, muchly."

"I suppose that is why we became engaged," I ventured.
"Do you mean to say that you didn't love me?" she asked, quuckly. I thought I detected a shade of eagerness in her tone.
"My dear Irene!" I said, reproachfully, "do you think we should have become engaged if we had not been attracted to one another?"
"Yes, yes," she said, impatiently, "but do we love one another?"
"Mrs. Kenyon apparently thinks so."

"Mrs. Kenyon apparently thinks so." Auntic again! It is always auntic! Do we love one another?" she repeated.

"Of course, I cannot answer for your feelings. For my own part, you know that I admire—"

"Admire—that's it," she said, triumpisantly. "We admire one another. But do you think that we shall continue to do so after marriage? Oan we make absolutely certain?" she saked, earnestly.

"I can't see how it can be done," I said, after a little reflection.

She was thoughtful for a moment. "Then," she said, slowly, "do you think, Hugh, we are justified in running such a terrible risk?"

I fought the matter out with my conscience.

"No." I said at length, "What.

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"No," I said at length. "Whatever our private feelings may be, I think it is plainly our duty to—" I

ever our private freilings may be, it think it is plainly our duty to—" I paused.

"What?" she cried, almost eagerly.

"Break off our engagement," I said, sorrowfully. There was a long pause, "Whatever will—" she began presently.

"I haven't the least idea. I suppose we shall have to tell her," I added, doubtfully.

"I'm afraid it will be necessary. It is for the best, is it not?" she added, as if to reassure hereoff.

"Undoubtedly. We shall be rewarded for being so sensible, some day. Meanwhile we, will remain excellent friends and continue to admire one another, but—"

"From a distance," she finished, with a smile. I nodded.
We reached Walbridge Corner, and alighting from our machines, seated cursolves on a grassy bank to await the others. In a few minutes they rode up.

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"Well, I do think you are mean!" cried Dora.

"Yes, we must apologise," I said.
"We took a short out to happiness—I mean to Walbridge." I pulled out my watch. "We mounted, and again I found my-self by Dora's side.

"Your father invited me to come and make a stay at your town house," I said. "May I?"
"But I rene would not consent to your deserting her?"
"I think she would be rather glad. You know we admire one another; well, we have been talking the matter over, and come to the conclusion that this is not quite sufficient, so, by mutual consent, we have terminated the engagement."
"I's that what happened in the lane? she exclaimed in surprise.
"Yes—and that is why I think the 'hum of things,' followed by a trip to Kew Zealand, would be distinctly agreeable. May I come?"
"Yes,' she said, with a smile, "if you promise not to devote too much time to the club window."

"But Mrs. Kenyon—what will"—she added.
"I don't know," I replied; "and,"

"But Mrs. Kenyon—what will"—she added.
"I don't know," I replied; "and, sirange to say, a feeling that I don't eare much is gradually taking possession of me."
Dora laughed gayley.
"How brave you are!" she said.
Later in the day—it was after luncheon—the news was broken to Mrs. Kenyon. Naturally she was a little surprised, but, contrary to our expectations, she did not appear to be much annoyed.
"Perhaps it is for the best," she said, philosophically.

Irene and myself are at present fulfilling our expressed intention of admiring one another at a distance—she from that desirable residence, Hatton House, whore sho is known as Mrs, Grierson, and I from a remote part of New Zealand, where Dora and myself are wandering on a prolonged honeymoon trip,—Black and White.

LORETTO ACADEMY.

The closing exercises of Loretto Academy, 2 Wellcaley Place, took place on Saturday, June 25th, the promiums being distributed by Rev. Father Walsh. The following is the list of honors and prize list:

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Honor List.

Senior Department.

Gold medal, donated by Rev. Father Walch, for Ohristian doctrine, was obtained by Miss Irone Oassidy. Honors—Lulu Smith, Florence McConnell. Silver medal in senior fifth English was obtained by Patricia Brazill. Violet Watson. Honors—Lulu Smith, Florence McConnell. Silver medal in junlor fifth English was obtained by Patricia Brazill. Honors—Irone Cassidy, Mamie Mason, Katie Wielett. Silver medal in senior fifth arithmatic was obtained by Florence McConnell. Silver medal in fifth class French was obtained by Floute Smith. Honors—Violet Watson, Loretto Dundas. Silver medal in junlor fifth class French was obtained by Patricia Brazill. Special prize for French conversation was obtained by Valoretto Dundas, Florence McConnell. Silver medal in Junlor for Sind Silver medal for teportment and fidelity to school rules was obtained by Violet Watson, Honors—Lulu Smith, Loretto Dundas, Florence McConnell. Silver medal for deportment and fidelity to school rules was obtained by Violet Watson, Nora Petman, Irene Cassidy, Katie Wickett. Silver Irene Cassidy, Katie Wickett. Silver Irene Junior of the lass instrumental music, equally merited by Violet Watson, Nora Petman, Irene Cassidy, Katie Wickett. Silver Irene Junior of the lass instrumental music, equally merited by Prosence McConnell. Special prize for English composition was obtained by Manie Smith, Special prize for fancy work, equally merited by Florence McConnell. Special prize for penmanship in junior fourth class awarded to I. Wickett.

Art Department.

Cortificates obtained from the Protect McConnell. Special prize for penmanship in junior fourth class awarded to I. Wickett.

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ART DEPARTMENT.

Certificates obtained from the Provincial Art School. Primary courseModel—Misses Mabel Squarez, Lultumith, Beatrice Watson, Josie Byrne,
Mamle Mason, Violet Watson, Annie
Smith, Mona Coxwell and Masters
Viotor Watson and John Walsh.
Memory—Misses Violet Watson, Manie
Byone and Masters
Watson, Beatrice Watson, Josie
Byrne and Masters Harold and
Victor Watson. Freeband—Florence
McConnell, Mabel Squarez, Nora
Petman, Beatrice Watson, Josie
Byrne and Annie Smith.

ADVANCED COURSE.

ADVANCED GOURSES.
Flowers—Lulu Smith, Violet Watson, Florence McConnell, Mabel Squarez, Mamie Mason, Nora Petman, Josie Byrne and Annie Smith. Shading from the round—Nora Petman, Lulu Smith, Mabel Squarez, Mamie Mason, Violet Watson, Florence McConnell and Josie Byrne. Lorento Dundas, 1st in undergraduating class, 1st in Christian doctrine, 2nd for fancy work, 2nd in fifth French, 2nd in arithmetic, algebra and Euclid Violet Watson, 1st in Eurld and fancy work, 2nd in algebra and Let for Christian doctrine. Lulu Smith, 1st in senior fifth English, 1st in arithmetic and algebra, 2nd in Euclid, 2nd for fancy work, 2nd in algebra and Euclid. 2nd for fancy work, 2nd for Christian doctrine, 1st in junior fifth instrumental music. Florence McConnell, 2nd in senior fifth English, 2nd in fifth French, 3nd in Euclid, 1st in algebra, 2nd in junior fourth instrumental music, 2nd for Christian doctrine, 1st in junior futth instrumental music, 2nd for Christian doctrine, 2nd in junior fourth instrumental music, 2nd for Christian doctrine, 2nd in junior futth English, 1st in third French, 2nd in French, 2nd for fancy work. Machel Squarez, 2nd in senior fifth English, 1st in third French, 2nd in fancy work, 1st in Euclid, 3nd algebra and arithmetic. 2nd for fancy work, Machel Squarez, 2nd in junior fifth English, 2nd in third French, 2nd for fancy work, Machel Squarez, 2nd in junior fifth English, 2nd in inthird English, 1st in first French, 2nd for fancy work, 3nd for fancy w

metic, 2nd in first French, 2nd for plain sowing.

Mone Coperell, 2nd in junior fourth English, 2nd in arithmetic, 3rd in first French. Tessic Roesler, 8rd in junior fourth English, 3rd in arithmetic, 3rd in arithmetic, 1st in senior second instrumental music, 2nd in plain sewing, Josia Byrno, 3rd in junior fourth English, 3rd in arithmetic Mona McLaughlin, 1st in junior fourth French, 1st for plain sowing, Hermino Kiely, 2nd in junior fourth English, 3rd in arithmetic, 1st in first French, 1st for plain sowing, Hermino Kiely, 2nd in junior fourth English, 3rd in arithmetic, 1st in junior fourth French, 1st for plain sowing, improvement in instrumental music. Florence Forcester, 3rd in fourth English, 3rd in arithmetic, improvement in instrumental music.

HONOR TAST.

Silver medal for plain sewing, morited by B. Watson, A Smith, H. Kiely, L. Ford, H. Ford, M. Ryan and A. Delaplante, was obtained by B. Watson. Prize for fancy work, merited by B. Webster, E. Webster, L. Ford, F. Crawford, G. Phelan, M. Hennessey, was obtained by F. Orewford. Prize for penmanship, merited by C. Phelan, M. Kiely, N. Wheaton, L. Ireland, L. Ford, F. Crawford, B. Webster, E. Webster, I. McDaughlin, M. Ryan and M. Hennessey, was obtained by M. Prize for good conduct, merited by N. Wheaton, M. Hennessey, M. Ryan, C. Phelan, M. Kiely, G. Simpson, M. Hynes, R. Simpson, was obtained by M. Ryan, Prize for good by L. Heland, M. Smith, G. Phelan, Prize for regular attendance, merited by L. Ireland, M. Smith, C. Phelan, was obtained by M. Smith, C. Phelan, Prize for regular attendance, merited by L. Ireland, M. Smith, C. Phelan, Prize for regular attendance, merited by L. Ireland, M. Smith, C. Phelan, Prize for improvement in English, prize for improvement in deportment. Louise Ford, let in arithmetic and English. Name Wheaton, let in deportment, 2nd in Christian doctrine. Adle Pelaplante, 1st in arithmetic and Christian doctrine. Beatrice Webster, 1st in arithmetic and deportment, 2nd in English and deportment. Marie ment in English and deportment. Marie ment in English and deportment. Marie ment in English and deportment. Marie Riely, 2nd in English and arithmetic. Georgie Smpson, 1st in writing and deportment, 2nd in arithmetic and deportment. Marie Riely, 1st in writing and deportment, 2nd in English and arithmetic. Ageic Cassidy, 2nd in first English. Ries Wheston, 3rd in first English and arithmetic. Ageic Cassidy, 2nd in first English. Ries Wheston, 3rd in first English and arithmetic. Ageic Cassidy, 2nd in first English. Hnows.

Trize for good conduct, equally merited by Masters Hennessey, H. Watson, J. Walsh and E. Foy, was awarded to E. Monnessey. Prize for permanship, awarded to E. Foy. Prize for drawing, equally merited by Harold Watson, Vetor Watson. Eddie Foy and John Walsh, was obtained by Victor Watson. Names of those who were not present for the closing, Leo McLaughlin, E. Doherty, Gerald Daly, J. McLaughlin, O. Lawlor.

BOY'S DEPARTMENT.

CLASS 111.

CLASS II.

Leo McLaughlin, 1st in senior third English, 1st in arithmetic, and for good conduct. Harold Watson, 2nd in senior third English, 2ad in arithmetic and for good conduct. John Walsh, 2ad in senior third English, 1st in arithmetic, 2nd in senior third instrumental music and for good conduct. Hearry McConnell, prize for improvement in seaire third English and arithmetic.

CLASS II.

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Victor Watson, 1st in senior second English, 2nd in arithmetic, 2nd for writing, drawing and good conduct. Eddie Foy, 2nd in senior second English, 2nd for writing, drawing and good conduct. Ray Ryan, for improvement in senior third class English and arithmetic, and for zentlemently deportment. Guy Orawford, for improvement in senior second English, and 2nd in arithmetic.

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Tom Hermessey, lat in junior second English, and 1st for catechism. Oarl Roceler. Ist in junior second English, 1st for catechism and regular attendance and English, 1st for catechism and regular attendance. Vincent Byrne, secon. In junior second English and let for catechism. Fred Wickett, 2nd in first English class. Willy Wickett, 3nd in first English. Let Murphy, 1st in first English. Francis O'Leary, prize for being a good little boy.

St. Charles' School, Deer Park.

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First Prizo for Drawing, awarded to Katta Brown. First Prizo for Arithmetic, awarded to Basil Ryan. Prizo for Improvement and Application, awarded to Lizzle Modeo. Prizo for Catchelism, awarded to Frank Woods. Prizo for General Proficiency, awarded to James Doyle, First Prize for Catchelism, awarded to Inden Gaynor. Prizo for Spelling, awarded to Bottha McCann, First Prizo for Reading, awarded to Martha Bras for Naming Junion II.

Prizo for Application, awarded to

Mattia Brady,
JUNIOR II.

Prizo for Application, awarded to
Bella Woods, First Frizo for Arithmetio, awarded to Barbara Crocker. First
I ize for Application, awarded to Hace
Crocker. Frizo for Genoral Proficiency,
awarded to Katie McNamara. Prizo
for Arithmetic, awarded to Joseph
Brown. Prizo for Drawing, awarded to
Mary Pratt. Prizo for Attendance
awarded to Leo Daniella, Prizo for
Attendance, awarded to M. Swenney,
Prizo w Witting, awarded to E. Brown.
Prizo for Improvement, awarded to J.
Moore.

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Parts II. AND I.

Prize for Reading, awarded to Holen Murphy. Prize for Arithmetic, awarded to Agnes Gaynor. Prize for Reading, awarded to Ella Soxton. Prize for Arithmetic, awarded to Ella Soxton. Prize for Arithmetic, awarded to Ella Soxton. Prize for Arithmetic, awarded to Willie Moore. Prize for Arithmetic, awarded to Willie Moore. Prize for Reading, awarded to Willie Moore. Prize for Reading and Spelling, awarded to Willie Soxton. Prize for application awarded to Laura Wainwright. Prize for Reading, awarded to Arthur Rader. Prize for Reading, awarded to Arthur Rader. Prize for Number Work, awarded to Willie Radner. Prize for Number Work, awarded to Willie Radner. Prize for Reading, Alice Murphy. For being good little bays, Harold Wainwright, Freddy Pratt, James Brady, Willie Soxton. For being a good little girl, Teresa Doyle.

Special Montion for Application:—
James Doyle, Barbara Crocker, Hazel Crocker, Basil Ryan, Lizzie McGee, Bella Woods, Laura Wsinwright.

The Colonies of the Empire.

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The Colonies of the Empire.

London, June 18. In the House of Commons yesterday:

Mr. Arnold Forster asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether in view of the greatly extended naval and military requirements of the Empire on the Pacific involved by the acquisition of Wei-Hai-Wei and the extension of the colony of Hong Kong, the Government had given to the Dominion of Ganada and the Australian Colonies, the opportunity of making some material contribution to the protestion of Imperial interests in the Pacific, and of giving effect to the desire which their Governments have so frequently expressed to be allowed to share the burdens as well as to enjoy the advantages of the Imperial connection. Was it intended to invite them to contribute in some way most convenient to them selves to the naval or military deence of Wel-Hai-Wei or Hong Kong?

General Lauris—Before the right hon, gentleman answers that question I would like to sak whether he is aware that the Dominion of Canada has expended upwards of 120 million dollars in the construction of a railway, thereby making a great Imperial highway, and enabling the British Government to place reinforcements on the shores of the Pacific in a forthight, and whether Canadians both individually and through the Canadian Government, and in case of eventualities have thereby enabled the reinforcement of British forces in three or four days.

Mr. M. Neill—And they are good Home Rulers too.

Up to this time Mr. Baltour had not been in the House, and he arrived just

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Mr. M'Neill—And they are good
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Up to this time Mr. Ballour had not
been in the House, and he arrived just
as General Lisurie sat down.

Mr. A. J. Ballour—I should like the
hon and gallant member to repeat the
question (laughter).

Mr. Byeaker — Order, order, In
view of its length it would be better to
place it on the table (renewal
laughter).

Mr. A. J. Ballour, in reply to Mr.
Arnold Forster's question, said it
touched matters of great and exceeding importance, not only to Hong
Kong and Wei-Hai-W ei but to all Colonial Governments, and the subject
would have to be examined as a whole,
and could not be confined to one or
two localities.

Cremation and an Alleged Crime.

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An extraordinary affair has happened at the Columbarium or Cremation Chamber of Fere la Chaise Cemetary, Paris. The body of Madame Polomier Pierre, the chief defonder of vomaniering the in France for many years, was to be conveyed to the Columbarium for incineration according to the wishes of the deceased, who was of the free-thinking school together with her husband. Friends were all awaiting the arrival of the remains when an employe of the Crematorium arrived and stated that the family of the deceased had delayed the funeral. This was done, it is said, at the instance of Madame Roger, a lady doctor, who is the deceased's inster, and as a devout Catholic is opposed to cremation. The body is now to be subjected to a post mortem examination, for allegations as to poisoning have been made by the family.

Thus, the Dear.—Mr. J. F. Kellock,

TRUL THE DEAR.—Mr. J. F. Kellook, Druggist, Porth, writes: "A nushume of mine having been cured of denfees by the use of Dr. Thomas' Ecleotric Oil, wrote to Ireland, telling his friends there of the curs. In consequence I received an order to send half a forty oxpress to Wexford, Ireland this week."