

aware that there remains a daughter of the House of England to be married, and the son of the House of Russia to get a wife. The most awful catastrophe that can happen to countries in these days is to have a marriageable Prince or Princess. If the marriage had been arranged that was on the cards, the Princess Beatrice would have become the wife of the Grand Duke Alexis. The Emperor brings with him his Benjamin of a son, and, after some days, notwithstanding the great love that he has displayed and the labour that he has undergone to displace him from his regions in the North, to come down to more congenial ones, the Queen leaves her capital and goes away to Scotland, carrying with her her youngest daughter. This," adds Mr. Urquhart, "is a very significant thing, and it took me by surprise. It was a most ingenious slap on the face, and such as I know not ever to have been delivered or received." A home in the Highlands is sometimes convenient to get rid of uncongenial visitors, and the absence at Balmoral of the Queen on two Imperial visits may have had no connection with congresses or courtship, but the incidents are noteworthy.—*Volunteer News*.

The last letter ever written by Stonewall Jackson is in the possession of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Historical Society. The original is in pencil, but it has been well preserved. He wrote:

NEAR 3 P.M., May 3, 1863.

GENERAL: The enemy has made a stand at Chancellor's, which is about two miles from Chancellorville. I hope as soon as practicable to attack. I trust that an ever kind Providence will bless us with great success.

Respectfully, T. J. JACKSON,
Lt. General.

General R. E. Lee:

The leading division is up, and the next two appear to be well closed.

T. J. J.

On the back of this bulletin is the following indorsement:

Received by General Lee on the evening of May 2, on the field of battle, near Chancellorville.

(Signed,) CHARLES S. VENABLE.

The loss of H. B. M. S. *Captain*, experimental vessel, carried trouble to many a household, and amongst others to the house of Baring, the noble head of which lost his second son. The memory of this young officer and his vessel's fate has been perpetuated at Stratton, England, by the erection of a clock-tower by sympathising friends and neighbors, from a design by Mr. Colson, of Winchester. The subscribers have had a memorial scroll sent out to the Viceroy of India, which he will prize dearly as a written memento of a more substantial one. It has been splendidly engrossed and illuminated by Mr. Pamplin, of Winchester, and bears the following inscription: "This tower and spire clock were erected in the year 1872, and presented to Thomas George, second Baron Northbrook, in the county of Southampton, by a few sympathising friends, in memory of his lordship's second son, Arthur Napier Thomas Baring, midshipman, R. N., who was serving on board H. M. S. *Captain* when she foundered off the coast of Spain, September 7th, 1870. 'The hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and come forth'—St. John, 5th chapter, 28th and 29th verses. 'And the sea gave up the dead which were in it,'—Revelation, 20th chap. 13th verse."

REVIEWS.

Our morning contemporary—*The Times*—has put on a new dress, and, in consequence, looks very smart.—The improvement is creditable to the Publishers, and shows that their labours have been appreciated by the party now supporting it.

We have received a copy of a newspaper just started in Milton, county of Halton, entitled the *Weekly News Conservative in politics*, neatly got up, ably edited, and of respectable dimension. We wish it a long and pecuniary prosperous career.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of No. LXXVIII. Vol. XVIII of the "Journal of the Royal United Service Institution." The contents are: "Suggested Improvements in Sanitary arrangements for Hospitals, Barracks, Camps and Shipping"; "The Volta Expedition during the Ashantee Campaign"; "The Ashantee Expedition of 1873-4"; "Three Years with the Royal Naval Reserve"; "H.M.S. Victor Emmanuel as an hospital ship during the Ashantee Campaign"; "Breech loading and Muzzle loading for Guns"; "Note on the Battle of Shrasymann"; "A Review of the Improvements in Military Tactics and formations in Germany during the last year (1873) being the 'pieces' of an article from the *Militair Wochenblatt*"; Artillery fire in Peace Manoeuvres.

We have also to thank the Assistant Secretary for a pamphlet, the second part of "The Relative power of Nations," relating to the "proposed change in the system of providing recruits for the Army," by T. St. L. Alcock, late Major 25th Regt., Honorary Colonel 1st Royal East Middlesex Militia.

We have received *Vick's Floral Guide* for 1875. It is published quarterly at the nominal price to subscribers of twenty five cents a year. It is a neat and artistically got up publication; and has got for its front piece a beautiful colored double Petunia Engraving, besides over 500 other engravings as well as descriptions of more than 500 of his best of Flowers and Vegetables, with descriptions for culture, &c. Mr. Vick has kindly offered his services to the charitably disposed who are willing to aid in relieving the suffering of the hungry thousands of the North Western States whose crops were destroyed by the Grasshopper plague last summer. All moneys sent to him for this laudible purpose will be thankfully acknowledged, giving an account of its disposal, and will add \$500 as his own subscription to the amount forwarded. He also offers premiums, to amateurs only, for the best collection of flowers exhibited at agricultural and floral shows. This offer extends to Canada as well as the United States. Orders for Catalogues of seeds and subscriptions to the relief fund to be forwarded to JAMES VICK, Rochester, N.Y.

The Science of Health for December closes the fifth volume of that most useful magazine, and is an excellent number, as may be seen from the following table of contents: Diseases of Childhood; Transmission of Moral Tendencies; Hearty Suppers—their Effects; Infant Mortality, A Plea for Hygiene; What shall we drink? Ventilation; Health and Disease—illustrated; Popular Physiology, with illustrations; Hygiene in the Pulpit and in the Press; The Skin and the Blood; Edible Nuts; Regulating Vice; Faith as a Remedial Agent; Faking Cold; Little Folks; and a variety of rich health paragraphs: only 20 cents, or \$2.00 a year.

Now is the time to subscribe; three months free to those who subscribe at once for 1875. Address S. R. WILLS' Publisher, 389 Broadway, New York.

The October number of the *London Quarterly Review*, republished by The Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay Street, New York, treats of many subjects at present occupying public attention.

I. Dr. Huber's "History of the Jesuit Order," published in Berlin, in 1873, is the text of this article, but the book is only referred to occasionally, in common with many other authorities, the chief purpose of the reviewer being to describe the characteristic features of that organization. The details here given of the constitution and practical working of that remarkable society will help somewhat to elucidate the contest now going on between it and the government in Germany. In the next number we are promised an outline of the Jesuit doctrines.

III. "The Hope of English Architecture" is the heading of a description of the failures of modern English architects. Justifying his position with numerous examples culled from the records of Greek, Roman, and Mediaeval architecture, the writer maintains that theoretical knowledge is not sufficient, unless accompanied by practical skill; that the man who designs should also execute. Then, and then only, can we expect to have perfect work, for no one can perfectly master the thoughts of another.

IV. "Modern Culture" is here portrayed in its religious, political, and social aspects, with a particular examination of the doctrines of Matthew Arnold.

X. Under the title, "The Ritual of the English Church," we have, first, a summary of the struggle, which began in England in 1833, concerning the interpretation of the Articles of the Church; and second, in greater detail, the attempt made, within the last twenty years, to introduce Catholic usages into the Service of the Church. Then follows a minute account of the interpretation of the Rubrics, particularly those prescribing the position of the priest at the communion table. The article closes with a history of the bill recently passed for the regulation of public worship.

We regret that limited space will not permit us to do more than speak briefly of the other articles in this number, all of them being deserving of special mention. "Provincial Turkey," by exposing the neglected state of that country, shows how the Ottoman Empire has failed to keep its part of the Treaty of Paris, of 1856. "The Republic of Venice: Its Rise, Decline, and Fall," and the "Life of Bishop Patterson," are interesting reading; East Anglia: Its Strikes and Lock Outs," treats of the ever-recurring labor question; Burrows' "Worthies of All Souls" is a history of the College of All Souls, at Oxford; "Criminal Statistics," and a note on the article in the July number on "Primitive Man," fill up the quota of the last number for this year.

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It is positively asserted that Prince Bismarck tendered his resignation, which was refused. He afterwards conferred with the leaders of the national party regarding the future conduct of affairs in Parliament, and an understanding was secured.