

THE OLD HOME.

I have gone—I cannot always go, you know;
Home across the distant ridges of the years,
And the old house, standing still on the old ground,

THE ENSUING ELECTIONS.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.
The following nominations have already been made for the House of Commons; and as other nominations shall be made from time to time,

ONTARIO.

- Addington.....J McRory
Algoma.....Sibley
Bothwell.....J J Hawkins
Brant, N.....J S Crawford

QUEBEC.

- Argenteuil.....J J C Abbott
Bagot.....Mousseau
Beauce.....Bolduc
Beauharnois.....Cayley

NOVA SCOTIA.

- Annapolis.....A Longley
Antigonish.....Ray
Cumberland.....McKay
Cape Breton.....Dr Tupper

NEW BRUNSWICK.

- Albert.....J Wallace
Carleton.....Appleby
Charlotte.....Gilmour

MANITOBA.

- Lisgar.....Schultz
Marquette.....Ryan
Provencher.....Hon J Dubuc

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

- Cariboo.....Thompson
Westminster.....McInnis
Vancouver.....Burnster

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

- Prince.....Howatt
Queen.....Hackett
King.....C Pope

LORD LORNE, in bidding farewell to the electors of Argyllshire, says:—"It is only because, through the favour of the Queen, I now have an opportunity of serving a country most dear to all in the United Kingdom that I gratefully resign the position you have allowed me to occupy."

THERE has been a great improvement in toys during the last quarter of a century. Twenty-five years ago a child made a job for the undertaker by sucking the paint off a two-cent wooden monkey.

ECHOES FROM LONDON.

AN English hotel is about to be built in Cyprus at a cost of £60,000, for an English tenant, who is to pay an annual rent of £4,000.

LORD BEAUCONSFIELD paid a quiet visit recently to the spot on the Victoria Embankment where Cleopatra's Needle is being raised, and closely studied the monolith.

WE have reason to believe that a final decision has been arrived at on the question of dissolution, and that there is now no prospect of the natural life of the present Parliament being shortened.

THEY are working political conundrums at the Moore and Burgess Minstrels. One night lately one of the "corner men" asked "How could you convert Mr. Gladstone into a Conservative?"

A DIAMOND broker writes that a small collection of matrix stones has been received from Larnaka, in Cyprus, and, upon examination, has been found to contain diamonds, beryl, and emeralds, the diamonds comparing favourably with the best Oriental stones.

THE old colours of the 56th, or Essex Regiment, recently removed from Chelmsford parish church on account of the indignity with which the officers of the regiment conceived they had been treated by the rector and churchwardens of the parish, have been received by Her Majesty and ordered to be hung in one of Her Majesty's Palaces.

IT is said that two Treasury clerks have been told off to read over all the speeches delivered by Mr. Gladstone in the last six years, and cull from them all the choice morceaux that may be colourably interpreted as personal attacks on the present Prime Minister.

THE late Dr. Norman M'Leod tried to forecast the time when there would be a railway in the Holy Land, and when porters would be heard shouting "Change here for Bethlehem." This anticipation is not unlikely soon to be realized, as the Sultan is said to have granted a firm to a company chiefly composed of English shareholders, for the construction of a railway from Jaffa to Jerusalem.

A CORRESPONDENT describes a Cyprus centipede that invaded an officer's tent and resented fiercely an attempt to turn it out, going so far as to stand upright on its hind legs and bark at the unfortunate subaltern who had encountered its wrath; being at last turned out, it at once indignantly communicated these facts to a special correspondent of a daily paper.

IN the first-class waiting-room of a station of a great English railway company there hangs framed and glazed in illuminated text, "In my father's house there are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you." In the third-class room of the same station may be read from a dirty, inky bill, stuck on the bare wall, "The wages of sin is death." There is a discrimination of the proprietors here which nearly amounts to genius.

THE Volunteer Fire Brigade feel somewhat envious of the honour of their brethren of the Rifle. The service of the latter is only contingent upon unexpected emergencies; the Volunteer Fireman performs important duties and incurs actual peril. He is liable to a shrill summons in the middle of his slumbers. For him are no gay uniforms, no parade days, no reviews and, finally, no Wimbledon. It is now proposed to begin to do justice to a gallant but neglected corps by offering trophies and prizes for annual competition amongst them.

LIBRARIANS must be very fond of talk and very flush of money. The first Conference of Librarians met last year in the London Institution. Thither they came from all parts of the Continent, from America, and even from Australia. Their transactions in a condensed form fill a large folio volume. Many wonderful theories were broached, but the practical value of their Conference has yet to be discovered. They are going to hold another, however, next October, in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. Most of those who attended last year are expected again.

ADDRESSING his students the other day, Mr. Spurgeon told a good story to illustrate the need of preachers being attractive. "When I was in Aaran, quite recently," said Mr. Spurgeon, "I heard of a minister who preached in a certain church, and, at the close of the service, was strongly urged to promise for a future supply, the collection after his sermon having been unusually large. 'Dear me,' said the minister, with becoming pride, 'what might your ordinary collection amount to?' 'Last Sunday it was twopence halfpenny.' 'What is it to-day, then?' asked the minister, expecting to hear a large sum. 'Eight-pence halfpenny,' was the reply. 'Woe is me,' moaned the minister within himself, 'for I gave the sixpence myself.'

ECHOES FROM PARIS.

A MACHINE is advertised that will enable masters to pay their workpeople with punctuality.

THE French journal La Chanson has opened a competition for endowing France with a pacific national song.

THE ceremony of the distribution of prizes in connection with the Exhibition is fixed for Sept. 18 at the Palais d'Industrie.

WE hear that the Prince of Wales, who is one of the patrons of the Jardin d'Acclimatation, in the Bois de Boulogne, intends to send some of his Indian animals for exhibition.

CAPTAIN BOYNTON arrived on Thursday afternoon in front of the Exhibition, from his long swim down the Seine, accomplished within the time fixed.

THE Shah of Persia has made a present to the Ville de Paris of two camels of an extremely rare kind, and no larger than ponies. They are expected to arrive daily.

GLOW worms are particularly abundant in the Bois de Boulogne this year. They almost threaten to invade the capital itself. On any warm night the grass and trees are thickly studded with these terrestrial stars.

A COUNTRY girl called upon a lady to thank her for some kindness; astonished at her own toilette, the lady inquired how it was obtained, and the girl at once replied she was engaged to brawl birds from the cornfields.

ON Sunday, August 18, there was held a grand festival of military music at the Trocadéro for the benefit of the Association des Artistes Musiciens. All the bands of the army of Paris, together with those of the Gardes de Paris, and of the regiments of engineers and artillery of Versailles and Vincennes, took part in this brilliant solemnity.

THE Women's Congress proceeds quietly; a Mme. Deraisme combats the "prejudice" of the female being inferior to the male sex. On the question of divorce, both the single and the married ladies declared in favour of it the moment husband and wife were agreed to demand it, as in the case of judicial separation.

THE Paris cabmen show signs of giving in. Their first demands having been refused by the company, their delegates now propose the following conditions:—1. The day's work to be a minimum of fourteen hours, and a maximum of sixteen hours. 2. Salary five francs for the minimum, and six francs for the maximum. 3. Establishment of a kilometric tariff in place of the present system. 4. Every coachman who neglects to give an exact account of his earnings to be severely punished. These demands are much more moderate than the original ones.

IN a pavilion upon the banks of the Seine, close to the Paris Exhibition, the Minister of Marine has organized a very interesting collection of naval machinery, life-saving apparatus, and ship models. There is also a raised plan, modelled in cement by a captain of marines, of the town of Cherbourg; and among other objects exhibited are several articles which have remained under water nearly two hundred years.

COSTUMES of foulard, white or couleur tendre, are the fashion at Trouville. The Louis XV. style is all the rage, with trimmings of lace and natural flowers. The fashionable sunshade is of white cherry wood with the monogram of their fair owners half-way up the stick executed in silver or enamel. The straw hats in favour are entirely Louis XV., such as represented in the portrait of "la Camargo." High heeled shoes with coloured high heels are worn.

TWO or three new galleries were opened last week at the Universal Exhibition: in particular, the long-talked-of exhibition of French Historic Portraits, which has been finally arranged in the two large salles on the first floor of the Trocadéro building in which conferences are held. The position is said to have been very ill chosen, but the Exhibition itself presents remarkable interest, for the collection of portraits has been made with the utmost zeal, and includes many noteworthy works that were almost unknown before.

ANY one passing by the Pont des Arts in the afternoon, may observe an amusing sight. The watering place for horses on the quai is the dogs, swimming bath. Just as at the floating baths, the bathers become thick about the fashionable hour of five. The bathing of dogs forms one of the numerous and odd trades which are to be found only in Paris. An ordinary bath costs six sous, and the luxury of soap costs four sous extra. For this modest sum the friend of man is thoroughly washed by vigorous matres baigneurs and returned to its owner. Some of the dog washers have quite a reputation, and their services are much sought after by the owners of canine high life. In fact, at six o'clock, the abreuvoir of the Pont des Arts is a moving mass of dogs of all kinds, sizes, colours, and sexes. Another favourite spot for dog bathing is on the Quai des Celestins, but the Pont des Arts is the Trouville of dogdom.