

LETTER FROM LONDON.

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Parliament has resumed work after its brief holiday, and last night—if I may be pardoned the bull—was the first field day after the recess. The decisive majority secured by the Government has put them in high mettle, and they announce their intention of forcing matters for the remainder of the session. There were some amusing incidents during the sitting. One of them had its origin in the goring of Mr. Auston Chamberlain by a bull at Highbury. Mr. Storey had been accused of breaking his pair in the division on May 10th, and in the course of a personal explanation he was interrupted by one of the Orange members who inquired if the House could be informed of the nationality of the bull. This clumsy attempt at wit fell as flatly on the House as its stupidity deserved. No one laughed, and the oppressive silence remained unbroken till the irrepressible Dr. Tanner suggested that it might have been Jesse's cow.

The next item in the miscellaneous programme was a bill introduced by Mr. John Morley to amend the Irish Education Act of 1892, and here again we had a touch of burlesque which went perilously near to the tragical. The Irish members are not at all satisfied with the treatment of the Christian Brother's Schools. There is no divergence of opinion in the Irish ranks on this subject, but Mr. Healy was ill-advised enough to challenge a division of the first reading of a Bill which only indirectly effects the Christian Brothers. As soon as the Tories realised that there was a split between the Government and a section of the Irish Party they rushed off hoping that thereby the Government might be placed in a minority. Mr. Justin McCarthy saw the danger of the situation, and he appealed to Mr. Healy not to force a division—a request with which he reluctantly complied, to the great chagrin of the Tories and Redmondites.

I understand that the reports which have been floating about for some time that the Healyite party are about to add another to the daily newspapers of Dublin have now taken definite shape. A "distinguished member" of the Radical party, stated in some circles to be Mr. Labouchere, is said to have advanced the necessary capital.

We were all much surprised to learn this morning that the operation on Mr. Gladstone's eye had actually been performed, and much relieved to learn that it had resulted satisfactorily, and that the ex Premier is in good health and spirits. Dr. Nettleship's examination of the eye which immediately followed the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone at Carlton House Gardens, suggested that an early operation was probable, but no hint was given that it would take place so soon. Therefore the news of the morning came upon London as quite a surprise.

The course of events on the Continent during the next week or so will merit more than ordinary attention. In addition to the *coup d'etat* in Serbia, the importance of which can scarcely be exaggerated. Much interest attaches to the political crisis in Hungary and France. The situation in all three countries is undoubtedly serious, not only for the populations primarily affected, but also, in a greater or less degree, for their respective neighbours. All concerned in the maintenance of concord and the stability of the *status quo* cannot fail to recognize the dangers which lurk in a continuance of the present unsettled condition of things—dangers which would be most perilous were it not for the expressed, and, we believe, sincere, desire of rulers and peoples alike to avoid any action likely to endanger International peace.

A curious scene was witnessed in the House of Commons the other afternoon. Two ladies having escaped from their attendant M.P., or possibly the M.P. had escaped from his fair friends, waded through the open door into the Chamber itself, and began to survey the mysteries of debate. The paucity of the members present possibly gave them courage, for they began to advance straight in the direction of the Speaker, whom they probably thought, boxed up in his pulpit, an object of extra interest. After the position had been taken in by Mr. Peel, he recalled the janitor to his senses by the exclamation of "order, order," and the ladies were somewhat hastily asked to leave. Possibly they were choosing the seats they would like to occupy when they enter Parliament themselves, at any rate, they exhibited much greater *savoir faire* than the gentleman who "hustled" them into the Lobby.

Sad and untimely as it was, there was something very characteristic about the manner of Mr. Yates' death. At one period of his career one of the most distinguished personages of literary London, honoured as the friend of Dickens, the confidant of Antony Trollope, and the associate of Thackeray, Mr. Yates was justly looked upon by the younger school of writers as a link binding them to a former generation. But he was himself more proud of the title of journalist than that of *litterateur*. "A journalist I have lived, and a journalist I shall die," was his not unfrequent exclamation; and certainly as regards the manner of his death the prophecy was amply fulfilled. He died a journalist, and, as so many of his craft do, in harness, and it is pre-eminently as a journalist that his contemporaries will lament his loss and revere his memory. Mr. Edmund Yates cannot be said to have been a great man either in the world of letters or in Society, but he performed during his busy and eventful career much work which entitled him to be regarded as one of the most notable figures of the age. His novels were neither few nor mediocre, he was at times a brilliant newspaper writer, his name was not unknown in lighter dramatic literature, but it is chiefly as the type, and, as some claim, the pioneer, of new developments in journalism that his name will live. As the pioneer of the paragraph, which has done much to relieve the pomposities of the old style newspaper and the acclimatizer of the interview, which supplied "a long-felt want," especially to the interviewed Mr. Yates has done yeoman service to the Press, and if for no other reason, certainly for this fully merits the posthumous honours which have recently been paid him.

Three or four days of winter suddenly made its appearance in the lap of May, and the experience in most parts of the country during this week was as disagreeable as it was unusual. There was an eager and a nipping air accompanied by driving showers of hale and snow. In parts the snow lay to a depth of three or four inches and strawberries, potatoes and other early garden produce have been irretrievably ruined.

Mr. P. M. Walsh, V. S., has been appointed Veterinary Inspector to the Manorhamilton Union.

Some one observes that the day is lost on which we do not share another's sorrows. But why not his joys? Why should there forever be this assumption of infelicities?

Fear not. You are walking upon the sea, amid the winds and the waves, but it is with Jesus. If fear seizes you cry loudly, "Lord save me!" He will stretch forth His hand to you, clasp it firmly and go joyfully on.

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