

own cash payments, had, we heard, dispatched a trusty messenger to the Dean, intimating that, in consequence of the cook's misfortune, the guinea might be saved. At present it is not known whether an *émende* will take place in the school, or whether the milder process of 'county-courting' the Dean for the one pound one will be had recourse to; but Dean's yard is as anxiously expecting the Dean's ultimatum, and as keenly watching Mr. Hawkshaw's aggressive tactics, as Europe just at present is on the tenter-hooks as to the warlike or peaceful movements of personages no less great."—*Illustrated London News*.

## LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

—The British residents in Jerusalem have instituted a literary society and a reading room, in the *Via Dolorosa*! An address of Her Britannic Majesty's consul, J. Finn, Esq., F. R. A. S., was delivered at the first meeting for the season; the subject was "The pleasures, duties and responsibilities of the denizenship of Franks in the city of the great king." It is well to say that in the East all Europeans go by the name of "Franks." The reading room is supplied with British, American, French, German and Arabic newspapers and periodicals. It has also a library containing above 1000 volumes. Great preparations were being made at Jerusalem when the mail left (17th March) for the reception of Prince Alfred, who was hourly expected. While one of the sons of our gracious sovereign is visiting the great city of the East, the Prince of Wales is in Rome, where the French ambassador has given him a great entertainment; Queen Christina, the Duke of Mecklenburg, all the Roman princes and many englishmen of note were present.

—Mr. de Laprade, successor of Alfred de Musset to the French Academy, has delivered the speech which according to the rules of the institution, every new member is bound to make and which is to consist chiefly of a panegyric of his predecessor. Mr. Vitet answered as usual on the part of the Academy. The two speeches which are masterly pieces of literary criticism are published at length in the *Paris Journal de l'Instruction Publique*. Mr. de Laprade, whose name as a poet, is now one of the greatest in France, is a professor of *belles-lettres* in the Faculty of Letters of Lyons.

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