

Our London Letter.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 6, 1881.

THE Bradlaugh episode has progressed another step. There was the fight, warm and valiant, before he was allowed to take his seat in the House of Commons. Radical exigencies required that the "Great Liberal Party" should pay homage to the Apostle of Infidelity and Negation and so it was that men, essentially religious and earnest themselves, were afraid to give full effect to their real feelings, and entangled themselves with compromise and equivocation. Thus, ultimately, Mr. Bradlaugh was allowed to take his seat by making a mere affirmation, at his own risk. He had claimed to be exempted from taking the oath on account of its having no binding effect upon him. But they all reckoned without their host. There is an old Act of Parliament making it highly penal for a person to sit in the House of Lords or Commons without having previously taken the oaths for that purpose provided. Exception being allowed by a more recent Act for persons having religious objections to an oath for whom affirmation was necessary. The Act also provides for a cumulative penalty—so much for each time the member votes £500—half of which goes to any public informer who brings the erring one to justice. In Mr. Bradlaugh's case, such an one was not wanting, and no sooner had he sat and voted than a Mr. Clarke at once commenced proceedings against him for so doing. The final result has just been arrived at, and the Court of Appeal has condemned Mr. Bradlaugh on all points. He is mulcted in the fines—which by now are something like £100,000—loses his seat, and is condemned in all the costs. The seat having been declared vacant, a new writ has been issued, and another election takes place on Saturday, the 9th inst. Mr. Bradlaugh is before the constituency again, and should he be elected, the House of Commons will be placed in a trying position. Mr. Bradlaugh has previously declared that an oath was not binding on him, and claimed to make an affirmation. When he again presents himself at the table of the House of Commons to take the oath, and objection is made—as is sure to be done by some member of the House—on account of his own declaration that it is not binding on him, the House will be placed in a crucial position. We shall see how it will behave.

Aprapros of the character of the late Czar, as has been told, he was not so bad as he was painted, and was more the victim of circumstances than of any inherent bad qualities. It may not be generally known that he rendered invaluable services in furtherance of the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in his dominions. The British and Foreign Bible Society publishes the following *resumé* as a mark of respect to the late Czar:—

"Russia contains some ninety millions of inhabitants, and there are now three agents in important centres, and these are engaged, not only in circulating the Scriptures, but in getting the Scriptures translated into the languages of the people. The circulation of the Scriptures in Russia the year in which Alexander II. came to the throne amounted to over 9,054 copies. The circulation of the past year amounted to 259,009 copies, in whole or in part, of the Word of God. During the Emperor's reign the Bible Society has scattered throughout his empire 3,370,091 copies and portions of the Bible, in about forty different languages, and of these 1,679 copies were sent to Siberia. On several occasions our work was brought formally under the notice of the Emperor, and he enriched our library with a copy of the *Codex Sinaiticus*, which he had aided Tischendorf to procure from the Monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai."

There is quite a small excitement just now among our Baptist friends about the mode of baptism. Some have suggested the present fashion should be changed. One good man, however, has put the extinguisher upon the discussion in a manner that is, at least, not dry:—"The fact is," he says, "the whole thing is Satanic, this endeavouring to alter our mode." I met a new thing, the other day which may be of use to the disputants. Warm water is, I believe, used in winter. That will answer the objections of many. But there is a mode of *dry* baptism. A waterproof dress has been invented which enables the candidate for the ordinance to dispense with

the necessity of changing the dress. He goes down into the water, is plunged beneath, comes forth again, and is not wet, not so much as a hair of his head.

The illness of the Earl of Beaconsfield has caused general sympathy for the noble Lord, and alarm at the prospect of the country's loss in the event of his death. It appears his Lordship is suffering from asthma and acute gout, and there are grave fears as to the result. The fluctuation of the symptoms renders the issue all the more doubtful, but decidedly against the hope of a favourable termination. One result of his Lordship's illness is that it has elicited an unanimous expression of opinion favourable to his transcendental abilities. Curzon street, the neighbourhood of the noble Lord's residence, is one busy thorough all day with anxious enquirers.

The Week.

HOME NEWS.

All the stock necessary to secure the starting of a Cotton Mill in Kingston, Ont., has been subscribed.

Prof. Goldwin Smith will be tendered a public dinner at Toronto, previous to his departure for Europe in June.

St. John, N. B., April 18.—The body of Capt. Quinlan and John Treacartin, drowned at St. Martin's, have arrived in Carleton, where they formerly lived.

The barque "Jehu" arrived in Halifax on Saturday afternoon, 16 days from Matanzas, with 848 hogsheads of sugar for the St. Lawrence Refinery, Montreal.

The brigantine "Tiber," Capt. Power, arrived in Halifax on Saturday morning, 39 days from Pernambuco, with 4,800 bags of sugar for the Canada Sugar Refinery, Montreal.

Ottawa, April 14.—The Canadian Central Ry. Coy.'s shareholders have a special general meeting at Brookville on the first of June to arrange for an amalgamation with the Canada Pacific Syndicate.

Ottawa, April 16.—General Hewson left town on Saturday, after settling with his legal advisers and withdrawing his suit against Sir John Macdonald. It is understood that he obtained a partial settlement of his claim.

Ottawa, April 18.—The Hon. James Patton, Q. C., has been appointed Collector of Customs at Toronto. Mr. Patton is one of the most reputable men in Canada, and his appointment is one which should give satisfaction.

The Governor-General has presented a bronze medal for competition by the Ottawa Model School students, those selected to compete being in two highest divisions of the boys and girls school, general proficiency being the test.

A telegram from Kentville states that the Scott Act has been carried in King's Co., N.S., by a majority of 1,200, with four polls to hear from, which will probably increase the majority to 1,400. Voting on the Act takes place in Annapolis County next week.

Ottawa, Ont., April 14.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Rifle Association held a few days ago, it was decided to offer cash prizes to the amount of \$5,000 at the meeting in September next. Col. Gzowski will offer a silver cup of the value of £50 as a special prize.

St. John, N. B., April 18.—Abner Smith and John Hillson were out gunning on the Sackville marshes on Friday. They were a short distance from each other, and as Hillson discharged his fowling piece Smith rose from his position and received the contents in his head, fracturing the skull. He died at once.

Mr. R.P. MacLennan, sub-contractor on section B of the Canada Pacific R.R., reports that all rock cutting will be completed by the end of the year, and the road graded and ready for track-laying early next year. It will be remembered that this section was the most recently let of any of the sections between Lake Superior and Winnipeg.

Ottawa, April 18.—A report was circulated in the American papers recently to the effect that Captain Boycott, whose name gave rise to the familiar word "Boycotting," was in Ottawa and the guest of Senator Brouse. The latter, yesterday morning, received a letter from a person in Winchester, Va., applying for the position of manager of some lands, which he understood Capt. Boycott intended purchasing in the North-West. Capt. Boycott has not yet visited Ottawa, nor, so far as is known, has he any intention of so doing.

The Intercolonial Railway receipts for the month of March last show an increase of 27 per cent. over the receipts for the same month last year. The comparative statement is as follows:—

March, 1880	\$137,111
do. 1881	179,492
Increase for March, 1881...	\$33,381

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

General Sir W. Fenwick Williams, of Kars, has been appointed Constable of the Tower.

Queenstown, April 17.—William Howard Russell, the well-known correspondent of the *Times*, sailed to-day for New York.

New York, April 17.—The Journeymen Bakers Union, two thousand strong, have decided to demand reduced hours and other changes.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—No male Russians between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age will be allowed to go abroad without the permission of the Government.

London, April 18.—It is understood that Sir A. B. Paget, British Ambassador at Rome, will succeed Lord Dufferin at St. Petersburg, and Sir Austen H. Layard will succeed Paget.

New York, April 17.—The Journeymen Bakers' Union, 2,000 strong, to-night adopted a resolution forbidding members from buying bread of Schultz, the Roy-cotted baker of Brooklyn.

The death is announced of the celebrated Methodist divine and orator, Rev. William Morley Punshon, which occurred at his residence near London on the 14th inst., at the early age of 58.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Lord Dufferin, the retiring British Ambassador, left this afternoon. The whole diplomatic corps, ministers, and other distinguished persons, were at the railway station to see him off.

Berlin, April 14.—The famous anti-Jewish petition was sent to Prince Bismarck yesterday. It consists of 26 volumes, comprising 14,000 sheets, with 255,000 signatures, including those of noblemen, retired Generals and officials.

Berlin, April 14th.—News has been received from St. Petersburg that a number of Nihilists attacked the troops guarding the prison in which the condemned Nihilists are detained. Twenty have been captured and bombs found in their possession.

The *Morning Post* states that the Roman Catholic Archbishop Croke, of Cashel, has had to apologize, in writing, to Roman Catholic Archbishop McCabe, of Dublin, by superior order, in the amplest manner, for his attack on Archbishop McCabe's Lenten pastoral, and that Archbishop McCabe has accepted the apology.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—All the Nihilists, except the woman Hessy Helfmann, condemned to death for connection with the Czar's assassination, namely, Russakoff, Michaeloff, Kibaltschitsch, Jeliaboff and Sophie Picoffsky, were hanged at 10 o'clock this morning. Michaeloff's rope broke twice. Order was not disturbed. There was an immense concourse of spectators.

Paris, April 15.—Yesterday General Ritter, having broken camp, marched along the Tunisian frontier. At Rumel-souk he encountered 500 regular troops, who tried to prevent the French from passing, under pretence that they were on Tunisian territory. General Ritter ordered two battalions of Zouaves against the Tunisians, who retired without firing. The Zouaves remained encamped 500 yards from a Tunisian battalion.

Little Rock, Ark., April 17.—Friday's terrible storm swept over the Northern part of Drew county, levelling houses and trees, and destroying human and animal life. On the plantation of William D. Roddy three houses were blown down, one, which was occupied by Allan Hill, colored, with his wife and seven children was torn to pieces. In attempting to save one of the children Hill was hit by a piece of timber and killed. Two children were also crushed to death. A colored woman was blown into a tree top and found dead with a baby in her arms, which was uninjured. Others were killed or wounded. Some valuable cattle and horses were likewise killed. Bedding and other articles were blown a distance of five miles.

Bombay, April 17.—Hashim Khan, the new Governor of Candahar, entered the city on Saturday. The Afghan cavalry has relieved the British cavalry outside of Candahar. The Ameer's infantry will enter on the 21st inst., and Hashim will then take over the city from the British.

New York, April 14.—Advices from British Columbia state that the Chinese employed on the Canada Pacific Railway works are dying rapidly from a mysterious disease which seizes them in the feet, whence the swelling proceeds rapidly upwards to the vitals, killing them in fifteen minutes. Over a hundred have died and the disease continues.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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