ON MUNGO PARK'S FINDING A TUFT OF GREEN MOSS IN THE AFRICAN DESERT.—

Edinburgh Christian Herald.

The sun had reached its midday height,
And poured down floods of burning light
On Afric's burning land;
No cloudy veil obscured the sky,
And the hot breeze that struggled by
Was filled with glowing sand.

No mighty rock upreared its head
To bless the wanderer with its shade,
In all the weary plain;
No palm-trees, with refreshing green,
To glad the dazzled eyes, were seen,—
But one wide, sandy main.

Dauntless and daring was the mind
That left all home-born joys behind
Those deserts to explore;
To trace the mighty Niger's course,
And find it bubbling from its source
In wilds untrod before.

And, ah! shall we less daring show,
Who nobler ends and motives know
Than ever heroes dream;
Who seek to lead the savage mind
The precious fountain-head to find
Whence flows salvation's stream?

Let peril, nakedness, and sword,
Hot, barren lands, and despot's word,
Our burning zeal oppose;
Yet, martyr-like, we'll lift the voice,
Bidding the wilderness rejoice,
And blossom as the rose.

Sad, faint, and weary, on the sand
Our traveller sat him down; his hand
Covered his burning head;
Above, beneath, behind, around,
No resting for the eye he found!
All nature seemed as dead.

One tiny tuft of moss alone,
Mantling with freshest green a stone,
Fixed his delighted gaze;
Through bursting tears of joy he smiled,
And, while he raised the tendril wild,
His lips o'erflowed with praise.

O, shall not He who keeps thee green,
Here in the waste, unknown, unseen,
Thy fellow-exile save?
He who commands the dew to feed
Thy gentle flower can surely lead
Me from a scorching grave.

The heaven-sent plant new hope inspired,
New courage all his bosom fired,
And bore him safe along,—
Till, with the evening's cooling shade,
He slept within the verdant glade,
Lulled by the negro's song.

Thus we, in this world's wilderness,
Where sin and sorrow,—guilt,—distress,
Seem undisturbed to reign,
May faint because we feel alone,
With none to strike our favorite tone,
And join our homeward strain.

Yet often, in the bleakest wild
Of this dark world, some heaven-born child
Expectant of the skies,
Amid the low and vicious crowd,
Or in the dwellings of the proud,
Meets our admiring eyes.

From gazing on the tender flower,
We lift our eyes to Him whose power
Hath all its beauty given;
Who in this atmosphere of death
Hath given it life, and form, and breath,
And brilliant hues of heaven.

Our drooping faith, revived by sight,
Anew her pinions plumes for flight,
New hope distends the breast;
With joy we mount on eagle wing,
With bolder tone our anthem sing,
And seek the pilgrim's rest.

CHINA.

(From the Correspondent of the Times.)

HONG KONG, September 12.—Our last advices from Shanghai, under date the 3rd instant, mention the arrival of Lord Elgin from Japan, where, it is said he succeeded in arranging a satisfactory treaty. The Dutch had not as yet, succeeded in obtaining the privileges granted to others. The Emperor's yacht was handed over to the Japanese authorities, with due ceremony. During Lord Elgin's visit to yeldo the Emperor was unwell, which was given as an excuse for his not receiving his Lordship.

The Chinese Commissioners, whose arrival was expected in Shanghai to meet the Ambassadors for the revission of the tarad, had not arrived up to the last date, and nothing positive was known regarding them.

The Canton river is again free, but we have nothing satisfactory to report of the state of matters in the city. It is difficult to explain the reason for things continuing as they are, as ostensibly the Chinese officials require the people to resume business, and have issued notices to this effect.

In trade at Canton there was nothing done, and it was doubtful when the tea market would open. Foreigers with any prudence can only pay low rates for tea, and the enhanced prices in the country do not give any inducement to the Chinese to press the produce on the market. Another impediment to the opening of the market is, that a general contribution is to be exacted for war expenses, and it is expected that those who in the onset did business to any extent would have to pay the heaviest levies.

No reliable information can be obtained regarding the quantity of new congou near Canton One statement gives it as 30 chops at Fatshan, and about 170 chops in the neighbourhood.

In the Pekin *Gazettes* the objectionable term "barbarian" continues to be used towards foreigners.

From Manilla we learn that the last of the force, French and Spanish, had left for Cochin China.

QUARREL BETWEEN FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

MARCELLES, OCT. 23.—A nice little quarrel has arisen between France and Russia, such as in the good olden time might have led to an immediate war, and in regard of which the newspapers have observed a discreet silence. It appears that early in last June a strong Russian police force, backed by 200 Cossacks, invaded the dwellings of 63 French tradesmen settled in Sebastopol, arrested and conveyed them on board of a Russian vessel (the Balaklava), which transported them to Odessa, where they were without resources, and many of them plunged into the deepest distress. A month before that occurrence the Cosacks had seized four French workmen and marched them on foot, like felons, to Simferopol. The reason of this expulsion of so many respectable persons, and the grounds on which Russia could justify such a violation of international law, as well as the laws of humanity, exposing the properity of unoffending French subjects to plunder and confescation, no one can tell. The Russian Government is bent on observing an absolute silence and appears impervious to all remonstrance.

On the 20th of October, the Russians took possession of the ground purchased at Vallafranca. Great activity is displayed in constructing the different buildings. The company has purchased a vast quantity of timber and other building materials, through the agency of the Russian consul, at Florence. Several steam-engins have been ordered from English houses. The building materials on account of the Russian Government, and stores for the the use of the navy, are preparing at Toulon.

THE NEW GOLD COLONY.—There is no longer reason for any doubt as to the rich gold fields to be found in British Columbia. The evidence of vast wealth which is lying in Fraser's river, and in some of the adjacent bills, is confirmed by official intelligence. Governor Douglas himself—formerly the chief agent of the Hudson's Bay Company, and now the first Governor appointed by the Crown—has borne testimony from personal observation, to the actual existance of the gold throughout a vast portion of the territory hitherto in the hands of the Indians. In spite of some evil omens, and of bad reports, from neighbouring tribes, and rival gold-fields the matallic wealth of Vancouver and British Columbia is an undoubted and authenticated fact. Altho the patience of the miners from California is getting exhausted from inaction, awaiting the fall of the waters, and altho the impulsive Republicans from California feel actually the difference between hope deferred and the energetic and successful life they have left in St. Francisco, there is aboundance of employment and of enterprise open for all who are disposed to seek them in the half-known and wholy unexplored regions lying north and east of Vancouver's Island, and in the island itself plenty of occupation of a more safe and more accustomed character. We have no fear of any glut of population in any part of our possessions in the Pacific for many a year to come. With these convictions as to the present and the futue of this great country, now opened in a manner for the first time to the knowledge and the enterprise of Europe and America, it is pleasent to know that our Government at home is fully alive to the real state of affairs, and actively employed in the measures necessary for the full developement of this great country, and for the security and assistance of the population which a few months will find flocking across the wilds of North America, as well as the Isthmus of Panama, to plant in these regions the languages, the laws, the religion, and the institutions of Old England. The Governor is provided already with a staff of judges, police, engineers, and artificers to lend their aid to the pioneers of civliisation in these parts. The two small ships of war on the station will speedily be reinforced, and a detachment of troops is already on its way from Canada to assist in keeping order amongst the new settlers, as well as to overawe the not unnatural hostility of the Indian tribes, somewhat unceremoniously and unexpectedly disturbed in their possessions, and in the pursuit of the pastime in which they so much delight, and of the profit from the Hudson's Bay Compny, which seemed great to their uninstructed eyes. Their vindictiveness is not to be met in a like spirit. There is wanted, in dealing with these wild tribes, all the justice of settled rule, as well as the strength of conscious power. It is good, then, to know that in Governor Douglas we have an enlighrened as well as an experienced man, and that the Governmest at home is fully alive to the necessity of strengthening his hands, and to enable him to deal with the hard and novel exigencies of his rule.—*Observer.*

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W. L. SOLOMON,
Post Master General.

Post Office department,
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30	1	1	9	2	3	6
35	1	4	11	2	9	10
40	1	9	2	2	18	4
45	1	14	10	3	9	8
50	2	2	6	4	5	0
55	2	12	9	5	5	6
60	3	6	8	6	13	4

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30	0	2	7	3	1	4	0	0	12	3
30	3	2	7	6	1	4	4	0	12	4
40	6	2	7	10	1	4	6	0	12	5
	9	2	8	2	1	4	8	0	12	6
	0	3	3	0	1	12	3	0	16	5
	3	3	3	6	1	12	6	0	16	7
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