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A good story of Mr. Parnell is told in the Speaker: A good story of Mr. Parnell is told in the Speaker:

Once he was sitting with a colleague in the side gallery of the House of Commons, it was a serious moment, for the Irish had retired in high dudgeen from the House; the Ministry were being hard beset, and required the Irish vote to prevent them from being defeated. Mr. Gladstone had heightened the situation by suggesting that if he were defeated he should have to consider his personal position. All eyes were turned to the small group of Irishmen who at that moment had such momentous issues at their mercy. At that moment Mr. Parnell, looking intently down on the surging, exited and deeply-observant House underneath, uttered a few words to his companion with a look of inscrutable misery; and no one can tell what priceless guerdon would have been given to that friend who would reveal that confidence, and lay bare the great and secret thoughts that had found expression in this supreme hour. What Mr. Parnell had said was, "I wonder why so many men in the House of Commons are baid?"

Renorting a Hundred Years Ago.

The Slave Question in a New Light.

From London comes the report by cable that the British East African Company has released 4,000 slaves who had been dragged to the coast from their homes in the interior. The truth is the company have discovered a new way of dealing with the slave-trade problem, which has worked very well, and this is the scory: A year ago the British East African Company, noted above decided to establish friendly relations with the Arab merchants on the coast controlled by the company. These Arabs had about 4,000 slaves, the fruits of former raids, in their establishments. The British company offered to buy these slaves, and in the past fifteen months about 4,000 of them have received their papers of freedom, the company paying \$25 apiece for them. Tracts of land where they could support themselves were given them, and many of them are working for wages around Mombass. Then the

company told the Arabs that if they would not seize any more slaves their caravans would be provided with trade goods to trade into the interior, and the company would buy the ivery they brought to the coast. The Arabs accepted the offer, and to-day all the capital needed in trading enterprises that is not supplied by the Arabs themselves is advanced at a small rate of interest by the company, and it buys all the merchandise brought down to the coast. In short, the company has become a partner of the former slave dealers in their trading operations, and Mr. Mackenzie, the company's superintendent, expresses the opinion that the slave trade question is settled as far as the Britis East Coast is concerned. It is true that as relates to the suppression of the emtire African slave trade the action of the company as noted is only a drop of water to a bucketful. Still, while such enterprises like this corporation and the African Lakes Company are in a way lessening the slave trade or diminishing the evils of the liquor traffic, it cannot be truthfully asserted as was recently said by an English magazine writer, that all the white trading enterprises in Equatorial Africa are increasing the degradation and misery of the inhabitants.—[Christian at Work.

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The Weighing of Thought.

Starting with the idea that the hand varies sensibly in size with the amount of blood present in it at any moment, Professor Mosso, the Italian physiologist, has made some most interesting investigations. In his first experiments the hand was placed in a closed vessel of water, when the change in the circulation produced by the slightest action of the body or brain, the smallest thought or movement, was shown by a rise or fall in the liquid in the narrow neck of the vessel. With a large balance, on which the horizontal buman body may be poised, he found that one's thoughts may be literally weighed, and that even dreams, or the effect of a slight sound during slumber, turn the blood to the brain sufficiently to sink the balance at the head. The changing pulse even told him when a professional iriend was reading Italian and when Greek, the greater effort for the latter duly effecting the blood-flow.

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