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God's in his heaven,
 All's right with the world.
 —(Browning.)

London, Monday, Dec. 17.

Old London Gossip.

Patti at Last Sings Before the Queen.

Duchess of Teck an Able Mother-in-Law.

The Remarkable Intelligence of Dogs.

Odd Experiences With Regard to Recent Great Swindles.

Gladstone Profiting Much by Rest From Politics—Five Government Offices Vacant—Lord Haddo Coming to Canada—Is Japan Going Too Far?

Latest special cablegrams from London say:

It has often been remarked, and even discussed by the press here, that for many years Patti was never invited to sing before the Queen. The commonly accepted reason was that the great prima donna had divorced her husband and married a second time, which as all the world knows, is an almost unpardonable offense in the eyes of the old-fashioned lady who rules this eminently staid nation. Whatever the cause of the estrangement, it has now been overcome, for Patti sang at Windsor Castle on Tuesday and was treated with the greatest kindness by the Queen. The diva took away more substantial proof of royal favor in the shape of a photograph bearing her Majesty's autograph, and a diamond butterfly brooch and decoration of exquisite workmanship. Patti is very enthusiastic over this meeting, and says nobody can pay a compliment with such grace and tact as the Queen of England. One of the compliments paid Patti was that she looked younger than ever and sang as well as ever, which naturally gratified her, as artist and as woman, and goes far toward explaining her enthusiasm. Patti's husband has just taken a lease of some extensive shootings and fisheries in Pembrokeshire, and he is now looking about for a house in the district worthy to be the occasional residence of the queen of song.

Journey in Unknown Africa.

Walter B. Harris, the first Englishman to reach Tadilat, Morocco, has been giving the Royal Geographical Society an account of his journey, which he made disguised as a native. After he crossed the Atlas Mountains he found himself among the Berber tribes, whom he describes as fine men, tall and active. They are not horsemen, but live in fixed abodes. At Dads he lived in the house of a sheik, whose hospitality rendered him free from undue curiosity. About Tadilat there is an oasis of great extent, containing many well-built and fortified villages. Berbers and Arabs, who are here in great numbers, are continually at war with one another. The oasis is marvelously irrigated by small canals. Comparatively few cattle are to be found on account of there being no grazing land, but sheep and goats abound. There are numerous horses, which like the cattle and the inhabitants, subsist almost entirely upon dates. Trade is carried on with the Sudan and Ben. There are great extremes of cold, but the hardy inhabitants do not suffer much therefrom.

Intelligence of Dogs.

Sir John Lubbock has been telling of certain experiments made with dogs to show that, properly developed, their intelligence falls little short of that of a man. By three or four months' patient training he had established an association in the mind of his black poodle between certain words printed on cards and the corresponding objects. The poodle was taught to express its wants by bringing Sir John one or other of twelve different cards. In twelve days he brought the card "food" 80 times, "tea" 31 times and blank cards twice. The experiment was so arranged by not using any card more than once that the scent of the dog could not be brought into play. In a lecture which he gave on this subject Sir John also detailed ingenious experiments by which it appeared that bees and ants can discriminate in colors. It was shown that at the red end of the spectrum the vision of ants was bounded by the same limits as that of man, but that at the violet end their range was greater, which the world must appear to have different, and how different the things so near to us would appear to ourselves if the limitation on the range of our senses could be removed.

Good Offices to be Filled.

A great many aristocratic mouths are open in England for several rich plums

Lord Rosebery has to drop. They include five of the highest and most responsible posts in the gift of the Government, the Governorships of Bombay and Madras, and three colonial governorships, to all of which tempting salaries and perquisites are attached. Four of these positions are at present held by peers, and it will greatly weaken Rosebery's influence in the Lords if he decides to fill them with members of the Upper Chamber. This is probably what he will have to do, however. Commoners are eligible to all the appointments, but even in the most democratic of the British colonies a peer is looked upon with more favor than a commoner, and the wishes of the colonists cannot very well be ignored, in view of the increasing talk of imperial federation.

Gladstone Profiting by Rest.

There has been some talk again of Mr. Gladstone re-entering public life. He has taken a deep interest in the Armenian question and is said to have expressed liberal views on the course of the Liberal faction under its present leader. The Grand Old Man is reported in excellent health and will probably winter at Hawarden instead of going to the continent, which has been his custom for many years. This is regarded as a significant break in his habits, and the knowing ones—who have always predicted that he would emerge from his retirement—are especially encouraged by it. Commenting on the point a well-informed correspondent says: "It is quite possible that Mr. Gladstone might still be capable of a few years of good political service, but everybody who is not a crank or a cynic will read the incident in quite another light. Mr. Gladstone's robust condition shows that his retirement, utilized as it is in the pursuit of congenial studies and occupations, is doing him a great deal of good. Many men who abandon an advanced age for the active habits of a lifetime break down. Mr. Gladstone, thanks to the wide range of his intellectual interests, is as full of the zest of life as ever."

Clever Mother-in-Law.

Society is still talking about the wedding of Prince Adolphus of Teck and Lady Margaret Grosvenor, which took place at Eaton Hall on Wednesday. Smart society is greatly tickled by a story of the marriage settlements. The Duke of Westminster originally proposed to allow the young couple an annual income of \$60,000. The Duchess of Teck, being a discreet old lady, foresaw that if by radical legislation or misfortune the duke's own income should be curtailed, so she demanded the capital sum. The duke reluctantly offered \$1,000,000, and this not being deemed sufficient by the Tecks a deadlock was threatened, until on a visit to Windsor the Queen prevailed on the duke to increase it by half a million. The fact that the duke, who is notoriously hard over money matters, was outdone by the Duchess of Teck is regarded as a record achievement for a mother-in-law.

A Bomb Scare Exposed.

Relief mingled with indignation is felt over the exposure of the recent bomb scare in England. It will be remembered that 24 bombs were sent to leading men in several parts of the kingdom. When the box containing that sent to the mayor of Liverpool was opened a cap exploded and created much alarm. The police were sent for, and they took possession of the supposed infernal machine and dispatched it to Scotland Yard for expert examination. Detectives subsequently found out that all the boxes were shipped by two plumbers living near Liverpool. They had seen a newspaper offer of \$1,250 for the best method of advertising 24 copies of the paper and devised this bomb hoax. They placed a copy of the paper in each of the boxes and sent them on their terrorizing journey. The men were set free after their explanation of the scheme; but it is not at all unlikely that the authorities will find some way of punishing them for the scare they created.

A Relic of Dickens.

Dickens collectors have a great chance of spending money at the end of next month, when the late Edmund Yates' library will be sold at auction. Among numerous Dickens relics which will then be offered for competition is a writing desk in which is fixed a silver plate bearing this inscription: "This desk, which belonged to Charles Dickens and was used by him to the day of his death, was one of the familiar objects of his study, which were ordered by his will to be distributed among those who loved him."

Bogus Estate Frauds.

In spite of the recent conviction of Jacques and Thomas for conspiracy in obtaining money from credulous Americans by means of the unclaimed estate dodge, the game is being tried again, this time in connection with the so-called Hyde estate. An agent recently came from America to prosecute the pretended claim. An official of the English High Court of Justice has notified the United States Embassy that there is not the slightest basis for this claim.

Is Japan Going Too Far?

Signs of increasing impatience with Japan have been noted in several European capitals this week. Journals which at first rejoiced over Chinese disasters are now talking about the overbearing impetuosity of the Japanese, and warning them that they are not entitled, even in the full glory of conquest, to set two or three continents at defiance. Reports of barbaric cruelty on the part of the conquerors are readily believed and form the basis of much harsh criticism. It is urged that China is now deserving of the pity and support of surrounding nations, and prompt to take the hint, Russia, England and France are said to be contemplating a demonstration in force to check Japan's victorious march to Peking and save China from any further humiliation. English journals, some of them in close touch with Downing street, are asking how much more Japan wants, and declaring that the powers interested have now a perfect right to compel her to formulate terms of peace. They profess not to know what she is fighting for now. The Chinese themselves, says Lord Rosebery's organ, must be in absolute ignorance on the subject. "They were told not to interfere in Korea. They are certainly not interfering in Korea now. They are only fighting for the security of their own homes. There is no clear, open and avowed issue between them and the power which reveals in the luxury of hitting them when they are down. No war within our recollection has been continued on such terms."

Sequel to Great Swindles.

"Royal Sympathy but No Assistance" is the suggestive heading given by some Radical newspapers to a paragraph going the rounds for the last day or two in connection with another effort to raise funds for some of the aged people who were ruined by James Balfour's Liberator Society swindles. The relief committee thought an opportunity to subscribe ought to be given

the members of the royal family, and nine letters were accordingly sent to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of York and all the rest. The result is truly remarkable. Not one penny has been raised among the whole family. Sir Henry Ponsonby wrote that "Her Majesty had seen the appeal, but had given him no orders on the subject."

The Prince of Wales's secretary was instructed to express his Royal Highness's regret that, on account of the numerous calls upon him just now, he was unable to subscribe. The Duke of Connaught's letter was almost stained with tears of sympathy "for those who had lost so much," but it contained no cash, or promise of it, and the same description applies to the other royal letters. All deplored the sad circumstances which made the appeal necessary, but offered no practical proof of the reality of their sorrow. Common people, mainly those of the class from which the bulk of the Liberator victims were drawn, have subscribed nearly \$250,000 to the fund, but the need is still great, for the committee has remaining on its books 2,457 cases of deserving men and women who were utterly ruined by the monstrous swindle.

Other Cable Notes.

Lord Haddo, eldest son of the Earl of Aberdeen, is on the steamer Lucania, now en route to New York. He goes to spend Christmas with his father and mother in Canada.

Emperor William has ordered the marble palace at Potsdam, where he spent the first few years of his married life, to be put in readiness for the crown prince, who will then receive his own court and retinue. The crown prince, Frederick William, was born on May 5, 1882.

A report for which some people in all civilized countries have been longing for years, has at last come from—of all places in the world—Hungary. It is an agitation against after-dinner speechmaking. The Pesther Lloyd publishes in fac-simile an invitation to dinner which bears a note to the effect that guests are desired to use their influence to prevent such a thing. It appears toward abolishing all toasts. It is, however, the force of the force of habit, and the company got up in the middle of the feast to propose a toast. "To the genial idea of our Amphitryon."

CITY CHURCH CIRCLES.

References to the Late Premier Made From City Pulpits.

St. Paul's Pulpit Draped—Special Services—Lecture at St. Peter's—Many Men at the Grand.

DR. POTTS OF DETROIT.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Potts, the noted deaf preacher, orator, and editor, occupied the pulpit of the Wellington Street Methodist Church yesterday afternoon. His subject was "Perfect Love." His morning subject was "Perfect Love." At both services the church was filled with deeply impressed congregations. "Moral Architecture, or What We Are Fitted For" is the title of a popular lecture which he will deliver tonight.

A GOOD SHOWING.

On Sept. 23 a popular meeting was held in the Grand Opera House. Sunday, Dec. 9 closed the twelfth meeting. The total attendance has been 11,760, average attendance, 982, the collections, \$209 66, an average of \$24 97. These meetings have been composed of men only. Expenses have been heavy owing to the nature of the subject, and the fact that the Y. M. C. A. hope in the near future to have their own hall. Much credit is due to the energetic committee in charge of the meetings. The chairman is F. T. Harrison and the secretary J. W. Westervelt, jun.

AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE. Mr. George A. Somerville presided at the men's meeting in the Grand Opera House Sunday afternoon. There were over 1,000 men present, and they listened with interest and profit to an address by Hector, the Black Knight, who spoke with his usual vigor and happiness. The musical services were excellent. Mr. T. Ranaahan singing a solo acceptably. Mr. H. W. Barnett offered up prayer. Dr. Lockwood, of Cincinnati, the noted expert of spiritualism, will speak on Jan. 13 or 20. He will remain in the city a week.

AT ST. PETER'S. The service in St. Peter's Cathedral at 8 p.m. on Sunday night was of a special nature and the big church was filled. Rev. Father Doherty, one of the Jesuit fathers who conducted the mission here about ten months ago, delivered a lecture on Faith. It was a masterly effort, and was listened to with the deepest sympathy. The service was under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the collection, which was very large, will be used in relieving the city poor. Special music was furnished by the choir. The 10 o'clock morning mass was addressed by Bishop O'Connor.

CHURCH NOTES. Rev. Mr. Harris, of this city, conducts the anniversary services of Bethel Church, Florence, on Sunday next.

Mr. Frank Callender, of King street, is an applicant for the position of organist in Colborne Street Methodist Church.

A service for the reception of new members will be held in Dundas Street Center Methodist Church one week from next Sunday morning.

Rev. A. G. Harris occupied the pulpit at the Centennial Methodist Church on Sunday. His text was just recovered from a severe illness of two weeks' duration.

Next Sunday will be choir Sunday in Dundas Street Center Methodist Church. There will be special music. Rev. Mr. Annis will preach at the morning service.

Mr. Appleyard, of Huron College, is expected to conduct the services in Christ Church, Forest, and St. Paul's Church, Thedford, during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Emma Case, who has been studying under Mr. Harold Jarvis for some time, rendered "Come Unto Me" (Stubbins) in the Colborne Street Methodist Church last evening in a very pleasing manner.

Rev. J. W. Annis conducted the morning service in the Richmond Street Mission Church Sunday, his own pulpit being occupied by Rev. G. A. Wilkinson. The Black Knight preached in the evening.

Suitable allusions were made to the death of the late Premier from most of the city pulpits at yesterday's services. The reading desk, lectern and pulpit in St. Paul's Cathedral were draped in black, and the "Dead Church in Saul" was rendered at the close of the services.

At the Sunday morning service in Adelaide Street Baptist Church Rev. D. H. Mihal made an earnest and forcible appeal in behalf of the mission work in Grande Linge and other sections of Quebec.

The reverend gentleman, in the course of his sermon—from Acts, xi, 17-18—strongly emphasized the fact that God's Gospel was not a sectarian gospel—that the great spirit had no place in Christianity, and that neighborly needs called for neighborly help.

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Woman and Art in Canada

From Decorated Butter-Bowls to Serious Studies.

Art Influences Set in Motion by Women.

(Correspondence of the ADVERTISER.)

TORONTO, Dec. 16, 1894.

A few years ago a young Canadian woman returned to Toronto after some years of study in foreign schools, and found the city in the very center of the decorative craze, which was then sweeping over Canada. "Can you teach us to decorate milk-stools, butter-bowls and drain-tiles?" was the first question that greeted her. I think if she had been told then of the important part she was to play in doing away with this state of things, the young artist would have laughed at you. Returning to her native country with no thought of teaching or taking up the professional side of art, she found herself dragged into the professional arena almost from the beginning. The existing condition of things and unforeseen circumstances combined to bring this about. The first step was taken when she consented, for the sake of a friend, to lend a helping hand to a then struggling Art School. In this capacity her splendid capabilities for teaching and for

DEVELOPING INDIVIDUALITY

were first discovered to herself and others. "Situation is the expression of life." It was not mere accident which at once brought a young and comparatively unknown woman into direct collision with a false and ignoble feeling on the whole great subject of art, and forced her into what looked at first like an unequal contest for a broader outlook and a less provincial spirit. It was an illustration of Heine's saying that we do not take possession of our ideals, our ideals take possession of us. That there is a broader art outlook at the present day, and more art intelligence among the various branches of this organization formed in other cities, would form

A WIDE-REACHING CIRCLE permeated with the same idea, courage and purpose in art. This has been accomplished, and the Woman's Art Association is now well established, and reaching towards that ideal which was the first thought of its originators. The idea of an art association for women, which should be not only local but national in scope, has never before been attempted in this or any other country. It remained for a Canadian and a woman to discover that in art, as all else, there must be mutual sympathy and help among all interested before we can have a national and patriotic art. It is going to be a hard battle, but we are sure there are women here who are ready to strengthen and encourage each other to labor and fresh efforts. The W. A. A. believes that we can only have

WORTHY NATIONAL ART through communion, intercourse and exchange of thoughts on canvas with artists of varying schools, thus broadening our minds by knowledge of other views. On account of this attitude taken by the W. A. A., from New York, Paris, London, Rochester, Cleveland, Buffalo, California and many other points come signs of interest and contributions to the exhibition.

On regular days the members who wish meet at the studio of the W. A. A. and work together from life. Six regular exhibitions and sketch exhibitions have been held in Toronto, in regard to which there have been but one expression from press and public, that of surprise at the rapid development and the progress made. And yet it is but a very few years ago that women in Canada were painting plush and decorating milking stools!

The last exhibition of the W. A. A., which was open all last week at their studio in the Canada Life building, is conceded by all visitors who have kept track of the exhibitions to be

FAR IN ADVANCE of anything done in the past. In the number of pictures shown alone there is a most satisfactory increase, showing the enlightened interest in the exhibition. This time all the available space in the studio is occupied, and the walls are mantled with oils, water-colors and pen-and-ink sketches.

It lies in the hands of Canadian women to build up a strong national feeling of art in this Canada of ours. They it is who educate and first influence the little children. A broader intelligence and sympathy amongst our women, and the rising generation must reap the benefit. That an important impulse has been given in the right direction, and that many Canadian women have at last been awakened on this subject, must be matter for congratulation to all patriotic citizens whose vision reaches into the future.

Sir Frank Smith has received a letter from Sir Richard Cartwright and a subscription of \$100 towards the Thompson memorial fund. Sir Richard approves of the fund and expresses deep sympathy with Lady Thompson.

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