

much good will be done by them. Meetings have already been held at Waterford, Sussex and Springfield, beside that above mentioned at Norton.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

H. R. H. THE PRINCESS LOUISE.—The following is the reply of Her Royal Highness, the Princess, to the address presented by His Lordship, Bishop Lewis, the churchwardens and lay delegates of St. Bartholomew's.

My LORD BISHOP AND GENTLEMEN.—The good wishes which you have brought to me yourselves, on behalf of so many of those whom I am glad to think of as friends and neighbors, have given me the greatest pleasure. I regret that the accident, to which you have alluded with great kindness, has prevented me from seeing you as often as last year, and the interest I shall always take in your welfare makes me hope to continue in future days my connection with your community, among whom I trust to be always remembered with the sympathy you have expressed in the address, for which I now thank you.

LOUISE.

Government House, May 10th, 1880.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

In the course of the week the last formalities attendant on a change of Ministry have been got through; and the new Parliament has been constituted. On Tuesday Lord Beaconsfield went down to Windsor with his lately enobled Secretary, and resigned to Her Majesty the seals of his office, and took leave, as the Court chronicler informs us, after a longer interval than usual. Sir Theodore Martin has told the world, in his "Life of the Prince Consort" how acutely Her Majesty feels the partings with her State Servants, which the conflicts of party bring about; we are not surprised, therefore, to hear that the Minister who has guided her councils for six years, retiring at a time of life that leaves but the faintest hope of return to power, made his final bow at Windsor with sad and measured steps.

It will please the public to learn, however, that if Her Majesty was touched by the departure of her old Minister, she did not forget to welcome her coming servants. It was remarked by one of the new Ministers, after the difficulties of Cabinet-making had been surmounted, "The Queen has acted nobly." Those who have been describing the appearance of Mr. Gladstone at the Castle as a bitter pill for its Royal mistress, are covered with ridicule by the repetition of that strict and hearty constitutional conduct which the Queen has invariably displayed at the many changes of Government, over which, in the course of her long reign, she has presided. The Government, called to power by the voice of the nation, commands the welcome of the most constitutional of Sovereigns. This welcome it received on Wednesday, when Mr. Gladstone—*primus inter pares*—presented his colleagues to receive the seals of office.

The question of Dis-establishment of the Church of England will probably present itself in the Legislature in the form of a Burials' Bill. This we are asked to believe, means no harm to the Church. It is simply a demand of citizens to be buried in their own churchyards in their own way. The attack on the Church has taken many forms, and this is the latest. When Mr. Miall led the Non-conformists, he used with great fervour to renounce all part or parcel in a State Church. It was not his Church. He would as warmly resist the endowment and control by the State of his own sect, as he strove against the patronage and control in the case of the Church of England. Now, the Dissenters want a portion of the Church, and are uneasy because they cannot get it. So much for their consistency from that side. From a polemical point of view, Non-conformists are even less consistent. Their religious feelings are shocked at not being able to bury their dead in their own way; but they make light of the shock offered to the feelings of Churchmen in the proposal to hold services in the Church-yard of a kind which Churchmen might abhor.

There are Dissenters and Dissenters, and we have never yet heard that the proposers of Non-conformists' Burial Bills intend to exclude Shakers or Mormons, or any other of the less orthodox sects in the Non-conformist ranks. Thus we see men whose sole plea is a tender

conscience, trampling on the conscientious objections of others. There is, however, a prospect that a Burials' Bill may be attempted early in the Session. The question as it now stands is mainly a sanitary matter, and the closing of the Churchyards and opening public cemeteries would be the wisest and best course to pursue in settling the matter. There is no objection to this course, except from the Dissenters, who would lose a grievance and a chance of obtaining a standing place where to deliver a further assault upon the Church. In fact the Burials Question has already been solved in this manner in a large number of places, so large, indeed, as to entirely deprive the Burials Question of a national character.

Mr. Montague Corry, private Secretary and Fides Achates to Lord Beaconsfield, has been rewarded for his services to his patron with a peerage, under the title of Lord Rowton. Considering that when the Sovereign wished to recognize such pre-eminence achievements, for example, as those of the late Lord Lawrence and Lord Clive in saving India, she could bestow on them no higher distinction than that just conferred on Mr. Corry, it cannot reasonably be said that that gentleman has met with less than his deserts. The Tory ex-Premier's ways are not as the ways of other statesmen; and no doubt the reflected glory he receives from the dizzy elevation of his protégé has its peculiar charm for a Semitic imagination. How great must be the statesman whose more confidential Secretary is required with a seat among the hereditary senators of the realm.

Bishop Ryle's retirement from the Church Association is generally approved. His letter signifying his retirement is generally disapproved. It gives a hint that he will carry on as a Bishop that policy against High Churchmen, which, to say the least, is not fatherly. Should he attempt anything of the kind, he will do more harm in his diocese than any lack of Episcopal supervision could have wrought. He has, in fact, done some harm already, by thus taking up at the outset a position of antagonism towards one party in his diocese. Persecutions, it is true, must come, but when they come from a "right reverend father in God," they are more than mischievous.

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Dept. of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 13th May, 1880.



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