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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

It is with deep regret we chronicle this week the death of the renowned and far-famed African Explorer, Dr. Livingstone, which event is said to have taken place as far back as 15th of August. He died of dysentery while travelling from Lake Bembe to Anyanyembo. His body has been embarked, and is being conveyed to England by way of Zanzibar. His death will be a grief and a loss to the whole civilized world.

Herr Brenner, the German explorer of Africa, in a letter to Dr. Helbman, of Gotha, dated Zanzibar, says Dr. Livingstone died on the 15th of August. This date differs from that of a previous report, but all doubts have been set at rest by an official despatch received by the Government to day from Zanzibar, which states the circumstances that Dr. Livingstone died in Lobisa after crossing marches, with the water at one time for three hours consecutively above the waist. The sufferings of his whole party were terrible, and ten of them died in consequence. The members of Cameron's expedition were suffering from fever and ophthalmia, but would await the arrival of the doctor's remains and bring them to Ujiji. From the latter place they would be conveyed to Zanzibar, where it is expected they will arrive next month.

Hon. Benjamin Disraeli, in an address to his constituents in Buckinghamshire, seeking re-election to Parliament, strongly condemns the course of the Government. The Premier is charged with having violated the constitutional law by persisting for several months in occupation of a seat to which he was no longer entitled, and the action of the Ministry in inaugurating the Ashantee war without communicating with Parliament on the subject is severely denounced. Disraeli says he finds nothing definite in Gladstone's address regarding the policy of the latter, except that he intends to apply a large surplus to the remission of taxation, which would be the course of any Ministry. The principal resources of relief, spoken of by Gladstone, have always been favoured by Conservatives. It would have been far better for the country if within the last five years the foreign policy of the Government had been a little more energetic. Disraeli characterizes the argument for the extension of household suffrage to counties as fallacious, and says that no one has more strongly opposed the contemplated assimilation of the franchise than the Premier.

It is announced that Queen Victoria had accepted the dedication of a sacred work, "The Annunciation," composed by M. Gounod, on the words arranged from the Prophets and the Gospel by Mrs. Weldon. M.

Gounod has also expressly arranged, for four hands, "Joanne d'Arc" for her Majesty and Princess Beatrice. These works will shortly be published.

At a recent meeting of the Cork Harbor Commissioners, a report of a committee was read recommending great works on the Lee. The recommendation of the committee is that jetties be erected in the river, the river be deepened at a cost of £20,000, and subsequently that a tidal basin be constructed in the park at a cost of £100,000.

At the last meeting of the students of the literary society in connection with St. Andrew's University, the debate was whether Bohn's translations or Bass' beer were the greater benefactors to students. The subject called forth a lively discussion, and at the close the meeting decided in favour of the beer by the casting vote of the chairman. The debate was just prior to the dispersion for Christmas holidays.

An English paper suggests a useful opening for the employment of women a right woman. The baggage train in the British expedition on the Gold Coast is made up chiefly of women, who are found to be more useful than the men, and who claim the right to whip those of the latter who refuse to fight. It is proposed that some strong-minded women might be advantageously employed as officers over these black Amuzons.

The Russian troops employed in the Khivan expedition were fed chiefly on biscuits composed one third of flour of rye, one third of beef reduced to powder, and one third of sauerkraut also reduced to powder. The soldiers are stated to have had a great relish for this food, and their good health during the expedition is attributed in great part to the use of it.

Gen. La Marmora has published a letter maintaining the truth of his statements in regard to negotiating at one time for the cession of German territory to France, in which he says Prince Bismark participated. The letter is a reply to Prince Bismark's recent denial of the whole story in the Prussian Landtag.

Reports have reached Madrid that General Moriones commanding the army of the north has raised the blockade of Bilbas.

The repairs to the Madeleine, in Paris necessitated by the injuries received by that building during the Commune, are now completely terminated. They have cost 20,000 francs.

The cheapest newspaper in the world is the London *Daily Sun*, which is sold at the rate of six copies for a penny, yet its circulation is only 40,000.

A telegram from Rome says: It is highly probable that an English prelate will be ap-

pointed Cardinal at the second Consistory, which is to be held at Easter.

Sir Walter Scott's novels are now sold at three pence apiece in London, and the dealers say that his books are read now only by the humblest class of buyers.

Mr. Nolan, Secretary of the Irish Amnesty Association, announces his intention of contesting the election of Mr. Gladstone in Greenwich.

The French Assembly have appointed a Committee to liquidate the Civil List of the late Emperor Napoleon. It is said that the majority of the members of the Committee opposes the Convention lately entered into between the Government and the Empress Eugenie.

Leicester Square has been presented to the city of London, and is to be converted into an ornamental park.

The Spanish Government has issued an order closing the Alphonsoist clubs in Madrid.

The Carlists report that Santander and Portuguese surrounded unconditionally their forces on the 22nd inst., and an entire Segovia battalion, a number of artillerymen and engineers, 1,200 Remington, 400 Minto rifles, and two cannon fell into their hands.

General Wolsely, says an exchange, has written a private letter to a gentleman in Winnipeg, dated at the seat of war, in which he remarks: "I wish I had two hundred Canadian volunteers with him."

The *Army and Navy Gazette* of the 9th January, contains the following notice: Quarter Master Higgins was in Montreal with the Rifle Brigade during the time Prince Alfred was serving with the 1st Battalion in Canada, and has many friends who will be glad to learn of his good fortune. "The officers now serving, and many who have served in the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, on his leaving the regiment, with a very handsome silver and tea and breakfast service in silver, as a mark of their friendship and esteem, and in recognition of his services in the Battalion during the last thirty five years. Quarter Master Higgins was recently transferred to the 45th Depot Brigade at Canterbury."

Frederick Douglass received from the coloured citizens of St. John, N. B., a testimonial in the shape of a gold-mounted cane containing a telegraph and a printer's compass.

A testimonial, consisting of a toy service and an address, was presented to George Brown, the champion orator, by some of his Picton admirers. The presentation was made amid great applause.