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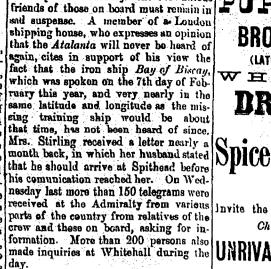
## OUR LONDON LETTER.

## (From our own Correspondent.)

THE elections are practically ended, and the Liberals have an enormous majority. The enquiry of the moment is, jority. The enquiry of the moment is, "What will they do with it ?" Are we to have a Radical Ministry, and a series of plunges into experimental legislation of same latitude and longitude as the misthe kind which prevailed in the 1868-74 periad? People largely dread this possibility. But if the legislation of the experimental scheol is to continue, whose experiments are they to be? It is all very well for the followers of Mr. Gladstone to say that they only carry out the will of the people; but this is a palpable error. Only a small section of the people parts of the country from relatives of the prompt such measures as the Irish Church and Land Bills. Those people, however, who prompted these measures happened to be those who have the gift of speech. It is day. the same faculty which has changed the Government. The Conservatives have been talked out of Court, and the same thing would have happened if their case had been ten times as strong as it was, if commoners, the representative of double the relative oratorical powers of the two stout has become a pear. He has done a parties had remained the same ! We live great deal to earn his peerage. He owns in fact under a tyranny of talk, a despotism of oratory. The best men and the wisest measures may be swept away by a terrent of invective. The party which now accedes to power as good as admits this.

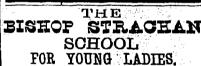
Mr. Lowo, who is the cnfant terrible of his party, who always blurts out unwelcome truths, naively declares that all the rough talk is at an end, because its object is attained, that object being to discredit your advorsaries. When the historian comes to deal with the events of this day, and turns np these extraordin. ary statements, he will wonder what manner of men these could be who made the gravest possible charges against the Ministry in power, and as soon as they had obtained a vote against them, turned about, and, with a mocking grimace, declared their object was attained in ob taining the revorsion of the places held by the men whom they had denounced as thieves, murderers, traiters and liars. These reflections occur to the mind as we attempt to forecast the immediate future. A writer in the Standard has pointed out that no no less than fifty-cight Conservative seats has been lost by majorities of less than one hundred. Clearly, this peints to a state of things which cannot admit of a vory strong, practical re-action in the construction of the new Cabinet.

in the construction of the new Cabinet. The Bishopric of Liverpool has been founded, and a selection has been made of the first Bishop. The Conservatives stole a march upon their successors in making the appointment. The Times says the elergyman appointed to this see will be called upon to preve not merely his personal competency, but the advan-tages of the episcopate in general. His exceptional and most formidable task will be to demonstrate to the wide circle of persons who have hitherto accepted pas-sively the episcopal constitution of their Church in which they were born that the constitution would be worth creating the constitution would be worth creating the the thing to be done over again If for any discess the selection of a first Bishop is hard, it must be peculiarly Bishop is hard, it must be peculiarly hard for the diocese of Liverpoel. Liv-erpool has as high a standard as Manchester and London of strictly clerical work. It will not be satisfied with any prelate who does not make his weight perceived in every department of ecclesiastical labor. Its bishop, however, and especially its first bishop, must be fitted to exercise, in addition, social influence in the laro



month back, in which her husband stated that he should arrive at Spithead before his comunication reached her. On Wed-nesday last more than 150 telegrams were received at the Admiralty from various parts of the country from relatives of the crew and these on bcard, asking for in-formation. More than 200 persons also made inquiries at Whitehall during the day. Sir Arthur Guinness is consoled by n Peerage for his lost Dublin. His oleva-tion is a proof that stout beats bitter beer. The Basses & Allsopps are still commonors; the representative of double stout has become a peer. He has done a lenge number of public houses, and has helped to build, as a restitution, several churches. He restored St. Patrick's Cathedral. Cathedral.

That is the question just now being askbe played this year. The first perform- Avery, Brown & Cu.'s ance will be May 17. There will be six performances in June, four in July, five in August, and five in September. Christ is to be played by Joseph Maier; and in the new theatre thousands of people will be accommodated. Hundreds of people are going from London on purpose for it. Those desirous of knowing briefly what the play is like, will find a good account in Dean Stanley's Essays. But fuller ac-counts are given by the Rev. Malcolm McColl and Mr. Oxenham. Mr. Mac-Coll wrote his descriptions for the Times, Nu Oxenham Mr. Oxenham wrote his descriptions for the Guardian. Rivington publishes both hand-books. Mr. MacColl's book is the more simply descriptive, Mr. Oxenham's the more inclined to moralizing. Mr. MacColl's is more of a guide ; Mr. Oxenham's is more of a book. They are both very reverently written.



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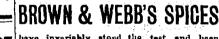
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