

Mrs. SARGENT'S letter, the first part of which we publish to-day, will be found particularly well written and interesting.

ERRATA.—The following unfortunate blunders have to be noted and apologized for, viz., on page 4, under "The Marriage Laws," read "has been a very important factor" for "have been very important factors"; under "Newfoundland" read "unbounded confidence" for "unfounded confidence"; under "From Nova Scotia to Rapid City" read "bumpiousness" for "bumpishness"; and on page 5, under "We have an Altar" read "Have your correspondents a knowledge of Scandret's 'Sacrifice the Divine Service,' I wonder? for 'Have your correspondents a knowledge of Scandrets? What is this work?' &c.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The opening of Parliament was a dull, colourless affair all through, no life, no interest, and the debate on the Address added very little to our information in any way. The Liberals are in, and the Conservatives wholesale for three years, by pen and tongue, are appropriating that policy in detail with all the coolness they can assume under the circumstances, and eating their own words by the bushel with as much relish as they can, under the circumstances. The Berlin Treaty has been denounced in every possible phrase of obloquy and contempt; and the Berlin Treaty is to form the starting point of Mr. Gladstone's Foreign policy. The Afghan war has been denounced as an iniquitous invasion of the National rights of a free nation. The Afghan war is to be pursued to the bitter end—till all the objects of Lord Beaconsfield have been attained. The scientific frontier has for a couple of years been ridiculed and denounced by every Liberal orator and writer. It is now to be adopted and insisted upon as a necessity to our military position. The annexation of the Transvaal was a blunder—the authority of the Queen is to be maintained even at the risk of war. The war with the Zulus was a wanton attack upon a brave race, who, in resisting us, were doing nothing but standing up for their independence and freedom. It is now to be adopted and defended. The whole Opposition two years ago were demanding the recall of Sir Bartle Frere. He is now to be kept in his position. These were all topics that the Opposition Leader might have turned to good account in the way of reproach, taunt, personal criticism, or invective, but neither Lord Beaconsfield nor Sir Stafford Northcote rose to the occasion, thinking it enough, I suppose, to show their weapons, to let the Ministers see distinctly what could be said, and there to leave it. Lord Beaconsfield made two or three good hits by asking what sort of institutions it was Her Majesty's Ministers were thinking of setting up in Afghanistan—a House of Lords for the Sirdars, a single Chamber, or County Boards? But this was almost the only gleam of the old humour of the Tory Chief, and Sir Stafford Northcote never gratuitously goes out of his way to provoke a quarrel or a scene by taunt and invective.

The Rev. J. S. Hoare, Rector of Mureton, at a recent coffee tavern meeting at Teynham, took occasion to speak deprecatingly of working men's clubs. He held that they infringed upon the interests of publicans, and that they were, in fact, private "public-houses," into which the police could not enter. For these remarks Mr. Hoare has been taken to task this week by correspondents of newspapers who are either promoters of workmen's clubs, or members of them, among these is no less a personage than Mr. Hodgson Pratt himself, who says he has visited hundreds of workmen's clubs, and is able to affirm most decisively that they do not encourage drinking, as represented by Mr. Hoare. Many respectable artisans are found who are very glad to use clubs instead of public houses, but who would not do so if they were "treated like children," and not permitted to have such things as they might choose. The statements published indeed, all seem to show that Mr. Hoare's teetotal zeal has outrun his discretion. The result of using such clubs is, according to such an experience as that of Mr. Hodgson Pratt, that men acquire more temperate habits and learn to drink less. There is no pressure and no obligation to drink, while the company is more

select and the tone and conversation far better than in a public-house. The great aim of social reformers should be not so much to remove external temptations as to destroy the temptation within; to dispose men from evil by raising their moral strength and mental character. No man understood human nature better than Charles Dickens, and he wrote: "Trustfulness is at the bottom of all social institutions, and to trust a man as one of a body of men is to place him under a wholesome restraint of social opinion, and is a very much better thing than to make a baby of him. The rejection of beer in this club, tobacco in that, or what-not in another club, are instances that such clubs are founded on mere whims, and therefore cannot successfully address human nature in the general and hope to last."

The Ven. Archdeacon Woolcombe's charge awakens interest on many points at this moment. The Government is about to throw open the grave yards of the Churches to the Dissenters, and when that is done—if not while it is being done—we may expect to see the Churches also opened. Now, as the Ven. Archdeacon showed, the Church has been immensely extended and strengthened by the voluntary efforts of Churchmen. The Bishopric of Turin is re-established by a magnificent effort of Churchmen. The Government proposes to throw open the Churches because they are National property, whereas the Church is not exclusively national in its source of support. Some distinction must at least be made between ancient endowments and those which are the results of the generosity of modern Churchmen. Wherever a Church and grave-yard have been presented by the piety and generosity of modern Churchmen, the donors have always had reason to suppose that they would be held in trust for Churchmen. We do not know whether Parliament will provide for this class of Churches, but a clearer case of injustice to Churchmen is seen in regard to these Churches than is seen in relation to the general body of Church property. We need say nothing more than the Ven. Archdeacon has advanced in order to prove the extent to which the private means of Churchmen have been used of late years to further the interests of this great and beneficent institution. The almost weekly announcement in the columns of Church papers of restorations, the opening of newly-founded Churches, and the founding of six new Bishoprics within as many years, keep people alive to this fact. We only need draw the inference that some consideration should be given to the donors, and some attention paid to the conditions under which they assumed that their benefactions would be used.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

LYRICS, SONGS and SONNETS: By Amos Henry Chandler and Charles Pelham Mulvany. Toronto: Hunter, Rose & Co., 1880. Pp. 230. Price \$1.00. To be had of all Booksellers.

This book of Poetry, by Dr. Chandler, of Dorchester, N. B., and the Rev. C. P. Mulvany, of Toronto, has received flattering commendations from the press of Canada, and from competent judges among her literati. Many of the pieces have been published, but the volume will be welcomed by all lovers of Canadian literature, who will be rewarded by finding some graceful pieces, and some showing a high order of poetic talent. The authors have received flattering letters from H. R. H. the Princess Louise, Sir Charles Tupper, and from Mr. Matthew Arnold, of world-wide repute as a writer. Buckley & Allen have the book for sale in Halifax.

A CATECHISM ON MARRIAGE, especially with regard to its Prohibition with a Deceased Wife's Sister, by the Rev. Joseph J. Curling, Rural Dean of the Strait of Belle Isle, and Missionary Priest of the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland; with an Appendix, shewing the Divine Authority for the "Table of Prohibited Degrees," by the Rev. Joseph F. Phelps, Precentor of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, Newfoundland. J. C. Withers, Queen's Printer, 1880.

This pamphlet is for us in Canada at the present time quite a desideratum. It gives concisely and plainly in the form of questions and answers the Scriptural Prohibitions against certain marriages, and shows in tabular form the Relationships Prohibited, the Corresponding Relationships, and the Equal Relationships, so that we have the whole subject in a nutshell. It would be well for the clergy to circulate this little work among their people.

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