

The Chaldean Account of Creation.

We gave an abstract some time ago of the Chaldean account of the Deluge, as recently discovered in arrow headed characters out in stone tablets, and forming part of the immense library of those great collectors of literary treasures, the kings of Assyria. But by far the most interesting account has just been published in England by Mr. George Smith, in a valuable book of moderate size, entitled "The Chaldean account of Genesis."

It would appear that at first the history was written on twelve tablets, each including about one hundred lines of cuneiform text. Those relating to the creation of light, of the atmosphere or firmament, of the dry land, and of plants, have not yet been discovered. Some small fragments however have been found which contain allusions apparently referring to these subjects. There is one thing very remarkable about these tablets; the fifth of these begins with the statement that the pre-creations were delightful or satisfactory, agreeing with the repeated statement of Moses, after each act of creative power, that "God saw that it was good."

The London Athlete has some very just remarks in reference to the Prince of Wales' visit to India, and especially bearing upon his encouragement of brutal sports, and presenting to the native princes, illustrated book depicting scenes of barbarity. The prince at Baroda saw the "sports" so graphically described by Rousselet, in the book in question. The writer of the article expresses regret that the advisers of the Prince should permit the agency of animals to be made a conspicuous part of an entertainment held in the city, for

which its late ruler was expelled for his love of barbarity, among other reasons. We are informed, it is true, that no men fought with claws before the Prince, for as one of the correspondents calmly remarks, "The entertainment was modified to suit the European taste." But the question is asked, was the entertainment in any way suited to the English taste? And it might be asked also, is it teaching the Hindoo anything of the refinement we wish to inculcate? Is it compatible with the dignity of the heir to the British Throne that in the public entertainments he permits to be given in his honor, the chief one of them should consist in torturing some of the finest and noblest animals in the world? And is such a proceeding calculated to recommend Christianity to the "mild Hindoo?" We are reminded that not long ago the *Times* and almost every other journal were supremely indignant when some cockfighters were caught enjoying their "sport" in Lancashire. Englishmen are also directed not to lay the flattering unction to their souls, that their days of bear-baiting are over, and that Spain may keep her cruel bull-fights to herself, when the Prince of Wales at Baroda indulges in "sports," which are quite as cruel and as unmanly.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTH. At Gananoque, on Dec. 6th, the wife of Rev. W. Coulthard, of a son. MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, on the 26th inst., by the Rev. H. Bentley, Mr. ANDREW B. BAL-LANTYNE, to LUCY McVIGAN, both of Galt. On the 13th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, the Rev. W. J. Maxwell, Mr. JOHN McVIGAN, to MARY, youngest daughter of Robert Mills, Esq., all of this city. On the 13th January, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. M. King, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Jackson, ASHLEY SCOTT, of her Majesty's Customs, to MARY, youngest daughter of Robert Mills, Esq., all of this city. In Knox Church, Mount Forest, on the 30th ult., by Rev. J. Macmillan, Mr. ANDREW STORV, of Guelph, to SARAH, daughter of Mr. Andrew Story, Luther Township. At the residence of the bride's father, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. David Watson, A.M., Mr. DONALD CAMERON to Miss ANN BRANTON, both of Guelph. At the residence of the bride's father, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. W. H. Hall, Mr. ASHLEY SCOTT, of her Majesty's Customs, to MARY, youngest daughter of Robert Mills, Esq., eldest daughter of Robt. Stewart, Esq., of Guelph. At the residence of the bride's brother, Guelph, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. Thomas Wardrop, assisted by Rev. W. J. Maxwell, JOHN A. DAVIDSON, of the Mercury, to ELIZABETH, daughter of Guelph. At the manse, Fergus, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. J. B. Mullan, Mr. ANDREW GIBLIN, of Guelph, to Miss ISABELLA McLENNITHAN, of Douglas. At Smith's Falls, on the 23rd Dec., 1875, by the Rev. Solomon Mylne, Mr. JOHN BAKER, of Bookwith, to Miss MARY ANN GIBBERT, of Ramsay.

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