

LETTER FROM LONDON.

Weekly Correspondence of the Register

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May Day has come and gone. Visiting upon us the sins of our forefathers the clerk of the weather on the first day of May generally favours us with a temperature eminently unsuited for a revival of the rustic frolics heretofore associated with the anniversary. And for their sins of commission and omission in other directions, civilized nations are usually a prey to grave anxiety during the last days of April lest the celebration of May Day would bring with it tumult and revolution. This year has been no exception to the rule, either as regards temperature or anxiety, but we have managed very successfully to survive both. Excepting a few unimportant skirmishes between the police and the demonstrators—incidents which had very little connection with the character of the meetings, but were the natural result of large congregations of people. "Labour Day" passed off in a remarkably quiet fashion. The elaborate precautions which had been adopted in view of emergencies proved to be so much wasted energy, and there seems little doubt, at least in the majority of cases, that ordinary arrangements would have amply sufficed to preserve the public peace.

The Americans at present domiciled over here have received with great satisfaction the welcome news of the break up of the Coxeyite Army. They never felt much alarm at its proceedings, but some of them, who happen to have property in the neighborhood of Washington, began to show a little nervousness during the last few days. I have discussed the question with several and all agree in saying that the unemployed movement cannot fail to have material influence in expediting the passage of the Tariff bill, which is now expected to go through the Senate without much modification, and to become law in about a month's time.

This week we have had the annual gathering of journalists. Mr. Rider Haggard and Mr. H. D. Traill were the principal speakers. Each of them had something to say about us, and even the latter deserted for the moment his favorite argument that journalism is "unliterary." To talk about "newspaper English" is very good fun, no doubt, but it is beginning to be rather stale. It makes very little difference whether or not journalism is described as literature; in fact, if some of the books now issued under the latter category are to be considered as examples of the "Weel of English undefiled," it would be very much better for journalism to remain without the honoured pale.

With May the cricket season opens in England. No other game has so strong a hold upon the Anglo-Saxon race as cricket. It matters not whether you go to the Cape, Australia, Canada or the United States, you are sure to find cricketers, and, as many British teams have reason to know, cricketers of no mean order. Last year we had a visit from the Australians. This year the Cape representatives have come over to try conclusions with the mother country and will doubtless render as good an account of themselves as did the early Australian teams. Not only, however, is the English national game played in all parts of her Majesty's Empire, but the rules and regulations of the M. C. C. govern the game everywhere. It is many years since the Marylebone Cricket Club was established. Still, as years roll on, its prestige increases, and it is as difficult to get into, for a man who is not a first class cricketer, as the Athenaeum or any other representative institution.

The report of the retirement of the Speaker has been contradicted. But

in well informed political circles it is generally agreed that the Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel at no distant date will retire from the chair of the House of Commons. Ten years of office have left their mark upon a once robust constitution. For some time Mr. Peel has been in indifferent health. The last session was a severe one upon officials and members alike. It was prolonged to an unprecedented length, while members were weary and jaded, and the health of several of the officials of the House was seriously impaired. Mr. Peel completely broke down under the strain, and it would be well-nigh impossible for the President of the Chamber to endure the burden of office during the present session.

The retirement of the Speaker, it is needless to say, would be deeply regretted by all parties. He has won respect by his strict impartiality, his promptness when called upon to give a decision, and his desire to maintain the dignity of the House when party feeling ran high. His ruling has rarely been called into question, even in the most heated debates. His presidency has covered one of the most stormy periods of Parliamentary history. Yet the House during the last few years has been comparatively free from those painful scenes witnessed in the time of his predecessor, Sir Henry R. Brand, afterwards Viscount Hampden. There has been no suspension of the Irish members in a body, nor such a struggle on the floor of the House as was witnessed at the expulsion of Bradlaugh. Had he been in the chair on the night of that memorable fight, last year, it is probable that the unseemly affair would have been nipped in the bud.

As to Mr. Peel's successor, opinion is divided. Mr. Courtney is named as the most probable candidate. He has made an excellent chairman of committees, and notwithstanding his attitude on the Home Rule question, his name is favourably received by the Irish members. Mr. Mellor does not stand the remotest chance of having the honour bestowed upon him. He is acknowledged to be too weak and indecisive, and after his unhappy experience as chairman of committees, would probably be unwilling to accept the position, even if it were offered to him. Sir Julian Goldsmid was a revelation as deputy chairman of committees, but many members have not appreciated the merciless manner in which he bowls over any luckless person who ventured to assert himself at an inopportune moment. Mr. Arthur O'Connor, another deputy chairman of committees, possesses many qualities which are required by a Speaker of the House; but at present, owing to recent events, he is somewhat under a cloud, and is thought to have little chance of securing so important an appointment.

Not since his speech against the Peers has Mr. Gladstone addressed a public audience until yesterday when he spoke at the meeting which had been convened for the purpose of raising a memorial to Sir Andrew Clarke. But how changed is the man! In the House of Commons he was all fire and vigor and maintained a standing attitude with ease. At St. James' Hall yesterday he had a tired and worn expression, and kept his seat while speaking. Still, what he said was said easily and he found no difficulty in making himself heard. Cardinal Vaughan seconded the resolution and spoke in high terms of the character and life-work of the late eminent physician.

By the way, it is reported that his Eminence is soon to have a sharer in the Archbishopial dignity. Liverpool is to be erected into an Archdiocese, and the successor of the late lamented Bishop O'Reilly will be its first metropolitan.

The Legislature of Ontario has been dissolved. New election on June 28.

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	6.15 4.00	10.30 8.20
	10.00	
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