

the Garrison Chapel, the Bishop and the two military chaplains, in surplices, preceded the body to the cemetery. After arriving there, the Rev. A. J. Townsend, senior chaplain, performed the remaining portion of the funeral service, assisted by the junior chaplain, the Rev. Riddell Morrison. The Lord Bishop then pronounced the Benediction. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge cabled a message to the friends of the deceased General, expressing regret for the loss sustained by the military service in the death of General Haly, and also expressing sympathy with the bereaved family and friends.

ECHOES FROM LONDON.

RECENTLY Lord Beaconsfield visited the Prince of Wales to see "Diplomacy." Although he came after the commencement, and as privately as possible, he was immediately recognized, and received a warm ovation from the audience, which seemed to please him much.

IN the prospectus of the Russell Club for ladies and gentlemen, it is stated that No. 35 Box, for every performance during the season, on the grand tier, at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent-garden, will be at the disposal of members of the Club, the tickets for which will be drawn by ballot free of charge.

A LADY, whose name is not Mrs. Harris, neither is it Mrs. Leo Hunter, is going to try if she cannot effect an alteration in the evening dress of her sex by introducing the Greek classical costume. She gives an *opere buffa* at an early date at which all the ladies are to be arrayed in costume which shall be classical and quite correct.

GENERAL VALENTINE BAKER has been refused an extension of leave, as he is wanted to reorganize the cavalry and artillery, and also for the trial of Sultan Pacha. He will return with the gratifying consciousness that his distinguished conduct during the war, reflecting honour on the name of an English officer, has received the fullest and warmest recognition at the hands of the most noble and worthy of his countrymen.

LORD BEACONSFIELD is desirous to let his residence at No. 2 Whitehall Gardens (next to the National Club). The noble earl seems to find himself so comfortable at his official residence in Downing street that he desires no other lodging. The house in Whitehall Gardens—formerly occupied by the Duchess Dowager of Northumberland—though small, is remarkably elegant, and looks out over a pleasant garden, towards the Thames.

THERE is some hope that we may get back one of our two sunken ships of war. Not the *Albatross*, of course—she is beyond recovery, but it is stated that an attempt will be made to raise the *Thetis* next summer. Captain Creppin has succeeded in raising the *Albatross*, an iron ship of 1,200 tons, which grounded on Bonbridge ledge on the south coast last November, and has accepted a contract from Mr. Smith to raise our trawler off the coast of Ireland.

WITH reference to the Queen's intended visit to Germany, it is reported that Her Majesty will leave England with Prince Leopold and the Princess Beatrice, after the rising of Parliament, visiting the Grand Duke at Darmstadt first. Having spent some days with her daughter there, she will proceed to Coburg, and pass some weeks at Rosenau. There she will be joined by the Crown Prince and Princess, and their newly-married daughter, the Princess Charlotte.

WE understand that during the ensuing London season some fancy dress balls will be given, upon which occasion it will be intimated that all costumes are to be those of the full evening dresses of the persons represented. At a masquerade it is all very well for ladies to appear as vivandiers, flower and gipsy girls, and men in Milton costume, or as cooks, Indian savages, quack doctors, or negro melodists, but to make a fancy dress ball thoroughly complete, every costume should be an evening one.

PRINCE LEOPOLD arrived lately at Ajaccio, in the steamer *Ceres*, from Nice. He paid a visit to the room in which Napoleon was born, and on his expressing admiration of a splendid cameo, the Curator, M. Grossetti, begged his acceptance of it as an acknowledgment of the gratitude of Ajaccio for the hospitality accorded by England to the Imperial family. The Prince thanked him for the gift, which he said he should take with him on his return home and present to the Queen. He left on Monday for the interior of the island, the *Ceres* going round to Bastia to meet him.

The authorities of the South Kensington Museum, with the hearty approbation of Professor Wilson, and the promised co-operation of Mr. Dixon, propose to take a cast of Cleopatra's Needle as soon as can conveniently be done after its removal to its site, and before its elevation. Major Festings has been appointed by the museum authorities to make the necessary arrangements for obtaining such a cast, and for its erection at South Kensington. It is considered that, in the event of the original being hereafter in,

jured or defaced by the action of the London atmosphere, it would be of much interest to have such a cast showing the exact state of the obelisk at the time of its arrival in this country.

The House of Commons is going to lose one of its literary M. P.s. Mr. John George Macarthy, who sits in the House by virtue of the smallest number of votes recorded for any member except Mr. Dawson-Damer, is the author of *The Irish Land Question Plainly Stated*, and similar works. He stood for Mallow in 1872, but was beaten. In 1874 he stood again. The 258 electors had four candidates before them. Mr. Macarthy was carried to the head of the poll triumphantly with 86 votes. He is the son of a distiller, and an active opponent of the Sunday Closing Bill. He will probably be succeeded by his late opponent, Mr. Johnston. There will then be two Johnstons, one Johnston, and four Johnstones in the House.

A good story is told of the Attorney-General. Some days ago Mr. Sullivan invited an "amateur politician" to see the House of Commons. The man came to the outer lobby and asked, according to custom, for his member in the hearing of Sir John Holker. To save trouble, Sir John himself took the man in charge, and not only introduced him to the Speaker's Gallery, but stayed a while, with most admirable kindness, to explain the ways of the House, and its celebrities. He had hardly gone when Mr. Sullivan himself appeared. "You do not know to whom you were talking," he asked his friend. "No." "It was Sir John Holker, the Attorney-General." "Oh, my!" cried the unfortunate man in dismay, "I gave him sixpence for his trouble!" Sir John regarding the sixpence as a fee, though small, pocketed it without a word and departed.

Some two years ago Mr. Van Der Weyde, an American artist, whose paintings have been placed upon the line at the exhibition of the Royal Academy, wished to be photographed, and he went for that purpose to the studio of a well-known London operator. He went daily for a week before there was light enough for a successful sitting, and the photographer, in reply to Mr. Van Der Weyde's not unnatural murmurs, said that Americans were an inventive race, and that he had better find out a way to bottle sunlight and bring it over. The half-jesting challenge induced him to lay aside his art and to devote himself entirely to the problem of rendering artificial light available for all photographic purposes, and after two years spent in experiments he has at last been brilliantly and completely successful. In his Studios, at 182 Regent street, he now produces, by artificial light, portraits which, if they have been equalled, have certainly never been surpassed. In the perfect modeling of the features, the delicacy of the lights and shadows, and the general truthfulness of the delineation, these pictures leave nothing to be desired.

ECHOES FROM LONDON.

THE concert-hall at the French Exhibition is to hold 7,000 people besides the occupants, and it will have a gigantic organ. There will be only two galleries, and the place will be lit by 1,000 gas lamps.

A MAMMOT way of making lady presents is to have a doll of the dimensions and in the likeness of the favoured far one made, which is the normal gift. But the real gift is in the dress and jewels with which it is set off.

THE Emperor of Germany has caused an order to be issued which gives token of kindness and delicacy on his part. It is expressly forbidden that any military paintings shall be among those sent from Germany to the Paris Exhibition.

GRAND preparations are being made in Japan for the Paris Exhibition. The late Minister of Finance, Matsugata, has been appointed President of the Japanese Commission, and will go with the goods sent for exhibition to Paris, together with several eminent Japanese, including the new Japanese Envoy to France, Souzima, one of the ablest men in the Empire.

MR. J. W. MACKAY, the American millionaire, has undertaken to defray the expenses connected with the representation of California at the Paris Exposition. Nobody knows better than Mr. Mackay the exhaustless riches of the State, and his action is no vulgar ostentation of wealth; it is merely an expression of his great desire that his State should have no difficulties in the way of proper representation of its products.

THE gardens around the Exhibition buildings in the Champ de Mars and on the Trocadero, assuming shape and will soon bloom in all their freshness and beauty. There can be no doubt that when completed these gardens will render the scene positively enchanting. All that taste and skill in the horticultural way can accomplish has been done, and not the least of the Exhibition wonders will be the display of flowers, plants and verdure. As the weather has been fine and warm the gardens are even now exceedingly attractive.

THERE is one great drawback on visiting French museums—there is no catalogue. It would require a man with a comfortable account

with his banker to invest in a catalogue for all the Paris museums—they are treatises good for a Dominic Sampson to devour, or for old age to nod over. To open one in the gallery the visitor should engage a porter to lend his atlas shoulders for a reading desk. Well, the evil is to be remedied; the catalogues will be catalogues and nothing more, selling for half a franc each.

THE Anti-Tobacco Society has offered a series of prizes to the teacher who shall have prevented the greatest number of his pupils from smoking, who can prove with figures that the non-smoking obtain more distinction than the smoking pupils. Doctors will be awarded prizes for an essay on the influence of tobacco on procreation, and military officers for statistics proving that the best soldiers abstain from the weed. Why not try the influence of tobacco on the Eastern Question? Relative to pulling, the members of the Academy are divided into two hostile camps respecting the alleged right to smoke in the library.

Mlle. ALBANI, her sister and Miss Holmes, her chaperone, are now staying in Paris at the Hotel de Liverpool, in the Rue de la Paix. Albani occupies a suite of rooms on the first floor, and receives visitors between five and six in the evening. The anteroom is oppressively redbent with flowers picked up on the stage and sent to her. Photographs of the Queen and Princess Beatrice stand on a table near the grand piano. They are three times the size of the ordinary carte-de-visite and in very handsome cases. Victoria R. is written under the portrait of Her Majesty, and "From Beatrice to Mlle. Albani," under that of the Princess.

AN agitation is on foot to have a free day to the palace every fourth Sunday instead of fro-mattinées every *dimanche*; the exhibition being official, no private interests are in play. If extra police be required to regulate the crowds the citizens will volunteer as special constables, or the soldiers could be employed to keep the ring as at cattle shows—complimentary for the *hops inglutinis*—and race courses. At the Trocadero fortnightly concerts will be given, with an orchestra of 150 performers, and a chorus of 200 voices; these representations will be independent of the popular fêtes and musical conferences. Any nationality can engage either the large hall, for 6,000 persons, or the small one for 600. The flags of all nations commence to brave at present the pacific battle and the breeze. All's well at the installations.

THE Paris shopkeepers and hotel managers are making preparations for the expected and long desired influx of visitors, and most likely their anticipations will be fully met. There can be no doubt of the fact, that in every way the capital will be unusually attractive during the Exhibition period; not alone are those who cater for the public exerting themselves to make the best show, the authorities are having all the public buildings, the gardens, promenades and parks, ornamented and put in the finest order, and there will be everything done to assure the comfort and enjoyment of visitors. The solicitude of the Government on this point is evinced already, and we may confidently look forward during the Exhibition period to a round of gaities, such as will rival all that was ever attempted in Paris during the paludest days of the Empire.

*Les Misérables* is positively promised for production in the course of the next fortnight at the Porte St. Martin, or rather the first division of the voluminous melodrama which has been fashioned out of the greatest novel of our century. Probably the second part will be given hereafter, should the success of the present venture warrant it. The cast of the work will be a very strong one. Dumaine is going to play Jean Valjean, Tallade the detective Javert, Lacroisniete the angelic Bishop Myriel, and Mlle. Tallandiera, Fantine. The rehearsals of *Balthazar* at the Odéon are progressing vigorously, and it is probable that the piece will be produced in the course of the present month. The costumes have been in preparation for over a year, and have cost 4,000*fr.* It is whispered that Mlle. Leonide Leblanc, as Madame Dubarry, will wear a parure of diamonds valued at 50,000*fr.*

BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

LENT is the season set apart by the church for the female members to get their dresses ready for Easter.

A TOOK woman who either had to stay at home from church or take her baby, chose the latter course. The preacher was a revivalist, and roared so loud that he waked the baby up and scared it till it roared, too. Its mother arose to take it out of the meeting. "Don't go, my good woman," said the minister. "The baby doesn't disturb me." "It's not for that I go, sir," replied the woman. "It's your disturb the baby."

A LITTLE six-year-old Whitehall boy was watching the sunbeams as they shot through a window and danced diagonally across the room. "Mamma," said he, "what are those streaks?" "Those, my son," she replied, "are sunbeams from heaven." "Oh, I know what they are for, mamma," said the little fellow who had been sliding down beams in the barn-loft. "They are what God slides the babies down on, when He sends 'em to folks."

SLEEP.—Man sleeps. Oh, ye gentle ministers, who tune our dreaming brains with happy music—who feed the snoring hungry with apples fresh from Paradise—who take the fetters from the slave, and send him free from the wild antelope bounding past his hut—who make the hen-pecked spouse, though sleeping near his gentle tyrant, a lordly Turk—who wrote on the prison walls of the poor debtor, "Received in full of all demands"—whatever ye may be, wherever ye reside, we pray ye, for one short hour at least, cheer poor mortals!

THE CHRISTIAN WORLD.—It is a favorite assertion with many of the enemies of Christianity that, after a sufficient trial, it has failed to leave a marked impression upon the world; and many superficial statistics are quoted to give plausibility to that notion. A better knowledge of facts leads to different conclusion. The following statistics are presented by Professor A. J. Schem, in a discussion of the diffusion of Christianity:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Total population of the earth: 1,295,423,000. Under Christian governments: 657,459,411. Under non-Christian governments: 711,982,589. Total area of the earth, square miles: 52,062,470. Area of Christian government: 22,419,911. Area of non-Christian lands: 29,642,559.

Two results are here reached; one is that nearly half the population of the world is under Christian governments. The other is that nearly two-thirds of the area of the earth is under the domination of Christian governments.

BURLESQUE.

A ROSEY FUTURE.—They were in the bell tower of the City Hall yesterday, and she leaned her yellow haired head on his agricultural shoulders and listened to the mighty "tick" tack: tick" of the big clock.

"We don't want such a big clock as that, do we, darling?" she whispered.

"No, my little daisy," he answered, as he hugged her a little closer: "I kin buy a clock for two dollars which'll run three days to this clock's two. I've got her ticked out already!"

"We'll be very, very happy," she sighed.

"You bet we will! I've figured it right down fine, and I believe we can live on twelve eggs, one pound of sugar, ten pounds flour and one pound of butter."

"And you'll have a bank account!" she pleaded.

"I will, even if I have to buy a second-hand one!"

"And will we keep a coachman?"

"Yes."

"And have a piano?"

"Yes, darling."

"And I can have some square pillows with sham on them?"

"Yes, my tulip—yes!" we'll sham every blamed thing from collar to garter, have the front door painted blue, and— but less go'n look at some second-hand cook-stoves!"

UNREASONABLE haste is the direct road to error.

CURIOSITY about trifles is a mark of a little mind.

HOWEVER little we have to do, let us do that little well.

THE weakest point in every man is where he thinks himself the wisest.

REMEMBER always that labour is one of the conditions of our existence.

LITERARY.

VICTOR HUGO announces for next month a poem entitled "Le Pape."

ATHENS, Greece, with a population of 50,000, sustains 50 periodicals.

MISS BRAYTON is in her thirty-second novel and her forty-second year.

BARONESS BURGESS COLETTES thinks of starting a weekly journal of art and science in London.

AN author's copyright lasts in France during his life, and is secured to his family for ten years after his death.

MESSRS. CHAPMAN & HALL are passing through the press Dr. Bennett's new volume of seventy Sea-Songs, being a second series of Songs for Sailors.

THERE have been already sold 167,000 copies of volume first of "Hesperus in Crime," by Victor Hugo, and 100,000 of the second volume, and the printing of the work still goes on without cessation.

THE author of "Johannes Olat," which met with so much success in Germany, has just written a new novel called *Salz-Lee in Teubling Thau*. The story is laid during the Napoleonic occupation of Germany, and presents a charming mixture of fact and fiction.

A NEW monthly periodical entitled *Annales de l'Extrême Orient*, and devoted to matters relating to Asia and Oceania is to be started shortly at Paris under the editorship of M. le Comte Meyners d'Estroy. The programme is a somewhat extensive one, for it includes geography, history, ethnography, philology, archaeology, science, literature, bibliography, fine arts, industry, commerce, &c.

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