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## WEATHER PROBaBILITIES.

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severul degrees above that of the preceding January. The cold term may be expected from the 11 th on the 17 th . Aurora Borealis ocencionally, No heavy mow storms.
Febrtary.-The prevailing wind will be W. The show-fall intermittent: Very little rain-the middle pertion of the month very cold. Thermometer rarely above 32 (freozing point of water.) Unsettied weather in the early part of the month; high winds about the 10 th.
March.-The prevailing wird will be T. by N. Very little snow after the 12 th. Rain from 16 th to 30 th. A few zero nights at beginning of the month. Thermometer rapidly rising towards the end. Monthly mean temperatare above the average. Range of temperature about (a) degrecs.

Apmis.--The prevailine wind will be W.N.W. Early part of the month fine clear weather and comparatively mild-no heavy rainfall, most rain between the 18th and 23re, probsbly accompanied with snow. Prospects of an early Spring and the jee shoving in the River St. Lanrence on or befure St. George's Day, when the bull fross will begin their siuging and the swallows their flight northwards.
May--The prevalling wind will be N. E. by E. The month generally wet, more particularly from the 18 th to the $25 t h$, temperature during the month above the ayerage. No frosts after the 10th; high winds abont the 13th to 16th. Shad will make their appearance at end of month.
June. - The prevailing wind will be N.E. by E. Low Barometer. Heavy fall of rain during month, probable rise in the tributary streams of the St. lawrence. Thunder storms about the 8th to 12th. The beginning of the month hot and clear-wet weather 8 th to 15th and 20 th to 29 rd . Latter part of month fine, clear, and warm.
JuLy.-The prevailing wind will be S. E., the month generally rainy-thunderstorms about the 3rd to 6th; temperature above the averafe, reaching beyond $90^{\circ}$. Fine clear weather from about the 18 th to 23 rd and from 26 th to $30 t h$.

AuGUST-The prevailing wind will be S. E. by E. The early and latter portions of the month rainy, the former accompanied by thunder-rain heavier about the 20th or 21 th. Low zange of barometer t not very high winds.
Spptemata. The prevailing wind will be S. W. Rain will prevail ; the latter and middle portions of the month clear, tolerably high range of temperature.
October.- The prevailing wind will be W. S. W, Rain about the 8th to 1th, followed by right clear weather till the 20th, afterwards occasional rain and fog, clenring towards the latter portion of the month. Barometer generally low accompanied by strong breezes.

November.-The prevailing wisd will be W. Rain in the beginning of month. Clear weather from the 7 th to the 18 th. Snow about the 26 th to 30 th-temperature cold.
December.-Prevailing wind will be N. E.--slight rain. Snow about middle and eud of month, temperature towards the end of month rea hing to zero. Cold Christmas.

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This war arose out of an insurrection whieh took place In the summer of 1875 ，in Herzegovina，a province in the eyalet of Bosnia． At its heginning，and for a long time after，the outbreak was looked upon as an ordinary evidence of ill will against the Turkish Gevernment，hut as it progressed，it became plain，that the insur－ gents were largoly helped and urged on by outside influence． pre－eminently that of Russia．The Turkish Govermment，feeling that the insurrection arose largely from those external cauces， requested Lugland，and other powers，to send a Commission into Herzegorima to enquire into the reasons of revolt，but this Commission prored a failure，because the representatives of Europe，could give the inhabitants no assurance that their cora－ plaints would be renedied．After this，Anstria interfered with ： like want of success，and then oamo a proposition，styled the ＂Berlin Memorandum，＂the result of a meeting held in Berlin on the 14th of May，1870，by the representatives of Germany，Russin， and Austrin．This Memorandum practically made Turkey a ward of European Cbancery，and England refused to sign it on tho grounds that if it were enforced by the mited Powers of Europe， it would plouge Turkey at once into war．While these ontside acrengements were progressing，the Porte or（foverntnent of Tur－ key was endeavouriog to crush the insurrection，and in so doing terrible atrocities were cominitted by tho Bashi－batouks，the A fiatic troopers of the Sultan，and publio feeling turned strongly against the Torkish Government．In July，1876，the Prince of

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Servia, and the Hospolar of Montenekro, deelared war against Turkey, and in so done aided materially the Herzegoviaian revalt : and Mr. Gla i-tone, Late Premier of Kingland, a vailing himself of the inceresed tronble, iaid himself out to assail the British foverment for its policy of non-interference with the affairs of Tarkey, and published a pamphlet on the "Balgarian Horrors." in which he urgad, that the Britist (Government should at once throw in its influence with other nations, snd exclude the Turks, from all administrative power in Bosnin, Herzegovina, and Belgaria. How far Mr. Gladstone's efforts influeneed the governruent, it would be hand to say, but in the month of Noyember, 1400, England proposed nu armistice of tix weeks between Turkey and Servis, in order that a conference of powers might be held to bettle some terms of peace.

The Conterence was opened at Conatautinople, on the 11th Dec., Great Britain, Russia, Austria, France, Germany and Italy, being represented at it, through their leading politicians; the Marquis of Salisbury being the representative of Great Britain.
England went into this Conference, not as a preliminary step to force, bat axa a means of peaceful persuasion, in order that it might restore peace between Turkey and Servia, obtain a better form of government for the Turkish Provinces, and avert war between Russia and Turkey, as the Crar had stated on the 10th of Nov'r, that unless he pould obtaiu a real improvernent of the position of the Christians in the East, by peaceful means, he wonld act independently, and that he was sace the whole of Russia, would respond to his summons, and aid him in his policy.

Having thus sketched in rouph ontline the leading events which ocourred up to January, 1877, we will continue our record mider the head of each month, by no means gurranteeing faithful dates, as our information has, often times, been derived from the dubious source of conflicting telegrams.

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## JANUARY.

The Peace Council met in Constantinople, and after sereral meetings and interviews with the representative of the Turkish (Gorernment, the Marquis of Salisbury, on the 15th of January, luid the final peace proposals before the Porte. In this document, the Powers of Euxope proposed, that for five years following the date of the Council, the appointment of the Gorergors of the Provinces should be subject to the approval of the Powers, asd that an International Commission tof Supervision, composed of Europeans and Turks, should be sstablished. On the 1sih of Sumarv, the proposais of the Council were laid before the Turnisb Parlinment, and were unanimonsly rejected by the Christian and Torkish representatives, on the grounds, that Turkey, as a nation, would allow no foreign occupation, and that she would be guided by her own discretion, and regard, for the public opinion of modern civilization, in auy reformation she might institute. The Conference broke upi on the 20 h , and the Marquis of Sallsbuay loft Constantinople on the 2 hst. On the 27th, Turkey took afters inte her own hanik, and made propossls to Servia, and Montenegro, to secure peace by direct negociations. These negociations were at once entere i into and the mont': closed with every prospect of peace being attained.

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## FEERUARY.

The negrociations between Servia and Turkey, were carried on during sreator part of this month, and after various diffiontties were disposed of, peace was entablished, on the understanding, that Servia should not allow the existence of secret societics, or any violation of Turkish territory, and that the Turkish Aag, should be L. in if jointly, with the Serviau, on all fortresses. The negociations with Montenegro were not so successtul, the latter asking for, and obtaining, a prolonged armistice, to take the peace proposals into consideration. Ou the 6th February, Midhat Pasha, the Grand Vizier, was dismissed and banisbed, either through intrigue, or suapicion of plotting against the Sultan, in order to proure his own nomination. Edham Pacha was appointed in his -tend, and the wbole Turkish ministry re-organized. Notwithstauding the prospects of a pertuanent pence being brought about with Survia and. Moutenegro, through the effoxts of the Turkisis Covernment, the Czar of Russia proceeded to place bis army on a war footing, and on the 11th of Februany, sixty theusand men were placed under ordere, to be in readiness at any moment to procend to Kischeneff, a military poaition ou thu boundary between Ruscia and Turkey.


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The events of this month did much to hesten on the war. On the 11th, Count Shouraloff brought a note to Lord Derby, propesing that the European Powers and the Porte, should sigu a protocol pledging reforms within the Turkish Empire; on the 15th, the English Cabinet met to disenss the protocol, and returned it to Russia with certain modifioations, and on the 32st it was signed by the Powers, and forwarded to the Porte. This protocol, invited Tarkey to place her army on a peace footing, and stated, that the Powers would watch carefully, whether the necessary veforms were carried out, and that if they wore dizappointed, in the condaet of Tarkey, they would adopt such mesns as sevned best, to secure the well-being of the Christian subjects of the Sulran. Russia, in signing the protocol, declared, that if peace with Montenegro were concluded, and that the Porte placed its army on a peace footing, the Emperor would be wllling to treat with a special envoy from Turkey, on the subject of the reduction of the Bussian Army, England in signing declared, that her signature would to for nothing maless there were reciprocal disarmament on the part of Russia and Turkey. The protocol, signed by the Powers, was forvarded to the Porte on the 31st, During the month, the negociations with Montenegro, were carried ou by Turkey, but no perfuanent terms could be arrived at-Montenegro domanding the surrender of Nicsio, and other towns, which Turkey refazed.


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On the reception of the Protscol by Turkey, the Porte at once published a clear and decisive statement of its views. It stated, that it was endeavouring to bring about peace with Montenegro ; that it was prepared to carry out a!! needful reforms,but that it would not reduce its army to $a$ peace footing until Russia was prepared to carry out a like poliey. It rejected as uncalled for and undignified, the idea of sending a special onvoy to Russia to sue for disarmament, and it repudiated the further idea, that foreign agents, or representatives, had any authority to interfere in the affairs of Turkey. It reminded the Powers, that the Treaty of Paris promised Turkey a policy of non-intervention, and it called on th $m$ to preserve the Spirit of that Treaty. The result of this document was instant preparation for war on the part of Russia. On the 23 rd, the Czar arrived at Kisheneff, a frontier town, where the troops were concentratod; on the 24 th, the Russian Embassy lef Constantinople, and on the 25th, the Porte received the Russian Ultimatum, stating, that Russia found it nocessary to proceed single-banded to war, in order to meet the wishes of Europe. The events in connection with the war followed very rapidly from this date.

27th.-The Czar publishod a Manifesto ordering his troops to cross the frontier, and on the same day, 50,000 Russians crosed the Pruth.
". Rassian atmy in Asia, arossed frontier of Asiatic-Turkey at Alexandrople.

20 th.--Bloody engarement at Batoum (Asia) : Ruesians defeated. 30th. - Russian-European Army advanced to Galatz. 300,000 on march to the Danube, and 125,000 mea moving against Kars in Asia.


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## MAY.

1st.-Proclamation by Queen of England, stating that she was determined to observe a strict neutrality.

- 15,000 Russians advanced to Torail (Europe).
.. Battle before Kiars. Turks under Mukhtar Pa ha beaten by Ruskiaus under Melikoff.

11th.-Russians attompt to cross the River Danube (Europe) at Reni; repulsed with sreat Russian loss.
13th.-Battle nt Batoun (Asia), resulting in complete rout of the Russians. Bashi-bazouk fought spiendidly.

* Russians concentrating near Ginirgevo (Europe).

15th.-Turks, under Hasean Pasha, drove the Russians ont of Sukum Kaleh (Asia).

17th.-Turke fortifying the passes of the Balkan Mountains (Earope).
19th.- Irdahan (Avia) captured by Russians.
.. Another Battle at Kukum Kaleb (Asia) ; Turks defeated.
21st.-Outer lines of Kars (Asia) attacked by Ruseians, but bravely deferted, and Russians finally repulseri.
25th.--Russians bomonarded forts before Kars. The Turks replied vigoronsly.
ath--Turks beaten at Muchaster, ncar Batoum (Asin).
24th.--Russians attacked Turkisia position at Batoum (Asia), but repulsed with great slanghter.


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## JUNE.

6th.-Turks defeaced on Southern frontier of Montenegro by the Montenegrins, wbo fought with great bravery. 8th.--Continuation of fighting between Turks and Montenegrins: the latter still successful.

12th.-After fifty-four hours fighting, the Montencarine suffered a crushing defeat.

13th.-Montenegrins in full retreat.
17th.-Knssian attack on Kars (Asia) : lasted for three days. The Tarks fought bravely and repulsed the Russians.
" Turks renorted to have been beaten by the Montenegrins at Spuz.
$22 n d$--Russians preparing to cross the Danube (Europe) and invade Turkisi, territory.

2rod, - Eleven thousand Rusians crosed the Damube (Europe) at Galatz and Ibrail, uninjured.

2ith.-Russians erossing Danube at several peints.
3ith.-Crossing still continued at Sistovr. The Russians occupied Hirsova, evacuated by the Turks.
2ath.-Bombartment of Rut-chak (Europe). Heavy lighting at Tchamdjari (A*io). The Turke ronted the Russians with a loes of 2,000 killed and 4,000 wounded.

5hth.-Nikopolis (Europe) bombarided; Turks hold it under a tremendous fire. Terrible fighting at Sistora (Europe); Turks resisting bravely.

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## JULZ.

lst.-The Russians, defying the rights of humanity, and without any military necesssity, completely destroyed the town of Rutschuk (Europe), sparing neither mosques, churches, hospitals, or public buildings. The Turks hold out in the wrecked town.
" Turks holding their gromed at Sistova (Europe) and inflicting great loss on Russians.
2nd.-Russians oceupied Tirnova after a nine hours' battle.
3rd.-The British fleet entered Besika Bay. 150 guns : 8,000 men.
5 th. -On lst Jaly, the Garrison of Kars (Asia) made a sortie, routed the Russians, and re-opened communication with Mukbtar Pazha.
.- Battle at Beila (Europe) ; Russians defeated.
" Sulieman Pasha marcbing towards the Danube from Salonica.
7th.-Russian cavalry reached Plerna and Loftcha (Europe), the heads of two important Balkan passes.
-" Mukhtar Pasba adivanced his army close to Kars (Asia). 8th.-Communication completed between Mukhtar Pasha and Kars (Asia.) The Ruszians have fallen back.
10th.-fiarrison of Kars reiuforced. Russians retreating on Kerukdara.
11th.-The siege of Kars (Asia) practically raised.
13th.-Mnkhtar Pasha entored Kars (Asia). Russian hoadquarters 8 miles to North-East.
." Siege of Niesies by Montenegrins-rumoured.
14th.-Nikopolis (Europe) taken by Russians.
loth.-Russians withdrawn from siege of Kars (Asia). Mukhtar Pasha entrenched 8 miles south of city; supplies flowing in.

* Ruscian column under General Gourto advancing to Shipka Pass in Batkan Mountains (Errope). Raouf Pasha at Giteway of the hills, on other side of the lesser Balkans. Terrible atrocities committed by Russians on Turkish fugitives.
17th.-The Tribes in Caucasus rise against the Russians (Asia).
Battle at Febditeh (Europe). Turks droye Russians back into Balkans, with heavy loss. The fighting was hand to hand, and the flight of the Russians precipitate.
18th.-Raouf Pasha encamped at Selno, on the defensive, waiting the arrival of Sulieman Pasha.
19th.-Osman Pasha appointed Generalissimo of Turkish Army.
20th.-Battle at Plerna (Europe) between Osman Pasha and the Russians ; the latter defeated.
24th.-Bombardment of Rutchuk re-commenced.
25th. - The outlying forts of Nicsies taken by Montenegrins (Europe) 30th.-Creat battle at Plerna, lasting the whole day. The Turks under Osman Pasha were at first driven from their position, but before nicht thes had regained and repulsed the Russians at every point.



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MEMORANDA.

## AUCUSTS.

1st.-Total rout of the Russians before victorious army of Osman Pasha, with loss of 5,900 men.
Gth.--Sulieman Pasha reached Kasanlik, South of the Shipta Pass.

7th.-Sulieman Pasiaa captured Kansanlik and drove General Gourko back into the Balkan Pass.
" Russians concentrating in great foree on Lom River, to West of Plevna.
8th.-Russians attacked Tavatz-garrison reinforced from Plevnn, and Russians defeuted.
9tb.-Sulieman Pasha took possession of the Feriditch Pass.
18th. $\rightarrow$ The Russians attacked Mukhtar Pasha's arm, (Asia) along the whole line. The battle lasted from $7 \mathrm{n} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The Russians retreated pursued by the Turks.
19th.-Montenegrins carried last ontwork of Nicsics. Turks hasteving to relieve the besieged.
2ist.-Forty battalions, under Sulieman Pasha, attacked the Shipka Pass and were repulsed.
23rd.-The Turks assaulted Shipka Pass. Every onslaught repulsod, but the Turks determined to press on.
25th.-Russians defeated at Kizilhepe (Asia) by Mukhtar Pasha.
26th-Sulieman Pasha captured the two priucipal Russian works in the Shipka Pass.
27th.-Russian reinforcements sent to Shipka. Turkish attack still proceeding.
2sth.--Sulieman Pasha captured nearly all the Russian positionafter a battle lasting from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
3nth-Battle along the iine of the River Lom. Mehemet Ali Pasha communded the Turks in person, attacking the Ruscians nt three points. The fighting lasting nine bours. The Russians retreated in disorder, porsued by the Turks.
31st.-Osman Pasha strongly reinforsed at Plevna.
Daring this month the Sultan made repented complaints, of the terrible barbarities, perpetrated by the Russians, on Turkish fugitives.


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## SEPTEMBER.

2ad.-0sman Pasha defeated the Russiansat Plichad, near Plevna. Carrying three redoubts by assault.
Brd--Turks repuleed at Plema along the whole line with great loss.
5th.-T rks attacked by the Rus-iansat Lovatz. The Turks re treated in great disorder and after great loss of men.
7 th.-Defeat of the Russians on the Lom. The battle lasted aine hours.
Sth,--Nicsics surreudered to Montenegrins.
9 th.--Russian foree before Plevna, 80,000 infantry, 10,000 cavairy, 20 gonse General attack on Plovna expected.
10th.-Plerna bombarded by Russians. Heavy cannonading all night and mornng. The Turks poured cut an awfut fire from the redoubt of Grivica. Russians, under Scobelofi, attacked one of tho redoubts but beaten back.
11th.-Central redoubt taken by the Russians, and the Grivica.
14th.-The Turke attacked Skobeloff six times, and recaptured the central redoubt taken on the 11th.
15th.-Osman Pasha attacked the Russians below Plevma, and routed them.
10th.-Turks endeavored to recapture the Grivica redoubt, but were repulsed.
17th.- Capture of Fort Nicholas, the key of the Russian position in the Shipka Pass, by Sulieman Pasha. After holding it six hours obliged to retire.
2nh.-Mtockade and bombardment of Plevma continues.
21st. - No fighting in Shipka Pass. All quict.
23d-Mehemet Ali attacked the Russian position beyond the Banica Lom. The Russians maintaived their position. Turks renewed bombardment of Shipka Pase.
Q7. 1. Plerna reinforece by 20 battalions of infantry, 2 batteries of artillery, 2,000 cavalry, food and ammunition.
2th.-Moutonegrins suceessful at Gorouska.
3th.-Snow began to fall in the Shipka Pass and foot of the Balkans.
Wh. --sulieman Pasha fortifying his camp in the Shipka Pass intonding to wintor in it. Heavy rains and cold weather.


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## OCTOBER

2nd.-Makhtar Pasha (Asia) nttncked by eight Russian battalions 2t Nechgoran. near Kars. Russians repulsed after five hours' fighting.
2rd,-Reouf Pasha appointed commander of the army of the Balkans at Shipka; and Sulieman Pasha commander of the army of the Dambe, vice Mehemet Ali, recalled.
" General attack on Mukhtar Parha's whole line (Asia). Russians repulsed with heavy loss.
4th.-Sulieman Pasha, and Reouf Pasha, assumed their new comcommands.
7th.-Russian forces abradoned their positions parallei witb tha Turkish lines. Mukhtar Pasha claims a fresh victory.
" Sulieman Pasha took command of the army of the Lom.
10th.-Mukhtar Pasha evacuated Kiziltepe, chiefly on account of his loss of men on the 2nd and 3rd.
11th-Battle at Aladja Dagh (Asia), lasting from mid-day until six. Losses heavy on both sides.
." Torrible mortality in Russo-Roumanian army from colf, \& e. : 14,000 in twenty days.
13th.-Military operations at Shipka suspended on account of the weather.
15th.-Russians gained a great victory over Mukhtar Pazha in his position at Aladja Dagh. After two hours' terrible fighting the Turks fled in the direction of Kars.
17th.--The defoat of the Turks confirmed. Thesrmy of Mukhtar seriously disorganized.
.. Bombardment of Plevna re-commenced.
wrh.-The Russian force at Ardahan, kept in check by Mukhtar's losition, free to aet against Kars.
19th.-Russmans moved on Kars.

* Larke reinforcements left Erzeroum last night for Mukhtar Pasha.



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## TUREEY IN EUROPE.

MOLDAYIA AND WALJACHIA

Form a kingtom prathanlly indopondent of Turkey, and reied over by a native Hospodar. In the sixteenth century both these principalities placed themselves under the protection of Turkes, but in 1802 they gained their indapendence through the interfer ence of Russia. Russiza influence is very strong in these principalities, the army being chiefly officered by Russimss and the state religion, being in connection with the Greek Chur h. The Gultan retains the privilege of appointing the Ho-podar bat the appointment is a mere form, as it is always made, throngh R wsian influence. Is fact, these Danabian principalities. should not form part of the map of Fuiney at all. They stovid be celoned as independent states: or if the mop maker wished to link their fortunes to a c.cater power; he should write actoos them in laree letter 'iussta."

## SEPVTA.

Much the same wight be said of Servis, nominaty a rov nce of Turkey, but really an independent state. In 1459 the Serwe were thoroughly subjugated by the Turks, but in 1801 and 18.5 they revolted, and finally, by the aid of Rusxia, they became independ ent, under the rule of a hereditary prince. The Sultan receives an annual tribute from the Sorvians, and his troops hot fortified positions within Serviun territory, but in all other matters Secvia is free from Tarkish control. It is governed by a nationa' buthin ent modelled after that of Austria, and the Greek Churrh is the es. tublished religion. Servia, then, should be marked on the may is independent; and if the map maker wished if print worsso if the name of its patron, he might write in broad characters once agan. "Russia."

## DECMMBER-31 Days.



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## BOSNIA

Since 1522, has been under Turkisi rule, but Austrian and Russian intrigue, coupled with a deadiy hatred of the Turk has made the Bosntans the most unruly of subjects. Again and again they have riven in rebellion, and up to the last outbreak, they have been kept in control, solely by threats, or force of arms. Bonnia, therefore, cannot be called a stronghold of Turkish power, nether can tt be called independent : but the map maker might color it as "dangerons," and write across it as characteristic of outside an fluence, "Austria and Russia."

## HERZEGOVINA

Has been annexed to Turkey since 1697 , but no government could possess deadher enemies as resident under its flag. The Herzegovinians are brave and warlike, and from creed, race and history, are the natural opponents of Turkish rule.

## MONTENEGRO,

Though recognizing the sovereignty of Turkey, is really a free state, ruled by its own Hospodar. Attracted by ties of rave and religion to Russia, the principality is more Russian than some parts of the Czar's dominions. The habits and eustoms of the people are Russian, the houses are built after the common Russian model, and the Car is reverenced with a feeling that almost aroounts to relgious worship

## BUL/ARIA.

The same may be said of Bulgaiis. In the large fortified towns where Turkish soldiers and officiais are plenty. Turkish rule appears, and really is powerful; but in the wide-spreading country regions inhabited by the native Bulgarian, hatred of Turkey and love of Russia are the two great national characteristics.

## ALBANIA AND ROUMELIA

Are the two richest princinalities of Turkey, and in both of them the Sultan rules over a loyal people. The Albanians are mainly Mohammedans in creed, and like most converts are devoted to themr rehgion, and consequently form the best soldiers of the Turkish army.

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From the fall of the Dyzantine Empire, in 1453, to the death of Solyman the Great, in 150\%, Coastantinople was the capital of a resistlese Asiatic nation. During these years the foreigo Turk had concuered hivibrother tribes in the east, had laid siege to Vienna, the capital of Austria, had swept through Germany, had captured the richest portions of Europe, whilst his triumphant fleets on the Mediterranean, ravaged and desolated the coasts of Italy, Spain and Africa.

All the great nations of the world, east, west and south of Constantinople, trombled at the very name of the Turk, who seemed blessed with imperishable gifts of military success, and whose fame in war could only be exceeded by widespread tales of his terrible ferocity. From the ycar 1566, the power of Tarkey began to decline in Earope, the great Christian nations of the earth having banded together, firet to keep it in check, and then to wesken it. Defeat followed defeal, and repeated tefeats brought loss of tervitory and power, until at the elose of the Crimesa war, in 1856, Turkey in Europe consisted of the practically independant principalities of Molḑavia and Wallachia, Serviaand Montenogro, the undoubtedly disloyal Bosnia and Bulgaria, and the rich prinoipalities of Albania and Rumelia. Comparing it, in 1853, with its tremendous power in 1556, the :Emperor Nicholas of Russia, went not far astray, when he styled Turkey "the sick man of Europe,"

Now, who was thi Turk that so changed the map of Christian Europe, and the fate of Caristian nations?
| Mr. MoGahan in his charming work "Campaigning on the Oxus," gives his readers a portrait of a Khirgis, or Turk Cossack of the

Steppes, and a single glance ut that portrait, gives us all the information we require, as to the origin of the Turk. This Khirgis, is a some what brawny Chinaman, dressed up in furs. The same sleepy eyes, the same long lark hair, the same high cheek bones, the same standing out cars. The Turk belongs to that great Mongolian family which comprises the Chinese, Tartars of all kinds, Siamese, Japanese, Esquimaux, Lapps and Finns, that great wandering family of the human race, which founded the Median Empire two thousand four handred years before Christ, and the Chinese Empire possibly three thousand five hundred.

Turkish tradition begins in a business-like way, with an old patriarch called Turk, who is said to have pitched the first tent on the grassy slopes of the Altai mountains, north of China, and who was the father of the race, just as Abraham was the father of the Faithful. From the loins of old Turk, went forth a family: which brauched out into various tribes, the most prominent, being the Oghuze's, ruling over the country lying between the river Oxus and the western boundis of China. In tue time the Oghazes were conquered by another branch of the family called the Seljuks, the founders of a second Tartar Turkish Empire, extending from Chima into Asia Minor. Towards the end of the thirteenth century, however, the power of the Seljuks began to decline, and in 1307, the Seljukian dominions were conquered by Ghensis Khan, the chief of another Mongol horde, who estabished, perhaps, the largest empire of the world, stretching from the sea-board of China on the Pacific Ocean, to the frontiers of Germany. On the fall of the Seljukian monarchy the kingdom was divided into nine States, governed by princes of the Seljuks, as representatives of Ghensis Khan their conqueror.
On the partition of the Seljuk Empire, a cribe belonging to the old Oghaze branch of the family, numbering some 50,000 men, atruck their tents, and after varied migrations entered Armentia,
and placed themselves under the protection of the Seljnk Sultan of Koniah, the moderu name of Iconium, the eapital of Lycaonia. The Sultan of Koniah gave theu a large tract of territory farther wept, on the condition that they should aid in defending his borders against, the Byzantine Greeks, and betore long, thesc eastern Turks conquered Galatin and Bythinia, and thus broaght the Turkish borders close to the Dardannelles and Bospherus.

This Turkith tribe was called the Turk Ocmanlie, and it was this tribe that in after years captured Constantinople, and crushed out the Byzantine Empire, it was this tribe that annihilated the armica of France and Hungary on the plains of Nikipoli, that swept overGermany and Italy, that flannted the Crescent before the gates of Vienna, and that, to-day, rules in Europe over the Ottoman Empire. Oghuze and Seljuk have passed away aud Osmanlis rule in their stead.
"Torkey is a sick man "-says a certain class of political philantropists in England, " he is down on his bed-choke him." But altho' Turkey is a sick man, it is by no means a foolish sick man. and this choking process is much more easily recommended than accomplished. Turkey knows that it is weak and requires strong medicine, and during the last twenty years, it has partaken largely of steel drops and iron tonics. Since the Crimean war it had stepped out of its conservative shell, trained its army and navy, according to western usages, and availed itself largely of European military science. It is mimitted that in this war, the Turks are far better armed than the Russians, and a late writer states that the Tophana at Constantinople, filled with Krupp, Armstrong, and Fra zer caunon, with Martini-Henry rifles, and enormous stores of whot and shell, kives practical evidence, that for years back, Turkey has been carefully preparing for defence in all math. rs of armament and manitions. Added to there military precautions, Turkey has had the sense to see, that it was never defeated for lack of brave
soldiers, but through the cowardice or ignorance of its generals, and with a wisdom worthy of admiration, it has placed its fleet under the command of Hobart Pasha, an able Englishman: and has given many posts of honor and importance to others of the same nation.

But the sick man, like other sick men who possess a life annnity, which aids in supporting others, knows well that there are a great many people, who do not want him to die, and who will do their very best to support and maintain his life. About the year 1702, when strategy, rather than warfare, became characteristic of European nations, and when diplomney began to establish that European system which developed what is called " the balance of power," Turkey became an important element in preserving that balance, and has remained an important element ever since ${ }^{-}$ Suppose the sick man dies, or is choked out of the world by the iron grip of the Czar, who will get his farm? Russia? No. Austria and Englund would never allow that. Well, pertape Austria and Englant might get it. No, Russia and Germany will never allowed that. Well, why not do the next best thing to please Russia-divide it up amongst the boys, young Bosnia, and Servia, and Bulgaria, young Albania and Rumelia, and the baby Montenegro? Why not make them wards of European Chancory. and place a receiver over the property till they come of age? All right, in theory-but, who will be the receiver? Russia? No. England and others will never allow that. Weil, England and Germany, or England and Austria" No, Russia and others will not allow that. Well, why would not these five great nations divide the farm, and each of them tako a portion, and thas preserve the poace of Europe? Becanse at least two of the Emropean nations, would want the south East corner of the lot, with the farm-house and barns on it, and two cannot have it. Russia has already stated officially, through the Emperor Nicholas, that it

England thinks of establishing herself at Con tantinople, Russia will not allow it, and England has proved el qrly, in the Crimean War, that she will spend her last pound, and fight her last man and let him die in the last ditch, before she will allow Russia to have it. Twenty-thee years ago. Lord John Russell stated, " that the pence of Turkey meat the peace of Europe, and that the independance of Turkey, meant the independance of Cermany, and of all European nations," and no one believes that political statement more thoroughly than the sick man himself. "I will face and fight Russia," argues the Turk " for my own interests," but, if Ruswia crosses the Balkans and camps outside of Constantihogle, then. Tngland "will face-and fight..her for her own interests."

Russia in Constantinople argues the Turk, mosns Russia in Asia Minor, and Russia in Asia Minor, means Russia owner of the Euphratean Valley, and Russia in the Euphratean Valley, means Russia on the direct road to British India, and "England will never allow that" argues the Turk. How far he is right in this statement, time alone will prove; but it is probable, that he like others, can tell how the wind blows through watching straws, and that the presence in Besika Bay of an English fleet of twentyfour vessels, with one hundred and fifty guns, and manned by seven thousand British sailors, is undoubtedly one of those peeuliar straws, that move for Turkey, from $n$ propitious cquarter.

DOCTOR JAMES.

##  <br> THEE "GAZETTE" <br> GALLERY OF GREATNESS

Victoria I., Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Brition and Ireland, Empress of India.-Daughter of Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III., was born 24th May, 1819. Ascended the throne at death of ber uncle, William IV., on 20th June, 1837. Was married to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha on 10th February, 1840. Widowed on 14th December, 1861. Her Majesty's children are--

Princess Royal Victoria, Crown Princess of Pruseia, born 21 st November, 1840.

Albert-Edward, Prince of Wales, born 9th November, 1841.

Princess Alice, born 25th April, 1843.
Prince Alfred, born 6th August, 1844.
Princess Eelena, born 25th May, 1846.
Princess Lousia, born 18 March, 1848.
Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, born 1st May, 1850.
Prince Leopold, born 7th April, 1853.
Princess Beatrice, born 14th April, 1857.
Queen Victoria has proved an able Queen, a spotless woman, a true wife and mother, and a noble example to every subject under her rule.

Bexjamin Disabem, Eafl of Beaconsfield.-Born in London, 1805. The son of Isaze Disraeli, a well-known Enclish author of Heleww descent. Commenced life as apprentice to a solicitor, but changed the pen legal for the pen litwary, and gained an early and widespread reputation as a novel writer. Made three unsuccossful attemps io enter Parliament, lut was finally elected in 3837 as one of the Conservative members for Maidstone. In 1852 appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer under the Derty Ministry, and on its resignation appeared as leadex of the Conservative Opposition. In 1858 be resumed the office of Chancellor under the second Derby Administration, and, on its defcat, worked ao Conservativeleader for seven years in Opposition. In July, 1860, he again took office under Lord Derby as Chancellor of the Exchequer, succeeded Lord Derby as Premier in 1368, but resigned in the December of that year. For the six following years he lod the Opposition against the Glodstone Governmen, and ieturned to office as Prime Minister in 2874. During the summer of 1876 Her Majesty raised him to the Peerage, as the Earl of Beaconsficld, a title which be had refused in 1868. Mr. D'stacli is an evidence of the tact, that without a university education, a man may rise from a lowly position to the hichest office in the State. He is also an evidence of that cersatility of genius, which during this century, has dev loped itself wanongst Engli hmen.

Tue Ryght Hovorable Wuluam Etuart Gitidstoxe.Son of a successful West India murchant, was born December 29, 1809, educated at Eton, and Oxford University. Entered Parliament in 1832 as ultra-Conservative, and acld the offices of the Under Secretary of the State
for the Colonies, Vice-Fresident and Presicent of the Board of Trade, and Colonial Secretary under the Peel Government. In 1852 he became Cinncelior of the Exchequer in the Coalition Government of Lord $A$ berdeen, and from that date to the present, both in Opposition and as leader of the House of Commons, has been the advocate of Liberal, if not Radical principles. since the resignation of the Gladstene Ministry in 1874, Mr. Gladstone has retired from the routine of public life, but his pen and voice have been bucy in the sensational departments of religion and politics. As a public speaker, Mr. Gladstone has few equals, and in his marvellous change of political sentiment he stands almost alone. He is the author of Homer cnd the Homeric Age, Juventus Mundi, and The State in its Relations with the Church. The latter work when read in the light of the act disestablishing the Irish Church, passed in the year 1869, gives a fair idea of the characteristic inconsistency of this remarkable politician.
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Eary of Derby.-Born July 21, 1826. Educated at Rugby and Cambridge. Entered Parliament in December, 1848. Acted with Conservative ministries at different periods as Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Secretary of the Colonies, President of the India Board, and Secretary of the State for Foreign Affairs. Entered House of Lords on death of his father in April, 1869. Lord Derby is a sound, sensible speaker, and a careful, painstaking politician, ard has no doubt a distinguished career before him.

Joun Ergat.-Born at Greenbank, Lancashire, 16th November, 1811. Elected member for Durham, July 1843, for Manchester in 1847, and for Birmingham in 1857.

Mr. Bright commenced life as a Radical of he extreme school, but time and experience have tended to moald him into a useful politician. He accepted office as President of the Board of Trade under the Gladstone Ministry in 1858, and proved himself one of the most conservative elements in that radical assembly of rulers. Mr. Bright is the best representative of plain Saxon eloguence, that has ever spoken in the House of Commons.

Abdul Hamid II., Sultan of Turkey.-Nephew of the late Sultan Abdul Aziz, and brother of Murad $V$., who was deposed on plea of insanity after a short reign of three months. Abdul Hamid was lorn September 22, 1842, and until the year 1867 lived that life of isolation so common to the members of the Royal family of Turkey. In 1867, however, he visited England with his uncle, where he imbibed a taste for W estern habits and customs, which he has since cultivated in his own country. He is a favorite with the ulemas, or Musselman clergy, and has the reputation of being a faithful husband, and father, after the manner and customs of English life.

William I., Emperor of Germany.-Born 27th March, 1797, elected Regent of Prussia October, 1858, and ascended the throne 2nd January, 1861. The Royal carcer of Willian has been dedicated to the three followins objects :-1st. The supremacy of the Crown. 2nd. The humiliation of Austria. 3rd. The coufederation of Germany. When William came to the throne he proceeded at once, in face of every possible opposition, to raise the army of Prussia to an equality with the great powers of Europe, and to accomplish this, he dissolved chamber after chamber, and ruled the country with a rod of iron. The dispute, however, about Denmark, and the bloody
war between Prussia and Austria, so aroused German feeling in favor of the King's policy, that he became suddenly the most popular monarch that ever sat on the throne of Prussia ; and after the brilliant victories of Gravelotte, and Sedan, he was proclaimed Emperor of Germany by the unanimons voice of the German nation. Thus, through the force of his unconquerable will, and within ten years, he asserted the absolute power of the throne, humiliated Austria, and welded in one great Protestant empire, the scattered states of Germany. In all these objects he was aided materially by Prince Von Bismark, the present Chancellor of the German Empire. The Emperor of Germany has a Soldierlike appearance, and is, physically and literaily, "every inch a king."

Prince Yoy Bismark Shornhaubex. -- Born 1813. Educated at Gottingen, Berlin and Greifswaid. Studied for the legal profession. He entered the German Diet in 1847, a deadly foe of Austria and an extreme Royalist. His views naturally brought him under notice of the King, and before long he became the right hand and adviser of Royalty. His political career has been chiefly marked by a dogged determination to carry out the will of the King, by perfect contempt for 'public opiaion, and by a far-sightedness, which only requires time to bring down on him showers of applanse. He is a German in heart and soul, and appeared at just the right moment to gain popularity ; but it is a great question, whether his chief traits of character, if put into action by other men, at other times, might not blast rather than build a reputation.

Pus IX., Pope of Rome.-Born 13th May, 1792. Elected to the Papal Chair, 1846. Pope Pius commenced his
career with a sinecredesire to bring the people and the Papal Goverameat into happy relations, but nis unusually Liberal views, insted of being mot in a conciliatory spinit ly the extreme Litherals of italy, only made them demand concessions of the mest radical nature. The refinal of Pope Plus to carry out the wishes of the people, Sed to an insumection ; a republic was proclaimed at Rome in 184 S , and the prope fled to Gacta, a sea-port city on the Soman froutier. in 1849 the $E$-ench Government entered into the Roman complications on the part of the Pope, and after besieging Rome, dissolved the Republic, reastabished the Papal Government, and left a French army in occupation of the city. The withdrawal of the French troops and the war fir the convolidation of Italy, :owever, reduced Pope Pias to the position of a ecclesiastical sorereign; and since Rome has been declared the capital of the Kingdom of Italy, he has remained within the bounds of the Vatican, a voluntary prisoner. During his pontificate he promulgated one important article of Roman faith--the doctrine of the immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary (1854) ; and he presided at the Council of Bishops in 1869, which proclaimed to the Roman Church, that the Pope is infallible, when, on a subject of faith or morals, he jssues a decree ex-cathedra to the Faithful.

Victol-Emmantel. II., King of Italy - Bon of the renowned Charlec-Albert; born 14th March, 1820. When Victor came to the throne of Sardinia, bo abdication of his father, he determined to assert his independence of the Papacy and (through the unification of Italy) to restrain the power of Austria. Wisely aided by Count Cavour, and lifted high in public estimation by his chivalrous

Crimean campaign, he enterod into alliance with France against Austria, and, after a series of brilliant viotories. asserted the independance of the Sardinian kingdom At the close of this war, Tuscany, Modens, Parms and the Romagna, voluntarily annexed themselves to Sardinia; and after accepting the sovereignty of the Two Sicilier, Victor was proclaimed King of Italy in 1861. In 1566 he entered intoalliance with Prussia and invaded Venetia, and in 1870, made Rome the capital of his kingdom and the seat of his court. All through his struggles for Italian indepondance he has been nobly aided by Gen. Garabaldi, although it can hardly be said, that he treated that renowned patriot with the generous gratitude that he richly deserved.

Hexlezy, Thomas Hesry,-Born in England 1825. Mr. Iluxley commenced life as a medical man, but giving play to his tastes for natural history, he worked on as a naturalist until he obtained some of the highest honors that science and education could best.ow $\cdots \cdots$ him. He is a voluminous writer, and has done much to popularize those braches of science which be has made a life-long study. Mr. Huxley is a Radical in religion, and has used his scientifie reputatron, to injure the canse of Conservative Christianity. He belongs to that school of thought, which dares to deny everything, and provides nothing-the Locust school, which eats up all, and leaves a barren waste behind.

Dakwin, Charles.-. A well-known naturalist; born in England in 1809. Mr. Darwin, after publishing many works of undoubted power, startled the reading world in 1809, by the publication of his work, The Origin of Species
by means of Natural Selection. In this, Mr. Darwin contends that evory existing species of life grew out of some less perfect species existing before it ; and in after works he claims that this nataral law of development, working in the Simiado, or Ape family, resulted in the creation of Man. So bold a theory gave rise to a great deal of scientific and religious controversy, and not a few leading scientific minds embraced the theory. Mr. Darwin is an exquisite writer, and when his viows come in opposition with long-revered opinions, he ever writes in a reverential form. His theory, however, when brought to the test of geology, appears so unfounded, that it seems strange that so great a mind, should ever have broached it.

## DROTI MPTIAPES.

SOME OF THE OUAINT CHURCHYARD LITERATURE OF OUR EOREFATHERS.

Our worthy forcfathers wore possessed of a peculiar kind of grim humor blended with simplicity, if we may judge from the sepulchral oddities which are to be found scattered over England in old churchyards. Many of the epitaphs in the country churchyards of England have reference to the professions of the departed, and they are often expressed in exceedingly droll terms. For example: the following commemorates the sturdy fellow who kept the turnpike at Worcester, and demanded wil of George III. when His Majesty was going on a visit to Pishop Hurd:

On Wednesday last old Robert Sleath, Passed through the turnpike gate of Death.
To him would Death no toll abate, Who stopped the King at Wor'ster gate.

This is on an innkeeper at Barnwell, near Cambridge :
Man's life is lise a winter's day :
Some only lreakjost and away;
Others to dinner stay and are full fed;
The oldest man but sups and goes to bed.
Long is his life who fingers out the day;
Who goes the soonest has the least to pay,
Death is a waiter; some few run on tick.
And some, alas ! must pouy the lill to Nick !
Though I owed much, I hope long trust is given, And truly mean to pay all debts in heaven.

This is on an undertaker:
Here lieth Robin Masters-faith, 'twas hard
To take away our honest Robin's breath ; Yet surely Robin was full well preparedRobin was always looking out for death.

In Walton churchyard, near Liverpool, is the following, on George Miles, blacksmith, who died in 1719:

My sledge and hammer lye reclined,
My bellows also lost their wind, My fire's extinet, my forge decayed, My vice $i$ ' the dust my friends have laid, My coals are spent, my iron's gone, My nails are drove, my work is done.

And this is on a collier :
Here lies the collier, John of Nashes, By whom death nothing gained, he swore:
For, living, he was dust and ashes,
And being dead, he is no more.

In Stepney churchyard. London is the following quaint epitaph on Crptain John Dunch, who died in 1697:

Though Borcas' biants and Neptune's waver Have tossed me to and fre,
In upite of both, by God's decree, I anchor here below,
Where I do now at anchor ride With many of our fleet;
Yet once again I must set sail, Our Admirai, Christ, to meet.

This is on a noted juggler:
Death came to see thy tricks, and cut in twain Thy thread-why did'st not make it whole again? This on Little Stephen, a famous Suffolk fiddier:

Stephen and Time are now both even : Stephen beat time; now Time's beat Stephen.

On a notorions miser :
Eere lyeth Father Sparges, Who died to save charges.

On a lawyer named Strange :
Here lies an honest lawyer-that's Strange.
And this is on an old woman who kept a pottery shop at Chester :

Peneath this stone lies old Katherive Cray, Changed from a busy life to lifeless clay;
By earth and clay she got her pelf, But now is turned to earth herself. Ye weeping friends, let me advise, Abate your grief and dry your eyes; For what avails a flood of tears? Who knows but in a run of years, In some tall pitcher of broad pan, She in her shop may be again?

In the village churchyard in Jorfolk in this laconic record:

> Here lies Jomes Burn,
> Shot by a gun.

Perhaps the most curions laconic eqitaph is that in the New Church, Amsterdam ;

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Flemish worls, meaning exactly. These words are inscribed on an ancient moaument of whitish marble, on which there is also scuiptured a pair of slippers. The story runs that a gentleman who was tolerably wealthy, and loved above all things grod living, conceived the notion that he would only live a certain number of years, and desitous to leave none of his wealth unenjoyed, ho made a nice calculation of his fortume, which he so apportioned every year he was to live (according to his own notion) as to last exactly the same time with his life. Curiousiy enough, it so happened that his calculations did not deceive him, for he died exactly at the time he had previously reckoned, and had then so far exhausted Lis estate that, after paying his debts, there was notbing Left but a pair of slippers. His relatives buried him, and caused the slippers to be carved on his tomb, with the laconic epitaph, exactly.

Here lias the man Rieisued,
Aad Mary his wife;
Their'surnames was Pritchard,
They lived without strife ;
And the reason was plain-
They abounded in riches,
They no care had nor pain,
And the wife wore the breemes.

## This is on a Mr. Bywater:

Here lie the remains of his relative's pride, Bywater he lived, and by water be died; Though by water he fell, yet by water he'll rise, By water baptismal attaining the skies.

On a marine officer :
Tere Fies, retired from busy scenes, A first lieutenant of marines, Who lately lived in peace and plenty On bord the ship the Atalanta; Now stripped of all his warlike show. And laid in box of elm below. Confined to earth in narrow borders, He rises not till further orders.

In the churchyard of Linton is the following inscription, designed no doubt, "to teach the rustic moralist to die":

Remember man, that pusseth by, As thou is now, so once was I;
And as I is so must thou be;
Prepare thyself to follow me.
Underneath some irreve: ent wag wrote:
To follow you is not my intent, Unless I know which way you went.

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Thore is much misapprehension ameng many as to the determination of the rain-fall; in order for the better understanding of the subjeet the following may be useful:-
By an incb of rain is meant such a fall of water as would cover the ground to that depth, supposing that it all remained on the surface, none percolating, running off or evaporating. The rain falling in the rain gange, say either 5 or 9 inches in diamoter, is obviousiy equal to that falling on any equal area of the surrounding ground. Now, suppose that one inch of rain were to fall on a field whose area was equal to ten acres, and it all remsined on the surface, none percolating, running off or evaporating, it would if drained off or collected, amount to 1,010 tons, or 226,230 gallons. Again, taking the mean annual rain-fall on the Isjand of Montreal to be equal to the mean amnual rain fall at 'Toronto, viz., 31.5 inches, we should get during the year on a field of ton acres, 31,815 tons or $7,126,245$ gallons ; now, how such a quantity of water flows off the ground ought to be of the atmost importance to engineers, more particularly those interested in the water supply of a city like Montreal.
The facts developed by the rain gauge have the most multiplied and remarkable practical as well as theoretical relations. They convern physical geology, agriculture, climate and public health, and are the most indispensable data to the hydraulic engineer engaged in the water supply of eities, or in great works of drainage or of irrigation. It is a branch of observation that ought to be pursued at very many points; and it is only by the collection of immense masses of such observations, that the average or general rain fall for any large district can be obtained, or the limits known, above or below which the oscillation of this average may reach in a series of years. What is wanted is a staff of observers connected with our different Rnilways, Boards of public works, water works, harbour commissioners, Boards of health, agricultural nssociations, et oetera.
One fact is established, that a tenth of an inch of rain yields 10 tons, or 2,562 gallons of water per acre, and there is another fact which ought to be recorded, that there are probably not ten rain
gauges in practical use in the Province of Quebee, from Gaspe to Ottawa, although there is published testimony in abumdance as to the great utility of rain-fall investigations.

Every intelligent person twast be aware that the rainfall is an essential particular in the climate of a continent, of a kingdom. of a province, or of a district of a coantry : and until its seasona! and mean amount is known for any region, the meteorology or the sclence of the weather is necessarily defective and incomplete. Fgnoranes of what atr ets so powerfally the bealth and comfort of populations, the fertitity of the soil, the purity and temperature of the atmosphere, the prosecation of the many acts of life, the operations of engiueering, more particularly the coustruction of new railways, can be remedied and removed only by carefid and prolonged observations made simaltaneously at many points. Results thus separately obtained must bocombined and claborated into system before they can yield that harvest of benetit to mankind which a sound weather wisdom is so well calenlated to afford. We commend these few remarks to the Minister of Agriculture the Minister of Education, and the Minister of Pablic Works of the Province of Quebec.

The rain fall of the Province of Quehec has not en raged the attention of the Local Govermment, it has not thought ansthing about the importance of the subject. The expense of acquiring the necessary knowledge need not be very great. If evory Cure or Minister of a Parish, or even one in every county, were supplied with rain gauges, and would uodertake the rain-registration, it would be a public boon. The flooding of large tracts of land by excessive rains might in many instances be arrested if the rain fall of the district were studied, and the outlets for the superabundant water made adoquate for its removal. Weall know how malarious diveases follow in the wake of rain floods, and how frequently they leave an indelible stamp upon the physique of their victims.

The Church has considered the subject of rain, and has recommended a prayer to be offored up in time of drought for " moderate rain and showers," seemingly afraid lest her prayers be answered by a "plague of rain and water."

## RAILWAY ENTERPRISE. <br> The Montreal, Otawa ani Occiderital Railway.

Among the many improvements which our Public Works have added to the trade lacilities of this Province of late years, few have a more impertant bearing upen the Province of Quebec than the Montreal, Ottuwa \& Occidental Railway. The road commences at Hochelaga Station, and passing westward, a station at Mile-End affords facilities to Montral passengers Going on. it passes 8t. Laurent, and crosses the river over a magmitcent iron bridge of the Clark Reeves patent-one of which also spans the river, further on, at ste. Rore. The next station reached is Ste. Therese, a thriving town, throngh which the road runs for a mile or two-a branch here intersecting it, the Laurentian Railway, which comects St. Jerome with the main line. Having passed on, touching at St. Augustin, Ste. Scholastique, and St. Hermas, we arrive at Lachute, a very prettily situated town, with a perfect garden +urrounding it. Thence the road passes on to Riviere Rouge, where a substantial bridge spans a pretty stream, whose waters darh on, and having ont through high, wooded banks, form a kenyon, aimost hiding the siver from view by the heavy woods and shrubbery on its bigh banks. Leaving the delights of this place, Pointe du Chêne, Papineauville, North Nation Mills,Thurso, and Buckingham are approached,--and after touching East 'Templeton, Gatinau Point, and other stations, Eull is reached, whence Ottawa passengers disembark The road continues to Belmont, and its terminus is at Aylmer.

Few roads on this continent are better constructed than is this road, which, contracted for and built by Mr. D. MacDonald the well-known contractor, and
under the inspection of Mr. Peterson, Government Engineer, has beeu furnished in a manner creditable to the Province.

One has in a trip over this road all the elements the traveller loves. In the vicinity of Ste. Rose, the scenery is of that quiet, subdued type which the water stretches and meadow land combine, with light shrubbery, in weaving into a landscape that defies description. And further on, the road, at Lachute and westward, passes through a more grand type of Nature's handiwork. Altogether, the road is certain to prove a great accommodation to the travelling public, while no one will question the fact that the tiade of the country must be greatly accelerated by the opening up of the territory through which the road runs.

The road has been running for some time under the management of Mr. Duncan MacDonald, and much satisfaction is expressed by those who have had occasion to travel over it, the short distance which it places between Montreal and t: Capital, being subject for general congratulation.

For the information of those whose pleasure or business renders a journey over this road desirous, we submit the following table, showing the time fixed for the departure of the regular trains from Hochelaga:

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For Hull and intermediate points ..........00 a.m. }400\textrm{p},\textrm{m}
For St. Jerome. ..........................4.30 p.m.
    Returning-
Leave Hull..............................4.45 a.m. 3.30 p.m.
Leare St. Jerome.......................... S.00 a.m.
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With thoughtfulness characteristic of the management arrangements have been rade at Ottawa to convey passengers to and from Hull Depot for 25 c , and business centres of Ottawa are thus within ten or fifteen minutes' drive.

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## New Organization of the Agenciess.

LIST OF CROWN LANDS AND TIMBER AGENCIES, WITH THEIR DESIGNATIONS, THE NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THE AGENTS, AND THE OUANTITY OF LAND DISPOSABLE IN EACH AGENCY ON THE Ist OE JANUARY.

No, 1.-THE COULONGE AGENCY comprises all the townships and unsurveyed lands in the county of Pontiac. E. Heath, Evq. Clarendon, Agent. Xumber of acres disposable in 157, $498,565$.
No. 2.-THE GATLNEAU AGENCY comprises all that part of the county of Ottawa situated to the west of the Riviere du Lievre, except the part of the township of Buckingbam on the same side of said river. Robert Farley, Fisq, Hull, agent. Number of acres disposable in 1877, 505,994 .

No. 3,-THE PETITE NATION AQENCY comprises the township, of Buckingbam, all the townships and unsurveyed lands in that part of the county of Ottawa situated to the enst of the Riviere du Lievre and the county of Argenteuil. J. A. Cameron, Esq., Jr., Thurso, agent for part. Number of acres disposable in 1877,288,872.-..... E. Belle, Lisq., Montreal, agent for part. Number of acres disposable in $1877,47,500,-$ A. D, Filion, Esqe., Grenville, agent for part, Number of acres disposable in 18\%\%, 167,149,

No. 4.-THE MAGOG AGENCT coraprises all the townships of the counties of Huntington, Miesisquoi, Brome, Stanstead and Shefford: the townships of Brompton and Melbourne, in the county of Richmond: Durham, Wiekham, Upton and Grantham, in the county of Drummond; Acton and the augruentation of Inton, in the county of Bagot ; and Oxford, in the county of Sherbrooke. 0. B. Kemp, Esg., Waterloo, agent. Number of acres dispozabie in $1877,10,005$.

No, B-THE: ST. YPANCIS AGENCY comprises all the townships in the county of Compton: the township of Ascot, in the coanty of sherbrooke: the towaships of Stokes, Windsor, Shipton and Cleveland, in the county of Richmond: Dudswell end Weadon, in the contry of Wolfe: and spaldins. Ditchfield and Woburn, in the county of Dorchester. Chas. Patton, Esq. Robinson, acting agent. Number of acres disposable in 1877, 002,599,

No. 6.-THE ARTIF 1 B ASK A AGENCY comprises all the townshins in the coment of Arthala-ka: the townships of Wolfestown, Vorth Ham. South Ifm. Wotton, St. Camille, Gorthby and Stratford, in the comnty of Walte: Hilifax Somerset, hedx, Inverness, Ireland and Nelson, in the county of Megantic: Kingsoy, - impan and Werdover, in the comnty of Drammond: and Aston apd the parts of Wendover, Maidington, and Blandford, in the counfy of Nicolet. A. Gianom. Firg.. Arthahaska, agent. Nomber of acres dispocabie in 1877, 212,048.

Vo F -TAE CH IID!ERP AGEXCY comprises all the town ships in the coanties of Beauce and Dorchester, excent Spalding. Ditchfield and Wobun : the townships of Coleraine, Thelford and Broughton, in the combty of Megantic, and that part of the townhip of Buckland in the county of Bellechasse. P. A. Prouix Bag. P.L.R. \&t. Francois, Bentuce, agent. Number of acres disposable in 1877. 514,218. A reserve of 320,000 acres in the Chanliire. Rimouki and Bomaventure Agencies has been made in favour of the sociéte Gienémle Forestiere de France.

No. 8.-THE MONTMAGNY AGEXGY comprises all the townthips and umarvesed lands in the conoties of Montmarny, Llslet and Bellechns: except that part of the township of Buckland in the county of Rellechasse. Eng. Renand, Esq., Montmagny, agent. Number of acres disposable in 1877, 590,731 .
No. 4.-THE GRADDYILDE AGENCY comprises all the townships and nusurveyed lands in the counties of Kamouraska and Temisconath. C. T. Dabé, Beq. Rivière da Loup (en bas agent. Number of acres divposuble in 1877, 638,583 .
No. 10.-THE RTMOUSKI AGENOY comprises all the townshipe and vosurvesed lands in the county of Rimouski. J. B. Lepage. Esg. Kimouski, agont. Number of acres disposable in 1877. 4,815 . A reserve of 300,000 aeres in the Cbandiere. Rimonski and Bonaventure agencies has been made in favor of the Societe Gencrale Forestiere de France.

No: 11.-THE GASPE AGENCY comprises all the townships and unsurveyed lands in the county of Gaspé H. W. Annett, iaspé Busin, rgent for pari. Number of acres dianosable in 1877 1)6,808.- Louls Roy, Esec., Cay Chat arent for part. A muber of acres disposable in 1877, 87,570 .
No. 12.-THE BONAVENTURE AGENCI comprises all the t. wnships and unsurveyed lands in the county of Eonaventure. 1.1. Rionel, Esq., Now Carlisle, agent Number of acres diso po*able in 1877, 451,393.

No. 13.-THE SAGUENA1 AGENCY comprises ath the townships and unsurveyed lands in the comnties of Srguenay nod Charlevoix. (Heorge Duberger, Pso. Marray Bay, afont. Mamber of acres disposalle in 157\%, 122,63.

No. 14.-THE LAKE ST, JOHN AGENCY compmies nil th e townships and wasurveyed lands in the conuty of Chicontimi. J. 0. Tremblay, Esq. Chicoutimi, agent, and Israel Dmanis. Esc.a Roberville, agent. Numbor of acresdisposabic in 15: , $516, \ldots 46$.

No. 15,-THE ST. CHARLES AGENCI comprises all the townships and unsuryeyed lands in the countios of Montmorence. Quebec and Portnenf, ins far a- the rear line of the timber fimits south of the River Batisean. L. Z. Roussom, Dsq. Guefoc, agent. Number of aeres disposable in 1877, 109,541

No. 16.-THE ST. MAURICR AGENCY comprises all the townships and unsurveyed lands in the counties of champtain. St. Maurice and Maskinongé, exeept that matt of the township of Peterborough in the sxid councy of Masimonge: rlso the unam veyed lands in the combties of Portneut and Q achee norti of the rear line of the timber limits south of the River Batiscon. Alphonse Dubord, Esq.. Three Rivers, agent. Number of a res disposable in 1877, 140,46\%.

No. 17.-THE ASBOMPTION AGENCK compises all the townships and unaurveyed lands in the countics of Terrebonme, Montealm, Joliette and Berthier, with part of the tavaship of Peterboroagh, in the county of Maskinonge. J. B. Bellause. Esq., Joliette, agent for part. Number of aeres diaposil to io 1877, $245,825-\mathrm{C}$. E. Belle, Esq., Montreal, agent. X amber of aure disposable in 18.7. 153,167.

THE SPECIAL CROWN TTMEBER AGENOX metor the direction of A. J. Russell, Esq.. residing at Ottawa, comprites the county of Pontiac and part of the county of Ottawn.

THE SPECIAL CROW N TIMBER AGEXCY ander the direc. tion of C. E. Belle, Esq. of Montreal, comprises the counties of Berthier, Joliette, Montcalm, Terrebonne, Two Mountains, Argenteuil and part of Ottawa.

community; or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act-shall require a notice clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application, to be published as follows, viz. :

A notice inserted in the Official Gazette, in the English and French languages, and in one newspaper in the English, and one in the French language, in the district affected, or in both languages, if there be but one paper; or if there be no paper published thercin, then (in both langruages) in the Offecial (azetie, and in a paper published in an adjoining district.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least thirty days during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding session and the consideration of the petition.

Before any petition praying for lave to bring in a private bill for the erection of a toll-bridge, is presented to the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such bill, shall upon giving the notice prescribed by the preceding rule, aiso, at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask. the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piors for the passage of rafts or vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a drawbridge or nor, and the dimensions of the same.

> BOLCIIER DE BOUCIIERVILLE, Clerk, Legislative Council.
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