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NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAMME.—NOW.A.DAYS, MONDAY and TUESDAY EVENINGS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, and WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THE GOOD DIMES. THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, SATURDAY MORNING, and SATURDAY NIGHT.—PRINCESSS THEATHER.

COMEDY THEATRE.—Lessee and Manager, Mr. C. H. HAWTEEV.—TO NIGHT, at 8, New Farcical Comedy, in three acts, entitled UNCLES AND AUNTS, by W. March and Marker Evenago, at 10, PICKWICK, writen by F. C. BURNARO, compose the European Computer of the Computer

UNCLES AND AUNTS at Eight o'clock .-- PICKWICK at 10.

MATINÉE of UNCLES AND AUNTS TO MORROW (Saturday), at 3.-

COMEDY THEATRE.—On WEDNESDAY, March 27, will be produced, for with the first time, a Farce, in Three Acts, by Supery Greaton, entitled MIRRAYY MAYER. W. ANGE, W. Starley, M. Kuthuan Rarigonom, M. C. H. Kannady, MAYE. W. Carlier, M. Kuthuan Rarigonom, M. C. H. Kannady, Miss Sophia, Carlier, M. Kannady, Miss Sophia, M. C. H. Kannady, Miss Sophia Carlier, M. Kuthuan Rarigonom, M. C. H. Kannady, Miss Sophia Carlier, M. K. Super Scatter, M. K. Super, M. Supe

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NIAGARA COLOSSAI. PICTURE of the GREAT FALLS, original effects, by PHILIPPOTEAUX, Pressunt Lounge, Music, American Sweetment Store, Electric Light, Refreshments by linguinet, Admission Is. Nofees. 10 to 10.— VORK STREET, WSSTMINSTER, SC. James Park Station.

#### ART GALLERIES.

GAINSBOROUGH GALLERY, 25, OLD BOND-STREET,—EXHIBITION of ALPINE and CAUCASIAN PHOTOGRAPHS by the late Mr. W. F. DONKIN ON VIEW until Merch & 10 to 6 r.m. Lantern Transparencies at 9 r.m. every evening. Admission 4.

STUART EXHIBITION OF PORTRAITS, MINIATURES, and PERSCNAL BELICS connected with the BOYAL HOUSE of STUART. Under the Patronage of her Adjacty the Queen.—Queen daily tony abull 7 Admission 4s. Staton Takets See. Wilcote April Ch.—NEW GALLERY. REGENT-STREET.

# To-day and To-morrow.

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"The Science of Animal Lecomotion in Relation to Design in Art," by Mr. E. Muyleridge, Royal Institution, 8.

"The Cyclical Velocity Fluctuations of Steam and other Engines," by Mr. H. E. Ransom, Institute of Civil Inguisers, 26, terms tiesurgestreen, 5.

Clinical Society, 53. Bernes street, 6.30.

"Astronomy," by Mr. J. D. McCurry, Cheben Town Hall, 6.

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"Macromore," before and Sewage, by Mr. Percy Boulnois, Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, 19.

- s'ı and Studies of Elementary School Life," by Mr. H. J. Barker, Polytechnic

tion, Polling.
Lindy Artists, Drawing Room Gailery, Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly (Press Day).
Musical Society, Smooting Concert, Crystal Palace, 8.
ington presides at the first meeting of the Central Organizing Council of the Liberal-Unionist

- on of Prises and Entertainment St. Clement Dane's Schools, Stanhope-street, 7. Tay and Hon e Duty, "by Mr. George White, Holborn Town Hall, 8, to Children," by the Rev. B. Waugh, St. Philip's, Regent-street, 4. tom," by Mr. H. Dyer, Notting Hill Social Club, 8.39.

# TO-MORROW.

Opening of the Woolwich Free Ferry.

Crystal Palace. – Exhibition of Spring Flowers.

London Sunday School Choir at the Royal Albert Hall.

Barlington Fine Arts Clab, Press view of portrait minatures, 12 to b.

National Protest Meeting, Shattesbury Hall, Culmore-road, 6.



# OVER-SEA ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS TO-DAY.

W. H. Taylor, Melbourne. G. Denis, Cognac.

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HOTEL VICTORIA.

W. H. McWood, San Francisco.
A. Larsen, Liége.

HOTEL METROPOLE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Blakeman, New York.

L. Cramer, Berlin.

FIRST AVENUE HOTEL.

N. F. Monjo and Son, New York. J. Johnston, Montreal.

INNS OF COURT HOTEL,-C. G. Clarke, New York,

## A CANTATA AT ST. MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH.

# SIR JOHN STAINER'S "CRUCIFIXION."

Three years ago, in answer to a request from his punil, Mr. W. Hodge, then newly translated from the organ-loft of St. Anne's, Soho, to Marylebone, Sir John Stainer undertook to write a church catalta, and chose for his subject the "Crucifixion," the Rev. J. Sparrow-Simpson supplying the "book." This interesting work was introduced to Canon Barker's congregation three years ago, and since then it has been the custom to perform it during certain evenings in Lent. The work was written for voices and organ, and was never intended to be orchestrated. The scheme also includes the employment of adult male soloists, tenor and base only, thus doing away with the difficulty of obtaining good solo boys. No one who was inside Marylebone parish church last night could fail to be impressed with the fact that this work has many admirers. The most notable portions of the composition are the unaccompanied quartet "God so Loved the World," the pathetic duet "So Thou liftest Thy Divine Petition," the majestic "Procession to Calvary," the tenor solo "King ever Glorious," and the bass recitative "1s it nothing to you?" the latter being particularly well rendered last night. One of the most commendable features of the work is the chorales written with a special view to the congregation taking part, The two solo parts last evening were taken by Mr. Edwin Houghton and Mr. Sackville Evans, Mr. W. Hodge conducting, and his brother presiding at the organ. The choir is almost entirely voluntary; and Canon Barker delivers an appropriate discourse on the subject of the cantata. "The Crucifixion" is alternated every Thursday with Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Light of the World."

### WOLVERHAMPTON MUSICAL FESTIVAL ABANDONED.

The Wolverhampton Triennial Festival Committee, after an appeal to the leading residents of Wolverhampton and the district to support the guarantee fund which is necessary to warrant them in embarking on so great an undertaking, decided, at a meeting held on Wednesday night that they were not justified by the replies they had received in proceeding this year with the arrangements for the holding of the Festival. The Earl of Dartmouth and other gentlemen have promised valuable aid, but a fund of about a thousand pounds is required and that is not forthcoming.

# FOURTH EDITION.

## WHAT MEMBERS ARE SAYING.

#### THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

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Although (writes our representative in the lobby) the House of Commons was some time in filling up yesterday, and the postponement of the debate on Sir Richard Webster made the sitting seem rather a fizele, there were animated groups in the lobby, and the political world seemed to be agitated with the rumours of impending change. What was coming, and how it would affect various personages, was the common talk.

It has been reported that Mr. Healy announced the capture of Pigott's diary the other day. As a matter of fact, he only said they were hoping for its capture. That has been effected since. But Mr. Healy knows nothing directly of its contents. It is in the hands of Mr. Lewis, to whom it was sent by the gentleman in Dublin who went to Pigott's house and procured it from the housekeeper. Great things are expected from this diary; and it is no doubt the series of cumulatively important admissions already gained, together with the hope of more and better to follow, that is accountable for the buoyant, and rather intolerant mod of the Nationalist party.

That the feeling on the Gladstonian side is running very high just now is shown in many ways. Very significant was the remark of a prominent Liberal Unionist. This gentleman, against whom the perhaps not wholly reasonable prejudice has only reached its height of late, said to me, "I positively cannot speak to a Gladstonian member now."

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The 'uncertainty of everything is admitted to be embarrassing to Lord Randolph Churchill; while there is change there is hope, he thinks; and thus for the present his hands are tied. But it takes two to enact the parable of the prodigal son; and there are no signs here of the killing of a fatted calf.

The rumours of a quarrel between Mr. Bafour and Mr. Matthews, in spite of their recent unhappy contradictions of each other, are considered incorrect. Mr. Baffour's aversion to Mr. Matthews is not more marked, it is said, than the general distaste for the failure of the Administration common to all his colleagues.

The Attorney-General said the other day that he was thirsting for the battle. I now hear a most extraordinary report to the contrary. It seems almost incredible, but I have it on the best authority that his defence will be left to his colleagues. He has determined (says an unimpeachable informant) to stand aloof himself; and the voluminous notes which he has been scanning are for the guidance of his champions. If this be so, it will be the task of the Opposition to make silence intolerable. It is certain now that he is not to be thrown over; but he is the only person who can clear himself before the country, and then only by reading instructions from his brief to shift the blame on to the shoulders of the unhappy Soames.

### A STRANGE TRUE STORY TOLD AT THE ASSIZES.

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At the Glamorganshire Assizes at Cardiff, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Grantham, an extraordinary case was heard. The plaintiff was Catherine Driscoll, and the defendants William Wait and John Smith Haviland, executors under the will of the late Mr. Shapland, potato merchant, Cardiff. The plaintiff claimed £54 odd, expenses incurred on passage from America for personal necessaries and arrears under an affiliation order. A girl named Mary Driscoll, aged eighteen, servant at Shapland's, was seduced by her master, a middle-aged man, and he paid her 55. a week for some time. She then emigrated to New York, and he continued the payments through the American Consult Towards the end of 1887, when the child was about twelve years old, two men in Boston entered the bedchamber of Mary Driscoll, who, in defending her child from dishnoun, received three bullets in her body, which caused her death. The two men were executed for the murder. Old Shapland, on hearing the tragic fate of the mother, and that his offspring was without a protector in America, requested some of Driscoll's friends in Cardiff to get Catherine Driscoll (sister of Mary Driscoll), who was then residing in New York, to bring the child across to Cardiff. When Catherine arrived with the child in Cardiff she learned that the father had died the week before. She applied to the executors for the loss of wages, expenses, and arrears of maintenance of the child, and they refused to recognize her claim. The jury immediately found for the full amount claimed.

#### MR. SANTLEY WITH THE POLICEMEN.

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A large audience assembled at the Rink Hall, Blackheath, last evening at the excellent concert given in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, under the direction of the veteran conductor, Herr Wilhelm Ganz, assisted by Superintendent McHugo and the officers of the R division. The programme was provided by a number of distinguished arisites, headed by no less a renowned favourite than Mr. Santley. Less notable, but all good performers, were Miss Ada Paterson, Miss Ida Everard, and Miss Marian McKenzie; Mr. Sydney Tower, Mr. Avon, D. Saxon, and Mr. Egbert Roberts. Besides these well-known vocalists were Miss M. Eissler, sol violinist, Mr. John Radcliffe, flute, and Mr. Fleet, who conducted the band of the "R" division, and performed a solo on the cornet; and last, but not least, of this long list of notabilities, Herr Ganz, conducting and playing solos on the pianoforte. Mr. Egbert Roberts obtained great applause for his fine rendering of Handel's "Droop not, young lover," and Molloy's "Fame the Fiddler," Miss Paterson created a very favourable impression with her fine flexible voice. But the treat of the evening were the songs of Mr. Santley. The same old songs—"The Wolf," "To Anthea," "Father O'Flynn," and "The Deil's awa' wi' the Excisemen"—the same old favourites—that we have heard over and over again from this great singer, and have as often applauded and will appland so long as Sautley continues to sing them. He was in splendid voice, and, of course, received an ovation. Miss Ida Everard and Miss Marian McKenzie both left pleasant impressions. Indeed, every one of the artistes seemed to be imbued with the charitable object of the entertainment, and to be determined to do all they could for its benefit. The large hall was crowded in every part, and it is certain that a very comfortable sum was netted for the Police Orphanage.

### CHARGES AGAINST THE ROTHSCHILDS.

M. Laur brought forward an interpellation in the French Chamber vesterday with reference to the copper crisis. He demanded the enforcement of the article of the Penal Code against monopolies, and accused the Rothschilds of being the leaders of an international plot against the French market. M. Rouvier, the Finance Minister, said that M. Laur had delivered a perfect romance. The charges he had made were absurd. After some debate an order of the day, expressing the conviction that the Covernment would take the necessary measures to ascertain who was responsible for recent events, was adopted by 339 against 212 votes 339 against 212 votes

#### THE DONEGALL DIVORCE SUIT.

In the Divorce Division yesterday, Mr. Justice Butt had before him cases in which the Marchioness of Donegall petitioned for judicial separation from her husband on the ground of cruelty and desertion, and the Marquis of Donegall asked for a divorce, alleging misconduct on the part of his wife. Writnesses were called to prove that both parties had been guilty of misconduct in various place in London, and in the result both petitions were dismissed, the Marchioness being allowed the usual costs.

We are authoritatively informed that it is absolutely untrue—as was reported in a provincial paper yesterday—that the Governorship of the Cape has been offered to and declined by Sir G. Baden-Powell.

Miss Mabel Love, whose recent disappearance and discovery has been the talk of the town, will not reappear at the Gaiety, and Miss Kate Barry has been engaged in her place.

#### THE DETERIORATION OF MAN AND THE DEGRADATION OF WOMAN.

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Mr. Robert Buchanan, replying to an article in the Daily Telegraph, in which he complains strongly that he was classed with "merely destructive critics, incapable of enthusiasm for anything contemporary," goes back to his "modern young men." "One of my strongest contentions against the Modern Young Man as Critic—against, in other words, the average half-educated, somitous the strongest of the strength of the s

which and teering a lie! The Marriage Market.

"We have consistently degraded women. From generation to generation we have denied them their rights and privileges. We have asserted that their only function is parasitic, their best qualities less mellectual than instructive. But hitherto, while complacently admitting their inferiority, we have believed in their moral influence, in their divine sympathy. Now at last—while Jack the Ripper, in Whitechapel, deserrates and destroys the bodily mansion—his kinsman, the pessimist of to-day, pollutes the tabernacle of woman's soul. He frankly despises, and persistently depreciates, what was once a temple where all strong men, all men who were sons, husbands, or fathers, might meet and pray. There is, he says, no 'seduction.' Women minister, for the most part cheerfully, to our vanities and our pleasures. Antigones, Cordelias, Rosalinds, Imogens, Eugenie Grandets, are the mere dreams of 'poets.' A popular dramatist thinks he touches the quick of the question by making comic capital of 'Women's Rights.' Popular poets and novellsts swarm the bagnios of literature with monsters, which they label 'studies of women.' Certain of contempt, certain of misconception, women at last throw off their lendings, and become what men make them. The Rome of Juvenal repeats itself in the London of to-day. And masculine corruption, male deterioration, is, I contend, at the bottom of it all. The master, who once worshipped his slave because she was beautiful, now scorns her because he believes her to be [base. Let it not be forgotten, either, in this connection, that those women who most cheerfully accept the master's supremacy, and wear with his sanction the raiment of conventional morality—these women who are bought and sold, not in the streets, but in the higher marriage market—are the bitterest enemies, the cruellest judges, of such members of their own sex as sink to sorrow or try to escape convention. The petted favourite assists her lord to hunt down her less fortunate sisters.

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THE THREATENED LOSS OF A FEMININE IDEAL.

"This question is far too broad and world-embracing to be discussed in a newspaper letter. Some good may be done, however, by asking if it is not possible, in the face of the grievous social peril—the threatened Loss of a Feminine Ideal—for some few men, knights errant in the modern sense, but full of the old faith, the old enthusiasm, to remind the world, in the very teeth of modern pessimists, of what woman has been to the world, and of what she may yet become; to keep intact for our civilization the living belief which sanctified a Madonna and a Magdalen; to protect the helpless, to sympathize with the unfortunate, and above all, despite the familiar sneer of the worldling and the coarse laugh of the sensualist, to reverse the familiar adage now and then, and read it cherches l'Homme? Quite recently, I am happy to say, the man has been sought and found. We may find him much oftener, if we try! I, for one, at least, look forward anxiously and hopefully for some glimpse of the old chivalry, which set the name of Bayard high as a star in Heaven, and made even the eccentric Don Quixote a figure to sweeten human happiness and 'brighten the sunshine."

#### DID "ENGLAND" RECEIVE SECRET SERVICE MONEY? "NO," IS THE ANSWER.

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"Truth, in its latest number, said:—"The Tory Government denies that it has been in any way connected with 'Parnellism and Crime.' During the months of August and September of 1887. England, a newspaper belonging to a member of the Government, republished 'Parnellism and Crime.' In October Mr. Akters-Douglas sent to the newspaper a cheque of about 4400, from the Treasury, in recognition of its services to the cause of 'law and order.' Here the post have is clearly also the propter have."

One of our representatives, having sought to ascertain the facts of the matter from Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett, has been authoritatively informed that there is no truth in the insuntation.

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### A WARNING TO NITRATE INVESTORS.

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Those who are interested in nitrate investments should take note of a short report just published from Consul Newman, addressed from Valpariaso, Referring to the sale to English joint-stock companies of a large number of the nitrate-producing establishments he says at present it is impossible to say whether the prices obtained are within or beyond the value of the atricles sold. In general there seems to be an impression that the sellers have gone out on the top of the tide. Most of the sales were made at a time when the price of nitrate was unusually high. Investors should recollect that the dividends paid by the earlier companies were earned during a period of prosperity, and also that a new "oficina" ought to pay best in its first years. Then the raw material lies close to the works, later in its first years. Then the raw material lies close to the works, later in the state of the carted considerable distances; also that invested however good, is at last exhausted. There is a danger with so many companies at work that the supply may exceed the demand, and should a combination be formed to control production. the Chilian Government may increase the duty on exports, as it cannot allow a falling in revenue from the nitrate business in view of the heavy expenses to which it has committed itself for docks, railway, our a series of years, a profitable business; but then no "oficina," as former! worked, cost anything approaching to the prices lately paid by the joint-stock companies, and the present excess of capital is likely to induce over-production no order to pay dividends.

## THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE HON. ARTILLERY COMPANY.

A full-dress parade was held at headquarters, the Armoury-house, Finsbury, last evening, when the new Royal Warrant was read. It was also announced that the new Lieutenant-Colonel would be Viscount De Vesci, and the Adjact Captain J. A. Labalmondiere, R.A. A special Court of Assistants will be held on Friday, the 29th inst., at which the above two officers will be admitted members. Lord De Vesci served in the Egyptian expedition, 1883, and was present at the action of Mahuta and battle of Tel-el-Kebir, and has received the medal with clasp and bronze star.

## LAST NIGHT'S DIVISION,

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In the division last night on Mr. Bradlaugh's motion to reduce the salary of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the minority which supported the motion was composed of 146 Gladstonian Liberals, and 67 Irish Nationalists. The majority which rejected the motion was composed of 224 Conservatives, and the following 53 Liberal Unionists:—Lord Hartington, Mr. Chambetlain, Mr. Henge, Lord Edward Cavendish, Viscount Baring, Viscount Lymington, Viscount Wolmer, Sir Savile Crossley, Sir W. Crossman, Hon. A. Elliot, Hon. Hugh Elliot, Hon. W. J. Fitzwilliam (Peterborough), Hon. & Libert Miller, Mr. Hengels, Hon. & Libert Mr. Havelock Allan, Sir John Lubbock, Hon. Greville Vernon, Sir. E. Watkin, Col. Cornwallis West, Biddulph, Alex, Brown, Caine, Caldwell, R. Chamberlain, Coghill, A. Corbett, Biddulph, Alex, Brown, Caine, Caldwell, R. Chamberlain, Coghill, A. Corbett, Biddulph, Alex, Brown, Caine, Galdwell, R. Chamberlain, Coghill, A. Corbett, Biddulph, T. Ty, Gurdon, Hastings, Hobbouse, Kenrick, Lea, F. Mackan, Story-Maskelyne, Mildmay, More, Morrison, Richardson, T. W. Russell, W. Sinclair, T. Sutherland, Taylor, Thorburn, Wiggin, and Wodehouse.

General Sir Reginald Gipps, K.C.B., who has for five years commanded the home district, which includes the whole metropolitan regular and auxiliary forces, retires from his command at the Horse Guards on April 1, and will be succeeded by Major-General Philip Smith, C.B., who is relinquishing the command of the 2nd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot.

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