## T'AE WEEK.

As far s prizes are concerned, the Royal Chow at dewesstle next year will be a great he sum of £7,401 as offered for the various, competitions, inder, endertly of the sum th's various classes, and some close and interestag competitions may be expected. The value of such shows had been doubted in more prosperous times, but there is now a general feeling that, with greater flexibility in their arrangements, they are doing a real educational work, whilst stimulating the energies of farmers m a good many new directions.

THE Orange party in Ireland is still in an extremely hostile position. Mr. JOHNSTONE declares that if Urange processions are forbidden, of Naburn Lock, and of the Unse between he and his friends will not obey the law. They | that place and Selby, with a view to submitting will defy any Government that presumes to a scheme of improvement. He is said to have interfere. What else could we expect? An spoken favourably of the capabilities of the Orangeman is always irreconcilable. He is a navigation, and his judgment, in a matter of law pate himself. But the time is not far distant when Orangemen will find that they will have to tuck in their tails, and be as quiet as | will then come before the Ouse Navigation Comother people. The sooner such a time arrives, the better it will be for the peace of Ireland.

It is apparent that the defeat of Mr. MCARTHUR for the Buckrose Division has in no way damped the spirits of the Liberals in the division. Mr. Sykes has won the day, but he has nothing very much to be proud of, and anything like a fair contest there is little doubt that he would be beaten. But it is understood that he does not intend to offer himself again, and it is quite certain that Sir CHARLES LEGARD. or any other aspirant for Parliamentary bonours, will easily suffer defeat at Mr. McARTHUR'S Under these circumstances, it is important that be should lose no time in making it clear whether he intends to remain before the electors or not.

Benefit will doubtless accrue from the inquiry into the recent lifeboat catastrophes. The Coroner's inquest terminated on Saturday in a coupled with this, the jury made some per inent recommendations as to the means to be used to save life from wrecks in the future. The two | Christmas. most important suggestions were that there should be two boats on the Southport station instead of one, and that there should be a properly organised double crew in place of the present system of volunteer crews. This, however, would not be feasible at some stations, but it is certainly desirable that all lifeboats should be certified to be "self-righting."

London pauperism is increasing. The return up to the end of last week shows 96,945 persons in receipt of relief, of which number 39,618 are outdoor paupers. The gross total shows an increase of 1,895 over the corresponding week of last year, of 3,144 over 1884, and of 4,396 over About one-tenth of the pauperism in England and Wales is thus found in the five mullions that constitute London. This is an ugly fact, well deserving the attention of social reformers. A still greater number, we suspect, near the dividing line where pauperism begins and ability to exist comfortably ends. Such an amount of misery and destitution is a distinct social danger.

EVERYBODY who knows anything about Mr. WALT WHITMAN, the American poet, will be glad to hear that the allegations about his poverty have been exaggerated, and that the English appeal, lately made, in the Pall Mall Gazette. will result in the presentation to him, by New like bailiffs, stewards, and the smaller servants Year's Day, of a considerable donation from his of any great county establishment. It is quite many English admirers. There is nothing more as well they should be undeceived. agreeably testifying to the good feeling which prevails between English and American readers than this readiness to respond to any call of good feeling and charity. What the Americans would do for any eminent Englishman is as promptly undertaken for any American author who may suffer in the battle of fame and fortune.

The Company is to buy sufficient land to make would fall. in hand at once, but that the work will proceed are based on returns now three years old. gradually, so as not to interfere with traffic.

THE conversion of industrial concerns into joint-stock companies has been one of and it still continues. But it is not a little remarkable that the movement should have extended to Germany and Austria. It shows that our commercial doings are carefully studied on the Continent, and that what is good policy here is considered good policy there. Several large firms in Berlin and Vienna have been recently transformed into joint-stock companies, and there has been very much the same rush of investors as with us, though the concerns are hardly in all cases of so colossal a nature.

THERE is living at Kirkwall, in Scotland, a man named Robert Yorston, who entered upon his 101st year on the 11th of the present month. He is a native of Kirkwall, and a member of a family which came from Denmark several centuries ago. His face is as free from wrinkles as that of a man in the prime of life, and, with the exception of a little deafness, he still retains the use of all his faculties. But he is not very has an extensive memory of events upon which Church and Dissent. One account he is able to draw, in his more vigorous momen The case seems to be well authenticated.

THE inhabitants of the Soudan, who are pretty well tired out with so much campaigning, have adopted an excellent plan for checking the military propensities of the dervishes. They have hidden their supplies of grain, and obstinately refused to give any information as to its place concealment. As no food can be obtained, the Arabs are compelled to desist from their intended advance, and have commenced to retreat further south. The portions of the Soudan which have been the theatre of recent events, must have been greatly impoverished, and it is not surprising that the inhabitants are now resolved that they will starve out any armed bands that may wish to continue to demonstrate agains'

MR. CHAMBERLAIN is to address his constatuents before the meeting of Parliament, and some interest is felt in what he may have to say as to the present state of affairs in Ireland, and the various domestic questions which are likely to come before Parliament at an early date. all probability, he will make no statement that will indicate a serious divergence of view batween himself and Lord HARTINGTON, and he will simply re-affirm what is already known as to his opinions and tactics. The appeals to him to declare himself can hardly have any serious import, and we can scarcely expect that, for the present, he will venture to assume anything like an independent position.

ever since the 26th of November, the two petitions in the CAMPBELL Divorce case have been dismissed. The judicial separation of the two parties to the suits will thus be maintained. and no change in their relations is at all likely. But the case will have served a public end if it of report concerning them. The general outery be suffered to die out without effective steps Mr. Justice Denman had no difficulty in coming against it! I wen't have it! Let Shylock have my being taken to amend the law respecting them, to the decision that the botsnic beer was liable and in such a way as not to interfere with the | to duty It would be manifestly unfair that a ands of justice. A careful official report would substitute for heer, with the appearance, flavour, seem to have many advantages if there is to be and qualities of beer, though not quite so strong, any reporting at all, but the whole question will should be allowed to escape an Excise duty. have to be debated in Parliament on an early especially now heer need not, in law, be made

AFTER the pigeons come the dogs. A pigeon mail service in time of war is being organised in both Germany and France, but to Germany belongs the credit of endeavouring to utilise dogs. A Prussian battalion is now making the experiment of training dogs for outpost duties. of £1,000 for prizes in the orthonning Horse | The dogs are to be disciplined to several kinds of Enow. The money is well distributed through work. They are to carry despatches from outposts to the main body, or vice versa, in a pouch hung round their necks. They are also to be taught to notify the approach of an enemy, at night-a much more difficult duty, we should think—and to search for the missing who may have been wounded. Two dogs are to be attached to each company. The result of the experiment cannot i\_ to be interesting.

> MR. FOWLER, engineer to the Tees Conservancy Commissioners, has made an inspection this kind, will command public respect. He will make his report as soon as practicable, and it nattee, and subsequently be submitted to the whole Council. There ought not now to be any doubt as to the adoption of some wise scheme for improving the resources of our waterway.

WAR is increasingly probable. It is being steadily prepared for by Germany, Russia, Austria, France, Turkey, Italy, Switzerland. Belgium, Spain, Roumania, Greece, and Bulgaria. Germany is said to have the mobilisation order ready for the signature of the EMPEROR, or his successor, at any moment. Orders are being given that point to March or April as the decisive mouth, and, unless thingmend, they will be duly executed. The Bulgarian question is at the bottom of the uncertainty, but it is not the only cause of the diss quiet. Some coldness has now grown between Austria and Germany because the former is anxious to be excessively friendly with Russia. Turkey is apparently acting with Russia, and France is so feverishly active that werdict of "death from misadventure;" but, Germany wants to take a leap before it is too late. Altogether, it is a most unpacific time in which to muse over the topics associated with

> It is said that Russia is preparing a plan for the invasion of Northern Afghanistan, and we are told there is very little that it is worth anything in the report. We should say, on the contrary, that there is a good deal. In the event of the opening of the Eastern Question, and any action of the British fleet in forcing the Dardnanelles, to assist Turkey, or prevent a Russian occupation. Russia would be certain to make a counter move against Afghanistan. She has done so before, and she would do it again. It would be an effective counter-stroke. It is as well we should understand this thoroughly, and bug no illusions on the point.

> ONE of the most curious things in politics is the fate which inevitably befalls Conservative capital when invested in newspaper property that is to have an educating effect. It is invariably wasted, and the educator turns out be somebody whose opinions are of value pot-houses, and nowhere else. The Primrose League is finding that a good deal of money can be wasted in this way, and if the present Government remains in power much longer it is not at all improbable that its funds may be exhausted. The secret of the mistakes the Conservatives make in their present dealings appears to be their belief that journalists can be bought and sold,

WHETHER Germans drink more beer in a year than Englishmen is a curious question. It appears to be decided in our favour. The German consumption is one bilion, one bundred million gallons, or twenty-two gallons per per annum. The yearly product of beer in the United Kingdom is over twenty-THE idea of making a second Suez Canal has seven million barrel. put at 972 million been abandoned, and it is now proposed to widen | gallons, which makes our consumption 27 the present one, so as to make it convenient for | gallons per head per annum. But there is a conthe increasing traffic. M. DE LESSEPS, Sir J. siderable allowance to be made for exportations, STOKES, and Mr. AYNSLEY, on behalf of the which are greater in the case of Great Britain Company, have been in negotiation with the thanof Germany. Deducting the shipments to the Egyptian Government on the subject, and it is Colonies, the Continent, and India, it is most announced that an agreement has been effected. likely that our actual consumption per head MULHALL's figures, however, the necessary enlargement, and to pay the make the production of the United Kingdom Egyptian Government for it the sum of £80,000. | more than that of Germany, and the consump-It is understood that the widening will be taken tion per head 29 gallons to 19. But his figures

EVERYBODY knows that a farthing is a legal tender, just the same as a half-penny is, or a penny. But there is an impression in some features of the past few months in this country, minds that not more than four farthings can be tendered at once. The answer to a Sheffield inquiry supplied by Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL. should remove any further difficulties. Farthings are as good money, as any other bronze coins, and a shilling's worth of farthings is a legal tender, as well as a shilling's worth of half-pennies. The greater answer of course includes the less. If a tradesman marks his goods at so much, with at the end of the price, he must surely be most unbusiness like to say that he will take a half-penny and a farthing, and not three farthings. The practice of lettering pence or shillings very large, and making id. very small, at the end of them, is objectionable. If tendering three farthings would cure the plan it would be a good thing.

An interesting controversy is proceeding as to the number of Church and Chapel goers in London. Some statistics of morning and evening attendance have been published, to which exstrong, and he keeps his bed most of the day. ception is being taken on various grounds. But, He was visited a few days ago by some of his probably, they cannot be regarded as anything friends, who presented him with a purse of more than an approximation. They show that sovereigns that he may be free from want in his a very small part of the population of London advancing years. As he was born in 1786, he is reached by the religious ministrations the attenders upon religious services as about 500,000, and a corrected account increases the figures by nearly 150,000 more. In either case we have an immense population that does no attend anywhere, "A Liberal Ciergyman," in his estimate of the matter, says that "not more "than one man in ten attends any place of wor-"ship," and that "the proportion of females "males in a church is usually about eleven to "four." We believe that these figures are pretty the mark, and anyone who studied Eunday life in London, in the West End as well as the East End. will not be disinclined to accept them. What with clubs and public-houses, parks and street-corners, and the enormous mass of literature sold on the Saturday or the Sunday morning for home reading, Churches and Chapels must suffer considerably. But the fact is that the accommodation is notoriously inadequate, even if the existing places of worship were crowded at all the services. The London Sunday, indeed, has not very much to boast of in comparison with what is called the Continental Sunday.

THE botanic beer case, adjudicated upon the other day, is important as settling a disputed point once for all, and in what appears to us be an equitable manner. Prior to the Act last year, which gave a definition, in consequence of previous difficulties and failures, botanic beer was not held to be liable for Excise duty. was so ruled in an important judgment the ruling has been upheld until The Act of 1880 defined beer as 'sle, porter, spruce beer, and black beer, and any other description of beer" If the AFTER a trial lasting, with short adjournments, | last indication in the sentence were to be literally construed, it would, of course, include ginger beer as well as botanic beer. But it has not been so interpreted for obvious reasons. The Act 1865 supplies a more scientific description of beer substitutes whilst leaving the main lines of the definition just given. The term beer was to be should lead, as we may hope it will, and that | construed as extending "to any liquor which speedily, to the law being changed, which permits | "is made or sold as a substitute for such trials heard in public, and imposes upon "beer or a description of beer, and public journals the duty of presenting some kind "which, on analysis, shall be found "contain more than 2 per cent, of proof spirits." against publishing reports of such cases has the | As the botanic beer which was mentioned in the support of the newspaper press, and it should not case contained 5.40 per cent. of proof spirit,

from malt and bops.

## A HERO IN SPITE OF HIMSELF.

By ROBERT BUCHANAN. " BELADOW OF THE SWORD," "A CRILD OF MATURE," AND " GOD AND THE MAR.

BOOK II.-CHAPTER XIV.

Had a shell exploded in the board-room the directors could not have evinced more consternation. As for Kyrie Melyin, he almost shrieked in his sudden fear. All eyes were turned on the door, through

which there entered, with the old swegger, the missing Fotheringay—or his ghost, He was elegantly got up, as usual, but there were no diamonds on his fingers or on his snowy breast,

He entered as if he had just dropped in for a friendly call, but kept his hat upon his head. Good morning, gentlemen, he said, gai y. " Deuced cold weather."

"Good God !—is it possible !—Fotheringay!" crie i

Sloane, staring spoplectically. "Living!" cried several directors, Yes, I think so. Melvin, here, composed my epitaph; it was short but beautiful-r.qui scat in pace; but as I had a voice in the matter, I preferred

resurgam. And here I am !" He looked with a curious smile at the engineer, who tottered as if about to faint.

"Then-you-you-secaped? 'he cried. " And —and the other?"

Fotheringay walked to the door. "Come in, Mr Kelso, and answer for yourself." Thereupon Jack entered quietly, and nodded to the company. But he was not alone; leaning on his arm was Angela Sloane, and by her side, darkly smiling,

ing his tongue. "What's all this? Why have you come here? This place is private. What does it all "It means, sir." returned Jack, "that I have married your daughter, and brought her here to say

good-bye before we sail for England."

'Angy! Miss Raymond!" cried the Colonel, find-

"WHAT! It's a conspiracy! Thunder and "Take it quietly, old man," said Fotheringay: you'll have to, if you want to get off with a safe Whatever conspiracy there has been has been one to swindle the public, and you know how far you're rest onsible. In the meantime, permit me mform Mr Kyrle Melvin that a gentleman in ply clothes is waiting for him in the next room with little present in the shape of a pair of very elegant steel bracelets; in fact, a detective officer, who will be charmed to make his acquaintance and escort him

"Gentlemen, I appeal to you for protection cried the engineer. "I have served you faithfully. This is a plot to ruin me!"

to a nice lodging, furnished at the expense of the

The directors began to murmur. "What has the man done? What is all this about? What is the offence?" cried several voices. simultaneously. "I accuse him of an attempt to murder myself and this gentleman in the Speranza Mine. His accomplice, Ned dearle, has been arrested and has

So spoke Fotheringay; as he did so, Melvia's face was convulsed, and his hand crept into the breast of his coat; but before he could make another move-Kelso, who had been watching him closely, crept behind him and pinned his arms. He uttered a sharp oath as a loaded revolver slipped from his grasp and fell to the ground. At the same moment a plainly dressed man entered, accompanied by policemen, and, at a sign from Jack, handcuffer

Melvin in the twinkling of an eye. Every one looked scared as the engineer, throwing off the mask, gave vent to flerce shricks and curses. "Take him away," said Fotheringay, lightly. "Don't alarm yourselves, ladies! We have drawn

Struggling flercely, Melvin was led from the room. Fotheringsy followed him as far as the door, which he then closed quietly, and turned the key. An angry murmur greeted this movement. " I think, gentlemen, we had better conclude our business with closed doors," said Fotheringay, with a "Miss Raymond, please be seated, Miss

Sloane, here is another chair. Imagine yourself spectators at the last act of a comedy, to which you have come by my special invitation." "None of your high and mighty airs here!" cried Sloare, striking his fist on the table. "We want an explanation, and, by God, we'll have it! You may bully our servent, but you won't bully us, you impu-

Papa," cried Appela, " please don't ! Mr.

Fotheringay won't harm you, if you will only do as More murmurs from the directors, some of whom began to look pugnacious. "You had better hear my friend out," said Jack.

"for your own sakes. I mean!" "Who are gow?" cried a director, a little flery Jew. "We don't know you! By what right have you come here?"

"By the right of an honest man who wishes to clear out a nest of thisving scoundrels !" replied Jack, without the least anger. "Damnation!" shrieked Sloane, echoed by an

Permit me" interposed Fotheringay. "My friend is English, and calls a spade a spade. I will try to embellish the plain agricultural implement, with his permueton. "Who is he? Damn him! who is he? Why have you brought him Aere? 'eaid the chorus,

"He's a beggar, like yourself; that's what he is! added Colonel Sloane. "He is a beggar, old man, returned Fotheringay. " with ten thousand pounds scerling a year. Let me introduce him to his peculating and pertinacious father-in-law, in his true name-as Lord Kelso, of Kelso, in the kingdom of Scotland."

" What?" ejaculated the Colonel. "What?" echoed the chorus.

"But now to business," proceeded our hero, taking off a a glove and throwing it on the table. "There is my-ah!-gauntlet; a challenge to rascality generally. Gentlemen, we have pulverised your engineer; our next proceeding is to smash your precious South Speranza Gold and Silver Mining Company, totally and finally. It is for you to decide whether this is to be done in public or in private. in public, I will throw open that door, and perhaps, if you are agreeable, distribute all round little souvenirs like that worn by the departed scoundrel. Melvin, the company's engineer." No one spoke up now, but the directors, scenting common danger, spoke together in whispers. The

" Fotheringay, don't be a fool! Don't ruin your-

self in the hope of ruining your best friend. We're all honest men here, and if Melvin has injured you we are not to blame. "Certainly not," said a director,

"If you are honest men, do as I request you. Return every penny to the shareholders; dissolve the company, announce the truth—that the Speranza gold and silver mine is not worth a solitary dime!" I dare say," enswered Sloane. "Why, come, you know as well as I do that the mine is a splendid

" Fudge !" said Fotheringay. 'If we dissolve who is to pay me the money you owe me? tell me that. Talk about amashing -why can't I smash you! I hold your notes of hand. everything! Remember that!"

Fotheringay smiled. "Sweet, old man, are the uses, not only of adversity but of liquidation. I stand before you in puris naturabiles, a beggar, as you politely express it. without a penny. But I never felt so rich as I do this morning; Gnancially, I am Lezarus; but morally. I am Dives, Crosus, Rothschild. I wouldn't exchange my rags for the mantle of a king "You are right," said Kelso.

"Quite right," smiled Isabel, radiantly. I see what it is," sneered the Colonel. "You want to swindle me out of my money, to turn upon the man that has fed, clothed, and made a man of you, and why? Because you think you will have that ledy's dollars to fall back upon! But I'll be a match for you! I'll have my revenge!" " Papa!" cried Angela.

You are quite mistaken, answered Fotberingay. with a sunden tremor in his voice. "Your estimate of bumen nature is inaccurate. I declined to marry Mus kaymend under a fraud; I resolved to show her what a sham I was, and to save her even at the price of my own disgrace. She knows me now, air, and is therefore quite safe from any nefarious designs that I may have had u on her. My only hope and prayer e that she nay or e day marry a good man, worthy of her, and forget that Charles Fotheringay, adveuturer, sham colorel, and the devil's cat's-paw, ever

"The long and the short of it all is," said Lord Kelso, sovar citig to the table, "that this company is a fraud, and must be broken up forthwith. For the sake of time lady, my wife, and indirectly for my own rake, I will do everything in my power to secure peaceful settlement. With regard to this gentleman's debt to you, Colonel Sloane, be under no uneasinees, For the time being consider me his banker."

pound of flesh-let him cut it out from my heart if be pleases, and welcome. I am a rascal, and deserve it all." "True, you are a rascal," returned L rd Keley

laughing, "but the rescal saved my life." " NOT FEE BE !" "Gentlemen, shall I tell you what he did?" continued Kelso, addressing the amazed company.

"When we were surrounded by that mardering crew be fought like a hero. All was up with us, when suddenly, without a moment's besitation, he sprang out and faced the leader of the robbers. 'Stop!' he cried; 'one moment!' They were so amezed that they ceased firing. 'Here are my diamonds,' be cried, 'worth twenty thousand dollars; they are yours—take them—but spare our lives! And as he spoke he drew off his rings and his breastpip, and thrust them in the rufflens' hands; then, before they had recovered from their amazement returned to the shanty. Gentlemen, that device gave us five mirutes; for the villains surrounded their

leader and examined the prize in the moonlight. Then, Fotheringay, still holding Imbel round the was only a brief respite, but it saved us. Presently the attack was renewed. Unable to burst in, they fired the sharty. But even then beaven sent us preserver. The heroic Dunn Smith, sheriff of Speranza, appeared on the scene and attacked our enemy in the rear. We were saved."

"By the sheriff," cried Fotheringay, laughing. "No, by you! You maved us! That device of yours was worthy of a hero-it was sublime! And the best of the joke was, gentlemen, that those jewels, with which some of the robbers got clean away, were bogus, every one of them, not worth fifty dollars ! " "Which shows," explained the other, looking round with his grandest air, "that even sham

BOOK II.—CHAPFER XV.

jewellery may sometimes serve a substantially mora

purpose. Can't we possibly apply the lesson, supplie

by bogus diamonds, to the affairs of a bogus mining

THE EPILOGUE. The company fell to pieces, not without considerable scandal, but, fortunately for themselves, the peccant directors managed to escape punishment. On examination it turned out that large sums paid by the spareholders had already been appropriated by Celonel Bloane, who could give no account them; but his son-in-law paid the money. Before doing so, however, he made it a condition that the Colonel should retire from the financial scene, which he did with the greatest expedition, and lived in practical seclusion for many years.

'Oh, Jack, how good you are !" said Angela, when this little arrangement had been effected. " Not at all, little wife," returned the honest fellow. "My money is yours, and you are my true Angela, my good angel. You loved me when you thought me a poor beggar and yourself a rich young lady. I tried you in the furnace of adversity, and found you—sterling gold !"

Then he told her how, despising society and loving adventure, he had reamed the world in disguise. sometimes as a poor artist, sometimes as a common sailor, but always attended by his old boyish friend Luke Stafford, son of his father's gamekeeper. But he had sown his wild oats, he said, and meant to take his bride home to Scotland, there to reign in his ancestral home as Lady Kelso. A full and true account of the great fight in the

Speranza Mine, soon appeared in the newspapers. The first telegram, sent by an excited Canaanite. after a hurried interview with Melvin, had been premature, of course; but Fotheringay and Keiso, hearing of it on their arrival in Canaan, had bribed the newspaper correspondents—gentlemen of easy morality, and easily discovered at the local liquor bars—with large sums to suppress further particulars until further notice. This had been done so cleverly that the two gentlemen had been able, as we have seen, to take the mining company by surprise and secure the secundrel, Melvin, before he could suspect the truth. In the meantime, however, they had it is telegraphed to Luke Stafford instructions to warn both Isabel and Angels of the truth, and to arrange a secret meeting in New York.

For the rest, they had escaped death by a mirac'e

- or, as Fotheringay afterwards expressed it, a miracle of impurience. The story of the sham jewels was literally true. How Mr Dunn Smith came return upon the scene is readily explainable. Beturning homeward in the evening, the belligerent sheriff had by the merest accident caught a glimpse of one of the garg, whom he seemed to recognise, crawling far up on the mountains. He had pursued him for some distance, without success. Then, instead of going home, he determined to reconneitre a secluded ranch many miles distant, where he suspected some of the gang might be hiding. This task occupied several hours, and as he was turning back unsuccessful, the storm overtook him. Used to sleep out, he sheltered in the woods; and at last, when the tempest had spent itself, made fresh tracks for home. It was late in the night when he again reached the road. Scarcely had he done so, when he saw Melvin gallop furiously past, and heard shets from the mountains above him. In a moment in suspected the truth, and bastened to the rescue, arriving, after a long climb just in time to surprise the rullians in the rear. The affeir was speedily decided by his appearance, for his very name appalled the boldest, and several fled away at his first shot, but inree men fell dead to his rifle, and to his great joy he wounded and captured the ringleader, Ned Searle, with his own hand. While touching on the subject, let me chronicle the fact of Kyrle Melvin's conviction on the criminal charge of conspiracy to murder. His trial was a cause celebre, and a godsend to the newspapers. Lord Kelso and Fotheringay became the heroes of the | rhyme or reason. Golden youth sports a golden rose hour. Fotheringay particularly took the public fancy immensely. Pictures of him appeared in the with a knob that is golden. But why go on? illustrated journals, together with highly imaginative big bouanzas, the great squatters, and the mighty sketches of himself and his friend defending "the millionaires of home growth mean to rival each other Lonely Shanty in the Golden Gulch." He was inter- in the display of gold. Why, the son of the modern viewed, of course. I am afraid that he rather amazed the interviewers by yielding to his natural taste for romance; at any rate, in one of the reports he was illegitimate son of an eminent statesman, by tain to avail themselves of it. Mr. Labouchere has Mdlle. Spelladino, an opera dancer; in another he determined that the Government must not be allowed duly toasted.

described as expressing his belief that he was an calked of himself of having been a pirate in boybood and of having buried an enormous treasure on an island somewhere in the Indian Seas. He was offered a large sum of money to stump the country as a lecturer; while an enthusiastic manager, hearing his former experiences as an actor, was willing to guarantee him three hundred dollars nightly for a year's tour of the principal States of the Union. This was glory, of a sort : but still Fotheringay

was not happy. His love for Isabel Raymond had grown in proportion to his own sense of moral unworthiness; be could not forget her, though he | the House of Lords comes to the rescue, endeavoured to exile himself from her society. Gloomy and wretched, in spite of his fits of assumed gaiety and the deablerie which startled the inter- | There they will be introduced by the Lord Chanviewers, he kept apart. Since his return, he had | cellor. But Lord Salisbury may go still further and never spoken one word to her which might have been take the bulk of his legislation to the peers, while the interpreted as a renewal of his old suit; indeed, he | representatives of the people are wrangling and felt that it was hopeless. Isabel, on her side, was squandering precious time. It is just possible that strargely reticent and reserved. At last, after the | the Allotments Act and the two Bills which come trial and condemnation of Melvin, he appeared before her in the hotel where she was staying, and announced

his approaching departure from America. "Before I go," he said, " let me ask you to forgive me for having troubled your sunny life. We came together by a fatality; by a fatality, too, we are to part. I shall carry with me, Miss Raymond, the remembrance of your goodness and your divine

Isabel was seated, while he bent over her. She looked up quietly, and smiled, "How absurd you are!" she said. "Will you never take life seriously?" I am serious now," he returned, and indeed his

pale face and tremulous voice did not bely his words. When I leave you, I shall doubtless resume m' former character of light comedian. That is the worst of good acting! Even when I am in the death agony, somebody will see the humour of it, and admire how I carry it off!"

You are going away? Where, pray?" "I baven't the least idea. I shall probably toss up

and let the Fates decide !" Very ridiculous ! "Exceedingly-but true! Miss Raymond, I shall probably never see you again."

His eyes were full of tears, his voice quite broken. " If you go, Charles " (how he thrilled at the name!) " what will become of me?" "You will be happy, I trust, as you deserve to She raised her eyes to his face, and those eyes

I shall never be happy in this world, without you ! " abe said. He trembled violently, and passed his hand across bis eyes; then he cried-"leabel, don't tempt me! don't make me forget myself again! You are a star of goodness; I am a poor moth, already singed by the candle! I hoped some day to become worthy of you. I know now

that is impossible. For God's sake have pity uper

my weakness, and say good-bys!" "Charlie, I love you!" Isabel, I have not a penny in the world." But I am rich."

That slone would keep us saunder." Ther imagine me pour; or stay! let me put all y money in a gold and silver mining company, and so end the matter!" And she smiled bewitchingly through her tears.

It is not only that," he cried. " I am an aventurer. My name is a bye-word." I fike the name.

'I am a scoundre! ! " "No, indeed, you are a hero! Charles, be honourable, and remember our compact, When we first met, you were to become a hero in three Or drown myself!"

Well, you have adopted the wiser alternative, and distinguished yourself as I always predicted you would. You have done more-you have corquered yourself, and grown-what does Rosalind say?-just as high as my heart. If you shanden me after so long a probation, I shall have to drown myself, instead of you!" She was irresistible. With a cry of joy, he took her in his arms, and kissed her again and again. " My darling ! "

" My hero!" "Ab, don't laugh at me! Isabel, I'll try with all my might to deserve such happiness! I'll play light comedy to longer, but go in for virtuous leading

business. And you don't despite me? you don't think | be conveyed to the Isle of Wight this year. Her me a preposterous cad!" It was quite clear that she did not, for she smiled fondly and rested her head on his shoulder. They were interrupted by the sudden entrance of a lady

"I beg your pardon," cried Lord Kelso. "We ought to have knocked," said his gentle lady so glad you have come. I was just telling Mr. Fotheringay that he was a hero, after all." "So he is, by Jove!" exclaimed his lordship "See the daily and weekly journals, passim."

waist, said in the old grand manner-"What a free and enlightened press says must true. Suppose, though, we put it in this way-HERO, IN SPITE OF HIMSELP!"

## LONDON GOSSIP.

PROM THE " COUNTY GRATLEMAN.

During the Christmas vacation lawyers will find occupation in speculating upon the various change contemplated on the Bench. It is quite clear that many vacancies will occur very shortly. One has occurred already, and it will be speedily filled. successor to Lord Blackburn has yet to be found Several other vacancies on the Judicial Beach are also spoken of.

The lawyers will be something like twenty-five thousand pounds the better tor the Colin Campbel case. Where does the money come from? In Duke of Argyll has, I presume, found a good many the sinews of war. But who has gained in reputation Anybody? Yes, Mr. Finlay. He has risen to the highest rank of his profession since the trial began. He did not wait long to follow up the success ! scored in the House of Commons in August. Edward Clarke, too, has enhanced his position. will be long, very long before such a case of sensatio as that now closing is opened in any Court by any

Mr. Montagu Williams has been duly appointed the police bench. His appointment is a happy and popular one. Rumour had it that Mr. Williams and the Home Secretary were at loggerheads. But it was not so. Mr. Matthews, on the contrary, had great pleasure in giving the post to a barrister of the Us ford Circuit. It is more likely, indeed, that he regretted that the gift was not a handsomer one. The post will suit Mr. Williams admirably. Though quite convalescent, his voice is very far from strong His du ies in the police-court will only occupy him three days a week, and the stipend is £1,500 a year. Such Crown work in the Criminal Court as went to Mr. Williams will be divided between Mr. Forest Fulton, M.P., and Mr. Charles Mathews. Attempts at Jubilee jewellery are many. Jubile

brooches and ear-rings and stude and searf-pins and watches and chains are offered at all the shops. they differ but slightly, if at all, from the articles that are not of the Jubilee variety. At the knick-knack shops one discovers the works of inventive mind Your British tradesman sets up a Christmas bazas nowadays. Each trader, be he tinker, tailor, grocer, draper, druggist, doctor, or undertaker-each has his Christmas novelties. I am not quite sure about th latter. But I am verily persuaded that I shall on day hit off an undertaker's establishment in which displayed an advertisement—"A great variety coffins, suitable for Christmas gifts, to be had within." The chemists and druggists run the jewellers and stationers very close with Christmas novelties as

The knighted will make a fine show in June next when the order of the Jubilee is conferred. The story goes that every mayor in England is to be knighted on Jubilee Day. The borough magistrates and the London vestrymen are up in arms. They must not be overlooked. They must be knighted some folk will be mourned. Newspaper editors and theatrical managers count on baronetages, and was correspondents anticipate that after June next the will rank as field officers.

I feared it. I dreaded it from the earliest days of the Christmas season. When in April last the ap pearance of one of the annuals heralded the approac of Christmas I was warned. It was inevitable. Les year we had a Royal red Christmas. Who will forget the praver-books, the note-cases, the thousand and one leather articles which made the tide of Yule flame last year? This year we are to have a golden Christmas. I do not mind the golden gifts at the jewellers and goldsmiths, or the golden lamps with golden flames under golden shades, or the golden plate, or the cloth of gold, or the golden gowns and the golden lingerie. But I feared that the leather merchants would take yellow fever. And, goodness gracious, they have caught it with a veugeance. The purses, pocket-books, prayer-books, betting-books visiting-books, address-books, laundry-books, and butchers' books of the season are in golden yellow. Gold, gold, gold, gold, hammered and stamped and beaten and rolled, woven and tanned, embroidered scrolled; gold, gold, gold, gold. Golden plate and golden ware, golden complexions and golden hair are all to the fore this season. And golden girls, gilded frocks, in auriferous hats, and in golden socks. sport golden garters and golden smocks without any and lacquered clocks upon golden hose, and a stick millionaire puts on a nightgown of old gold silk to slid between his golden sheets.

It seems to me that the Lords will have their opportunity next Bession. And they are pretty certo legislate in the Commons. Weeks and weeks are to be spent over the Address and over Procedure. The Gevernment have pledged themselves to introduce a number of very important measures. The promised Bills are the County Bill, the Allotments Act, a Railway Rate Bill, a Merchandise Marks Bill. a Scottish Universities Bill, a Tithes Bill, and a to cheapen and facilitate the transfer of land. however, the time of the house is to be spent week after week and month after month in idle talk, legislation will be almost out of the question. That is, unless The Land Transfer Bill and the Tithes Bill, will, it is understood, be seen first of all in the House of Lords.

from the Board of Trade may be taken first by the Lords. In this wise the country would have demonstration that the Upper House is, after all, the more useful ascembly of the two.

I am satisfied that the Upper House is a better place of business than the Commons. The legislation of the Session will be all, more or less, forward in principle. By pushing it forward the peers evince their confidence in the people. When the House of Lords has passed the Railway Rates Bill the County Bill, and the Allotments Act we ought hear no more class legislation taunts. The policy the Opposition is to make impossible all useful legis lation by the Tories. In Ireland it is the policy Mr. Gladstone's friends to make administration im possible. Sir Michael, however, will dish the enemy in Ireland, and the peers, if I am not mistaken, wil

dish the enemy at home. The new Government not wanting in intelligence. The Government mean to give us legislation galore They have in hand considerably over a dozen Bills of one cort and another. There will be little chance getting them through next Session, unless the Lords do the bulk of the work. What with the Address. Proceedure, and special Irish legislation, it will be summer before the County Bill can be seriously tackled in the House of Commons. The bulk of th minor measures and several Bills of great importance ought to be sent down from above. The Allotment Act and the County Bill will both be submitted to Radical amendment in the House of Commons. the time that Parliament has got well into its work the Government will be vindicated in its conduct with

regard to the mail contracts. It would be a pity were Mr. Matthews to leave the Home Office to take a judgeship, as some o friends anticipate. He finds the departmental wor irksome in the extreme. But he is a most indus trious, able, and efficient Minister. He is at th office early and late steeped to the eyes in propose' for new legislation. Several measures are in hand at the Home Office. Mines Acts, Public Meeting Acts, Lunacy Acts, Police Superannuation Acts, and what not. Nor is this all. Mr. Matthews is a leadirg authority in the Committee of the Cabinet specially relegated to attend to Irish affairs. law officers of the Crown in London and in Irelan have for some days past been occupied in consider ing the most effectual means of dealing with the Norent conspiracy.

It is a pity that Parliament is not to be opened the Queen in person. At least, I presume, on the authority of Labbity's friend at Court, that the Queen has said a decided "no" to the requests of the Government. Next year being the year of Jubilee it was assumed that the opening ceremony would be one of great pemp and pageant. But, as it is, the Parliament is to be opened by commission. Instead of a displaof carriages and horses with the Queen, Prince Henry the baby, and the Duke of Portland all appearing procession for the delight and entertainment of the people, we are to have the Queen's Speech read by gentleman in a cocked bat. And this is Jubilee, FROM THE " WORLD,"

It is the present intention of the Queen to see the New Year in at Windsor, and to remove to Osborne for six weeks about Tuesday, January the 4th. The Conneil for the Speech will be beld at Osborne or Wednesday, the 12th, and Lord Salisbury is to be her Majesty's guest for a night on Monday, the 10th. The dishes which always occupy the Queen's sidebeard on Christmas Day-the cold baron of beef, the woodcock-pie, and the boar's head-will not have to | plenty to do.

Majesty usually receives several boars' needs from Germany, with other Teutonie delicacios, including a peculiar kind of gingerbread, of which the lamented Prince Consort was very fond; and in his time a case of Imperial Tokay always reached Windsor from Vicano, as it was his invariable habit to drunk a

bumper of this wine every night after dinner. Lbrd Randolph Churchill entertained the Prince of Wales at dinner on Saturday evening at the Junior Cariton Ciub. Lord Bandolph Churchill (who is just now in better

bealth than he has been for a long time past) leaves London to-morrow to spend his Christmas in Dublin. Among the portraits of the world's worthies that are at present on the casels is a new one by Mr. Edwin Long of Cardinal Manning in his robos o scarlet, trimmed with lace and ermine. Mr. Long also at work on a portrast of Sir Edmund Henderson The future of lady doctors is in India. Three fully qualified M.D.'s of the gentle and fast-advancing sex sailed the other day in the Arabia for India. But because they really are wanted there they must be

The 9th Lancers will be gratified to learn that their

late chief, Colonel H. A. Bushman, C.B., is to get the

careful not to overstuck the market.

desirable appointment of first Assistant Adjutant-General of the Indian Army. Colonel Bushman served with the 9th in Afghanistan, and is generally regarded as one of the best cavalry officers in India. No little consternation has been created in Turf circles by the appouncement that all the horses Kingselere stable, including Ormonde, have more or less invalided with strangles. One died, but all the "cracks" are reported to be none the worse. The cisciples of the Chelses sage say that Carlyle's devotion towards his wife was intense; the sceptice of his cover this cold morning." John Peel, junior believe it was all moorehine. According to Unrivie | -"Ah! but think of the farmyards he has ravaged i himself, from a letter of his that is to be be sold at | the night." W.O.H.B.-" And is there any special about women. He says: "The hearts of women, dear little creatures, are by nature exaggerative many is the Bristol diamond, or poor Scotch pebble.

that has been taken for a true stone of price." About time! The Archdescon of Liverpool, the Venerable John Jones, who is in his ninety-tifth year. has expressed his intention of regigning his archdeacoury. At one time he was a great Evangelical light, and till lately he was an admirable man of business; but, of course, there has been no efficient discharge of archidiaconal functions. His successor wil be styled Archdencon of Ormskirk. Oratorios in churches are getting increasingly

common. At St. Peter's, Eaton-equare, Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, and several of the Kensington churches, they have attracted this Advent large congregations, but in less fashionable neighbourhoods they are equally popular. Christmas carols will largely sung in churches this week; and the custom of wishing congregations a Happy Christmas, and saying it is a day for short sermons, which was first established by Canon Baynes, is a growing one. I hear that General Owen Williams and Mr. Robert Peck, the joint owners of The Bard, entertam hopes that their beautiful little horse will stand another preparation, and I understand that an attempt will be made to train him for his engagements next year, as he will not yet be sent to the stud. The Bard was offered to the Duke of Westminster after the Houghton Meeting; but his grace declined to purchase him, as he does not wish to increase the Eaton stud, which is already sufficiently numerous for the accommodation. The Duke greatly admires The Bard; but having a young sire like Bend Or, and with the prospect of Ormonde joining him after another season, he would be overstocked with a

The wreck of the Bainbow at Scarborough on Wednesday, and the very narrow escape of the lifeboat (which gallantly effected the rescue of those on board her), recalled forcibly to the minds of many of the inhabitants the terrible tragedy which happened there exactly a quarter of a century ago at the loss of the Coupland, when the present Lord Londesborough was mainly instrumental in saving the life of Tom Claybourn, the coxswain of the old lifeboat, whom he seized by the collar a few seconds before an enormous wave drowned Lord Charles Beauclere, Mr. Tindall, and several of the crew. The scene on Wednesday was a terrible one: five of the cars were crashed in a moment, and for a time the fate of the gallant beatmen seemed sealed. Things are, I am sorry to hear,

very had at Scarborough just now. Lord and Lady Falmouth, who have, as usual, been passing the autumn at Mereworth Castle, her ladyship's place in Kent, which is famous for its magnificent woods, are now going to Cornwall, and they will reside at Tregothnan until after Easter. probable that the Prince and Princess of Wales will again be guests at Tregothman next year, as it is expected that they will revisit Cornwall in the autumn on the occasion of the consecration of Cathedral, which is to be a function of much state. The Queen is to be asked to attend the ceremony, but there is reason to anticipate that her Majesty will delegate the duty to the Prince and Princess of

The characteristic features of the christening of his Highness Prince Alexander Albert of Battenberg at Windsor on Saturday afternoon were the coldness of the weather, the radiant spirits of the Queen, the extreme smallness of the subject of the ceremonial. the peculiar attention paid to Prince Alexander Bulgaria (his uncle and godfather), and the rigour with which the invitations were curtailed. Onalow (in the newest and most artistic of wigs) conducted the sponsors to their places; and few of those present will forget the look of pardonable pride with which the Queen received the child from the arms of Dean Davidson. The unofficial guests were limited to ten, of which three were doctors; and the Royal party broke up almost immediately after the luncheon in the Oak Room, at which the young Prince was

Wednesday, December 22ud, to the Hon. Chandon Leigh, Q.C., born 1832; on Thursday, December 23rd, to the Hon, Mr. Justice Denman, born 1819; on Friday, December 24th, to Mr. Henry Bussell, (Cheer, boys, cheer!"), born 1813; on Saturday, December 25th, to Bir Frederick J. Halliday, G.C.B.I., born 1806; on Sunday, December 26th, to the Earl of Lescester, K.G., born 1823; on Monday, December 27th, to Mr. William Creswick, actor, born 1813; on Tuesday, December 28th, to Count Herbert Biamarck, born 1849.

FROM " TRUTH." The Duke of Buceleuch s rare and splendid collec-

tion of prints and ministures is to be sold in London At Scarborough, the Dramatic Club will give two performances of the burlesque "Kenilworth" on January 3 and 4. On January 4 there will be the

Dispensary Ball, and on January 5 the Fancy Dress

Lord Lucan is to be made a Field Marshal in the place of Sir Richard Dacres. He ought to have been promoted to this rank at the last vacancy, and it was an iniquitous job to pass him over in favour of Lord William Paulet, Lord Napier of Magdala is to be the new Constable of the Tower. It is probable that the Order of the Garter will be conferred upon the Mikado of Japan. Chrysanthemum, with which the Prince of Wales was invested last week, is the highest Japanese order, and ranks with our Garter, with the Black Eagle of Prussia, the Golden fleece of Spain, the St. Stephen of Hungary, and the St. Andrew of Russia. One of the smartest things in advertising that has lately been heard of has been achieved by a furnituredealer at Providence, Bhode Island, who offered a bedroom suite to any couple who would come and be married in his shop window. The only difficulty he seems to have had was in making a selection out of the scores of couples who applied for the honour. The event finally came off with the utmost satisfaction to all parties, thousands of people witnessing the ceremony from the street and the interior of the shop. The title of " Highness" has been conferred by the Queen upon her latest grandchild because, being the offspring of a morganatic marriage, be inherite neither rank nor precedence from his mother, and is not "born" Royal. It pleased her Majesty to cause the child to be described in the Court Circular as " the infant Prince"; but, in reality, he is no more" Prince" than any little brat in the streets. Princess Beatrice will find her situation exceedingly anomalous and embarrassing in a future reign; and even now there are unpleasant tracasseries at every Court function. If the Princess went to Berlin, she would be treated as a Royal personage, but her husband would be simply nobody, so that she has practically excluded herself from European Courts. Tile Highness" is likely to do very well in life, as i no secret that the Duke of Connaught and the Princess Beatrice are to be the principal heirs of the

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Edward Ridley, of the North-Eastern Circuit, an official referee of the Supreme Court of Judicature, in succession to Mr. Anderson, Q.C., who recently resigned Mr. Ridley, who is the brother of Sir Matthew White Ridley, was called to the Bar of the Inner Temple is 1868. The appointment is worth £1,500 a year, Lord Randolph Churchill has decreed that the clerkships to the House of Commons and House of Lords shall no longer be at the disposal of patronage, but are to be thrown open to public competition; and

entirely independent of her relatives.

Queen's immense fortune, although it will take

good slice to provide in an adequate way for the

Albany and Christian branches and for the children

of the Princess Alice, only one of whom ; Elizabeth

Grand Duchess Serge of Russia) can be regarded as

a stiffish examination is in preparation for candidates In evidence of a liberal education the competitors must be pretty good Latin scholars. The salaries are good, and the long vacations are tempting. The anticipated change in the coinage is being actively arranged for, and the freshly minted coins will be issued on New Year's Day. The portrait of her Majesty will be a likeness of her as she now not as the was when a girl of eighteen. At the same time new postage stamps will be issued. This will entail much extra labour on the Post-office department at a period of the year when it has already

## COMIC CLIPPINGS.

FROM " PUNCH."

SHOPPING. - Lady (at Sec-cide " Emporium ') : How prov-bem !- they're not ma'sm-(confused)-not -not the article you require, ma'am. They're fenc-"NEW BROOMS SWEET CLEAN" IN MOST DEPARTmanra,-This may be true of brooms, but why does'nt it apply to Raikes at the Post-office.

compliments to the would-be Champions of England.) -Boxing Day. TRINGS ONE WOULD RATERS LEAVE UNSAID. - And now, my dear general, come and sit by me, and tell me all the scandal that's happened while I've been away ?- Wel , really, Mrs. Mallecho, er-you see-er - the fact is, that while you've been away there has

POSTFORED BY ORDER OF THE POLICE (with their

been no scandal FROM "FUR." Engine drivers never loss themselves in discussions, Whatever they may assume, they always come back to where they start from,

A burgiar, found guilty of "crib-cracking," before Mr. Justice Day, facetiously whispered to a gaoler, who escorted him out of court, that he had lost by day what he had got by night. A sentimental German lady cast a crown of flowers into the lake of Starnberg latetly, at a spot where the

body of the late mad King of Bavaria was found. This lady's crown should be carefully examined by a specialist in matters of manity. AND SHE BOXED HIS BARS .- Wife of his Bosom (who doesn't hunt)-"Poor little fox !- to be turned out

Christie's, it would appear that he had his doubts | reason why you should set up as the champion of the poultry?" J.P.,J.-"Woll, I'm certainly rather interested in one little goose, A QUESTION FOR NEWCASTLE, - May a nobleman's coal-mine be called a "hole in his manors ?? THE GOOD TIME,-" If you sak me, old man, I

should say you were well out of it. House full of kids. Juvenile party last night. That humbug Brown pretended he couldn't dance, and so I had to : and this morning they want me to play at horses, on my hands and kness."-Extract from letter of Robinson, on a Christmas visit, to Brown in town. " Ha. ba!" laughed Brown.

GRUNBLING AGAIN !- Deer Mrs. J .. - What do they want with "Tater Tercertenaries," I should like to know? Taters didn't have no tercentenaries when was a boy. There seems a rage for tercentenaries lately, I remember, just afore my dad died, as they celebrated a Shakespeare tercentenary. And then dad said as how Shakespeare didn't have no tercentenaries when he was a boy-leastways, not as my dad knowed on, - J. Stille.

THE WARRIORS OF THE SEA: A LIFE-BOAT STORY.

p goes the Lytham signal! St. Anne's has summoned Knee-deep in surf the Life-boat's launched abreast of Half deafened by the screaming wind: half blinded by Three crews await their Coxawains, and face the hurri-

The stakes are death or duty! No man has answered

Lives must be saved out yonder on the doomed ship

Did ever night look blacker? did sea so hise before? Did ever women's voice wail more piteous on the shore? Out from three ports of Lancashire that night went Life-boats three. To fight a splendid battle, manned by Warriors of the

Along the sands of Southport, brave women held their For they knew that those who loved them were fighting A cheer went out from Lytham! the tempest tost it As the gallant lads of Lancashire bent to the waves' And girls who dwell about St. Anne's, with faces white

Pray'd God would still the tempest, that dark December Sons, husbands, lovers, brothers, they'd given up their These noble English wemen, heart-sick at duty's call; But not a cheer, or tear, or prayer, from those who bent

Came out across the waves to nerve those Warriors of Three boats went out from Lancashire, but one came back to tell. The story of that hurricane, the tale of ocean's hell ! All safely reached the Mexico, their trysting-place to

For one there was the rescue, the others in the deep Fell in the arms of victory! dropped to their lonely Their passing bell the tempest, their requiem the wave! They clung to life like sailors, they fell to death like Where, in our roll of heroes? When in our story?

Have Englishmen been braver, or fought more loyally,

With death that comes by duty to the Warriors of the

One boat came back to Lytham! its noble duty done! But at St. Anne's and Southport, the prize of Death Won by those gallant fellows, who went men's lives to And died there crown'd with giory! enthroned upon the Within a rope's throw of the wreck, the English sailors "MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!"-On A blessing on their faithful lips, when ocean rang their Weep not for them, dear women! cease wringing of

> Go out to meet your heroes across the Southport Grim death for them is stingless! The Grave has Cross oars and bear them nobly home ! Brave Warriors When in dark nights of winter, fierce storms of wind

> Howl round the cosy homestead, and lash the window-

When over hill and tree-top, we hear the tempests roar, And hurricanes go sweeping on from valley to the When nature seems to stand at bay, and silent terror And those we love on earth the best are gathered in Think of the sailors round the coast, who braving sleet Leave sweethearts, wives, and little ones, when duty Think of our sea-girt island ! a harbour, where alone,

No Englishman to save a life has failed to risk his

Then when the storm howis loudest, pray of our

That God will bless the Lifeboat! and the Warriors of Messrs, Macmillan and Co., announce for early publication a book of unusual interest in connection with the circular recently addressed to the Colonial Governments by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. This is a memoir of Sir Peter Scratchier, late High Commissioner of New Guines, who, in con-

junction with Sir William Jervois, planned in 1877 a complete system of Australian and New Zealand Mr. Edward Terry bas introduced an innovation at the Olympic Theatre, which will be warmly welcomed by the occupants of the cheaper parts of the house, as well as he his more aristocratic patrons. In the interval between the opening of the doors and the commencement of the performance, the band, under the direction of Mr. Hamilton Clarks, gives an

orchestral concert, which pleasantly beguiles the time till the rising of the curtain. Mesers, Swan Sonuenschein and Co. will shortly publish a work by Mr. H. Mortimer Franklyn, entitled "The Limit of Imperial Federation." The

author claims to have found a complete solution the problem in the Imperial Institute proposed by the Prince of Wales, and is said to have treated the subject exhaustively from its conception down to the During the progress of "The Lady of Lyone" at the Prince's Theatre, Bristol, on Friday week, at he height of the scene when Pauline reproaches

Claude Melpette for the deception he has practiced upon her, a spectator in the pit so entered ato the lady's view of the matter that, growing impatient for on explanation from Claude Melnotte, he startled the audience by inquiring of Mr. Barry Sullivan, in the clearest accents, "Why doosn't speak to her?" and thus again illustrated the humour of the pit. There will shortly be published a work of considerable and pern anent interest to a large class of people, antiquarians, art-lovers, and archieologista. The

author is Mr. George B. Bulmer, of Leeds, architect, secretary of the Leeds and Yorkshire Architectural Society. The title is "Architectural Studies in Yorksbire, a record of valuable fragments of architectural, antiquarian, ecclesiogical, and artistic interest." The author has picked cut some choice pieces in church and other public buildings at York, Leeds, Adel, Harewood, Masham, Shipton, Giggleswick, and other places, and truthfully reproduced them with pen-and-ink, and the engraver has done the rest. There are twenty plates, size imperial quarto. The author says: " Each plate illustrates a special object treated with accuracy of detail, but represented in pictorial manner in order to be generally acceptable. and many of the objects depicted are put before the public for the first time. General dimensions of each subject are given, to make the work of use to members of the architectural profession. To increase its educational value/an index of the various changes of styles since the Nortzen conquest, concurrent with each century, is added, together with a map of the county showing the railway communication to each we place where the subjects are to be found." The work will be issued in the course of a few weeks.