"it is better for us, that we should wait for the "disintegrating process to make some progress. "Premature interference on our part might stay "the decomposition of the corpse."

This is indeed good news from the capital from which so many evil and alarming pieces of intelligence have come within the last few months. Nothing can be more satisfactory than to learn on trustworthy authority that Russia is opposed to "premature interference." It is highly grati- fying to hear, after all that has come and gone, and in spite of all the bluster and all the threats in which she has indulged, that she has no inten- tion of snatching at the forbidden fruit, but is prepared—nay, pleased—to wait until in the fulness of time and corruption it shall drop, a perfect medlar, into her mouth. Possibly it may not drop quite so soon as she thinks and hopes. We must confess, for our part, that we have been unable to perceive in the Turkish Em- pire those signs of imminent dissolution and de- composition over which the Russian newspapers gloat. On the contrary, we are of opinion, for reasons which we have often stated and which it is neither necessary nor desirable that we should now recapitulate, that the Sick Man is slowly progressing towards convalescence, and may not improbably, with care and prudence, in no very prolonged period of time attain to perfect health, or at least to health as good as that enjoyed by some of his neighbours, who, while continually boasting of their strength, show exceedingly little inclination to exert it. It is not, however, with Turkey's strength or weak- ness that we are just now concerned, but with the discovery on the part of Russia that she can afford, or rather that she is in duty bound, to allow the Ottoman Empire to die a natural death. This is, indeed, a "new departure," as the Americans would say, the significance of which in the present position of affairs it is not easy to exaggerate. For, of course, if Russia is willing to wait, none of the other Powers—unless, per- haps, Germany—and that for reasons not alto- gether friendly to Russia—can have any desire to precipitate matters. It is curious that at the very moment when the pro-Russian Party in this country is calling upon England to join with Russia in a policy of coercion, the Russian news- papers should be declaring that coercion is not merely not necessary but would be highly im- prudent. It would seem as if not a few English- men were more Russian than the Russians them- selves. Messrs. GLADSTONE, FREEMAN, and com- pany are, as it seems to us, very much in the posi- tion of the fire-eating second to a man who, having in the first flush of passion determined to fight a duel, comes to the conclusion after a night's rest and reflection that his honour does not require him to send a hostile message. In this case the English seconds would seem to be fa- ar more bellicose than the Russian principal. They should reconsider their position and ask them- selves whether they are really bound to talk Russia into a war which she declares that she desires to keep out of.

In her Circular Russia in substance, said to al the European [illegible] you intend to do? "Because if you [illegible] nothing I shall then "have to take [illegible]" and while the European Powers [illegible] this Circular, speaking in [illegible] *Golos* she says:— "The course which I intend to take is to bide "my time." What was the use, then, of issuing this Circular to the various Powers? Would it not have done just as well to have sent it to the editor of the *Golos*, who would have answered it at once if he had been told what to say, as he has answered it now? That the answer given by the *Golos* is the best possible one that could be given under the circumstances is our sincere conviction. We are not concerned with the truth or the validity of the reasons with which the *Golos* supports the conclusion at which it arrives. It is in the conclusion alone that we are interested. Provided peace can be maintained we care little how hollow and how worthless, not to say ridiculous, may be the arguments by which it is averted. It is peace that is important, not [illegible]

It is stated that Mr. Erskine will probably succeed Admiral Sir Augustus Clifford, Bart., as Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. The nomina- tion is in the power of the Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household—of course subject to Her Majesty's approval. It is said that Sir Thomas Biddulph has declined the office.

This being Ash-Wednesday, the House of Commons will not meet until two o'clock in the afternoon. The orders of the day include the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill and the Irish Church Act Amendment Bill, which are set down for Friday morning. Sir T. Chambers will ask the Speaker leave to introduce his annual measure for legalising marriage with a deceased wife's sister.

THE TREASURY.—The *Globe* understands that Mr. Bowen, of the Paymaster-General's office, has been appointed assistant-accountant to the Treasury, in the place of Mr. Sullivan, who has been promoted to the Comptrollership, in succession to Mr. Turner, now Ac- countant-General of Inland Revenue.

THE REPRESENTATION OF HALIFAX.—Mr. John Fox Hutchinson, editor of the *Halifax Courier*, has been accepted by the Liberal electors of Halifax as their candidate for the vacancy in the representation caused by the retirement of Mr. Crossley. Mr. Hutchinson has declared himself in favour of disestablishment and the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts, but said he could not vote for the Permissive Bill or Home Rule.

THE REPRESENTATION OF DUBLIN UNIVERSITY. The Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr. Gibson, was nominated yesterday morning for the University of Dublin in opposition. The proceedings were perfectly quiet. Mr. Gibson made no political remark of conse- quence. A very heavy rain checked the ardour of the crowd, and horn blowing and squibs were the only [illegible]

THE LORD RECTORSHIP OF GLASGOW UNIVER- SITY.—The Glasgow University Independent Club have asked Mr. Froude to become their candidate at the next contest for the Lord Rectorship. Mr. Froude has re- plied by letter, in which he says he feels greatly the honour, and should his friends succeed he shall have one great interest in common with Scotland, with which he has so much in his readings. Whether they succeed or fail, he will be equally proud of the compliment of having been considered.

MIDNIGHT, WOOD-STREET.—The following eminent preachers have undertaken to deliver addresses to young men on Friday evenings during Lent at this church, commencing February 16, viz.:— Canon Miller, Rev. Daniel Moore, Professor Plumptre, Prebendary Cadman, Venerable Arch- deacon Emery, and the Right Rev. Bishop Claughton. The lectures begin at eight o'clock.

ST. ALBANS, HATCHAM.—We are authorised to state that the time an entrance was effected into the church of St. Albans, Hatcham, on Saturday afternoon last, the windows at the time not a single ornament of the church had been removed by any person. The church is in the same condition as before it was opened.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

(*Reuter's Telegrams.*)

FRANCE.

PARIS, FEB. 13, Evening.

It is stated in official circles that the attacks of some journals and some extreme Radicals against the Duc Decazes have not the importance that has been attributed to them. It is certain that the leaders of the majority and the Cabinet are now disposed to exert all their influence to sustain the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The *Pays* (edited by M. de Cassagnac) and other Bonapartist journals continue to attack alike the French and the American Republics.

M. Pichot, director of the *Revue Britannique*, is dead.

CHURCH AND STATE IN ITALY.

ROME, FEB. 13.

As soon as the law on clerical abuses is promul- gated the Pope will issue a brief to the bishops of Italy expressing his disapproval of the law and giving them instructions to transmit the brief to the clergy in their respective dioceses. It is asserted that the cardinals have prepared a memorandum, pursuant to the request of his Holiness, containing instructions to the Catholics of Italy with regard to the course they should pursue in the event of their taking part in politi- cal elections.

TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, FEB. 13, 8.45 P.M.

M. Christics, the Servian Envoy, and Perteff Effendi are expected here on Sunday to continue the negotiations for peace. Despite the wishes expressed by the Porte that a Montenegrin dele- gate should be sent to Constantinople, Prince Nicholas persists in desiring that the negotiations should be carried on in Vienna.

Vahan Effendi, Mustechar of the Ministry of Justice, has been entrusted with a mission to Europe to study the organisation of the judicial tribunals, and will start on his journey to-morrow, proceeding by way of Marseilles.

THE EMPEROR OF BRAZIL.

ROME, FEB. 13.

The Emperor and Empress of Brazil have arrived here. They met with a splendid reception on their arrival. Great festivities have been pre- pared in honour of their Majesties, who will stay here for a fortnight.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

ATHENS, FEB. 13, 10 P.M.

Her Majesty's ship Sultan, Captain his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, left the Bay of Salamis for Malta last night.

THE GREEK BUDGET.

ATHENS, FEB. 13.

The annual budget drawn up by the Ministe of Finance is now ready for presentation to the Chamber. The ordinary revenue amounts to 26,000,000fr., and the expenditure to the same sum, exclusive of the extraordinary expenses fo military preparations.

THE PARIS BOURSE.

PARIS, FEB. 13.

The Bourse was flat, and all stocks closed at the worst. The 3 per Cent. Rente left off for the account at 72.62, and the 5 per Cents. at 105.90, showing a decline of 32½c. and 22½c. respectively since yesterday.

Egyptians, Turkish, and Italians showed a rather considerable fall.

Exchange on London, short, 25.13.

THE BERLIN BOURSE.

BERLIN, FEB 13.

The stock market was weak, but without any pressure to sell. Russians were about ¾, and Turkish ½ per cent. lower; other international stocks showed very little change.

Exchange on London, short, 20.46½.

THE VIENNA BOURSE.

VIENNA, FEB. 13.

The Bourse was rather weak, but only Austrian Rentes of all descriptions showed finally some decline since yesterday.

There was little activity in the exchange and bullion market at hardening rates; London, three months, left off at 123.

AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 12.

The following are the numbers of the $10,000,000 Five-Twenty Bonds (1865) which have just been called in for redemption:—

COUPON BONDS.

$500	Bonds ...	Nos.	31,501 to	35,800 inc.
1,000	,, ...	,,	70,551 to	79,000 ,,

REGISTERED BONDS.

$50	,, ...	,,	401 to	450 ,,
100	,, ...	,,	5,501 to	5,950 ,,
500	,, ...	,,	3,601 to	3,800 ,,
1,000	,, ...	,,	13,351 to	14,300 ,,
5,000	,, ...	,,	5,101 to	5,350 ,,
10,000	,, ...	,,	9,301 to	9,750 ,,

WASHINGTON, FEB. 13.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill incorporating a company for the purpose of laying a telegraph cable between Baltimore and Europe.

The Electoral Commission has been engaged to- day hearing arguments in the case of the Louisiana votes.

NEW YORK, FEB. 13.

Gold closed at 105½; the highest quotation during the day was 105¾; the lowest, 105½. Exchange on London, 4.84½; Five-Twenty United States Bonds (1885), 108⅝; do. (1887), 112¾; 5 per Cent. Funded Loan (1881), 110½; 4½ per Cent. Funded Loan (1876), 107⅛; Union Pacific, 65¾; Central Pacific Railway Bonds, 107½; New York Central, 99¾; Illinois Shares, 51¾; Erie Shares, 8⅛; Western Union Telegraph Shares, 70. Cotton, 12⅞. Petroleum, 25¾. Flour, $6.00 to $6.20. Corn, 59; red spring wheat, $1.50.

To-day's receipts of cotton at all United States ports have been 24,000 bales; exports to Great Britain 14,000 bales, and to the Continent 5,000 bales.

EASTERN AFFAIRS.

(*By Telegraph.*)

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, FEB. 13.

The French Ambassador in this city gave a *soirée* on Sunday last. The diplomatic body was largely represented on the occasion. The view taken by the majority of the diplomatists present of the political situation appeared far from hopeful, and a belief was pretty generally expressed that it will be difficult now to avert war. On the other hand, the fact of General Ignatieff having proceeded to his estates near Kieff, instead of returning straight to St. Petersburg, as he was originally to have done, is interpreted as signify- ing that the Russian Government does not contemplate immediate hostilities.

FRANCE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

[The following appeared in our Second Edition of yesterday:—]

PARIS, MONDAY, 6 P.M.

Most people are weary of the Eastern Question, and would like to be able to take up a newspaper without finding conflicting telegrams from Con- stantinople, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Vienna, and elsewhere. There is no help for it; Turkey armed and Russia armed engages the daily atten- tion of politicians and the commercial classes of France. The proceedings of the Versailles Parlia- ment are forgotten in speculations about peace or war; the money market is feverish; the industrial life of the country is affected, as we hear, in all the great manufacturing centres, such as Lyons and Rouen. Although Frenchmen are aware that France will be kept clear of complications in the East, nevertheless there are the gravest of consi- derations associated with the possibility of Russia invading the Ottoman Empire.

Every day affords material for anxiety on the part of Governments and people. A telegram from Belgrade, dated yesterday, says that the Russian Consul opposes openly the conclusion of peace. This is one unfavourable indication, perhaps asso- ciated with Midhat Pasha's fall. Then again we learn, also by the telegraph—"Russia is about to mobilise three more *corps d'armée*, destined in case of war to operate on the Upper Danube. The Czar's Government has purchased a number of large Krupp cannon meant ostensibly for the for- tress of Cronstadt." The armaments of the Turks are said to be completed, but money is wanting. The fall of the ex-Grand Vizier is reported to have prevented the advanced negotiations for a loan coming to a close. From Montenegro we hear that negotiations with the Porte have not made much progress. The fact is the Russian Government is hesitating, and does not, it may be, give precise advice for the guidance of those who took up arms some months ago as allies of the Czar. From Athens we learn that the Government has declared in Parliament that their policy is to continue military preparations, whilst at Crete agitation prevails. Roumania has not abandoned warlike preparations. Such is the news of the public telegraphic despatches which reach Paris, and such indications are considered as dis- couraging.

It is presumed that the Cabinets of London, Berlin, Paris, Vienna, and Rome are concerting as to how the Gortschakoff Circular shall be answered. So far as France is concerned, this country will assuredly act with caution, whilst seeking to avoid offending Russia. It is con- sidered here that any attempt to renew a united diplomatic action of the Powers would be a false step. The Turks will certainly continue to resist foreign interference in their domestic affairs. Those who are familiar with Ottoman politics and sympathise with Turkey believe that Ahmed Vefiz Effendi is the coming man, the only states- man who, assuming the Grand Vizierate, might save the Empire. He is a statesman of great experience, great integrity, and great firmness of character. He may not believe in the efficacy of introducing a Constitution copied from the West, but he is a reformer. He possesses the confidence of the Sultan, as he is named President of the proposed Ottoman Parliament. We hear from Constantinople that General Ignatieff's removal is highly acceptable to the patriotic Turks. He has been the cause of all the disasters which have lately occurred in the dominions of the Sultan. He persuaded Mahmoud Pasha to repudiate the foreign debt; he fomented insurrection in the vassal States; and, finally, he turned the late Conference into a comedy, making the Envoys play the part of dupes. I will not repeat some strong expressions in a letter before me.

A banquet of 54 covers was given on Saturday evening by the Duke Decazes (Foreign Affairs), a brilliant reception taking place afterwards. Among the guests were the diplomatic body and the high French and foreign officials of the Universal Exhibition, a number of political celebrities, Admiral de Montaignac, General Berthaut (War), General Ladmirault (Governor of Paris), and Generals de Cissey, de Bonnemain, Vinoy, de Gallifet, &c., the Prince de Joinville, the Duke de Broglie, &c.

DEATH OF THE REV. SIR H. W. BAKER, BART.—The Rev. Sir Henry Williams Baker, Bart., who died on Monday at Monkland Vicarage, Leominster, was the eldest and last surviving son of Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Loraine Baker, 2d baronet, by Louisa Anne, only daughter of Mr. William Williams, sometime M.P. for Weymouth. He was born May 27, 1821, and was edu- cated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. in 1844. He had been vicar of Monkland since 1851. He succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his father in November, 1859. He was a bachelor, and is succeeded, as 4th baronet, by his kinsman, Mr. G. E. Durham Sherston Baker, of Lincoln's-inn, great grand- son of the first baronet. The present baronet was born in 1846, and married, in 1873, Jane Mary, daughter of Mr. F. J. Feger, of Ballishonty, county Tipperary. His name will long be remembered in the Church of Eng- land and far beyond the bounds of its communion as the original promoter of the most popular hymn book ever compiled—"Hymns Ancient and Modern." In the pre- paration of the first edition, published in 1861, Sir Henry was, however, assisted by a large committee, who selected and edited hymns, and by Professor W. H. Monk as the musical editor. So great was the success of the book that the committee resolved to issue an appendix providing a considerable number of processional and other special hymns; and in 1875 they decided completely to revise their work, and published an entirely new edition, in which not only were new hymns and tunes included, but from which some of those previously inserted were expunged. Sir Henry took the leading part, and the success of the book was in no slight degree owing to the energy, ability, and scholarship which he brought to his task. As a memorial of his work a stained glass window was erected in his church, and at the time it was described by a friendly critic as "the apotheosis of compromise," in allusion to the principle on which the hymnal had been compiled, and to which its popular acceptation was un- questionably very largely due. The book was, in fact, the result of an effort to meet the wants of Churchmen of all schools except the members of the extreme parties on either side; and it is worth note that it is not only used in an immense number of churches (as, for instance, in a larger number of the London and suburban churches than any other hymnal), but is also adopted by authority and bound up with the Prayer-book for the use of the army and navy. Most of the hymns and tunes are also used in Nonconformist congregations. Sir Henry Baker not only superintended the compilation of the book, but was one of the con- tributors to it as a writer both of hymns and tunes. Among the most popular of his hymns are the wedding hymn, "How welcome was the call;" "Jesu, grant me this, I pray" (a translation from the Latin); "Lord, Thy word abideth;" "Now, my soul, thy voice upraising," based on Chandler's translation of the original; "O, praise our God to-day;" "O sacred Head, surrounded" (from the Latin); "O, what if we are Christ's," a hymn for martyrs' days; "Sion's daughter, weep no more" (from the Latin); "There is a blessed home," and "Shall we not love thee, mother, dear?" This last has excited no little controversy, and has probably offended more persons than all the other hymns to which exception has been taken.

The Queen of the Belgians and the Countess de Flandre were present on Sunday at the concert of the Conservatoire in Brussels.

HER MAJESTY, &c.

OSBORNE, TUESDAY.

Her Majesty and Princess Beatrice, attended by Lady Churchill and the Hon. Evelyn Paget, drove out yester- day afternoon.

This morning the Queen went out, accompanied by Princess Beatrice.

Her Majesty has desired Colonel L. Gardiner to attend the funeral of the late Sir A. Clifford, which takes place at Ryde this afternoon, as a mark of respect to the memory of so old and faithful a servant of the Crown.

Prince Leopold drove out this morning.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, TUESDAY.

The Prince of Wales, attended by General the Right Hon. Sir W. Knollys and Major-General Sir D. Probyn, was present at the Hunterian oration, delivered by Sir James Paget, at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's-inn fields, this afternoon, and in the evening his Royal Highness dined with the president (Mr. Prescott Hewett) and council of the college.

The Princess of Wales, with Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maude, drove out.

CRITERION THEATRE.

The "farcical comedy," as it is accurately described in the play-bills, entitled "On Bail," which Mr. W. S. Gilbert has constructed upon the lines of MM. Meilhac and Halévy's celebrated French drama, "Le Réveillon," has won its way effectively into the good graces of the audience at this theatre, where it is played nightly to a crowded house. The piece receives adequate illus- tration at the hands of the actors. Besides his humour, which is hearty and abundant, Mr. Charles Wyndham has a gift of animal spirits—a precious attri- bute for a light comedian—which enables him to do the fullest justice to a character so joyous and volatile as Jonathan Lovibond. Mrs. Hibblethwaite, the beau- tiful wife of the country manager, could not find anywhere a fitter representative than Miss Nelly Bromley, who not only looks the part to perfection, but also plays it with good taste and nice discrimination. She acts throughout with grace and fluency, and gives dramatic expression to all the high-flown sentiment and oracular utterances with which the part is amusingly interspersed. In the character of Lord Woulibe, in the comedy of "The Flying Scud," Miss Fanny Josephs exhibited some years ago a special talent for the impersonation of a certain type of haughty, disdainful, autocrat, rare in common life but not uncom- mon upon the stage, and that ability she displays to still greater advantage in her highly-finished portrait of the cold, supercilious Duke of Darlington. Miss East- lake plays Fanny Lovibond, the neglected wife of the *roué* Jonathan, with suavity and tenderness. Mr. Righton does very well as Alfred Trimble, the harebrained co- pper. As much may be said for Mr. J. Clarke as Mr. Mar- coolly, the gaoler, and for Mr. Ashley as Hibblethwaite and, indeed, the piece is represented generally in a style exceedingly creditable to the Criterion company.

The Duke of Beaufort, who came to town for the meeting of Parliament, has returned to Badminton.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Huntly have left town for Cotterstock Hall, Northampton.

The Earl and Countess of Stamford and War- rington have left town for Enville Hall, Stourbridge.

The Earl of Dalkeith, M.P., accompanied by the Countess and family, arrived in Hamilton-place last evening from Scotland to attend to his Parliamentary duties.

The Earl and Countess of Lichfield have arrived in town, and are staying at the Bristol Hotel, Burlington- gardens.

The Earl of Lucan is better. Yesterday the bulletin stated that "Lord Lucan has passed a fair night, and the symptoms are rather less urgent."

Lord and Lady Ruthven have left Thomas's Hotel.

Lord and Lady Aveland have left their residence in Belgrave-square for Normanton Park.

Lord Hylton is staying at the Bristol Hotel, Burlington-gardens.

The Dowager Lady Burrell has left Thomas's Hotel for Bournemouth.

Sir Edward and Lady Jodrell are staying at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood.

The Right Hon. Spencer H. and Mrs. Walpole came to town yesterday for the season.

Yesterday the marriage of Lieutenant-Colonel Ramsden (Coldstream Guards) and Miss Mabel Lindsay second daughter of the late Lieutenant-General Hon. Sir James Lindsay, K.C.M.G., and Lady Sarah Lindsay, was solemnised at St. Mary's, Bryanston-square, in the presence of numerous relatives of both families; and several of the Coldstream Guards attended to witness the ceremony. The bridegroom was attended by the Hon. Eustace H. Dawnay (Coldstream Guards) as best man. The bride—who was given away by her uncle, the Earl of Mexborough—wore a pearl white satin dress, trimmed with Machlin lace, and a long tulle veil over a wreath of orange flowers; her ornaments were diamonds. She was accompanied to the altar by seven bridesmaids, namely, Miss Lindsay (her sister), Ladies Mary and Anne Savile, Lady Eva Greville and Miss Isabella Lindsay (her cousins), Miss Ethel Law cousin of the bridegroom), and Miss Gosling (his step niece). They wore dresses of white cachemere, embroi- dered with gold, and white Rubens hats with plumes. Each wore a gold locket with the initials of the bride and bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Francis Holland, M.A., assisted by the Rev. R. Halpin, chaplain to the forces. The following relations attended at the church, and after the celebration of the marriage adjourned to Lady Sarah Lindsay's residence in Portman-square for break- fast:—The Marchioness of Tavistock, the Earl and Countess of Mexborough, the Earl of Warwick and Hon. Louis and Hon. Sidney Greville, the Countess of Cotten- ham, Viscount and Viscountess Pollington, Lord and Lady Colchester, Lord and Lady Muncaster, the Hon. Henry and Miss Law, Mr. and Lady Anne Lindsay, Lady Frances Lindsay, Mr. and Lady Margaret Majendie, Mr. and Lady Harriet Lindsay, Sir John Ramsden, Sir George Dallas, the Hon. and Rev. C. Courtenay, the Hon. Alexander Yorke, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden, Mrs. Oliver, the Misses Ramsden, Mr. and Mrs. Antrobus, Miss Meynell Ingram, Captain Savile, Mr. and Mrs. Wegg- Prosser, Mr. Rupert Dallas, &c. Early in the afternoon the newly-wedded couple left for Busbridge Hall, Godal- ming, to pass the honeymoon. The bride wore a travelling dress of brown velvet trimmed with Russian sable, and a bonnet and feather to match. The presents from various members of the family and friends were very choice and valuable, numbering over 200.

The remains of the late Sir William Fergusson, Bart., will be removed from his residence in George- street, Hanover-square, this evening for interment in Scotland.

THE LATE SIR AUGUSTUS CLIFFORD, BART.—The funeral of the venerable Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Admiral Sir Augustus Clifford, Bart., C.B., took place yesterday afternoon at Ryde, Isle of Wight, when his body was placed by the side of his wife, Lady Elizabeth, who had predeceased him some years. The chief mourners were Admiral Clifford, Colonel Spencer Clifford (Deputy Usher of the Black Rod), and Mr. C. Clifford, M.P. The funeral was strictly private, in acordance with the desire of the much-respected baronet.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the fellows of the Royal Horticultural Society was held in the council-room, Horticultural Gardens, South Kensington, yesterday afternoon—the president, Lord Aberdare, in the chair. The following members of the council were present—Lord Alfred S. Churchill, Mr. W. Haughton, Mr. H. J. Elwes, Mr. H. Webb, treasurer. Among the fellows present were—Dr. Robert Hogg (hon. secretary), Mr. Edgar Bowring, C.B., Mr. De Castro (secretary to the bond- holders), Mr. Gedson, Mr. Shirley Hibberd, Mr. Guedalla, Mr. G. T. Wilson, Mr. G. T. Saul, Mr. David Wooster, Mr. James Fraser, Dr. Masters, Mr. A. Grote, Mr. H. Cole, C.B., Mr. H. Tweedy, Mr. P. S. Williams, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Maurice Young, Mr. P. Liggins, Mr. H. Veitch.

The minutes of previous meetings having been read and signed,

Mr. H. Veitch and Mr. John Lee were appointed scrutineers of the ballot.

The report of the council stated that, notwithstanding the many disadvantages with which the council have had to contend, they had the satisfaction of congratulating the society on the progress that had been made during the past year in the advancement of scientific and practical horticulture. At no time in the history of the society had greater interest been manifested in this pursuit, both commercially and as an intellectual recreation; and the operations of the society had been directed, not only to promote and encourage, but to anticipate, the growing taste for horticulture by all the means it has at command. The state of the subscription list has not as yet been such as to justify the council in issuing the usual schedules of flower shows, but they hope that it will ere long enable them to do so on a scale creditable to the society. Although the great shows are, except under unusually favourable circumstances, attended with considerable loss, the council, having regard to the general feeling of the fellows in favour of these shows, and their practical use in popularising horticulture, have decided to continue them in as efficient a manner as the funds at their com- mand will permit. The provincial shows stand on a more favourable footing, and the council have now under con- sideration where and when the next shall be held. The council will continue to encourage the fort- nightly meetings which form so great an attraction to all lovers of flowers, fruit, and horticulture generally. The agreement entered into with her Majesty's Com- missioners in April last authorised the Royal Hortici- tural Society to borrow £7,000 upon their guaranty of repayment, in case they resumed possession of the gardens. The council have borrowed upon this security £5,000, which enabled them to pay outstanding liabili- ties, prizes, and medals; so that on 31st December last the society had a balance in hand more than suffi- cient to pay all their outstanding liabilities. The society may be said to have commenced this year without debt or liability (except that attaching to surplus income in respect of debentures), which has not been the case for very many years past. On the other hand, the council have to regret that the receipts of the gardens have not proved sufficient to pay the interest on the debentures. The strictest economy has been exercised; salaries and outgoings have been re- duced by about £1,000 a year, and towards the close of last season it was thought advisable to reduce the expen- diture still further by closing the entrance on the west side of the gardens. This has, however, been reopened, and will so continue as long as funds will admit. The council have, in their circular of the 21st December, 1876, so recently addressed the fellows on their position with re- ference both to her Majesty's Commissioners and the debenture-holders that they deem it to be unnecessary to return to the subject, more especially as that position remains unchanged. They content themselves with re- minding the fellows that, while their connection with South Kensington subsists, they are bound to do their utmost to obtain an income sufficient for the discharge of three distinct obligations, viz., the maintenance of the gar- dens, the payment of interest on debentures, and the pay- ments of rents to the Royal Commissioners. In spite of all their efforts their receipts during last year have sufficed for none of these purposes. Not only did the debenture- holders and the commissioners remain altogether unpaid, but the council were obliged, by a necessary regard for economy, to make an inadequate provision for the main- tenance of the gardens and their enjoyment by the fellows. It appears to the council, and they trust that in this view they will be supported by the society, that, unless sufficient funds are forthcoming for the fulfilment of their obligations, a proper regard for the dignity no less than for the scientific interests of the society dictates the earliest possible retreat from a connection which was entered into with so much hopefulness and with such fair prospects of enlarged utility. The balance-sheet stated the receipts from all sources to have been £5,893 10s. 5d., and the expenditure had been £5,529 2s. 6d.; £2,464 of old liabilities had been cleared off.

Lord ABERDARE, alluding to the effects of his recent accident, said those of his hearers who remembered Horace would recollect the mention of the poet who could repeat 1,000 lines while standing upon one foot, and, re- membering this, he supposed the chairman ought not to shrink from making his statement under similar condi- tions. He was sure they had all heard with satisfaction the statement in the report of the special work done during the year for the advancement of horticulture. He drew special attention to this because no doubt many of the fellows, as well as the council, had read in the papers many disparaging remarks that had appeared against the society. It was unfortunately true that a considerable amount of funds which ought to have been applied to the advancement of horticulture had been otherwise employed. Much that should have been spent upon advancing science had been spent upon the garden. There existed an unfortunate connection of the Horticultural Society with South Kensington, and it was not necessary at pre- sent to dwell upon the circumstances that had led to this union. It had been desired by the Prince Consort and other eminent persons, and there had been a hope that this union would have popularised science, and that science would have been supported by the attenders of the gardens; but he doubted that those hopes had ever been realised, not even to the extent of obtaining so large a number of subscribers as was looked for. The report showed that the society had not been idle as to the scientific part, and the 47,000 plants supplied from Chis- wick to the South Kensington Gardens must show that a deal of good work was being done. It was necessary, however, as men of honour and men of principle to do their best to carry out the wishes of those who had joined in effecting the union, and also to keep faith if possible with those who had laid out a sum of £20,000 on the gardens, as well as with the holders of life tickets. It was necessary to struggle to secure, if pos- sible, the interests of the debenture-holders as well as of the life ticket-holders. The society had a lease for three years from the commissioners, during which their con- nection with the South Kensington Gardens could not be extinguished; but in three years time, unless they could obtain a receipt of £10,000, this lease might be termi- nated. They might judge what efforts must be made to secure that amount. It might be that such efforts would succeed, but unless they did so the society could not re- main at South Kensington. They were unable to pay their rent of £2,500 a year, and there was a further burden of £2,000 a year which they were unable to pay to their debenture-holders. Last year they had been unable to keep up the gardens as they should have been kept, and it was not right that the society should be constantly ex- posed to the charge of trying to maintain a position which it was unable fully to support. It was the duty of the society, just as it would be that of any private individual, to endeavour to square its expenditure with its receipts. His own opinion was that, having by the the assistance of the commissioners been enabled to get clear of debt, it was their duty to keep the society out of further debt. They should not be able to keep up the gardens as they should wish, and should have to abstain from doing many things which they should like to do. The £5,000 advanced by Mr. Freke had been spent in paying off debts, and all these had been incurred in carry- ing on the gardens. The question was that unless the public generally, and especially those residing in the neighbourhood of South Kensington, bestirred themselves to put the society in a position to obtain £10,000, he thought the union between Chiswick and South Ken- sington ought to cease. The report of the council put that position before them as plainly as could be.

Mr. SHIRLEY HIBBERD complained that the balance- sheet was imperfect; it contained no mention of Mr. Freke's £5,000. Some years ago a fund was raised to meet the expenses of provincial shows; this was a private fund, and after the last exhibition there was a balance of £2,000 in hand. A sum of £1,800 had been borrowed from this fund, he believed, to pay interest on deben- tures. He asked the treasurer to inform the fellows whether this fund now existed, where it had gone to, and whether it was gone for ever.

Mr. H. WEBB, treasurer, said the proceeding alluded to by Mr. Shirley Hibberd had taken place before he was treasurer. The money had been improperly spent, and as they were obliged to return this money in the balance- sheet this rendered the balance sheet incorrect. No such fund was at present in existence.

Mr. SHIRLEY HIBBERD said he must then ask the secretary if he could furnish the meeting with the minute of council by which this money was so used.

The PRESIDENT said this matter had already been ani- madverted on, and no advantage could arise from further pursuing it at the present time.

Mr. GUEDALLA asked how the subscriptions were now coming in.

The PRESIDENT said a part of the business before the meeting was the election of 39 new fellows.

Mr. GUEDALLA said that was a very satisfactory state- ment. He agreed with what the president had said as to the course to be adopted, and would second the adop- tion of the report.

Mr. GODSALL asked what arrangement had been made with the commissioners of 1851 for the period subsequent to 1890.

The PRESIDENT said that supposing the conditions of the lease were fulfilled, by raising the revenue to £10,000 a year and paying the rent, it would be impossible to terminate the lease. The lease should be kept, and for this reason—it was the only means of paying the deben- ture-holders. If they raised the revenue to £10,000 it would be their duty to carry on the gardens simply as honest men.

Mr. GODSALL said they must go on for three years.

The PRESIDENT said for two years they could not be turned out of the gardens.

Mr. GODSALL asked what would be the result upon their property of the commissioners turning them out.

The PRESIDENT said that if they did not pay the rent the commissioners, as landlords, could determine the lease and do as they pleased.

Mr. GODSALL said the president had said they were clear of debt, yet they had borrowed £5,000.

The PRESIDENT said that was not a liability of the society, but of the commissioners.

Mr. TWEEDY said that in old days Chiswick was a favourite resort, but was not so now. He advised giving up Chiswick and retaining South Kensington.

The PRESIDENT asked how South Kensington could do without the 47,000 plants supplied by Chiswick. Chis- wick was the place for scientific and horticultural experi- ment. He had thought his own undignified entrance into the room upon one sound leg and supported by crutches, had not inaptly typified the condition of the society, the sound leg of which was the Chiswick gardens, and the other South Kensington, while the crutches were the commissioners who had delivered them from bankruptcy.

Mr. LIGGINS thought they must go on with both gardens as best they might, and he hoped the efforts to raise the revenue would be successful.

The PRESIDENT then announced the unanimous election of the officers and members of council proposed.

Some discussion arose as to admitting guinea members, in the course of which

Lord ALFRED CHURCHILL said he had lately been in Dublin, where they had a flourishing Horticultural Society, and on his saying he should like to see their gardens he was told they had none. Yet they did much for the advancement of horticulture, and he thought if such a plan answered in Ireland it might answer here.

Mr. VEITCH thought they might go on as proposed.

Some questions were put as to provincial exhibitions, to which

The PRESIDENT said they were in correspondence on the subject, and hoped to be able to hold one in the course of the year.

After some further discussion the report was adopted, there being but one dissentient, and the president ex- plained that the balance-sheet was not complete, but that a correct statement should be issued to the fellows.

Thirty-nine new fellows were then elected, and an alteration in the bylaws was carried allowing the council to remit entrance fees.

Lord A. CHURCHILL said that the council had decided to admit members at a guinea, those so admitted having no right to transfer tickets, but having all other privi- leges save that of voting at the meetings. Two members had already been so admitted.

A cordial vote of thanks to the president terminated the proceedings.

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Air, "It is enough" (Elijah), Signor Federici violoncello obbligato, sig. Piatti	Mendelssohn.
Air, "With verdure clad" (Creation), Madame Edith Wynne	Haydn
Solo, piano, aria and gavotte, "Bourrée," Herr Ernst Pauer	Bach.
Air, "How willing my paternal love" (Samson), Signor Federici	Handel.
Quartet, "O come every one," (Elijah), Mesds. Wynne and Sterling, and Messrs. Cummings and Federici	Mendelssohn
Duet, "Zuleika and Hassan," Madame Edith Wynne and Mr. Cummings	Mendelssohn.
Sonata in A for violoncello, largo and allegro, Signor Piatti	Boccherini.
Songs { "Sei still"	Raff.
{ "Wenn ich früh in den Garten geh"... Madame Antoinette Sterling.	Schumann.
Song, "L'envoi des fleurs," Mr. Cummings	Gounod.
Song, "Orpheus with his lute," Madame Edith Wynne	Sullivan.
Song, "To Anthea," Signor Federici	Hatton.
Duet, "Il Mariuari" (Soirées Musicales), Messrs. Cummings and Federici	Rossini.

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