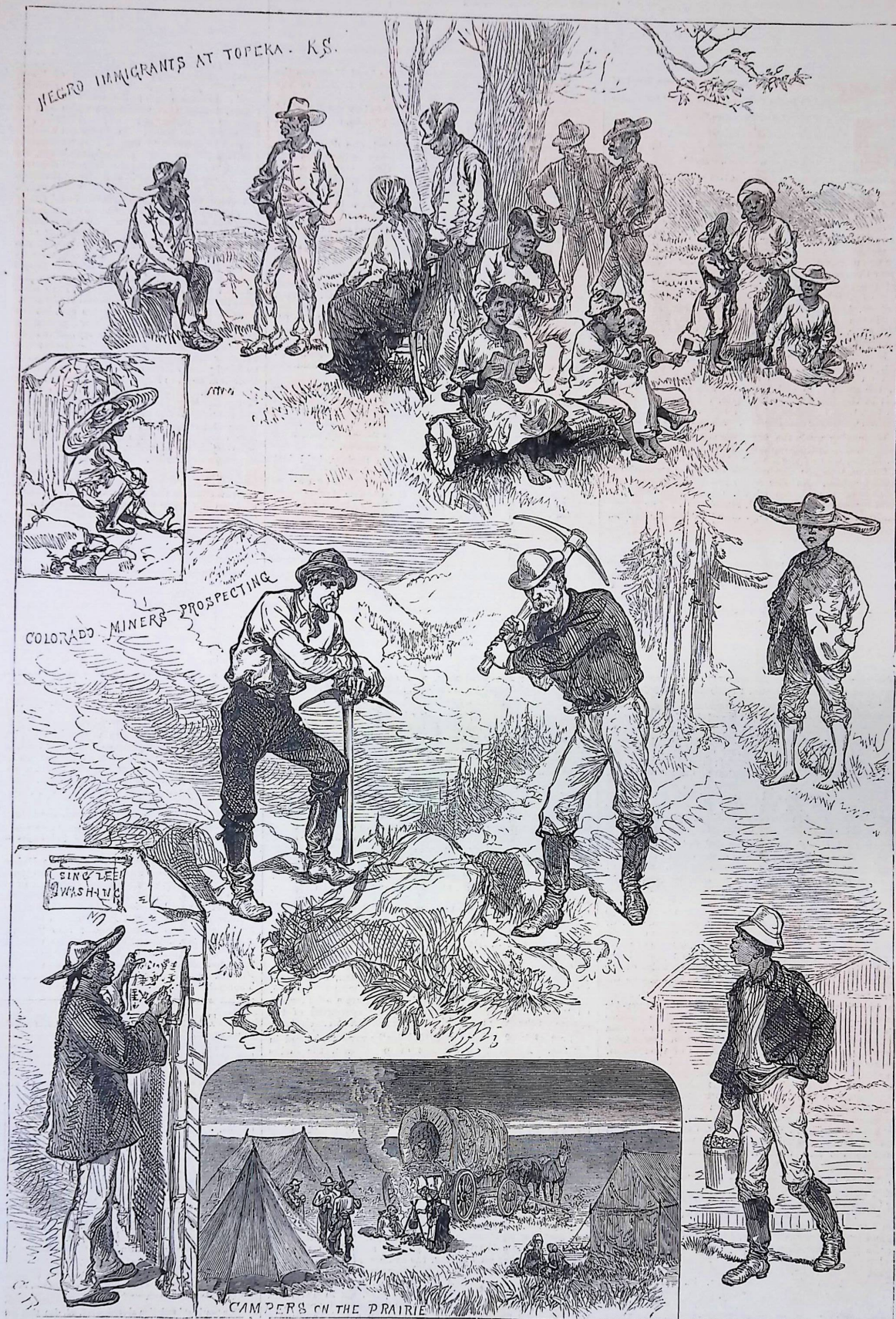


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THE CHURCH.

PREFECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Bassett, Charles, to be Rector of Farnley, Surrey.
 Beover, W. Sumpter, Curate of Ditch, Vicar of Hurdon, Suffolk.
 Berkeley, Charles James Rowland, Vicar of Warrington.
 Collier, E. J. Vicar of Dovercourt, Essex.
 Darvall, John, J. T., Chaplain of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
 Garner, E. S., Rector of Trisey, Surrey; Assistant Diocesan Inspector of Schools, Diocese of Rochester.
 Geoffrey, E. R., British Chaplain at Düsseldorf.
 Haich, H., Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.
 Linton, C. R., Secretary and Treasurer to Glasgow Diocesan Board of Foreign Missions.
 Lloyd, William K., Chaplain to the "Duke of Wellington" for Marine Division at Eastney.
 Lowe, Josiah B., Rector of Yoxall, near Burton-on-Trent.
 Measham, Richard, Chaplain to the Marine Depot, Walmer.
 Moberly, Walter Allan, Minor Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.
 Payne, Samuel W., Chaplain to Plymouth Hospital.
 Smith, William E., Chaplain to Chatham Dockyard.
 Yantley, Canon, Curate-in-Charge of Wolverton, Warwick.
 Villiers, W. Richard, Vicar of Newborough.
 Wasdale-Watson, T. W., Curate of Kegworth, Derby.—*Guardian*.

The *Guardian* announces that the Bishop of Durham has determined on convening a Diocesan Synod. It is to meet on Sept. 21.

At a meeting of the Chapter of St. Paul's, held on Wednesday morning in the Chapter House, the Rev. Canon Gregory was unanimously re-elected Precentor for the Chapter in the new Convocation.

Lord Penance had before him last Saturday, at Lambeth Palace, the new suit instituted against Mr. Mackonochie, the Vicar of St. Alban's, Holborn, for continuing Ritualistic practices in the Holy Communion Service at that church. His Lordship, after hearing evidence in support of the complaint, reserved judgment.

On Saturday last the new Church of St. Catherine, Feltham, was consecrated by the Bishop of London, who preached on the occasion to a large congregation. The church, the south aisle and tower of which remain to be added, is in the Early Decorated style, the materials being Kentish rag, with dressings of Bath stone. The architects were Messrs. Carpenter and Ingelow. All the seats are free.

On Wednesday week the foundation-stone of the new Church of St. Clement, Broughton-lane, Manchester, was laid by Mrs. Fraser, wife of the Bishop. The site had been given by Mr. Clowes, who has also contributed £3500 towards the cost of the building. Another £3500 has been received from the trustees of the Church of St. Clement, formerly in Stevenson-square and Lever-street, Manchester.

A meeting was held yesterday week, at Shrewsbury, on behalf of the Bishopric of Southwell, the Lord Lieutenant (the Earl of Bradford) presided, and the meeting was addressed by the Bishop of Lichfield, Mr. Stanley Leighton, Archdeacon Allen, and others. It was announced that the sum of £4000 was now raised in the county for the endowment fund of the new see, being two thirds of the share required from Shropshire.

An Order in Council appears in the *Gazette* approving a scheme of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners by which, in order that the income of the see of Durham may continue at £8000 per annum, certain lands now vested in the Bishop, and producing the net average annual income of £2424, shall be transferred to the Commissioners, and other lands now vested in the Commissioners, and producing £1383 annually, should be transferred and become vested in the Bishop of Durham and his successors.

The revisers of the authorised version of the New Testament met on Tuesday in the Jerusalem Chamber for their ninety-eighth session, and sat seven hours. There were present—the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, who presided; the Deans of Rochester, Lincoln, and Lichfield; the Master of the Temple, Archdeacons Lee and Palmer, Canon Westcott, Principals Brown and Newth, Professors Hort, Milligan, and Moulton, Dr. Vance Smith, and Prebendary Scrivener—fifteen members in all, with Mr. Trounbeck, the secretary. The company were engaged in the consideration of proposals made with a view of securing harmony of rendering.

Hammerwood church was consecrated Saturday morning last by the Bishop of Chichester. The entire cost of the edifice has been borne and the living endowed by Mr. Oswald A. Smith, of Hammerwood Lodge and Lombard-street. The building is one of considerable architectural beauty, and, from its position on a high and rising ground between East Grinstead and Tunbridge Wells, is a conspicuous object in the landscape. The architect, Mr. E. P. Loftus Brock, F.S.A., has chosen the light, flowing style of the fourteenth century, or Early English type. The church has a lofty spire of white stone, and the tower contains a peal of five musical bells. There is a handsome lych-gate of oak at the entrance of the churchyard, and oak has been liberally used throughout the fittings of the edifice.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Open-Air Mission was held on Monday evening in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Albert Hall, under the presidency of Sir William Muir. The report, which was read by Mr. John Macgregor, hon. secretary, showed there are 398 members of the mission, who occupy 174 preaching-stations in London and the suburbs. It has twenty-one auxiliaries, and held during the year sixty-four conferences of preachers. Its members distributed 681,612 tracts at 329 fairs, and other special gatherings. The balance-sheet showed that £1227 had been received, and the expenditure had been £1160. The travelling secretary addressed 553 meetings in sixty-nine towns and villages and travelled 10,228 miles. The cause of the mission was ably advocated by the Rev. Jackson Wray and the Rev. Dr. Wainwright.

The Bishop of Sierra Leone has recently concluded an inspection of the various stations at the Ito Panno. After holding Confirmations at the large centres, his Lordship held an Ordination at Fargenza, the most important town on the river, on Feb. 22 last, when Mr. David Brown, of Ponnah Bay College and Dublin University, was admitted to the Diaconate. This is the first ordination held in North-West Africa, the former clergy for the Ponnah Mission having been educated at Codrington College, Barbadoes. The candidate having been presented to Bishop Cheetham, in the presence of an overflowing congregation, a sermon was delivered in the Senua tongue by the Rev. P. H. Doughton. The preacher stated that during the past four-and-twenty years not merely had a great portion of the Holy Scriptures been translated into Senua, but 200 persons had been baptized at Fargenza, 418 at Domingia, 382 at the Isles de Los, over 60 at Rio Nunez, and, during the last five years, 63 in the fiftieth of the Missionaries in the interior of the continent; the West Indian Mission to Western Africa was therefore by no means sickly and ready to die, but did not receive the support that it deserved. The secretaries and treasurers are the Rev. W. C. Watson for the Board in the West Indies, and the Rev. George F. Barrow, St. Stephen's, Westminster, for the English Committee.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

Mr. Gladstone has declined the public reception which many of his ardent admirers desired to give him in London.

The Society of Painters in Water Colours announces a private view next Saturday of its ninety-fourth exhibition.

The date of the removal of Judges' Chambers from Chancery-lane to the new Law Courts in the Strand is fixed for Monday next, the 19th inst.

The Sheriff of London will support the Lord Mayor on the occasion of his presiding at the anniversary festival of the Printers' Pension Corporation on May 11.

The Vestry of Battersea have decided to buy the Earsfield Estate, consisting of thirty-four acres of ground, for the site of the new cemetery for Battersea.

Sir James Paget presided on the 8th inst. at a dinner given in Willis's Rooms in celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street. Subscriptions to the amount of £1900 were announced.

The twenty-fifth cabinet's shelter erected in London by the Cabinet's Shelter Fund was opened last week in Cromwell-road by the Rev. H. W. Forrest, D.D., Vicar of St. Jude's, South Kensington. In a short address he bore high testimony to the value of the movement.

Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., presided on Monday at the reopening of the Hoxton-hall, formerly a music-hall, but now devoted to the promulgation of temperance principles, under the auspices of the Blue Ribbon Army Gospel Temperance Society. The chairman was supported by Mr. G. Palmer, M.P., and Mr. W. Fowler, M.P.

Last year Mrs. Amelia Howell was elected one of the St. Pancras poor-law guardians for No. 2 ward. This year it was determined to oppose her because she was not a resident of the ward, and Mrs. S. W. Andrews, a resident, was nominated. But Mrs. Howell was at the top of the poll and Mrs. Andrews second, so that both are elected.

Mr. Hinde Palmer, M.P., the Treasurer, and the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn entertained at dinner on Tuesday—the Grand day in Easter Term—Lord Houghton, Sir James Paget, Sir George Burrows, and Mr. Anthony Trollope. The Lord Chief Baron, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Baggallay, and Lord Justice Cotton were among the Benchers present.

At a meeting of the Royal Botanic Society, held last Saturday—Mr. W. F. Law in the chair—the donations reported included a collection of seeds of thirty varieties of Chinese esculent vegetables, presented by the Chinese Ambassador. These will be carefully grown in the society's garden for comparison with the ordinary English vegetables.

A terrible explosion occurred on Monday at Silvertown, near North Woolwich, at the chemical works of Messrs. Burt and Co., by which several men lost their lives and a large number of others were injured. The origin of the disaster is not fully known, but it appears that a still containing 2000 gallons of oil exploded while the men employed by the firm, numbering between three and four hundred, were at work. 20,000 gallons of oil contained in tanks in the yard were also consumed.

The preliminary training of the 2nd Middlesex (Royal Edmonton) Militia, and the 4th Royal South Middlesex, began on Monday morning, the former at Barnet and the latter at Hounslow. The regimental training commences on June 7. Ninety-eight regiments are to be called out for training in England and Wales between now and August, sixteen in Scotland, and forty-five in Ireland, and no less than nineteen regiments are to go under canvas for the full period.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Charity Organisation Society was held on Tuesday afternoon at Willis's Rooms, under the presidency of the Duke of Northumberland. The Earl of Derby moved the adoption of the report, and in doing so bore testimony from personal knowledge to the useful and valuable work which the society had done. It had, he said, helped largely in the detection of impostors, and brought under the notice of the rich a vast mass of suffering which deserved and required relief. Speaking of the need of such an organisation, he remarked that, when great disparities of fortune existed, the consequent tendency to discontent could only be effectually met by continuous efforts on the part of the rich to lessen it, and by practical sympathy.

At the meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society on Tuesday there was an interesting exhibition of new and choice orchids and other plants, also a large collection of daffodils. Gold medals were awarded to Messrs. Veitch for a group of orchids, and to the General Horticultural Company (John Wills and Co.) for a group of plants. Silver Banksian medals were also given to Messrs. Osborn and Sons for a group of plants; Messrs. J. and J. Harper, of Edmonton, for a group of pelargoniums; and Mr. J. Aldous, Gloucester-road, South Kensington, for a group of plants. An extraordinary plant—*Anthurium Andreanum*, exhibited by Mr. Linden, of Ghent—received a first-class certificate from the Floral Committee. During the afternoon Mr. Shirley Hibbard gave a brief lecture on "Daffodils," which he illustrated by specimens of the flowers on the table before him. Seven members were elected.

Last week 2956 births and 1532 deaths were registered in London. Allowing for increase of population, the births exceeded by 356, while the deaths were 216 below the average numbers in the corresponding week of the last ten years. The deaths from smallpox, which had been 4 and 0 in the two preceding weeks, further rose to 13 last week. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs, which had been 315, 234, and 395 in the three preceding weeks, declined again to 365 last week, and were 91 below the corrected weekly average: 219 resulted from bronchitis and 103 from pneumonia. Different forms of violence caused 63 deaths: 57 were the result of negligence or accident, including 15 from fractures and contusions, 7 from burns and scalds, 5 from drowning, 2 from poison, and 19 of infants under one year of age from suffocation.

The annual serial examination for the education prizes offered by the Royal Agricultural Society of England began on Tuesday at its offices in Hanover-square, and was continued each day during the week. Practical agriculture was the subject dealt with on Tuesday, the examiner being Mr. W. T. Carrington, of Croxden Abbey, Uttoxeter. Out of eleven candidates who had entered their names ten presented themselves, as compared with twelve last year, six in 1878, and eight in 1877. The examinations are conducted by means of written papers, and by a *vised* examination, at which any member of the society may be present. Every candidate is required to satisfy the examiners in the science (chemistry) and practice of agriculture and in book-keeping, and also in either land surveying, or mechanics, or applied to agriculture. Botany, geology, and anatomy are optional subjects. Each candidate obtaining a first-class certificate will thereby become a life member of the society. The following prizes will be awarded to candidates placed in the first class for aggregate merit:—First prize, £25; second, £15; third, £10; fourth, £5. First and second class certificates will also be granted to those placed in the first and second class.

SKETCHES IN THE FAR WEST.

The vast breadth of the North American Continent in the latitudes of the United States admits of many successive degrees of "Far West," varying in the speaker's geographical intention with the place where he happens to be, and ever shifting to more distant localities as the settlements of a civilised population advance from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. This movement of the American mind, corresponding with the agricultural and other industrial migration of active social enterprise in the direction of "the setting sun," has been less distinctly marked, however, since California became one of the most important States of the Union, taking rank with those which had grown up in the East for two centuries before; and lately the United States Pacific Railway has connected San Francisco with New York. Still we may be allowed to borrow that proverbial phrase of "the Far West," in a vague and general sense, for the collective subjects of our sketches taken here and there among the motley populations of the prairie and Rocky Mountain States. That of Kansas, which lies beyond the Missouri, is nearly in the exact centre of the whole United States' dominion; and next this, on the west side, is the State of Colorado, which has the Rocky Mountains from north to south traversing its middle breadth, and which extends to the border of Utah. Though in the same parallel of latitude, these States differ greatly from one another in their physical characteristics, and not less in the habits and occupations of their people. The fertile arable soil and mild climate of Kansas, which are scarcely surpassed by any country in the world, have made it one of the most inviting fields of agricultural settlement. It was fiercely contended for, some thirty years ago, between the free-soil party and emigrant farmers of New England, who were resolved to forbid the introduction of slavery here, and the cotton-planting and slave-holding interest of the Southern States, who meant to annex the Kansas territory to their sectional system. That the political phase of the controversy has been terminated by the Civil War and the legal emancipation of the slaves throughout the Union. But large numbers of the poor negroes in the Lower Mississippi States, who are still exposed to cruel distress by local misrule and personal ill-treatment, have lately sought refuge in Kansas, travelling long distances, in an almost destitute condition, to reach the land which bears a traditional fame of justice and mercy, and of inviolate freedom, secured to their oppressed race. Such a party of homeless wanderers, with their little children seated beside them, one girl reading her school New Testament, one boy playing with a toy-rattle, is represented at the top of the page. In the centre is a scene of the early gold-seeking operations on the "placers," or surface-diggings, of Colorado, where immense mineral riches of different species have been discovered, and of which, including its celebrated silver mines, we shall have further occasion to speak. Beneath this is the encampment of an emigrant farmer's household on their way across the vast level of the prairies, to occupy some remote location where frugal management and steady toil will gain them a rude but sufficient rustic livelihood, and with no rent to pay for the land they have to cultivate. The figures of half-bred or tame Indians in huge Mexican straw hats, of a Chinese washerman in California writing out or ciphering up his bills, and of a negro servant-boy returning from a simple errand, belong to a region that lies much further west; but there is no possibility of oversteering the absolute "Far West," till the pilgrim stranger is fain at last to dip his weary feet in the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

M. de Lesseps arrived at Liverpool on Monday, and left for London in the afternoon.

The returns of emigration issued on Wednesday morning by the Liverpool Emigration Office show that, with the revival of trade, an enormous increase of emigration has taken place. The total number of emigrants who sailed from the Mersey in March was 13,363, against 5954 in March, 1879; while for the quarter ending last month the total was 23,764, against 10,327 in the same period last year. The large majority of the emigrants go to the United States, the number last month being 12,167. All regular steamers leaving Liverpool for America have the whole of their passenger accommodation occupied.

The second Number, for April, of the *Modern Review*, which is not exclusively occupied with Unitarian theology, and with discussions bearing on the allied questions of philosophy, has made its appearance. It contains an interesting memoir of William Lloyd Garrison, the Anti-Slavery champion of America, and "Personal Recollections of Mary Carpenter," by Miss Frances Power Cobbe; also "Facts and Truth in Art," by Mr. Schutz Wilson, and an historical paper on Synesius of Cyrene. Of its articles upon religious themes, the most noticeable is a contribution from the Rev. Dr. E. A. Abbott, a review of Dr. James Martineau's "Hours of Thought."

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