THE GORDON BENNETT ATLANTIC CABLE

THESE engravings—which are from sketches by the Rev. W. S. Green, of Carrigaline, County Cork—represent the landing of the shore end of the Gordon Bennett Atlantic Cable in Ballinskelligs

Bay, County Kerry.

The Farsafay cable ship arrived in the Bay on the evening of June 26th, and at eight next morning landed the shore end by means of boats and rafts. A trench three feet deep was dug in the sand on the bench, and the cable buried in it. The end was passed up the cliff to the house prepared for it a short distance inland. As there was a heavy swell on the beach, the men engaged were clad in cork jackets, and got a good tembling about in the surf.

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The Lower Lighthouse on the Great Skellig is 150 feet above the sea. The Higher Lighthouse, 270 feet above the sea, is no longer used. In stormy weather the waves breaking on these islands shoot up the vertical precipices to a great height. On one occasion the yard of the Higher Lighthouse was so filled by the creat of one sea that the wall was burst outwards.

On the Bull Rock (300 feet high), off Dursey Head, the new lighthouse is being constructed to replace the Calf Light, which was destroyed about three years ago. In the aperture which pierces the Bull the water is very deep, and the sides and roof are smooth faces of rock. Immense numbers of gannets frequent the rock in the breeding season.

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The Bechive Cells and a ruined chapel in the lower summit of the Great Skellig, about 700 feet above the sea, are the remains of an ancient monastery. In the records of Inisfallen there is an account of the death of the Abbot of the Skelligs in the middle of the ninth century A.D. The Skelligs are the most westerly sentinels of Ireland.

"ST. SIMON"

MANY owners have spent long lives and big fortunes on the Tust, and have yet failed to have been the possessors at any time of a thoroughly good animal, while others almost at the very commencement of their career have by lock or judgment at once secured first-class thoroughbreds, and won classic races with them. The Duke of Portland, a comparatively recent accession to the

The Duke of Portland, a comparatively recent accession to the racing world, is fortunate enough at the present time to possess probably the best two-year-old in Rosy Morn, and undoubtedly the best three-year-old in St. Simon, the subject of our illustration.

St. Simon is a bay colt by Galopin, the winner of the Derby in 1875, out of St. Angela, and was beed by the late Prince Batthyany, whose death caused his disqualification for the Derby this year. Those learned in pedigrees know from the purentage of St. Simon that he has in him the blood of Voltigeur, Flying Dutchman, Harkaway, Birdcatcher, Bay Middleton, Blacklock, Sir Hercules, and other celebriles; and after his racing career is over he will be among the most valuable of English sires on the ground alone that he is a son of Galopin. He made his dibut as a racehorse at Goodwood last year, when he won the Halnaker and a Maiden Stakes. Subsequently he won the Devonshire Nursery at Derby, carrying 8 at. 12 lbs., and the Prince of Wales's Nursery at Doncaster, carrying 9 st. It was also at Goodwood last year that the Duke of Richmond showed in brilliant colours, and hence the famous match made between him and of Walen's Nursery at Doncaster, carrying 9 st. It was also at Goodwood last year that the Duke of Richmond showed in brilliant colours, and hence the famous match made between him and St. Simon, and run over the Bretby Stakes course at Newmarket later in the year. Though by common consent the pair were adjudged the best youngsters of the season, St. Simon was made favourite at 2 to 1 on him, and won the match easily. This year St. Simon has won a "trial match" with the evergreen Triatan at Newmarket, walked over for the Epsom Gold Cap, wen the Newcastle Gold Cup, and last week the the Goodwood Cap, beating the Duke of Hamilton's two representatives, Friday and Ossian, last year's Leger winner, to a standstill. Thus, he has an unbeaten certificate, and considering the certainty that the Duke of Richmond, on the strength of his excellent performances this year, would be a warm first favourite for the Leger, were he in it, St. Simon may claim to be far and away the best of our three-year-olds. Many good judges of horses and racing go so far as to say that he is the best animal we have had on the Turf in the memory of the present generation. There are some, however, found to take exception to his conformation in certain points, and perhaps he is not so taking to the eye as have been some Turf celebrities; but as, according to the proverb, a good horse may be of any shape. Next year St. Simon is in the Rous Memorial and Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot, and in the famous Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. Eclipse Stakes at Sandown.

PREPARING FOR A ROYAL VISITOR

A ROYAL visit always raises a pleasing thrill of excitement, A ROYAL visit always raises a pleasing thrall of excitement, whether it be paid to a huge Corporation for the purpose of inaugurating some gigantic enterprise, or to a little hamlet to lay a foundation stone or plant a memorial tree, but nowhere is it more grateful than when vouchsafed to those institutions where our sick poor are so carefully mursed and tended in the hour of need. Both officials and patients—at least such of the latter as are able to move about—about—a street of the latter as the latter as the street of the latter. make gladsome preparations to give their best greeting to their welcome guest, and the children are decked out to look their best welcome guest, and the children are decked out to look their best and prettiest. The occasion on which our sketch was taken was the recent visit of the Princess Louise to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, for the purpose of opening the new "Mary Stanford Wing," which has been built from the bequest of the late Mr. G. F. Stanford in memory of his mother, and which will give an additional seventy beds to the hospital. In his speech, Lord Carlingford, the President, while thanking the Princess for her interest in the Institution, pointed out that the first stone was laid in January, 1845, by the Prince Consort, and that in 1865 the Prince of Wales laid the foundation-stone of a new wing. Since the opening of the hospital in 1861, when it contained only wing. Since the opening of the hospital in 1851, when it contained only fifty beds, it had given relief to more than half a million of patients —it now contains nearly 300 beds, and during last year relieved apwards of 25,000 sick poor. The cost of maintaining the new wing will entail an additional expenditure of nearly 3,000/. a year, for which at present there is no provision.

A HUNTING TOUR IN NEPAUL

The hosts on this occasion—which took place last winter—were Maharaja Sir Runoodeep Singh, K.C.S.I., the Prime Minister of the country and a younger brother of the late Jung Bahadoor, and

Mr. Girdlestone, the British Resident at the Court of Katmandoo. The guests included, among other gentlemen, Earl de Grey, son of the Viceroy, the Duke of Portland, Lord Wenlock, and Lord Charles Beresford. The journey was made by the new railway through Tirhoot to Bettish, and thence partly in dog casts, and at hast on elephants. These small pad elephants are trained to travel some eight miles an hour. The sport chiefly took place in the valley of Chilatoun, which is a vast preserve for elephants, rhinoceroses,

Our illustrations are from photographs by Messrs. Johnston and Hoffmann, of Calcutta, who accompanied the party throughout

The Prime Minister is shown in full dress as a General in the Nepsulese Army. The healpinese is composed mainly of diamonds and emeralds. A ruby of unique size and colour is alone said to be

The "Saddle-men," on whom two of the sportsmen are seated, are a Nepaulese institution. Ladies of rank similarly have their riding-

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women. The support of the riders is a narrow padded ledge fitting into the slope of the bearer's back, and kept in its place by waist-belt and shoulder-straps.

"The Resident's Horses "display a hill pony and three favourite Araba of Mr. Girdlestone's. The rest of the and were too fidgety for you, painting.

Araba of Mr. Girdlescole's. The rest of the stead were too sugery for sun-painting.

"Native Shikarees and Skinners" need no explanation, but it is worth noting that the head of the rhimocoro's is the only part of the gigantic beast which can be brought into camp intact.

In the last sketch the guests, after a formal durbor, are being shown by the Minister the spoils which he had collected during his tour before their arrival. He hade them take what they pleased as sementoes of their host.

The weather was bad during the visit, nevertheless the party were highly pleased with the hearty hospitality shown them, and the eight rhinoceroses and four tigers which they secured were items not to be despised.

MILITARY SPORTS AT CHATHAM

THE annual athletic sports in connection with the Medway Steam Reserve took place recently on a piece of ground at the Dockyard Extension, in the presence of a large company, among whom were Admiral Watson, Captain Lord Walter Kerr, Colonel-Commandant Bland-Hunt, A.D.C. &c. The Royal Marine Band, under Sergeant

Watson, played a capital selection of music.

There were in all some three and twenty events. We have illustrated three of the Obstacle Races, which are self-explanatory, and the Hammock Race. The conditions of the latter are, to turn out, lash up properly, ran the 400 yards' course carrying the hammock, and to be inspected. Everything passed off most successfully.—Our engravings are from sketches by Lieut. C. Field, R.M.L.L., H.M.S. Pembroke, Chatham.

GAO, TONKIN, WHERE THE FRENCH HOPE TO FIND GOLD

Ma. COLQUHOUN, to whom we are indebted for this sketch, does not explain whether the auriferous expectations of the French are based on any sound geological facts. The scenery of the locality indicated—in all about 600 yards in extent—consists of rocky cliffs, covered with trees and bushes, which find an anchorage for their roots in the crevices. The rocks are about 800 feet high. A stream rises in a grassy hill, and bears away towards the right. The houses represented are thatched, they have square holes for windows, and stand on piles. In the background appears a mandarin in his palanquin, with his umbrella in front and a dozen or so of followers with spears, swords, and bucklers; in the foreground are two Annamese sharp-shooters, with guns along over their shoulders.

TRAVELLERS FROM FOREIGN CLIMES

We have above described the sale of a collection of educated fourfooted and feathered and naturalised emigrants from across the seas, and here show the arrival of some of the raw material, from which the highly talented denizens of a well organised menageric are re-craited. Salloes are great importers of the smaller fry, and bring over monkeys, avadavats, and parrots galore, frequently educa-ting them a little too highly for the general taste—inasanuch as their future owners are somewhat embarrassed by the pocket-picking tendencies of Jocko, and find their cockatoo, like the bird in Henry Byron's showman's song, can "out-talk any cock-a-three." Some of these arrivals are bought by private individuals, but the majority find their way into the depots of one or other of the great animal dealers, who know the best purchasers for every species of animal, from a "frisky hippotamus" to a spider monkey.

ALNWICK See page 137 et segq. "FROM POST TO FINISH"

A New STORY by Captain Hawley Smart, illustrated by John Charlton and Arthur Hopkins, is continued on page 145.

> THE ISLAND OF RUGEN See page 150 "TOOTING'S KILT"

KILTS have become a mania. The War Office attempted to curtail them—not in length but in number—but the spirit of Old Gaul was aroused, and there are more kilts than ever. Dorset

labourers enlist, and become apparently genuine Highlanders.

T. Macgregor Tooting caught the infection. He went to the shop for the real thing. He saw some startling patterns, and got tastan on the brain. The result was splendid—he was photographed for the delectation of his family circle—he took lessons in rising and sitting—he got rheumatism in the knees. He appeared at a Mansion House ball with true Highland fling and yells. But pressure caused him to surrender, for the ladies did not approve, and now the whole of the young Tootings appear in public clothed from their nearly wavelenger. their papa's wardrobe.

NOTE. - Mr. F. J. Williamson, the sculptor of the statuette of the Princess Alice of Albany, resides at Esher, not Godalming, as stated in our last week's issue.



Mr. Glanstone's new Mid-Lothian campaign promises to be a brief one. After two days' speech making at Edinburgh to his con-stituents, he proceeds to Invercauld, on the and or 3rd of Sep-tember, as the guest of Colonel Farquharson, and is expected to attend the Braemar gathering on the 4th.

AT THE INSTANCE of the President, Lord Granville, the Conference on Egyptian finance was adjourned sine die last Saturday, the 2nd inst. M. Waddington, representing France, proposed an adjournment until the 20th October, but Lord Granville declared this proposal to be inadmissible, as well as the discussion of another, also made by the French plenipotentiary, respecting the payment of indemnities by the Egyptian Government.

LORD NORTHEROOK is to proceed to Egypt in the course of the present month, and probably with the title of High Commissioner, in order to investigate the administrative and feasicial situation, and to report on it to the Government. Lord Northbrook will retain during his absence his seat in the Cabinet, and the First Lordship of the Admiralty.

LIBERAL DEMONSTRATIONS in support of the Franchise Bill have been held at Darlington, Southompton, Gloucester, and Peterborough, among other places. On the Bank Holiday there was a mouster mass meeting in Birmingham, followed by an enthusiatic evening gathering of some 20,000 persons, which was addressed by Mr. Bright and Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. Bright dealt chiefly with the history and composition of the House of Peers, criticising the various projects which have been broached for its "reform," made various the conference to a previous approach of the corp. now explained and expanded, namely, that the Peers should retain their power of rejecting or amending a Bill sent up to them from the Commons, but only once; if it was sent up to them a second time, their power to reject or amend it should cease. Otherwise Mr. Bright did not propose to alter the constitution or composition of the Upper House. Mr. Chamberlain said that the opinions which he had formerly expressed on the subject of a house of hereditary legislation remained unchanged. If, he added, the House of Lords rejected the Franchise Bill during the autumn Session, the present agitation must go on even to the bitter end, and he for his part looked forward with eager hope to the result of the conflict.

THE ORATORS AT CONSERVATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS have been reinforced this week by Mr. James Lowther, who, at Kettering and Hudderafield, spoke his mind freely, as is his wont. On the Bank Holiday Sir Stafford Northcote and Mr. W. H. Smith addressed a gathering of Conservatives in connection with the annual demonstration of the London and Westminster Working Men's Constitutional Association, which was held, by permission of the present owner, the grounds of the late Lord Beaconsfield's seat, Hughenden Manner. The growing for prompted Sir Stafford Northcote to make Manor. The genius set is prompted Sir Stafford Northcote to make several references, apropos of the Conference, to the contrast between Lord Beaconsfield's foreign policy and that of the Government. He spoke, too, of the susprise which Lord Beaconsfield, if alive, would have expressed on hearing the Conservatives charged with hostility to extension of the franchise. Lord Benconsfield was not afraid to trust the people in the bosoughs, nor would be have been afraid to trust the people in the counties. Rather would be have bailed with joy the prospect of a large addition to the electorate, provided the proper means were taken for carrying that measure out. Mr. W. H. Smith intimated his belief that the depression in trade and the stagnation of employment were due to a general want of confidence as to the future of this country. He asked where there was to be found a single trace of that capacity for administration which gives confidence in the future to the trading classes, to all those who have properly to lose, and who wish to acquire property. There was absolutely none.

A CONFERENCE, convened by the newly-formed House of Lords Reform League, was held in London on Wednesday. Sir Wilfrid Lawson was the principal speaker. A resolution was carried affirming the necessity for such an alteration in the law as will prevent the House of Lords from "continuing to thwart and defeat the will of the center."

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THE DIFFERENCES between Lord Randolph Churchill and the Conservative leaders, as well as those which existed in the Council of the National Union of Conservative Associations, have been adjusted. On the motion of Lord Randolph, unanimously agreed to by the Council, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has been appointed his successor in its Chairmanship. A dinner was afterwards given to the members of the Council by Lord Salisbury, who proposed, in cordial terms, the health of Lord Randolph Churchill, and he in turn proposed that of Lord Salisbury.

Mr. TREMANNE, who formerly sat for East Cornwall, is the Conservative candidate for the vacancy in the representation of South Devon, caused by the retirement of Mr. Carpenter Garnier. No Liberal candidate has as yet appeared.

Sin ALEXANDER MATHESON, after having represented Ross and Cromarty since 1868, has announced his intention of applying for the Chiltern Hundreils, as his health will not permit him to attend the Autumn Session. There is some talk of a triangular contest for the vocant seat, between a Liberal, a Conservative, and a Crofters' candidate.

THE GOVERNMENT HAVE PROMISED 300% to the Mansion House Foul for the relief of the relatives of the crew of the North. Other donations to the amount of 200/, are promised, and the Dutch contributions will reach 600/. About 1,500/, or 2,000/, it is believed, will be sufficient for the object contemplated.

THE DUKE OF ARCYLL has declined the Presidency of the Royal Commission on Shipping, appointed as a sequel to the with-drawal of Mr. Chamberlain's Merchant Shipping Bill. The post had previously been offered to and declined by Lord Cairns and the Duke of Richmond and Gordon successively.

THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND has accepted the Presidency of the Marriage Law Defence Association, vacant since the death of the late Duke of Marlborough.

PAYING A VISIT OF SYMPATHY at St. Bartholomew's Hospital to the two constables who were recently wounded severely by burglars at Hoston, the Home Secretary and Sir E. Henderson informed them that, as a reward for their gallantry, they are to be promoted to the rank of sergeant.

A MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE of the pro-moters of the Manchester Ship Canal was held on Tuesday in that city to consider the position of the scheme now that their Bill has been thrown out by the Select Committee of the House of Commons, chiefly on the ground that the canal as projected would be injurious to the estuary of the Mersey. It was agreed to proceed with an alternative project which would not be liable to this objection, and a resolution to that effect was carried unanimously.

OF THE 1,000/, being raised to defray the cost of the approaching visit of a British Volunteer Artillery contingent to Canada 537/2 has been subscribed, the subscriptions including one of 25/, from the Prince of Wales. Her Majesty the Queen has presented a prize of 100/, to be competed for by the British and Canadian Volunteer Artillery at the meeting in Quebec next month.

AT THE OPENING of a First International Conference on Education, held at South Kensington, and initiated by the management of the Health Exhibition, Lord Carlingford presided, and there was a numerous attendance of official and other representatives of the chief countries of the world, including some from the United States and from Japan. Lord Reny, the President of the Conference, delivered an elaborate and discussive address, in which he advocated freedom of education as opposed to a stereotyped State system, technical and agricultural education as opposed to the monopoly of the three "R's," and adherence to the maxim, Non walls see wallans, which could only be carried out by bifurcation.

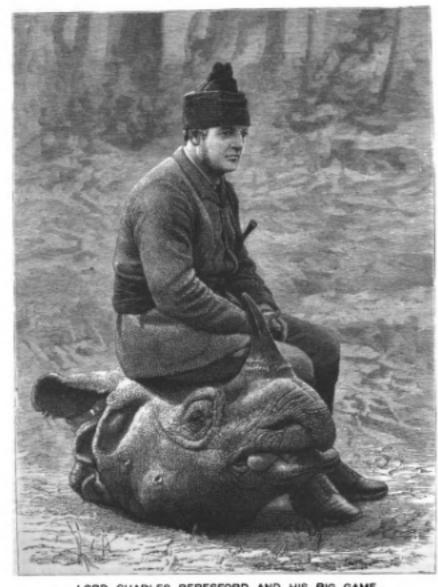
A CHARTER has been granted by the Crown to incorporate a governing body for the St. Paul's Hostel, the object of which is to provide for the residence and education of natives of India at the University of Cambridge. Mr. Robert Potts, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has founded and enduwed the Hostel, is noniversal in the Charter as in face Dissipation. nominated in the Charter as its first Principal.

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL Association, a memorandum drawn THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL Association, a memorandum drawn up by its Council intimates, will probably erect its first laboratory on the shore of Plymouth Sound, a Committee of the Town Council of that town having offered a suitable site free of cost, with a contribution of 1,000%. Among the subjects of the special investigations to be conducted as soon as the laboratory is erected will be the conditions affecting the fall of oyster spat and the reproductive and general economy of the commion sole.

PRESENTE At the opening of the forty-first annual meeting of the Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland at New-casile-on-Tyne, the Duke of Northandscrimt delicered the inaugural history and composition of the House of Peers, criticising the and pointed out that in the antiquities of the North of England being giving the preference to a previous suggestion of his own, which be seen broaded for its "reform," and composition of the North of England address in which he sketched the carly history of Northumberland, and pointed out that in the antiquities of the North of England before the history of the country from the time of the Norman Conquest.



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