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"X" writes to the *Times of India*—The following compliment comes from an American society paper :—

"Lady Curzon of Kedleston is the best-dressed woman in the East, about the only one of any conversational ability in the whole of Hindustan, and the handsomest who has ever ruled at Government House, Calcutta. That she must be terribly bored by the Anglo-Indian element goes without saying, for they are, one and all, uninteresting to the last degree. All the matrons and maids of Simla are deadly jealous of her, since she takes the wind out of their sails. She is a linguist. The exiled British lady can only speak Anglo-Indian and Hindustani. Lady Curzon is well informed. Expatriated English females, beyond knowing how to drink whiskey and say 'Damn' are singularly ignorant."

This gentle criticism may help us during the New Year to recall how inferior we are, after all, to our American cousins, "lest we forget."

A telegram from Bangalore (Dec. 22) says:—Krishna Murthi, C.I.E., Dewan of Mysore, gave an "At Home" last evening at which a fashionable assembly of over 200 ladies and gentlemen were present, including the Hon. Mr. and Miss Curzon, the Hon. Mr. Napier, Sir John Lambert, the Hon. the Resident and Mr. Robertson, General and Mrs. McCall, and all the leading officials of Mysore State. The ground of Purnaprasad, the Dewan's residence, presented a brilliant scene. The guests were entertained in the hall of the house to native music, and refreshments were served on a lavish scale.

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**SPORT.**

**THE VICEROY'S CUP.**

CUP day was attended with all the splendour which Calcutta racco-gers have been accustomed to. There was an immense and brilliant attendance, the whole front of the stand presenting a blaze of colour while the races were being run, while in the intervals the promenade and paddocks were thronged by gay crowds. The Viceregal party, in four carriages, drove up in state, escorted by the bodyguard. The first carriage contained the Viceroy and Lord Northcote and their Private Secretaries, and the second one Ladies Curzon and Northcote and Cols. Baring and Owen. The card for the day was a very attractive one, and the racing all through was of the highest order. There had been great fluctuations in the market on the Viceroy's Cup, and there was a run on Bencher and Cherry, the former nearly getting level with the three favourites, Severity, Security, and Tubal Cain. The race was a splendid one, and Tubal Cain just outstayed the splendid efforts of Security, with the outsider Alix getting a close third. Severity never showed in the race. Details :—

"THE VICEROY'S CUP." A Cup value 100l., presented by H.E. the Viceroy, and 20,000 rs. from the fund. The Cup and 16,000 rs. to the winner, 3,000 rs. to the second, and 1,000 rs. to the third. For horses W.A. and C. Distance, 1 1/2 mile.

Mr. Anandji Nanji's Tubal Cain, 9st 3 lb .....(Morrison) 1  
Mr. Y. B.'s Security, 9st 3 lb .....(Penton) 2  
His Highness the Kour Sahab of Patiala's Alix, 9st 3 lb .....(Corbett) 3  
Mr. Galstaun's Bencher, 8st 8 lb .....(Southall) 4

Also ran :—Cherry, 9st 3 lb. Severity, 9st 3 lb. Stand Off, 9st 3 lb. Strathroy, 9st 3 lb. Veneda, 9st 4 lb. Wild Raven, 9st 3 lb. Loch and Clewden, 9st.

Betting at the start : 4 to 1 agst Severity, 4 to 1 Security, 9 to 2 Tubal Cain, 5 to 1 Bencher, 10 to 1 Veneda, 12 to 1 Cherry and Stand Off, 15 to 1 Strathroy and Wild Raven, and 30 to 1 the others.

Time—3 m. 9 2/5 s.

**PERSONAL.**

THE Lieutenant-Governor of Burma was to leave Rangoon on Jan. 3 for Mandalay, and thence by road, 30 miles, to Sedaw, where, on Jan. 7, he was to open the Mandalay Canal, returning to Rangoon on the 10th.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, arrived in Lahore on Dec. 20.

The *Pioneer* says :—Sir James Digges LaTouche leaves Allahabad for Benares on Jan. 6, returning on the night of the 10th. Drainage, plague, and other questions connected with the municipal administration of the city will engage his Honour's attention. On Jan. 20 the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady LaTouche leave Allahabad for Lucknow. On Feb. 15 Sir James, with Mr. Cruickshank, the commissioner of Rohilkhand, will pay a visit to Rampore, and afterwards his Honour will probably proceed to Fyzabad. On March 1 the headquarters of Government will be moved to Agra

for 10 days or a fortnight, and about March 15 Sir James and Lady LaTouche proceed for 10 days to Meerut, which, so far as the presence of the head of the Government is concerned, has in recent years been rather left out in the cold. At Agra and Meerut the Government House party will stay at the Circuit House. The provision of these Circuit Houses, by the way, will facilitate the movement of Government Headquarters among the chief towns of the provinces. The buildings at Meerut and Agra are already open, others at Benares and Bareilly are in course of construction, and similar accommodation will probably be provided in the near future at Cawnpore and Jhansi.

The Hon. Alfred and Mrs. Curzon, who arrived at Bangalore recently, were the guests of the Hon. Col. and Mrs. Robertson at the Bangalore Residency. The Hon. Mr. Alfred, Mrs., and Miss Curzon subsequently left Bangalore, via Madras, for Calcutta. During their stay of several days at Bangalore they were the guests of the Hon. Col. and Mrs. Robertson at the Residency, as was also the Hon. Mr. Mark Napier, son of the late Lord Napier of Magdala, who, as a director of the Kolar Gold Mines, has been south with Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Messrs. Taylor's, London.

Mr. Byramji Navroji Cama, an Indian student at St. John's College, Cambridge, who was Sixth Wrangler last June, died on Jan. 10 at Addenbrooke's Hospital from fracture of the skull, caused by a fall from his horse. He was riding in preparation for the Indian Civil Service examination, when his horse bolted, and he was thrown off. His brother was with him at the time of the accident.

The "Lieut. Cory" who was reported in the telegraphic intelligence of Dec. 25 and again on Jan. 6 to have been severely wounded during the fighting in Mekran, was Lieut. J. B. Cory, R.E., attached to the Bombay Sappers.

Sir Pratap Singh was on a short visit to Calcutta. Lady Crawford, Miss Pelley, and Mr. and Lady Margaret Rice had arrived in Calcutta, and were guests at Government House.

Col. and Mrs. Burn and Major and Mrs. Baird were also staying at Government House as the guests of the Viceroy.

Lord Villiers and Mr. Orr Ewing arrived in Calcutta on Dec. 23, as guests of the Viceroy. Mr. and Mrs. Pelham Clinton had also arrived at Government House.

Col. Robertson goes on a short tour in Madras this month, returning with the Maharaja to Bangalore. In February the Resident makes his annual tour through Coorg, accompanied by the Assistant Resident.

The new appointment of Director-General of the Archaeological Survey of India has fallen to Professor J. H. Marshall, late of King's College, Cambridge. His qualifications for the post, which carries with it a salary of 1,600 rs. per month, are, the *Pioneer* says, that he has studied Greek archaeology for the last three years under Mr. Bosanquet at Athens. The Secretary of State apparently considers this sufficient, but a serious drawback is that Professor Marshall is unacquainted with Sanskrit. The appointment is only for five years in the first instance, and must be regarded as purely experimental.

Mr. Caldwell, M.P., had arrived in Lucknow when the mail left. Mr. J. L. Pigot, Inspector-General of Forests in Mysore, reverts to the British service at his own request from Jan. 2.

Mr. Hodson, Director of Railway Construction, and Joint Secretary in the Public Works Department, will probably proceed home on leave in April for the summer.

Mr. F. H. Evans, senior member of the Board of Revenue in the North-West Provinces and Oude, retires from the Service shortly.

Mr. H. C. Fanshawe, who retired some time ago from the Punjab Civil Service, where his last post was commissioner of Delhi, has lately been engaged on a special guide book on Delhi and the archaeological buildings of the place. The volume, the *Pioneer* states, will be published next autumn. Mr. Fanshawe, by the way, leaves Kurra- chee shortly on a visit to Bagdad, Babylon, and Nineveh, whence he will proceed through Persia to England, probably diverging to Samarcand and Bokhara.

The *Pioneer* of Dec. 27 says :—Mr. Kiel, director of traffic, Indian Telegraph Department, leaves by this week's mail for London to take part in the International Telegraph Conference. Mr. Hutchinson, now at home on leave, will be associated with him.

According to a Lahore telegram of Dec. 18, the following are the details of the regrettable gun accident in which Capt. S. D. B. Ketchen lost his life while shooting in the Safed Koh. He had given his rifle to his shikari to hold, while he searched some ground for a markhor which he was tracking, and as the man knelt down it is surmised that he jammed the weapon against a rock, for it went off, killing Capt. Ketchen instantaneously. It is stated that there is absolutely no suspicion of foul play on the part of the shikari.

**OBITUARY NOTICES.**

THE death of Admiral Sir Edward Southwell Sotheby, K.C.B., took place on Monday, Jan. 6, at his residence, 26 Green Street, Park Lane, in his 89th year. Sir Edward Sotheby, who was the son of the late Admiral Thomas and Lady Mary Anne Sotheby, entered the naval service on Aug. 3, 1826, and first went afloat two years later. His commission as a lieutenant was dated Oct. 3, 1835. He served in the *Diado* during the operations on the coast of Syria in 1840, and for his services was promoted to commander Oct. 30, 1841, besides receiving the medal. He commanded the *Racehorse* in China and in New Zealand during the disturbances in 1846-47, and in the *Sealark* exerted himself in the suppression of the slave trade, being promoted to captain in September 1852. His next appointment was to the *Pearl*, which vessel he commanded from 1855 to 1858 in the Pacific, China, and India. During a part of the commission he was on shore in charge of a naval brigade for 16 months, assisting to suppress the Indian Mutiny, and was mentioned in 13 gazettes. He received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament, the Governor-General of India, the lords commissioners of the Admiralty, and the naval and military commanders-in-chief in India for services rendered on this occasion, was made a C.B. and an extra aide-de-camp to Queen Victoria. He was made a rear-admiral Sept. 1, 1867, and a vice-