

case there was a meaning in the expression; but I fail to see how modern Conservatism can combine

responsibility of getting rid of an incapable Minister like M. Ozclere, particularly as the Chamber would have supported him in this. Unfortunately M. Griey had made up his mind that the French President should follow the Swiss rather than the American pattern, and was accordingly resolved to efface himself. He is in danger of doing more, and effacing France as well.

The following is a summary of the postdoctoral research.

The CHAIRMAN read the minutes of last month's meeting and also of an adjourned meeting which had been held to appoint an assistant-mistress, when, after considering the several applications, it was resolved to appoint Miss M. Watson, of Consett, at a salary of £40 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN thereupon complied.

Mr. MILNER: I mean letters concerning appointment of any officials, which ought to be sealed and laid on the table, so that not one of our members should know anything about them but coming to the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: I just think we all ought to know before-hand so as to consider them.

Mr. LEE: I am of opinion that Mr. Ward has a perfect right to send all letters that concern the Board inasmuch as he carries on all correspondence in connection with the Board.

The CHAIRMAN: If any of the members have

work is carried on in a straightforward and hon-

An eminent judge used to say that he wore a pair of shoes out in getting his first "motion" heard as a junior barrister. The most exasperated of his juniors, who had no influence in Judge's Chambers, some judges have the power of getting through cases quickly, and others who have been recently appointed to the Bench stay late in the evening rather than have a long list of cases unduly delayed. Mr Justice Hawkins, who has lately been a little out of the ordinary, has been always a quick judge, and, whatever the condition of the list, he does not remain a minute after four o'clock in the afternoon. In many cases this week counsel and solicitors have had to remain in attendance three successive days in order to get their cases heard. The business of the court was finished until Friday. There ought certainly to be two judges available for this important and frequently very pressing work.

tion, the Durham Colliery Enginemen's Association, the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, and the

report, again brought the all-important question of irregular attendance before the Board. He pointed out that the attendance of the children was extremely low (as would be seen by the statistics). This, he said, was a matter of great concern to the Board, and he thought that the attendance might be, would have to be put up for examination. This made the question of attendance a very grave and important one, because if the children did not attend, it would be impossible for them to learn the subjects required for passing the examination, and they would consequently fail, thereby greatly affecting the

THE RECENT STORM

Memorial to deceased persons ought in most cases to be made by some public or semi-publicly presence. It is a duty to future generations to make them acquainted with the features of our great men by the medium of canvas or stone. Nothing makes the past so vivid a reality as the monuments of Westminster Abbey. It is especially appropriate to do this in the case of St. Mary's Cathedral, which possesses effigies of the latter Archbishop. But, when these are provided for, the surplus of the fund to be subscribed to his memory could not be better applied than, according to the latest and most appropriated proposal of the Society, in assisting London business men, Dr Tait had never been more successful would have been remembered as the prelate of this century who made the most heroic effort to provide for the spiritual necessities of London. But for the wonderfully successful Fund, which he started

(Signed) EDWARD SPARKS,
Chartered Accountant, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no wonder at it; infants being kept off school through illness, at times more in an exceedingly damp condition.

nd Consett. On Saturday evening, however,
a district of Consett and Rensfield was done

The position of the Church of England in the Metropolis to-day.

"A pamphlet has just been issued entitled the 'War Office King.' At first I imagined that the title had reference to the so-called 'Ashantee King,' who is supposed to be at the head of the interests of Lord Wolseley. It deals, however, with quite a different subject. The writer brings charges of unalleviation against various officials who he names with regard to army contracts and supplies. There is matter in the pamphlet, but the best criticism of his statements contained in it are untrue. If they are true, or only partly so, there is urgent need for reform, though even in this case the pamphleteer has acted somewhat rashly in rushing into print.

In Admiralty practice in cases of collision it is

Gallery Concerts, Newcastle. The following
 artistes constituted the full band:—Solo violins—

Mr ROBINSON: Who are the children who do not attend regularly? The Attendance-officer does not give them, and I think we ought to have to log-book and registers on the tables to see where they really are.

Mr MINNER also expressed a similar opinion, and the books were forthwith brought into the room by Mr Duckworth.

The books were then perused and after a necessary information had been obtained, the members having found that most of the absent cases were out of the infants' school, expressed themselves satisfied.

Mr Duckworth then presented the report of

the Sunday evening, that in some of the places

court as plaintiff, not only because the plaintiff gets what is termed the "conduct of the cause," but also because the Admiralty Court has the reputation of favouring plaintiffs rather than defendants. It therefore happens that when a collision occurs between two ships, the first to be damaged is almost always a race between the solicitors of the two parties in which shall issue and serve a writ first. In the case of the *Cambrils* collision a few days ago there was a legal and technical collision in the very writ office, the clerks of the opposing solicitors and at the same time a collision of the two parties. Each demanded a writ, and as they both spoke together the clerk was unable to determine which should have priority, that is to say, which should have the writ bearing the earlier number on the record, and thus secure the position of plaintiff in the event of a trial. The matter was at last referred to the judge, Sir Robert Phillimore, for

plaudits of the audience. Miss Shield and Mr C

meeting of sachars that had been held at Duria, which was addressed by Mr Bernays, H.M. Inspector, and read that gentleman's speech, which was a general and very lengthy *resumé* of the subject, and was well received. He then read the New Code, at the end of which he expressed himself that it required the children to use their energies to pass the examinations under the Old Code, and he was quite positive that if the scholars did not attend and pay diligent attention to their studies, the new Code would not pass under the New Code. This, Mr Bernays pointed out, would show the Board the great importance of the children attending school, and he would assure them that if they did not attend, he could not promise the Board a favourable pecuniary result in the examinations.

THE CHAIRMEN : The dampness of the infant school is caused by the water-pipes having been

off and gives them rather an odd appearance. The

Due has every reason to desire the success of the scheme for carrying tramways along the Thames Embankment. The opposition to them is senseless. If it is not, it is only because it is wrong. By continuing the line across Westminster Bridge along the Embankment a great public convenience will be established and the handsome thoroughfare made more secure at night time. Besides which the line would not divert much of the traffic from the Strand and the City. It is only with it, "the 'trans' from the Surrey side of Westminster Bridge along the Embankment to Blackfriars Bridge" would in no respect be an obstacle to existing traffic. I hope the time is not far distant when we shall hear the tinkle of the bells along the broad way of the Embankment. Owing to the recent horrible fire in the East-End, there has been an outcry raised against

the skilful management of the instrument, earning

knocked down by the snow, and I think we ought to have them put up as soon as possible, so that we might ensure the attendance of the infants.

With regard to the children in the master's school, we ought to give instructions to the Attendance-officer to look after them, and get the attendance to be as high an average as possible.

I quite agree with Mr Duckworth that the children must attend or else the examination will be failed.

Mr LEE: I propose that the whole of the pipes connected with the school be put in proper order by Mr Strachan, of Blackhill, and that the Attendance-officer be instructed to keep a sharper eye on the children who had been absent.

Mr Holmes seconded this, which was carried unanimously.

INFANTRY ALLEGATIONS BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

fell on Friday last, and a heavy rain-fall during the night of Sunday. Edinburg, Tex., Aug. 10, 1892.

all such nests of fever and fetid warrens in which dwelt the poorest poor. Let them be swept away, by all means; but what is to become of the inmates? The answer is, that the Government should destroy the more difficult becomes the problem of how to house the poorest poor. In one respect I should rejoice if the Dials and Drury Lane and the slums that surround Clare Market—with many another verminous nest—were removed; but it is a far more difficult problem to solve than the one followed by the housing of the homeless ones in wholesome places of abode. They may pig-sty together anywhere, and *they do*, as when an epidemic breaks out in London we discover to our cost.

Mr Oscar Wild has re-appeared in London as a Society brimful of satisfaction with his American tour. He cares nothing for being laughed at; and the pecuniary results of his lectures have been

—Rising of the lark—The War Song of the men of
Gloucester. Let now the horn, David of the W.

The Chairman rose and said he had a very serious statement to make. On the occasion of the appointment of the various mistresses some of the members had made various stories about him and his colleagues (Mr. Leach, Mr. Gifford and Mr. Gifford) and a meeting convened for appointing the mistresses, so all the applications, and had transacted this business in an underhand and mean way. This was positively refuted, asserting that it was a monstrous lie. The Chairman had never had an interview with any of the members before the meeting, and knew nothing about the applications. Again, the Chairman had been impudent enough to assert that the Clerk had no business to open the letters in connection with the Board. Whoever alleged that he had done it was a very contemptible action; as he was not a member of the Board, and as he was not a member of the Board, they could not trust him. The Chairman then said that the Board in a honest, straightforward, and business-like manner during the time he had been

DURHAM.

Mr Gladstone and Mr Wilde appeared just now in public, and the latter, in a black frock coat fastened with two rows of conspicuous steel buttons, and with a pair of trousers so tight-fitting at the knees as to resemble at a little distance the knee-breeches which he affects in warmer weather. Although lecturing has proved so profitable to him in America, he does not seem to care for his country. He wishes to devote himself to a literary career, and would do this *au sérieux*, and dropping the efficiency and foppishness which he has hitherto displayed, he might do good work yet. There are traces in his former poems of power beyond that of any one of our present-day literary rascals.

A good deal of surprised curiosity has been felt at the sudden journey of the Prince of Wales to Cannes. What can it mean? It is scarcely probable that he has gone so far South to seek an interview with Mr Gladstone; and as to the

a trombone solo, "O ruddier than the cherry
(Handel) for which he was roundly demanded. The

connected with that Board. His character was spotless, and whoever could make such an assertion was committed a very unpardonable action. He was not a man who would write or send out any rate or any letters, but he was a perfect right open letters, who had? The letter was sent to Mr Ward, and he carried on all the Board correspondence, and therefore was perfectly justified in opening all letters. He was sorry that the German, had been compelled to find fault with the meeting, and that he had to do so at a high time of this sort of thing was put an end to it. He was appointed Chairman of that Board he had always performed his duty, and had never done anything in an underhand way, as had been asserted. He thought the allegations set aside, and the children and whoever concocted them were not worthy the name of a Christian, and in future the Board would go on with business as glibly as the flowing of a noisette.

parts of the town. In the country, in the hills above Ushaw College and those above Rye-

Monte Carlo, the Prince can afford to smile at that kind of scandal. The probability is that he has taken the trip to prospect for the Queen, who has been recommended to spend a few weeks at Cannes, and the Prince has gone on to see what residences are available.

Mr. Gladstone's visit to Cannes has raised that charming retreat to the highest pinnacle of popularity. I passed through it last Winter, and found the old residents loud in their lamentations as to the decay of its prosperity. Its palmy days were over, and to add to its misfortune a report had been spread abroad, of course, by the malicious rival on the Riviera, Nice, that its sanitary arrangements were defective. All this has been now set

attend certainly missed a rich treat.

Mr. Lutz said he was much put about when he heard the rumours that some members of the Board had set about the Chairman and himself. It was a downright fabrication. He never had an interview with the Chairman at all prior to the meeting, and he never knew how many applications for re-admission to the school were till he had reached the school gate, where he met the Glen and he casually informed him that there were three. Therefore he could say that the allegations were infamous falsehoods. He hoped this sort of thing would not occur again, as it might do permanent character a great deal of harm and was moreover very annoying.

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