

THE SHAH.

The Persian Potentate Inspecting and Reviewing the Great Guns and Iron-Clads of Britain.

His Majesty the Shah of Persia, accompanied by a number of distinguished persons, went to Woolwich on Saturday, and visited all the places of interest in that town.

Yesterday His Majesty visited the Zoological Gardens. To-day the Shah will proceed to Portsmouth, where a grand review of the Channel squadron will take place in honor of his visit, by order of the Lords of the Admiralty.

Brilliant Naval Display in Presence of the Visiting Potentate, the Princes and People—The Flag which Braved a Thousand Years—Russian Imperial Representation.

One of the grandest naval displays ever beheld in British waters was made to-day, in honor of the Shah of Persia, at Portsmouth.

The town was ornamented with streamers and triumphal arches, the harbor filled with shipping of all kinds decorated with the flags of all nations, and the shores on both sides covered with masses of spectators, thousands of whom came from London.

The fleet drawn up at Spithead consisted of forty-four vessels, the finest and largest in the British navy, comprising the entire Channel squadron, with numerous additions and nearly all the great ironclads of Her Majesty's navy.

The train bearing the Shah arrived at Portsmouth at noon. His Majesty was received with cheers by an immense assemblage in and around the depot.

The royal yacht Victoria and Albert was awaiting with steam up and the Shah immediately embarked, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince Alfred, and His Imperial Highness Alexander-Alexandrovitch, Czarewitch of Russia.

The royal yacht steamed slowly out of the harbor, and arriving in front of the fleet was greeted with salutes from the ironclads.

The Shah took a conspicuous position on the yacht, surrounded by the princes, and proceeded to inspect the fleet, passing up and down in front of and between the lines.

The yards were manned and salutes fired as the royal yacht passed. When the inspection was completed the Victoria and Albert steamed to the front again, and the review terminated with a grand salute fired simultaneously by all the vessels of the fleet.

The royal party then returned to Portsmouth, where a banquet and other festivities are now in progress.

Imperial Message to the American People and President Grant.

The Shah of Persia, in a conversation with Mr. Behckok, the American Minister, last week, regretted that distance and want of time prevented him from visiting the United States, a country he had heard so much of, and desired that his compliments should be sent to President Grant.

ENGLAND.

Perious Illness of a Distinguished Servant—Discount on Change—The United States Naval Flag in Port.

The United States steamship Congress has arrived at Southampton.

WALES.

The New Docks at Cardiff the Scams of an Alarming Conflagration—Mercantile Marine Enterprise of the Marquis of Bute.

The magnificent docks in this city, constructed by the Marquis of Bute at a cost of upwards of £300,000, are (at 1 o'clock, P. M.) now on fire.

The Marquis of Bute's Enterprise and Harbor Improvements.

The Most Noble the Marquis of Bute, the owner of Cardiff Castle, is a very enterprising and liberal patron of the mercantile interests of the port and harbor of Cardiff, with which he is largely, if not solely, identified as feudal proprietor.

The Marquis of Bute is in addition to freedom from stock dues for the space of one year, promised to coal vessels of the line free during the same period.

OCEAN TELEGRAPHY.

Progress of the Great Eastern in "Paying Out" the New Cable.

Up to noon on Sunday, at which hour the steamship was in latitude 53 deg. 05 min., longitude 16 deg. 52 min., 1,036 miles of the cable had been laid.

SPAIN.

English Financial Plan for a Temporary Relief of the Public Debt.

The London Times, in its city article, speculating on the financial difficulties of Spain, says if the Cortes will authorize the farming of the Philippine tobacco plantations and the sale of Treasury bonds a sufficient amount of cash could be realized wherewith to clear off the floating debt and pay the July coupons.

Carlist Military Cruelties and Regimental Demoralization.

The Carlist chief Sabido shot the Alcalde of Mura last week because he neglected to give notice of the approach of a republican force.

FRANCE.

Prohibition of a Radical Demonstration—Bonapartist Effort for an Aristocratic Party Fusion.

The Prefect of Versailles has prohibited a public banquet which was to have been given by M. Gambetta and the radicals on the anniversary of the death of General Hoche.

Napoleonic Effort for Party Fusion.

A special despatch to the London Post, from Paris, says—Prince Jerome Napoleon, who is now in that city, has had interviews with Emile Olivier, who was President of the Council and Minister of Justice and Religion during the last days of the Empire, and with a number of republican leaders.

CUBA.

A New Newspaper in Havana.

A new journal, La Correspondencia, commenced publication here to-day.

Aid for Cuba.

Under the auspices of Gerrit Smith, there were on Saturday and Sunday meetings at Feterboro of the friends of Cuba. Among the speakers were General Thomas Jordan, formerly of the rebel army, but later of the Cuban army of independence.

The two-story house and outbuildings occupied by B. F. Roberts, half a mile from Sacarrappa, were destroyed by fire early this morning.

Mrs. Roberts, aged sixty, mother of the occupant, jumped from the window, fractured her skull and died. Miss Boody, niece of Mrs. Roberts, aged sixteen, a teacher, jumped from the same window. She was unhurt by the fall, but lies in a critical situation on account of serious burns.

The Pennsylvania Fires.

The Mountains Ablaze—Discouragement of the Farmers.

The fire in the vicinity of Gibberton last night continued to spread, but has left the railway and gone in the mountains, where little damage can be done, the coal breakers being lower down in the valley.

Father's Inceudary Fire.

The remains of the two men consumed in the fire at Passaic on Saturday night were interred this afternoon—one at Passaic and the other at Hackensack.

Valuable Horses Burned.

There were eleven horses burned in John Turner's stables, near Point Breeze Park, this morning, out of seventeen in the stables. The horses burned were Dot, Daisy, Vernon, Lady Girard, Safe and Brutus.

Fifty Horses Burned in Buffalo.

McConnell & Brother's Canal stables, on Lock, near Erie street, were destroyed by fire at two o'clock this morning. Out of seventy horses in the stables at the time, belonging to different parties, fifty were consumed. McConnell's loss is \$10,000, on which there is an insurance of \$3,000. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

Fire and Loss of Life in Canada.

Prescott's Hotel and stables were destroyed by fire on Saturday night and two men were burned to death.

Insurance Losses.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENTS.

St. Francis Xavier's College—Giving the Prizes to the Junior Boys—Brilliant Commencement for the Seniors—The College Hall Crowded with Visitors—Oration and Song—Archbishop McCloskey Distributing the Medals and Confering the Degrees—Address to the Graduates.

The twenty-third annual commencement of the College of St. Francis Xavier, West Fifteenth street, was held yesterday, prizes being distributed in the forenoon to the Junior students and in the evening the degrees being conferred and honors awarded to the Senior students.

This college was originally organized in September, 1847, under the title of the School of the Holy Name of Jesus, and was then located in the basement of the church corner of Walker and Elizabeth streets, from which the school took its name. It has since been removed to its present location, where it remained for a short time, until, in the same year, the Jesuits rented the house 77 Third avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

For two years the institution continued to prosper here, and, meanwhile, the grounds in West Fifteenth street were purchased. On the 25th of November, 1850, a school house had been made ready in this new location, and the school of the Holy Name of Jesus was on that day transferred to its present home, under the title of the College of St. Francis Xavier. The College was chartered January 10, 1861, for five years, but on December 2, 1862, it received a permanent charter, entitling it to all the privileges of a University. For twenty-three years, therefore, the College of St. Francis Xavier has been in existence.

Under the auspices of the Catholic Institute of this city, and it can now count a long roll of its alumni among leading men of many of the States of the Union, but especially here in the metropolis, where its children have sprung into high places and stations and continue their veneration for alma mater with increasing affection each returning commencement.

The average number of students for many years past in the College is 600, of whom about thirteen are first year's graduates and about ten second year's. To bring the college up to this high position is a record which the Jesuit Fathers may well congratulate themselves upon in a city where the standard of education is so high; and the prosperity of the College still further attests the wisdom of the policy with which the school is surrounded, such as the St. Francis Xavier Society, an institution aiming to preserve the bond of fellowship among the alumni, and to still gather them together under the roof of the school as a place of relief and rest amid the many cares of busy lives.

The examinations were held on the 18th inst. and continued for eight days, the whole staff of professors being divided into twelve boards of examiners, each student appearing before several of these boards in the various classes to which he belonged. After these searching tests as to the proficiency of the pupils it was found that only a very few were so far behindhand as to make it necessary to return them from the college or to turn them back again to read for another year with the class immediately after a distinguished success in a special mass was celebrated. These examinations were concluded on Friday evening, and on Saturday the names of those who had won honors and premiums were to be announced. On Saturday morning a special mass was celebrated in the church of St. Francis Xavier, and on Saturday evening the blessed sacrament of the mass being over, the students returned to the college, where, with their professors and teachers, they participated in a special mass. The names of the victors in the various classes were then announced in the following order:

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The orchestra (which was from the Philharmonic Society), Mr. William H. McLean delivered a course of lectures on "The History of Architecture." The speaker had an ample theme, and after judiciously alluding to the triumphs of art by the ancients and the moderns, he proceeded to architecture, and so managed it that he wound up with some handsomely turned sentences relative to the temple, and especially to the new Catholic Cathedral, Mr. McLean delivered his discourse well and with considerable self-possession.

Then there was a chorus from "Norma," which was sung at seven o'clock, and the annual commencement exercises followed. Mr. Charles F. Payton was the next orator, his subject being "The History of Architecture." The orator of the ancients he came down to more modern times, and in well chosen language, told the story of the steam engine, of the steamboat on the Hudson, of the electric wires and of the concluding well with some allowable foretelling.

A quartet, "The Bright Future," by Plotow, was then sung by Messrs. Fargis, Evans, Cassidy and Killner, and the audience showed a just appreciation by demanding an encore, which was given.

Perhaps the best speech of the evening was that delivered by Mr. C. R. Sullivan, on "National Character and Destiny." This young orator, though having no previous record, delivered a very correct idea of the intricacies of modulation, and his delivery was both elegant and impressive. He treated the subject in a manner which was not only a national subject, it is more precious to congratulate the speaker on the appropriateness of his subject, but also on the excellent manner in which he treated it.

After a selection was performed by the orchestra Mr. Francis H. Hall, A. B., delivered a discourse on "Communism." He defined Communism with no less accuracy than he showed in the explanation of its principles, proceeded to say that the Church alone was the conservator of liberty. He concluded with some glowing paragraphs in explanation of the same.

Award of Medals and Prizes.

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Post Graduate Class.—Gold medal for superior success in the study of ethics, Morgan J. O'Brien; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin; next in merit, John J. Griffin.

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Alumni Association of the General Theological Seminary.

The annual meeting of this association will be held this evening in Calvary church, in Fourth avenue. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D., at eight o'clock. Communion will be celebrated at the same church to-morrow morning, at seven o'clock, and the annual meeting will take place immediately after at the Gramercy Park Hotel, when Bishop Potter will preside. The annual essay will be read in the evening at the Seminary.

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie is fast filling up with visitors to Vassar College commencement. All the hotels are crowded, and many are turned away. There is no room on the Hudson that lacks hotel accommodations so much as Poughkeepsie. If any strangers should arrive here at ten o'clock to-night, or any other night, they would be compelled to leave town again or sleep out of doors.

President Raymond delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at Vassar on Sunday. To-night there is to be a grand musical soiree in the chapel, to-morrow is class day and on Wednesday is commencement proper. The health of the pupils was never better than now, which is accounted for by the fact that last month, notwithstanding that Vassar owns twenty cows, the milk bill has ever been about \$1,500. Does not that speak well for the physical capacity of the pupils? Already hundreds of trunks have been packed and hundreds of railway and steamboat tickets sold preparatory to the grand exodus of pupils. Five thousand dollars have been paid to the trustees for last month's tuition, and they, too, are ready to go.

Among the teachers who will take an extended vacation is Professor G. C. G. He sails to-day in the Ontario for Europe. He goes on the Commodore expedition to South America. Ascending the River Amazon over two thousand five hundred miles, and crossing the Eastern Andes, he proposes to explore the almost unknown Valley of the Upper Marañon to the sources of the great river. Two students of the School of Mines accompany him as assistants. He has unusual facilities for collecting, and the Department of State and the great representatives of Brazil, Peru and Ecuador. He will be absent six months.

Hamilton College Commencement.

The sixty-first commencement of Hamilton College was introduced by the Baccalaureate sermon of President Brown yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Guiver, of Binghamton, delivered the address before the Society of Christian Research to-day.

The Kingsley prize debate upon the subject "Should Railroads extend through the States of the United States to be under the control of Congress?" is going on. The disputants are six seniors.

Elmira Female College.

Last evening the commencement exercises of the Elmira Female College were inaugurated by the delivery of the baccalaureate address by Rev. President Cowley.

This evening the Calistolia Society gave its seventeenth annual entertainment in the Calistolia College chapel. It drew the largest crowd ever gathered at a college entertainment here. Among the performers were Miss Kate McGuire, daughter of Mr. Jerry McGuire, Assemblyman from the Schuyler district. Her singing was admirable.

Yale College—Commencement Exercises of the Sheffield Scientific School—Award of Prizes.

The commencement exercises of the graduating class at the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale took place this evening in Sheffield Hall. The objection usually raised against a commencement programme is the extremely theoretical treatment given to subjects themselves of a practical and mathematical nature. No such objection can be raised to the speaking at the Sheffield Scientific School commencement. The subjects at hand are of a practical nature, and some of them even local in interest, though those on the programme of this evening were notably free from this last fault. The following prizes were awarded:

For excellence in German, the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman; the prize awarded to Wm. L. Scoble, Freshman.

For excellence in French, the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York; the prize awarded to Robert Jeffrey, New York.

For excellence in the mathematics of junior year, the prize was divided between A. B. Howe, Troy, N. Y., and Charles J. Moore, Poland, Ohio.

For excellence in all the studies of freshman year, the prize awarded to William A. Pratt, New Haven; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira; with honorable mention, George E. Kieberger, Elmira.

For excellence in mathematics, the prize awarded to Charles H. Hildebrand, New Haven.

For excellence in orthographic projection, the prize divided between John B. Bromley, Boston, N. Y., and William A. Pratt, New Haven; with honorable mention, Frank T. Chambers, Wilmington.

The applicants to the freshman class of the Sheffield Scientific school on June 21 were thirty-nine. Of these eleven were admitted, twenty-five conditional and three withdrawn.

Dickinson College.

The commencement exercises at Dickinson College opened yesterday with a large attendance.

The sermon, by Dr. Hamlin, was one of great power; also, the Baccalaureate sermon by President McCauley. Professor Hime's lecture before the Scientific Society was brilliantly illustrated.

THE DREADED PESTILENCE.

Progress of the So-Called Cholera in the West—An Improvement at Memphis—The Disease in Ohio—Fewer Deaths in Tennessee—One Case in West Virginia.

Cholera in West Virginia.

Cholera in Cincinnati.

Cholera in Tennessee.

Cholera in Washington.

Cholera in Memphis.

Military Visitors.

Arrival of the Saxon Band—Its Reception Last Night.

The band of the 103d Saxony regiment of the Royal Saxon army, which received from the King of Saxony leave of absence to make a professional tour through the United States, arrived in the steamship Vandalia yesterday, and in advance of the other passengers, were landed at the Hoboken dock late in the afternoon. There they were met by the German Landwehr Verein, of this city, composed of former members of the Prussian Landwehr, or militia, who were in full uniform, and under the command of Major Brodsky, formerly with the Landwehr Verein, the Society of Saxons and a citizens' committee were in attendance to welcome the military and musical visitors. An address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Durso, the leader of the Saxon band, thanking the city in the name of the Landwehr Verein, the Society of Saxons and a citizens' committee were in attendance to welcome the military and musical visitors. An address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Durso, the leader of the Saxon band, thanking the city in the name of the Landwehr Verein, the Society of Saxons and a citizens' committee were in attendance to welcome the military and musical visitors.