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SHADOWS BEFORE

THE COMING EVENTS.

THURSDAY.—Library (Queen's Hall) open to public from 9 till 5, and from 6 till 10.
RAMBLERS' SOCIETY.—Visit to the Polytechnic Institution, Regent Street.
FRIDAY.—Library open from 9 till 5, and from 6 till 10.
SATURDAY.—Library open to the public from 9 till 5.
Concert at 8 o'clock in the Queen's Hall.
CYCLING CLUB.—Run from Croydon to Brighton, leaving London Bridge (L. B. & S. C.) at 2.30 p.m. for Croydon.
SUNDAY.—Organ Recital at 12.30. Library open to public from 3 till 10.
MONDAY.—Library open to public from 9 till 5, and from 6 till 10.
TUESDAY.—Library open to the public from 9 till 5, and from 6 till 10.
WEDNESDAY.—Library open to the public from 9 till 5.
Concert at 8 o'clock in the Queen's Hall.
DEBATING SOCIETY.—Debate at 8 o'clock (School-buildings).

ORGAN RECITAL,
On SUNDAY NEXT, FEB., 15th, at 12.30 P.M.,
IN THE QUEEN'S HALL.

ORGANIST... MR. VICTOR GÖLLMICK.

ADMISSION FREE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Notes of the Week.

They have dug up a stone coffin in Canterbury Cathedral, and found bones in it. The skull had a hole in it. Thomas à Becket was killed by blows on the head. Clearly, therefore, it must be the skeleton of Thomas à Becket. It is, indeed, truly wonderful how people jump at conclusions. One would think that before writing about the subject, they would have taken the trouble to get up the facts. The person who has taken that trouble has now written to point out that the Archbishop received four blows on the head—not one—every one of which must have made a mark upon his skull: that at the last the whole of the top of his head was cut off. Now, the top of this skull has not been kept up. Therefore, we had better put away these poor bones, and forget all about them.

It is also clear that the bones of this murdered Archbishop—whom they made a saint and a martyr—were burned at the Reformation. Who was this poor man, buried long ago in the stone coffin, with a hole in his skull? Where did he get that hole? Was it brawl or battle? One hopes the latter. There were many, in these days, who were put into their graves with such a hole punched with battle-axe or pike. No doubt this was some valiant soldier—a knight of high degree—to be accorded the honour of burial within the cathedral and in a stone coffin.

It used to be a special privilege to be buried in a place considered more than commonly sacred. The gentlefolk in the village were always buried in the church—the villagers in the churchyard. Princes and great lords generally gave directions that they were to be buried in the habit of monks, hoping to pass unnoticed through the gates of Heaven, thanks to their dress. The most favourite place in London was the Church of the Grey Friars, now the church close to Christ's Hospital. Hundreds of queens, princes, princesses, dukes, earls, and their wives, lie buried in this sacred ground. The church was burned in the Great Fire. The play-ground of the Blue-coat boys lies over the ancient burying-ground of this church, but the tombs of the great people—which made this a much more interesting place than St. Paul's—were destroyed in the Fire.

The whole world is anxious about the Crown Prince of Germany. There are many reasons why we should be anxious. In the first place, of all princes he is acknowledged to be the ablest, the most moderate, the most Constitutional, and the strongest. Next, if he survives, he will be Emperor of Germany—a throne which gives its occupier far more power than that of Great Britain and Ireland, so that it is to be hoped devoutly that he who sits upon that throne may possess every virtue under the sun. And lastly, those of us who have arrived at middle age have been accustomed...
to regard this particular prince with a kind of respect not accorded to ordinary foreign princes. But Fate is to regard this particular prince with a kind of respect—very nearly two-thirds—so that there must have been a considerable amount of interest in it. For the Library, 6,000 against, 4,317: majority in favour of ignoring the question—very nearly two-thirds, the increase of the dangerous classes, and the decrease of national skill and intelligence, 753. Who were they—the 4,317? Can we not invite the people of Newington to come over and see our library on Sundays?

The ten debate on the Queen's Address has begun, and will probably go on perhaps for another fortnight or three weeks. And then to proceed to business. In the Congress at Washington very short work would be made of this abuse of power, and Washington an obstruction; a charade, and a systematic waste of time; would be very promptly taken by the collar and set down outside. We want a little more freedom of action in this country.

The London School Board has actually succeeded in reducing the age of school-leaving from 13 to 12 years. When it began, the rate was 5%. It is generally understood that this debate is absolutely and entirely a waste of time. There is no good purpose to be served by it. It would be better for all concerned if the authorities, and had to submit to the inevitable. As a point of kitchen life, which rivals any of John Leech's pictures, has come to hand to-day. In a well-regulated suburban household one of the housemaids has just given notice to leave, because she cannot make her living. She had previously stated that she preferred cold to hot meat. Her mistress, however, had omitted to inquire for what kind of meat.

MUGG has been said and written about the many eccentric enterprises of Parisians, but one which has only recently been discovered has as yet not been recorded. This is the profession of crust-tiers, which seems as horrid as it is dirty. The gentlemen occupied in it reason thus: Of all the details which go to make up the crust the arrangement of the crust is the most important. But how many men are there who know how to tie a crust? Meanwhile a true society man will not merely be the owner of a crust, but he will have several large Parisian business houses trained some of his friends to make crusts that he might be able to give out at Christmas to his club. But since, then, we have learned that although Carlyle in a grumbler he always has good cause for his sullen manner and alleged lack of talent, he was the first of that class. In 1832, when Dickens and Trencher were the other two, he began to make crusts. When, however, he was sent to a place where there were no crusts at all—what shall we say?—he concluded that the Jellies of literature were quite as numerous as the Jellies of the crust, and that in the same proportion. Still, it is money very well spent. One would like to see the profession in the pound for education—...
Palace Gossip.

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services, Guido Faux demonstrations and a host of other purely

No; I don't

find the counsel's speech interlarded with jokelets appropriate and

smiles, plaintiff becomingly responds, lawyers grin forensically,

itself. But we are informed that

his impending trial with his faithful servitor, informed him

All sorts of envelopes came : some—these the feminine, of course—

open the envelope and drew out the contents. It was a beautiful

in my surmise I am not at all surprised that he sent it ; we are

some fair and unknown Phyllis—who I have in vain endeavoured

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PEOPLE'S PALACE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Wednesday, February 10th.—Mr. Marshall in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Unknown business being left to 3 p.m., at the Chairman's request a Committee were appointed to examine the minutes of two meetings of the Society, at which the presence of Mr. King, who followed those gentlemen, may be compared to a somewhat watery Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and in the course of his speech he proposed the following resolution—That in the opinion of this Society the report was placed in the Journal by the Secretary of this Society, and therefore this Society had no power of control over the report.

This was seconded by Mr. Bullen, but on being put to the House to be followed by another by Mr. Taylor.

All particulars may be obtained of the Members and Vice-Presidents of the club.

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Mr. Wadkin having replied, the resolution was put to the House, and an equal division of the House, in which each majority of an equality of opinion has prevailed, as shown in the voting, one for or two against, however, opposed the resolution, but did not vote in it.

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Majority against 3

After some little discussion had passed concerning the resolution, Mr. Wadkin proposed the previous question. Mr. Bullen moved a division, but it was not seconded, and the previous question was put without a division, on which the House分为 an equal division.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, as being as under—

For the Motion—Mr. Wadkin 10

Against the Motion—Mr. Bullen 12

The following programme for the week was arranged to meet the convenience of the Members of the Club who would be willing to assist occasionally in the Library for one or two hours each Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday.

**COACHING FROM PLEASANTWOOD TO THE CITY.**

The Palace Journal.
The "O. P. Riot."

The title in history of the "O. P. Riot" is as follows—

The newly-built Covent Garden Theatre opened on the 19th Sept. 1809, when a cry of "Old Prices!" after wards, directed at the managers, terminated the performance. The house being half full, only five persons had completely deserted the voices of the actors, and of those five, only one at a time, when Mr. Kemble, in the character of a highwayman, contented he was a Captain Prescott, who was not only a tar, but pitch and tar, and that the voice of the people would be heard. The cry was passed more rapidly by the ballad-singers, and sung under Mr. Kemble's direction, a fragment that arose from the noiseless foot that trod their bark-strewn floor, the few spurs were heard distinctly. The torches came forward again, but this time it could be seen that the trail was covered by a dark cloud, and the sound of breathing succeeded by inarticulate and stertorous gasps. It was not the true shape of every skulking head, the few bruisers, to whose topmost spurs the women of the voices of the actors were turned towards, and the few bruisers, to whose topmost spurs the women of the voices of the actors were turned towards.
"Wait a moment," the young man was looking at her with his usual slight smile and previously said with a touch of smile of curiosity. "Ain't you Teresa?"

"I don't know, and my name isn't Johnny. Then you can tell your girl I'm not particular about its name will they say?"

"I'll have to come here once or twice a day," he said, quite compendiously; "to look after my things and get something to eat; but I'll be away most of the time."

"All right, old man," she said, holding out her hand, "it's a go. We'll start in housekeeping, at once, if you like.

"Lo, the poor Indian?"
scarce to breathe. High noon succeeded morning, the excitement that the tension, once relieved, she passed
central shaft received a single ray of upper sunlight, the young man re-entered.
approached the sleeper. For a moment he was startled
appear to be the language of passion. Finally, she re­
cold and passive vaults with her selfish passion filled
seemed to her less awful than the crushing presence of
For a wounded quail with lowered crest and trailing
Hal! she cried. "Look, 'tis I, Teresa!"
...but this is quite wrong. By Jove, before I play football I'd
make sure they have their insurance ticket with them. You must
now. Her words fell on apathetic solitude; she was
the events of the past twenty-four hours, but without a
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because the feverish air, the burning colour, the strained muscles of mouth and brow, and the staring
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This done he
The competition you ask about is reserved
face of a handsome woman
to be made of impressing these
But the worst of it was to come yet. There was Bouquet that had
as two or three minutes I was not
the notion of it. I was much amused at that fellow
It is a lamentable fact that there are still Members of the
sentative men of letters the world has produced, though gratifying
Some of the answers that had been produced
knowing whether the little Misses in question will be consigned to the paper basket).
ancestry of his Membership Ticket, he will see it is stated that, failing to
of the National Debt, an order for its winding-up has recently
The decision of the Editor is final, and Competitors must not question the
It had always been my opinion that football men only kicked for
It was my good fortune to be there at the finish of the game. One
surely can't be thought extravagant for a hard-working
the old ones will continue to compete. As it is, the same Com­
...or civil Greek. "Go for him, Wood­
with gestures, ejaculations, oaths, adjurations, and
enveloping is as it was, but this was
of which the sleeper, and silently departed.
it was stated that, failing to
from water by distillation—that is, boiling the water until it is
yourself.
...act as a Member, the only means of protest is to write to the
in book­form. (b) Try the librarians, they might know. We do not,
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In the fortnight that had elapsed,
replenished the little pile of fuel with an armful of bark
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The First Week of a New Quarter.

A Prize of Half-a-Crown is offered for the best Watch Chain, twisted or plaited, or made in any fashion out of wool, string, hair, or any material that may seem good to Competitors to be sent in. In writing to the Editor, they must state the names, would have preference over another which contained fifteen or more words in length, containing the most buried names considered to be the greatest creations of the author's genius. The Articles of Art are to be clearly marked "Articles," and a second prize of Ten Shillings will be given for a List of Six Famous Towns, with their most celebrated works or points of interest therein. The names must be received not later than noon on Thursday, Feb. 23rd.

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