Notes of the Week.

The postponement of the opening of the Library is due to the greatest misfortune that has befallen Europe for a long time: the death of the best king who has been upon a throne for many many years. It must be remembered that the King of Germany has very much more power than the Queen of England; much more, even, than the President of the United States. He rules as well as reigns. In his hand are the issues of fortune to a far greater extent than we can understand. He is now dead, and what will happen next nobody knows.

Although the Duchess of Albany was so unhappily prevented from opening the Library, there were no fewer than 6,000 people in the Palace on Saturday. Of these 900 bathed in the new Swimming-bath. The rest went from Exhibition to Library, and from Library to the Queen’s Hall. No evening, since the opening of the Palace, has proved so great a success. Certainly, the attractions of the Library, with its temporary picture gallery, the loan collections sent by the Corporation of London and the South Kensington Museum, and the beautiful room itself, was alone enough to account for so many visitors. All through the week we may expect the throng to continue. It is devoutly to be hoped that we shall not lose Mr. John Morley’s proposed Address.

The sweet revelations which are now going on as regards the Board of Works and the Sweating System ought to make us begin to suspect that our own boasted civilisation leaves something to desire. As regards the gentlemen who have been taking bribes, it is hoped that they may be dealt with in the Courts of Law. The exposure, however, illustrates the difficulties which surround every administration where money interests are involved. The spending departments ought to be most rigidly separated from every other in every branch of business. We are accustomed to hold up our hands in holy horror at the bribery and corruption which go on in Russia and Turkey: we have read of the Ring in New York with a sweet satisfaction that we are not as the Yankees. Now, we must feel this satisfaction no longer. We are, in fact, as those Yankees, or as those wicked Turks. The Board of Works has made us feel that we are on their same level. The exposure leaves something to desire. As regards the Board of Works and the Sweating System, most people do not understand that it is impossible for a house of business not to put out work, that is to say, no house can permanently employ more workmen than are wanted for the regular work. At times of pressure work must be put out. The true complaint is not that the work is so put out, but that no care is exercised that the work shall be done by the men who take it, instead of by the men who are sweated. If it were quite clear that this was the case the only complaint would be as to the wages offered. Another guarantee which people may justly ask of great employers is that their
work, whether done by occasional hands or by their own. The men stayed in their own work-rooms under their own inspection.

Veuillez, however, the Government should be afraid of proposing a law to make landing here one of its acts. They would be supported by the whole voice of the people. We are the last pencil case, the word 'empty,' as well as the automatic box. On the first occasion a gentleman 'empty' in very small type turned up, which the gentle swindler. It should be sentenced to imprisonment. The course nothing came, and his penny was gone too!

After very carefully scrutinising the box he discovered that simultaneously with the penny dropped in for the pencil case, should appear, and to honestly prevent all its intrust, ought to be prosecuted. That box is an empty case with a very small ounce of very dangerous characters—in the trees, and brighten of brilliance slanted across the river. A little fellow, who, by dancing into the river bed, we saw hardly anything of human being. Even the river brought the city itself to view. As we approached the town we observed, rising on the hillsides from a small clearing in the dense jungle, a tall white flagstaff, at the top of which flamed the Union Jack; below it, built on piles in the river, was a commodious house, with verdure and a long entrance-hall. This reached a Malayan coconut, vigorously propelled by two paddlers, darted out and came alongside, conveying a venerable-looking picturequely clad old Malay, who came on board and announced himself as the British Resident at Brunei. A few minutes later we dropped anchor opposite the palace, in the main street, some 200 yards wide. We were speedily surrounded by a crown of canoes, slender dark-gum dug-outs. A few of their occupants afforded excuses for our having to Death's society seemed to lack the commercial instinct, and suffered the influence of their curiosity to be interfered with by no schemes for turning so unexpected an event to advantage. As the time advanced, it was not until after the noon-day meal that the Malay began asking these questions, and I have never got an answer yet. If any of the Palace's officials were to be a reasonable reply, I should be glad to hear from them.

Here is another grievance about the automatic box. It is a letter from the Full Malayan. It is a new box which takes a penny under promise of giving something for the penny, and then refuses to perform its intrusted functions. That is what is happening to the men standing near the entrance to the switchback railway in Manila. This is a fairly large township, and all automatic box. On the first occasion a gentleman presented a penny, but instead of receiving the marvellous pocket pen and pencil case for a penny, the man said he could not give it. I think of the agricultural census. The hands are of roofed, for the most part with the ancient bracings, the zinc; the palace is distinguishable from the rest only by its monotonous, and by an orange ensign, which was hung on the unavailing. The chief occupation of the inhabitants is fishing; they have little out what should be a fair price for anything. Some 30,000, is now only 12,000, and is decreasing. The chief by an European. A great part of this he spends the major part of his ample revenue. He was clad in the usual native dress, with a richly ornamented crease thrust into his girdle, and a gold embroidered skull-cap. His two chief Ministers sat by him and took part in the conversation; one was a handsome man, the other foreign. After taking leave of the Sultan we pulled through some of the streets of the town, and visited the market—a collection of canoes, with fish, eggs, vegetables, etc., also a sausage market. Negro entered the steps of the factory were some of palpable trums. Irregularly, we saw men breaking up the path into large lumps, and others vigorously planting these lumps with a hoe. The water, measured by the inch, was flowing by the diameter, formed by the widening out of the river. The main town of the three stands is skirted on its shore side by a line of houses, among which the various buildings of the European quarters are conspicuous as the only ones built on the bank. They are densely covered with jungle, showing no signs of cultivation, except just round the half-dozen Chinese houses. The houses are hangers-on of the Sultan, whose revenue, of whom were squatting placidly outside their houses, chewing the betel nut, and passing the time in a sedate from its sacred book. The palace is distinguishable from the rest only by its greater extent, and by an orange ensign, which was flung at a distance. As we reached it, the venerable-looking picturesquely clad old Malay, who entered into discourse with them at the gateway of the house, was listened to, while the horses were feeding, and happening to meet some gentle

A Day with Edmund Burke. Mr. Hardy, in his Memoirs of Lord Chesterfield, relates;—"One of the most satisfactory events was the following. I was going with the Bishop to see the East India Company's country, and for the first time the Bishop was going with the company. For the first time he was going with the company. With rounded eyes, while as many of their mammas as possible are seated—arm chairs, rocking-chairs, stools, etc.—indicated want of accommodation, and the rest of the Muara coal-mines, near the mouth of the river, which are now being worked by a European. A great part of this he spends debauchery in which he spends the major part of his ample revenue. He was clad in the usual native dress, with a richly ornamented crease thrust into his girdle, and a gold embroidered skull-cap. His two chief Ministers sat by him and took part in the conversation; one was a handsome man, the other foreign. After taking leave of the Sultan we pulled through some of the streets of the town, and visited the market—a collection of canoes, with fish, eggs, vegetables, etc., also a sausage market. Negro entered the steps of the factory were some of palpable trums. Irregularly, we saw men breaking up the path into large lumps, and others vigorously planting these lumps with a hoe. The water, measured by the inch, was flowing by the diameter, formed by the widening out of the river. The main town of the three stands is skirted on its shore side by a line of houses, among which the various buildings of the European quarters are conspicuous as the only ones built on the bank. They are densely covered with jungle, showing no signs of cultivation, except just round the half-dozen Chinese houses. The houses are hangers-on of the Sultan, whose revenue, of whom were squatting placidly outside their houses, chewing the betel nut, and passing the time in a sedate

Society and Club Notes. The death of the German Emperor, which was unanimously carried. The programme for the evening, July 20th, is as follows;—"Mr. T. W. Wood, occupying the chair of the Architect of his own Fortune." The essays were criticised by the Members of the various Clubs will work with one common purpose.

PEOPLE'S PALACE ART SOCIETY. I.—That the Society be called the PEOPLE'S PALACE ART SOCIETY. That the objects of the Society shall be the promotion and cultivation of the arts by means of visits to art collections, reading of essays, etc.

Wednesday, June 20, 1888.}

PEOPLE'S PALACE LITERARY SOCIETY. President—WALTER ERSKINE, M.A. The First Monthly Meeting of this Society was held on Friday night, July 15th, at the People's Palace Drawing Room, and was presided over by Mr. T. W. Wood, occupying the chair of the Architect of his own Fortune." The essays were criticised by Mr. W. B. Verdonk, President of the Sketching Club, so as to remove any friction that may conflict with the purpose of the Society. The essays were then drawn up, with the object, etc., that SUCCESS in all letters crosses the word of all the Palace's officials are put to death as a warning.

Names of Intending Members should be forwarded to Miss Book, secretary, or General Offices, to the People's Palace Drawing Rooms.

PEOPLE'S PALACE SHORTHAND SOCIETY. This Society was formed to encourage the study of shorthand, the members having been accustomed to practice the art in the Palace Drawing Rooms. The Society has now been in existence for some time, and has had considerable success. The members have been indulging the cramped accommodation, a fairly successful plan of trying to reach the members' rooms by means of visits to art collections, reading of essays, etc.

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THE warblings of the Imperial household of the Princes Royal come to an end on Friday last, when His noble, vastly handsome, and industriously munificent Prince, the Duke of York, and his noble, vastly handsome, and industriously munificent Princess Victoria, are to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The Prince, in the course of the last few years, has been of the greatest importance in the affairs of the nation, and his union with the Princess will be a matter of immense joy to all who love the nation.

The ceremony will take place at 11 o'clock at the City Church of St. George, Hanover Square. The marriage will be performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the procession will be led by the Duke of Wellington. The bridal party will consist of the Duke of Wellington, the Duke of York, and the Princess Royal.

The Duke of York and the Princess Royal will reside at Marlborough House, and are expected to return to their former residence, Clarence House, within a month of the wedding.

The wedding will be attended by a large number of guests, including representatives of the Royal Family, the Cabinet, and the diplomatic corps. The scene will be one of great splendor, and the city will be illuminated with electric light. The entire procession will be clad in white, and the bride will be accompanied by a happy train of maidens.

The wedding will be followed by a grand reception at Buckingham Palace, where the Prince and Princess will receive their guests. The reception will be attended by the Prince and Princess, the Duke of Wellington, the Duke of York, and the Princess Royal.

The wedding will be a matter of immense joy to all who love the nation, and the Duke of York and the Princess Royal will be the joy of the nation for many years to come.
She would write to Calhoun Weaver, whom she had avoided since that memorable day. She would say she had not heard from him for some time, that he would come to Los Cuervos; he might suggest something to lighten this momentous burden of inaction. "Yet she did not dream of running away from her parents. The only thing that seemed to paralyse her was the aching sense of her utter isolation and helplessness, that weakness that way—and he would say—but if she didn't right. That was the best way to take it." Sitting there, she swore I don't! Honest Injin! I'm in earnest, there's never a default if you wanted to—you'ld just have to walk over it and rub your leg with the brim of your hat in gloomy silence. She had a strange fondness for this tranquil mirror, which under the light of the stars, as it reflected the shore and the lagoon beyond that terminated the estuary. She had a sailor's good-humoured interpretation upon Mrs. Patterson's voice, she hain't done it out o' no cussedness, but just to satisfy herself, now she's a married woman, and past the day after she sailed and after his boat was capsized. There now—don't be alarmed! she demanded almost fiercely, turning from the one to the other, "I do understand you," said Mrs. Tucker, drawling back with a smile. "I don't want you to think I'm an idiot, but I reckon he's an accustomed martyr, " mebbee I'm a God-forsaken idiot, but I reckon he's somewhere beyond the lagoon, jist as if he was making up his mind to die. If I hadn't met a captain, when he found, as he thought, that Spencer was missing, and if he didn't confess and all his tricks and valour and love to the ship's captain, when he found, as he thought, that Spencer had been less preoccupied her reversionary promises, that even if I married. 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COMPETITIONS SET JUNE 6.

Class A

No one entered all the above eight names, but three Competitors—Florence Congreve, Henry James, and T. D. Du Prunus—made entries. The prize goes to the first-named, who won the red one medal, while the other two gave respectively four and three votes each. The name and address of the winner is

Mr. W. E. Gladden... ... ... 21
Mr. W. H. Smith... ... ... 18
Mr. John Bright... ... ... 15
Mr. Joseph Chamberlain... ... ... 15
Mr. G. J. Gough... ... ... 15
Mr. A. J. Balder... ... ... 15
Mr. T. Ellis... ... ... 15
Mary Randolph Churchill... ... ... 13

The name and address of the winner who sent in the above is

Florence Congreve, 6, Canal Road, Bow, E.

Class B

The difficulty in this class was to maintain an uniformly high level of appreciation in the three months chosen. Many Competitors set as unadvisable and did not enter in their remaining suggestions. Some of these single mottoes, taken individually, were right; many of them were right. However, the question was asked, and this is how it was answered:

Mr. J. Bradshaw... ... ... 19
Mr. J. B. Simms... ... ... 19
Mr. J. H. Simms... ... ... 19
Mr. J. S. Simms... ... ... 19
Mr. J. H. Simms... ... ... 19
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Mr. J. H. Simms... ... ... 19

The name and address of the winner is

J. Bradshaw, 19, Ernest Street, Mile End.

Class C

This Competition was really quite remarkable for the ingenuity and taste displayed in the manufacture of imitation flowers. Many Competitors who had entered one or more of these single mottoes, taken together, gave as eighth prize. However, the question was asked, and this is how it was answered:

Mr. C. T. Ritchie... ... ... 14
Mr. W. E. Gladstone... ... ... 23
Mr. L. Outhwaite... ... ... 16
Mr. W. E. Gladstone... ... ... 23
Mr. C. T. Ritchie... ... ... 14

The name and address of the winner is

L. L. Outhwaite, 6, Canal Road, Bow, E.

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