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The Editor of Cuprus will always gladly receive news of local events for insertion in the journal; and a feature in the new conduct of the paper will be a desire to render it an organ for the expression of public opinions. To this end letters on subjects connected with the interests of the Island will always command attention and what feet from page and allusing will have publication. The Editor cannot, however, hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed, and will not undertake the return of rejected manuscripts.

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Latest News.

Mr. Forster has announced in the House of Commons that the Government will propose to lend to tenants, whose rents do not exceed £30, half of the arrears of rents due for 1879 and 1880 provided the landlords give their consent (?)

De The debate on the Land Bill is making rapid progress, clauses thirteen to twenty four having been passed. The discussion on the twelfth clause

has been adjourned.

In the French ! hamber of Deputies Mr. Delafosse criticised the action of the Government in having recalled Baron de Ring, he also animadverted on the policy of Mr. De Blignières which he considered favoured British interests to the detriment of French interests Mr. Barthelemy St. Hilaire stated that Baron to Ring had gone beyond his duties in his interference in the military revolt which threatened the authority of the Khedive. He added that French interests in Egypt were always an object of solicitude to the Government. The amendment of Mr. Delafosse proposing the suppression of the post of Consul General in Egypt was rejected.

A debate also took place on the subject of the treaty of commerce with England. Mr. Tirard, Minister of Commerce, said that France would insist on specific duties being stated.

A great fire has taken place at Minsk (Russia), five hundred houses were

burnt down.

The Greek troops occupy Arta and Punta. Public rejoicings have taken place at Athens.

The sentence of death passed on Midhat Pasha has been commuted into exile to Arabia.

The Council has rejected the appeal lodged by Midhat Pasha against his sentence.

Telegraphic communication with Sfax is interrupted. The town was bombarded for two days and it is stated that the forts, the great mosque and part of the native quarter have been

destroyed. The population continues to make an obstinate resistance.

At the last meeting of the monetary Conference, the French and American delegates proposed that the Powers represented in the Conference should enter into diplomation gotiations for the purpose of arriving at an understanding on the subject of a metallic standard. The Conference would then meet again on the 12th of April 1833 to arrange the monetary convention which it might be hoped, would be the outcome of the negotiations. The proposal was carried unanimously and the Conference broke up,

Mr. Shaw, Home Ruler, has refused to tak office on the Land Commission.

The President of the United States has feverish symptoms, otherwise his health is progressing favourably.

The latest bullettin from Washington states that the feverish symptoms have disappeared.

The Porte having given explana-tions respecting the despatch of troops to Tripoli, all misunderstanding be-

tween France and Turkey is avoided.

The statement made in the Standard accusing Saddyk Pasha of having misappropriated funds destined for the relief of the inhabitants of Scio is denied. The Scio committee assert it to be a horrible calumny.

An insurrection has taken place in the neighbourhood of Mecca. Two battalions of Ottoman troops have been defeated,

The subscription for the new Italian Lorn will be opened to-day and tomorrow in London. The contractors are Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., and Messrs. C. J. Hambro & Son. According to the latest telegrams £14,600,000 is the amount that is now offered to the public, the other half will not be issued till next year. The price of issue is 90 and the interest is three per cent with jouissance from the 1st of July.

The Journal de St. Petersbourg contradicts the rumour that negociations have been entered into with the Merv chiefs. It states that Russia does not desire any extension of territory. only wishes to have secure frontiers. It is with this object that the Government has opened negociations with Persia.

A French squadron has been despatched to Sfax, where the insurgents are stated to number fifteen thousand.

The Tunisian troops refused to fight against the insurgents and had to be sent back to Tunis.

The occupation of Sfax, Gabes and Dierba has been decided upon. On 7th inst. the gun vessel "Chacal" shelled a battery at Sfax and on the 8th instant the ironelad ships of war shelled Casbah, but reinforcements are awaited before a landing is attempted.

It is stated that tribes from Tripoli are marching to the relief of Sfax which is still being bombarded.

The insurgents attacked the French near Kreider, the former were repulsed and lost 250 men killed.

EGYPT.

(From the "Egyptian Gazette")

Telergaphie advices from the Governor General of the Soodan announce that heavy rains have fallen in his province this week, so that there is every prospect of a "good

The latest news respecting the plague is very reassuring. A telegram from Bugdad dated 4th inst. at 12,35 p.m. has been communicated to the International Sanitary Council stating that there were only ten deaths from plague within the sanitary cordon during the previous ten days, and that the disease might be considered at an end.

The Alexandria Amateur Aquatic Sports will take place about the middle of next

H.E. Major General Sir Robert Biddulph K.C.M.G, C.B., R.A., High Commissioner and Commander in Chief at Cyprus, arrived at Alexandria yesterday by the S.S. Elpitha and leaves to-day 13th inst. for Europe by the P. and O. S.S. Tanjore. His Excellency is accompanied by Major Biddulph, Lieut. Kitchener R.E., and his aide-de-camp, Lieut. Wisely R.E.

Monsieur Sienckiewicz, the recently appointed French Agent and Consul General, did not arrive by French mail steamer to-day

13th inst., as was expected.

M. de Martino Italian Agent and Consul General, leaves by French mail steamer on leave of absence. Mr. Machiavelli, Italian Consul at Alexandria, will be Acting Agent and Consul General during Mr. de Martino's

To-morrow 14th inst. is the French Fête Nationale and we learn that the French communities in Alexandria, Cairo, Mansurah and Port Said have made every effort to celebrate the day in a manner worthy of the occasion.

IIn our last issue we gave an extract of Mr, Gladstone's concludent remarks on the Anglo-Turkish convention debate. We think it interesting to our readers to reproduce the two following long extracts from the same debate:

Sir C. Duke He thought that these who read that Convention would agree with him that it was so hurriedly drawn up as to leave it doubtful what actual obligation the country had incurred. Indeed, the language of certain portions of the Convention was of an unusually different kind. For his own part, he had never cenceated his opinion as to the impolicy of such a convention. (Hear, hear.) But it was one thing to deny its expendiency and another to reverse it. (Hear.) Everyone would, at least-admit that it was open to grave objections. The mode in which we acquired Cyprus was undoubtedly calculated to destroy the belief that had been prevalent throughout Europe that England did not desire territorial extension at the expence of Tarkey; and the example then set had been an evil example in other parts of the world. (Hear, hear.) The Augle-Turkish Convention was an isolated arrangement betwcon Great Britain and Turkey alone, conclud. ed without the sanction, and even without the knowledge, of the other Powers of Europe, and it remained without any explicit sanction on the part of the other Powers, who accepted it as a fact, but did not regard it as affecting their treaty rights. Our tenure of Cyprus itself was anomalous, and created difficulties for ourselves, for Turkey, and for the other Powers, which would be insoluble but for the willingness of the rest of Europe to keep silence regarding them. These were grave objections to the Convention, and were shared, he was certain, by a majority of that House. (Hear, hear.) But to ask the Government violently to put an end to it by an isolated act on their part might have serious results on the peace of the East (hear, hear) and without expressing any opinion as to the final fate of the Convention, he would beg the House not to ask Her Majesty's Government violently to put an end to it. (Hear, hear). The

was a bad bargain, and quoted the story of the gross of green spectacles, but Cyprus was a worse bargain, because the grees spectacles cost nothing to keep, whereas Oppring did involve us in very considerable expense. ("Hear, hear," and a laugh.) But his hou, friend did not face the question what we are to do with Cyprus. He agreed with the hon member for Portsmouth that having once taken if, we could not hand it back to Turkish rule. (Hear, hear.) His hon-friend said that it would be unjust to continue the occupation of Cyprus, with the obligations attaching to it. He supposed his hon. friend meant that we ought to purchase Cyprus out and out. It was not for him in the position he held to effer an opinion on that subject; that was a matter for those who were members of the Cabinet, and directly responsible for the administration of the country. There might be a considerable difference of opinion in that House with regard to the policy of paying a very large sum of money for the purchase of the Island, and that was a preceeding against which his hon. friend as an economist might feel bound to protest, (A laugh.) The hon member for Portsmouth, with that ability for which he was distinguished, drew a certain analogy between the case of Tunis and that of Cyprus. He could not agree with the hon member that the cases were the same. There were not only the differences which the hon member himself pointed out, but there was also one clearly recognized by Lord Salisbury-namely that France as the immediate neighbour of Tunis. was more interested in that country than we were in Cyprus (Hear, hear.) He agreed with the hon, member for Burnley that the isolated mode of action adopted by this country as regarded our dealings with Cyprus did set an example which had been somewhat followed by France. (Hear, hear.) He understood his hon friend to argue that by that action we had raised up international difficulties such as France had excited for herself. That such was the case was shown by the fact that the questions put to his predecessor in his present office with regard to Cyprus were of a very similar nature to those which were daily put to himself with respect to our international position towards Tunis. (Hear, hear.) In fact, the isolated action of any Power in such a matter, without the general consent of Europe, was certain to lead to international difficulties if foreign powers chose to insist upon the very letter of former engagemouts. (Hear, hear.)
Mr. GLADSTONE. ... With regard to what has been truly said to be the main question of dis-

cussion to-night, the Anglo-Turkish Convention I wish to observe upon the total contradiction between the argument of my hon, friend who has just sat down and the argument of the right hon gentleman the late Under-Secretary. My Lon. friend, while he fully acknowledges that no reforms have been effected under the Convention, tells us to wait, till Russia is on her way to Asia Minor, and then you will-have an irresistible leverage with which to force Turkey to adopt reforms. (Laughter.) He evidently had not heard the diametrically opposite wiew of the right hon. gentleman, who, so far from founding the policy and duty of England to support Turkey against Russia in her Asiatic dominions on the prior execution of these reforms, founded it upon a splendid imposing commercial theory. He said it was the duty and policy of England to. go 3,000 miles from her base of operations single-handed against Russia upon 'her continuous territory for the purpose of preventing the tremendous, ruinous consequences to the commerce of this country that would follow from Russia obtaining territory in Asia Minor where to establish protective duties. If it is our duty to prevent Russia enforcing protoctive duties, what becomes of our leverage upon Turkey to induce her to effect reforms? You tell her it is not her interest to do it. The right hon, gentleman says our Empire in the East is at stake A keeping Russia out of Asia Minor. But if so, what leverage have you upon Turkey? Will not the Turks read the speech of the right hon, gentleman and learn from it that your own interest in your

View will compel and constrain you to defend her upon her frontier whether she offects reforms or not? I confess I was surprised at my right lion, friend, who is a man of ability, and may look to obtain further distinction in the councils of the Empire, that his long experienced of the world has not taught him how much wickedness there is in it and the craft with which this wickedness is conducted. Depend upon it there is intellect enough in the stupidest Pasha in Constantinople to put together the two ideas that if we are told by the organs of the late Government that the Convention was founded upon the supreme policy of British interests then it is perfectly clear it is not founded upon the prior necessity of introducing reforms. Now, sir, with regard to the convention, the right hon gentleman laid down another proposition of great importance. He boasts on the part of the late Government that they were glad to depart from the concert of Europe when in their view the interests of England required that course to be adopted. Well, I want to know whether that doctrine, if it be good for us, is not good for others also. (Hear, hear.) Can we be surprised that France has adopted that doctrine, and has in Tunis been taken measures as to which it has been certainly mildly said that Europe is not unanimous? hear.) But if France is blessed with Under Secretaries who are imbued with the doctrines of the right hon, gentleman she has no difficulty in finding authority for her proceeding, for she has only to boast in the face of the world-that she is ready and desirous and forward to act with the concert of Europe until French interests are stake. I am not here to pronounce an opinion-it is not my business to pronounce an opinion-upon the measures recently taken by France in Tunis; but I am here to say that if those measures had been in their nature dangerous to the public tranquillity—nay, even if they had involved a breach of the public law,—the, power of England, which 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago could have mastully protested against any any such proceeding, has been crippled and intparked by what was well called by my hon. friend the member for Burnley the evil example set by Anglo-Turkish Convention. (Hear, hear.) That convention to begin with was a departure from the European concert. Well, Sir, we have always said that the European concert asta be maintained, because it gave the righes authority to its own conclusions, which vere espable of being brought to bear in the resent condition of international law on the ettlement of great affairs. But we have also aid that it had a great wirtue in suppressing the selfishness of an individual Power I must ay Tiwas astonished at the reproach of the right hon, gentleman in reference to the course we took as to the proceedings of France in Tanis, following so closely as they did upon the Treaty of Berlin and upon the principle laid down by the late administration, particularly in the case of the Anglo-Turkish Convention. I would ask the House to go back a quarter of a century to the time of the Crimenn War and the Treaty of Paris. That war having come to a conclusion, the Treaty of Paris was entered into, the parties to it engaging that not one of them should directly derive advantage under it. And what followed? It secured to Turkey 20 year; of peace and the only apparent departure from the Treaty of Paris during those twenty years was the union of the Danubian Principalities - a movement in favour of liberty, justice, peace; and the stability and settlement of Europe. [Hear, bear.] That was what followed the Treaty of Paris as compared with what followed the Treaty of Berlin. Sir, we adhered to the European concert; but what we had to do was to build up a rain which had been tradden under fact, which had become almost a by-word in the mouths of those who endeavoured to repair it. And repairing is a very different thing from upholding; proceeding upon a convention is a very different thing from entering into it. The late Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs boasts of the readiness of the late Government to diargard the principle of concert when supposed British interests were in question. But the principle of concert was the principle on which the whole policy of this country in the East had been founded for 50 years. From the time when Mr. Canniug succeeded in combining three of the greatest Powers of Europe for the purpose of constituting the Kingdom of Greece from that time onwards it was the estab-lished rule of Europe. My hon, friend says, that concert has always failed. But is not the existence of the Kingdom of Greece not the existence of the Kingdom of Greeco a direct contradiction of the doctrine he has so laid down? Concert may fail, but if it does, rely upon it that which is weaker than concert is absolutely sure to fail. Do you want a more recent instance? Did concert fail in the Liebanon? Are you not there in the liebanon? Are you not there in the heart of Asia? Working entirely by European concert, you established 20 years ago through the able services of Lord Dufferin, that political system in the Lebanon which has made it comparatively almost a model for Asiatic

Turkey, and which has subsisted there through all chances and changes down to the present time. Well, that was the principle on which Europe based its policy in the East for 50 years. England had one proud distinction, even among. European Powers, whatever might be said of its ambition claswhere. It was, freely confessed that she had no selfish interests to pursue, and the consequence of this was to give her enormous weight in guid. ing the conneils of muited Christondom. That was the position which England held down to the year 1878, Men firmly attached to British fame and British power did not scruple to not upon the principle of concert. Lord Palmerston and Lord Russell, two statesmen whose names are almost proverhial for regard for the spendour and fame of their country, did not scraple to give over to Greece the Ionian islands, and that net, which I believe to have been most wise from every point of view, did much to corroborate the idea which rested upon the precedents of a very long period of time-the idea of the justice, sincerity, and impartiality of this country at least in European questions. (Hear, hear.) Sir, that position it will be the labour of the future to regain. Possibly it will be a slow process, but while we are in our present places, and while I hold the office which I now have the honour to hold, we will labour steadily for that purpose, and will endeavour again to found the influence and fame of England upon a strict regard to international right and upon the cordial recognition of the title of others to be treated upon a feeting of equality with ourselves. (Hear, hear.)

... The observations of Ministers concerning the Anglo Turkish Convention are more open to criticism. In relation to that extraordinary monument of the folly of the late Administration the Government is in a false position. They would gladly be rid of it, but their hands are fied. It, as Sir Stafford Northcole somewhat ingeniously endeavoured to suggest, the Angle-Turkish Convention had stool on allfours with the Tripartite Treaty concluded between France, Austria, and England at the close of the Crimean War, there can be little doubt that Ministers would long since have freed themselves from any complicity in a trausaction which would have been "invano" it had not been a mere juggle. But the difference between the Tripartite Treaty and the Anglo Turkish Convention which Sir Stafford Northcote somewhat disingernously ignored was that the latter was sealed by our occupation of a territory where our presence is a breach of international law, while the former was merely a promise on parchment between three Powers to act together in case of a certain specified contingency. This difference, which constitutes one of the chief objections to the Convention, is at present the chief, if not the only obstacle to the annulling of the agreement which Sir Henry Layard exterted in secret from the Sultan when his capital lay helpless between a Russian army and an English fleet. What can we do with Cyprus? Sir H. D. Wolff declares that Turkey, which the Convention was to have reformed, is still in so deplorably unreformed a condition that it could not possibly be given back to Turkish rulers. Sir Charles Dilke agrees with him, and for the moment it seems as if we were to go on for an indefinite period spending twenty or forty thousand pounds a year upon the precious gross of green spectacles which constitutes all that we have to show for the spirited foreign policy of the late Government. Nothing could be more explicit than the ministerial recognition of the impolicy—to use no stronger word— of the acquisition of Overus. Mr. Gladstone said that in every respect its occupation was an error. It was a breach of the law of Europe, a reversal of the principle of English pean concort, and it had not been justified by any practical results. The only redocuting point which Mr. Gladstone could adduce was the fact that no protest having been made by any European Power our conduct may be said to have been condoued by Europe. Unfortunately our action has only been condoued because it can be imitated. This is palpable enough in Tunis already, and Tunis is not likely to stand alone.

Sir Charles Ditke did-not say that the Government had no thought of abandoning the Convention. All that he said was that, without expressing any opinion as to the final fate of the Convention, he would beg the House not to ask her Majesty's Government violently to put an end to it. The Government can choose their own time and their own method. But we may be justified also in expressing a hope that it may be done sooner rather than later. The present Administration has already had one disagreeable experience of the consequences of being too late in extricating thomselves from a false, position. From every point of view, it is advisable that we should rid ourselves of this "dannosa hereditas" of the late Government; but especially from the point of view of the Jingoes themselves. Objectionable as was the occupation of Cyprus from the standpoint of Liberal policy, it was less mischievous thang it was to those who are afflicted with the dread of Russian aggression which dominates the policy of the Conservatives. Against that aggression Europe erected after the Crimean War the barrier of the integrity and independence of the Oitoman Empire, and to safeguard that barrier, while the Sultan was allowed, judged, to keep the key of his own house, each of the Powers was also allowed to affix its own lock, and without the consent of all no ontry was to be made by any. The Cyprus Convention destroyed at a blow the sixfold safeguard of the Burepean concert, and restored to the corrupt and helplois Goverument of Constantinople the right of ad nitting foreign governors, supported by foreign garrisons, to occupy and administer any part of its dominions. We could not maintain against a Penssian occupation of Mitylane or even of the Dardanelles the theory that such a Convention, wrang from the fears or the hopes of a ring of corrupt pashas at Stamboul, was a violation of international law. Such a contingency is by no means impossible, and unless we are prepared to acquiesce in such an occupation, as we have been compelled to asquiesco in the invasion of Tunis, we shall have to rid ourselves of Cyprus The difficuity of disposing of it is not insuperable. It might be restored to the Sultan, to facilitate the execution of the outstanding clauses of the Treaty of Berlin, under stringent guarantees that it should be governed on the same method as Eastern Roumelia and the Lebanon.

(From "The Pall Mall Gazette".)

"CYPRUS"

Larnaca, Saturday, July. 16th, 1881.

THE WAR NAVIES OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

If we are to believe the croakings of certain of our continental critics; England as regards her fighting capacities both by land and sea, must be in a very had way indeed. A few months ago an Austrian officer attempted to demonstrate in one of our leading magazines that nothing could be easier in the way of warfare than the invasion and subsequent reduction to submission of Great Britain. He dealt principally with what he chose to consider the inability of our land forces to withstand attack; now it is the strength of Her Majesty's navy which is being called in question. The subject was introduced to the public some months ago by "Captain Kirchhammer" in the columns of the "Ninetcenth Century", and is now taken up by a French military journal; on the basis plainly of the opinions of the contributor to Mesers. Kegan Paul's excellent review. What more immediately gave rise to the publication of the article in the French paper was the recent debate in the French Chamber on the naval estimates. It is not proposed by the Minister of Marine to make expensive additions to the existing floot in this period of transition, and even Mr. Dreo. confined his criticisims to condemning excessive repairs and to a lyocading the construction of additional swift cruisers and an incroase in the number of transports. It is the question of the swift cruisers which is just now attracting attention both in England and France. M. Dréo maintained that in the ps ble contingency of France having to withstand a first-class naval power, this could best be done by means of such vessels is those of which he advocated th tion. Some of the statements made by the Trench disher-up of Captain Kirchhain-mer's notions derive a questionable meris from a startling freshness and a gay contempt for conventional beliefs. For instance it is attempted to delude "la grande nation" with the estensible flattery that between the years 1858 and 1868 it was the first naval power; and "that is was only after the Franco-German war that she was obliged to content herself with the second place." Again it is notified for our informa-tion that "the maritime position of the United States is incontestably superior now to what it was in 1812 and 1814." This, at first sight, would appear to be a tolerably safe statement; yet the fact remains that it is directly the reverse of the opinion of American officers qualified to give an opinion on the subject. With, we hope, no undue assumption we confidently assert that our Mediterranean fleet alone could knock the whole of the American navy into smithcreens. And may the day never be arrived at on which they shall try issues !-

The writer graciously concedes to us that, our navy is the most powerful in the world; and is indeed rated at one-third more so than

that of France, an admission on the part of the author which must have cost him a groan. But if there are weak points in the emanation of our French contemporary, it can also boast of the enunciation of ideas well worthy of consideration. It is held that our naval strength-great though it may beis not strong enough for the demands which may, possibly, be made upon it; and that our strategic position is far from being a desirable or even reasonably cautious one in the event of an arrangement of affairs by such arbiters as the most recently improved torpedo or the 100 ton guns. We have points to proteet throughout the world. Our mercantile marine is so wide spread that a few isolated "Thunderers" or "Polyphemus" are in the view of our critic unable to protect it.

Our interests are widespread, and protection for them should be almost omnipresent.

Our worst enemies in this case are apparently

those of our own household. As even to the deepest purse there must nevertheless be a bottom, which will be reached sooner or later, the constructors who concentrate their energies of evolving "triumphs of naval ar-chitecture," having displacements in five figures, and costing nearly the whole of a year's vote for ship-building, evidently aggravate the difficulties of a position which no one believes to be an easy one. No doubt a mistaken policy in building will weaken a maritime position which, if wisely dealt with, may be made an almost impre-gnable one. The view expressed of our strategic circumstances in general is not favourable, but is, we venture to believe, founded on incorrect assumptions. The author considers the fact that Egypt is not part of our territory an evidence of the dangers to which our trade route to the East is liable. We think otherwise. The neutrality of Egypt should ensure the free. dom of the Suez Canal to our mercantile, fleets in war, during which we should not be called on to protect it. The highway from England to Port Said may be patrolled by one division of our navy, and that from Suez to Hong Kong by another neither of which need enter neutral waters. In Egypt probably the avidity of nations will come to dur help in time of war. Who can say that there will not be a struggle for anything, that we may be forced to let go? And 80 per cent of the canal traffic is ours now In the case of Tunis we have already benefited by this, as shown by this very writer, who threatened us with the advance of Italy into that territory. It is almost comical to read to-day in a French newspaper, although it. be in a translation, that the well-known desire of Italy to seize Tunis comprises a danger to the maritime power of England. Probably if we counted a little more than we do on the jealousies that lurk in the ostensibly friendly relations between other Powers, as the Tunis affair has plainly disclosed to be the case, we should feel less nervous about our maritime strength, and should study such essays as the one under notice without the apprehensions which alarmists are usually only too well pleased to

IN CHURCH IN CYPRUS. V.—WITH, THE MARONITES.

There must, I suppose, be, something of poetry about bells. They have served to inspire alike the Poet Laurane and the humble bard who indites comic songs for the barely remunerative pittance of a sovereign a piece. Of course these campanological utilities differ very much. For instance, there is a considerable range between the bells that "go ringing for Saj-rah" at a Margate lodg, ing house and

The bells of Shandon That sound so grand on

The quiet waters of the river Lee. or the bells which Mr. Tennyson requested to show out the "old" and usher in the, "new." I am willing to believe there is tare beauty and originality and the ring of true poetic feeling in the desire of the illustrious author of stood in a tower in the wet; and the only regret which tanges my feelings is that the excessive metallic clapsings and bangings to which we are daily subjected in Cyprus have as yet declined to accede to the poet's wish, and up to the present have done little for the common good and towards the substitution, in this country, of the true for the false.

Among the most aggressive of the Larnaka bells which on Sunday mornings disturb the extra repose which all cleanly persons who live carnest lives apparently consider essential to the right observance of the day is that of the little Maronite church at

the top of White street.

It is eight o'clock of a Sunday morning as I make my way thither. There is nothing to describe in the little building. It is simply an ordinary dwelling-house without an upper story. I do not enter the church proper at all, but with the rest of the male portion of the congregation satisfy myself with assisting at the service in the courtyard, from which the celebration is plainly visible. As I look around me, I notice that the majority of the worshippers are manifestly poor persons. Three fourths of them belong to the weaker sex—come hither, doubtless, for reinforcements of spiritual strength: The father who conducts the celebration of the Holy Mass has a particularly weak voice and his monotonous intonation, soon induces in me a strain of somnolent reflection. I begin to think that the short course of religious dissipation I have run, has materially widened my sympathics. I cannot be blind to the fact that these Maronites must, as those journals which happily manage to blend direputable quack advertisements with spiritual unction and contemptible and unchristian sectarianism would say, be "doing a good work." In this little army they at least do not find it necessary to descend to the adoption of the modern Whitechapel plan of salvation and to besprinkle broadcast upon men of strong sentiment but weak reason such Peace upon Earth and Goodwill towards men sounding titles as "General" and Captain". Ye is this branch of the Roman faith able to bring within its fold those with whom the Dives of many a pharisaical church and chapel of my acquaintance would scorn to jostle. Here are the drawers of water—the deterrent influence of a legal penalty probably accounting for the absence of the hewers of wood. The poor Arab girls whom one is accustomed to meet in the street have assembled. It is evident that they are earnest in their devotions. They look neither to the right nor left of them but, having crossed themselves, they with their long-suffering faces, betake themselves to a seat apart—on the stone floor at the door-way of a minor entrance. And now a word for these Arabs. The depths of degradation to their these areas to the depths of degradation to the control of th dation to which these poor creatures are reduced in a so-called Christian community is fearful to contemplate.

(To be continued)

Local Notes.

On the 14th inst. the French colony in Larnaca celebrated the anniversary of the National fête in a most brilliant manner. At 10 o'clock on the morning there was a reception held at the residence of M. de Castillen St. Victor, the French Consul for Cyprus, and at 7 o'clock on the evening a dinner was served up to the members invited for the occasion. M. de Castillon proposed a toast to the health of M. Grévy the President of the French Republic and to the nation at large, which toast was received enthusiastically and responded to by several others on the part of the guests present. amongst which we may mention those to the French army, and to M. de Castillon, who so ably represents France here. The Consular residence was brilliantly illuminat-ed and tastellary decorated, and a large crowd of sightseers assembled outside the doors to enjoy the spectacle. Throughout the evening Mme. la Vicomtesse de Castillon made the honours of the soirée in the most becoming and affable manner.

At the end of the fête the following telegram was forwarded to the Minister of Fo. reign affairs:

Son Excellence.

... Mr. le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères

Les Français réunis au Consulat pour célé-brer la fête nationale portent un toast au Président de la République et prient Votre Excellence de lui faire agréer leurs sentiments de dévouement à la France.

To which the following reply was recoived i. Mr. le Ministre des A latres Entrangères

Mr. le Vte. de Castillon Consul de France all to the first

J'ai transmis au Président de la République les vœux patriotiques de la Colonie française à Larnaca. Je vous prie de remercier nos compatriotes au nom du Gouyernement de leur toast et des vœux qu'ils ont exprimés.

We publish in another column a letter from Dr. Cullen of Nicosia which, we trust, will be parused with interest; we are authorised by Dr. Cullen to state that he is ready to furnish anyone with the seeds mentioned, on condition that the person obtaining the seed advises him of the result of his experiences.

Bell's Asia Minor Co.'s Steamer from Alexandria via Beyrout, arrived to-day and will in future continue to arrive on the Saturday morning instead of Sunday as heretofore, so that the two steamers will meet here. We may state that from information-received the FrenchMessageriesCompany have not tendered for carrying the Cyprus mails.

The eighteenth ordinary general meeting of the Eeastern Telegraph Company was to be held on the 14th inst, at the cannon-street Hotel, to receive the report of the directors for the six months ended the 31st March, 1881. The company's revenue for this period amounted to £ 302,158, which, after deducting ordinary and other expenses, and adding the sum of £28,430 brought forward from the preceding half year, leaves a balance of £ 229,616. The sum of £70,000 has been placed to the reserve fund, and the total amount of reserves now stands at £ 392,060. An interim dividend of 1½ per cent, has been paid on ordinary shares, and a final dividend is recommended for the year ended 31st March of 2s. 6d., and a bonus of 1s. per share, payable on the 15th inst., making with the previous payments on account a total divi-dend for the year of 5½ per cent on the ordinary shares.

In the House of Commons on the 4th inst. Sir H. Wolff asked whether her Majesty's Government would take the initiative in promotring the convocation of a Conference of the Great Powers at which the points at issue in regard to Tunis may be submitted to the deliberation and decision of the European Concert, Also whether the circumstances connected with the acquisition of Cyprus were not made public during the sitting of the Berlin Congress in sufficient time to allow

of the Gerin Congress in sufficient time to allow of the question being raised by the Plenipotentiaries at that Congress.

Mr. Labouchere asked whether her Majesty's Government contemplated aubmitting the points at issue relative to the acquisition of Cyprus to the deliberation and decision of the European Concert, before appealing to that Concert in regard to any action of the French in Tunis.

Mr. Cledetone Mr. myster to the Iron any hor

Mr. Cladstone. My answer to the Iron, member for Portsmouth is to the effect that we have no intention of doing that which he sugggests-namely, promoting the convocation of a Conference of the Great Powers of Europe for the purpose indicated in his question, as we do not think that benefit would be likely to arise from such a course and we would rather that events should be allowed to develop themselves, at any rate some-what further. With regard to the question of the hen member for Northampton, I have to make a similar reply. With respect to the difference between the two cases mentioned in the questions of the hon, members, the facts are these. The Anglo-Turkish Convention had been signed and ratified by the Porte; it was made known conratified by the Porte; it was made known confidentially, but only as a secret convention, on the 7th of July, to Prince Bismark and to the representatives of France at Berlin. On the 8th of July it was amounced publicly in this House by the right hou, ganileman opposite (the late Scoretary of State for the Home Department), and the Treaty of Rerlin was not signed until the 19th of July. It is also a fact that there were meetings of the Congress on the 8th and before the 18th On the other hand are communication of the 13th On the other hand, no communication of the Angle-Turkish Convention was ever made officially to the Powers, so far as I know, except the secret and confidential communication to the representatives of Germany and France which I have mentioned I ought to state that I believe the letter making that communication now eppears in the papers without anything to indicate that at the time it was confidential; but I believe it was originally a scoret despatch, and that it was subsequently treated as official.

Kyrenia News...

July 11th, 1881.

Major Gordon, Commissioner, of Nicosia, and Mr. Tasidjian, Chief of the Defter Hakani (Land Rogistration) Department, visited Kyrenia. The Commissioner of Nicosia was entertained by Capt. Stevenson during

his short stay.
We hear that a christian girl of the village of Vassilia in this district has embraced the Mussulman faith. On her having sent in an application in the matter, she was brought before the Medjliss Idare (Administrative Council). The Court after enquiring into the facts of the case, and it having been ascertained that the girl is not a minor, she was informed that she is at liberty to act at her discretion. We hear that the cause of her wishing to become a Moslem is attributeed to the fact that she fell in love with a Mahomedan of the village in question. A similar case took place last year with a

Maronite girl of the village of Cambillia.

It is indescribable to state the pleasure and satisfaction the villages of Lapistues and Caravas have conceived in His Excellency having appointed a teacher for the boys' and a mistress for the girls' schools in the villages above referred to. When the High Com-missioner lately visited these two villages an address was delivered in which the inhabitants fervently prayed His Excellency to introduce the English language into their village. The villagers will always feel gra-teful to II. B. M's Government for the prompt measures which have been adopted

in the matter.

We are informed that the villagers of Lapithes have potitioned asking for the establishment of a Municipality in their village. We hope that the Government will give a favourable reply in the matter. A Municipality will cause many ameliorations to be made as the streets of the village are rocky and even precipitous.

In consequence of certain repairs being made to the Kyrenia Kouak, the Assistant Commissioner and the officials of the Julicial Department have removed to the Custom House where suitable rooms are afforded

Mr. Calonas, the teacher of the Greek school, has been transferred in the same capacity to Papho, and we are informed that Mr. Eftimiades will be appointed in his place. We believe that the new schoolmaster is an accomplished linguist.

Mr. D. Dimitriades, the son of Mr. G. Dimitriades, agent of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, and ex-member of the Daavi Court at Kyrenia, returned from Smyrna last week. Mr. Dimitriades has been studying English for several years in Smyrna, and the inhabitants of this town are glad to possess a countryman who is conversant with the English language.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Nicosia, 15th July, 1881.

I have just received from my friend Dr. Perez of Teneriffe a small packet of seeds of "Taga-saste" -(Cyticus proliferus, together with a small saste "-(Cytisus proliferus; together with a small pumphlet, from which I give a translation of what is most interesting, describing its properties, mode of cultivation and great value as a forage plant. I think I cannot do better than beg you to make known in your columns what seems likely to be of such importance to the agriculturists of Cyprus. Dr. Percz drew attention to it some years ago in the local papers. He says that it is indigenous to the Islo of Palma, one of the group of the Canaries, and that it had He says that it is indigenous to the Isle of Palma, one of the group of the Canaries, and that it had been cultivated for a long time, especially in the village of Paso, for the use of cattle. It seems to prefer a loose sandy stoney soil more than a stiff clayey one and that cattle do not eat so readily that which is grown on the latter. Though it will live near the sea-shore he does not consider its cultivation as profitable, unless it is planted at 500 metres above sea level and where the mean temperature does not exceed 18 centigrade. Its cultivation is one of the means of covering the tops and sides of hills with a fresh vegetable earth, which were formerly clothed with magnificent species of Pine, Hex, and fresh vegetable earth, which were formerly cloth-el with magnificent species of Pine, Hex, and Laurel which a lamentable and ignorant cover-tousness has destroyed (there as well as here) and thus reduced them to sterility. The most suitable time for sowing is in the summer, in the menths of July and August. The envelope of the seeds heing very hard and leathery, they require a long time before germination begins; and Dr. Perez recommends that a small inciden be made in the coat of each seed or that they be mace-rated in water for a couple of days of a tempe-rature of 40 to 50 C. In thus, sowing. ratore of 40 to 50 C. before sowing. Trans-planting ought to be made in rainy weather and be assisted by irrigation, and the plants ought to be at least six feet apart from each other. Locking then at the conditions under other. Locking then at the conditions under which it is found naturally, we cannot doubt that it will succeed well in any place where the thermometer does not fall below zero. It has been grown in the Eastern Pyrennees and Central Italy, and as soit and climate are so analosous in Gyprus, its acclimatization would seem to be a more question of time. And it does not appear extravagant to say that the number of cattle to be reared and fattened upon it could be increased ten-fold by its use. An analysis of its chemical constituents prove that Tagasaste contains I t per cent Azote, while other species of the same family contain only 1.028 and the best hays of Europe yield barely one per cent, thus demonstrating most clearly its great nutritive properties. tritive properties.

I am, Sir, ctc, W. Hy. Cullen.

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VESSELS INWARDS DURING THE WEEK

AT LARNACA.

10th S. S. 'Elpitha' British 462 tons from Beyrout Mails and general cargo.

10th Gul Bahri Cypriot schooner 44 tons
from Mersine with hay. 11th 'Elefteria' Greek brig 220 tons from Alexandria in ballast.

11th S. S. Roumelia' British 1385 tons from Boyreut and Limessel general cargo,

13th 'Chaziti' Cypriot schooner 40 tons from Limassol in ballast.

14th 'Stratigoussena' Ottoman schooner 55 tous from Jaffa in ballast. 14 'Eda Uarde' Ottoman schooner 47 tons from

Damiata with rice.

15th S. S. 'Elphita' British 462 tons from Alexandria, and Limassol. Mails and general cargo.

Cleared Ontwards.

July

9th S. S. 'Simiote' British 296 tons for Bey-

rout. Mails and General cargo.

10th S. S. 'Elpitha' British for Limassol and
Alexandria mails and general cargo.

11th S. S. 'Roumelia' British 1385 tons for
Alexandreta and Constantineple gen-

eral cargo. 11th St. George Cypriot bombarde 36 tons for Alexandiette in ballast.

14th 'Marcuccia, Italian brig 189 tons for Acre in ballast. 14th 'Gu! Bahri' Cypriot schooner for Limes. sol with hay.

Passengers Arrived.

By the S. S. 'Elpitha' from Beyrouth-Messrs. Fazy and Compopulo and six deck passengers.

By the S. S. Roumelia from Liverpool, Syria and Limassol—Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Perkina

By the S. S. 'Elpitha' from Alexandria and Limassol,—Mossrs. S. Ganopulo, T. Constantinides, D. Simionidis, Angeludi, Nicolaidi, C. Caridi, G. A. Perides, Hazzi Jani, and six deck passengers.

LIMASSOL ARRIVALS.

July 8th S. S. Simiote' British 296 tons, from Larnaca, mails and general cargo.
8th 'Irene' 39 Cyprict schooner from Damiata

in ballast.
13th Merianthousa 54 tons, Cypriot schooner from Alexandria general cargo-10th S. S. Elpitha, British 462 tons, from

Larnaca, mails and general .cargo. 10th S. S. 'Roumelia' British from Syrian Const and Alexandria Government

10th 'Chazili' 40 tons Cypriot schooper from Larnaca general cargo. 18th Evangelistrie 45 tons Ottoman from

Feniki with wood.

18th 'Eftikia' 33 tons Greek from Port Said

Cleared Outwards.

8th S. S. 'Simiote' British for Larnaca Mails and general eargo.
9th Evangelistric 95, tons Ottoman brig for

Papho with wine.
10th S. S. Elpitha 462 tons, British, for

Alexandria, mails and general cargo.
10th S. S. Roumelia, British for Larnava Reneral cargo.

1Ith 'Naami' 40 tons for Beyrout with wine.

12th 'Evangelistric' 45 tons for Rhodos, ga-

neral cargo.
13th 'Evangelistrie' 35 tons for Beyrout with

plates.
19th 'Evangelistrie' 28 tons for Saida gene.

ral cargo-15th S. S. 'Elpitha' British for Larnaca mails and general cargo.

Passengers Arrived.

By the S. S. 'Elpitha' from Larnaca-Madame Peristiani, Mr. Jassonides, Mr. N Nicolaidi, Miss Mihailo Loisides, Mr. Yazidzian and 27 deck passengers.

By the S. S. 'Elpitha' from Alexandria-Mr. Reive, Lient. J. Dickenson, R.E., wife and 5 children and 4 deck passengers.

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