#### NOTICES.

in Hongkong on the let Dec., and here on was supposed to be a specific for nearly inches longer, would have hit the gentle- other mourners in chairs and jinricahas, see I make a difference between the 7th Dec. - Replies to Shanghai letters forwarded by the mail which left here on the 6th Sept. may be expected by this steamer.

The London Mail of the 30th Oct., is due in Hongkong on the 6th Dec., and here on the 11th Dec.-Replies to Shaughai letters forwarded by the mail which left here on the 12th Sept. may be expected by this steamer.

Shanghai mail advices of 15th October were received in London on the 24th Nov.

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## NOTICE.

N.B .- Only Articles or Letters intended for publication, or relating to the news columns of the paper, should be addressed to the EDITOR. Communications respect- that must be paid for refinement, and ing general advertisements, subscriptions, luxury, and culture, and are, we believe, expresses, and ordinary business matters, unknown among barbarous peoples. should NOT be addressed to the Editor, There is probably no healthier being or to individuals by name, but simply to in the world than a stalwart gipsy, or "THE NORTH-CHINA HERALD OFFICE." Special business matters should be trammeled by the clothes of civilised life. addressed to the General Manager. By always lives in the fresh air, never woradherence to this rule much unnecessary delay and inconvenience will be avoided.

# TO-DAY'S DOINGS.

AUCTION-Furniture, &c.; Mackenzie & Co. .....10.30 a.m. Auction-Household Furniture, at No. 3, Szechuen Road;

L. Moore......10.39 a.m. THE MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY at the Lyceum Theatre..... 9.00 p.m.

### Zi-ka-wei Observatory. 29TH NOVEMBER, 1885.

WRATHER.	Previous day		On date	
	4 P.M.	10 P.M.	4 A.M	10 A.M
	mm.	m.m.	mm.	nım.
BAROMETERAL O' cents	768.45	770.20	770.33	771.65
Variation for 24 hours.	-1.14	+0.04	+1.00	+1.19
Variation for 12 hours.	-0.88	-0.26	+1.88	+1.45
Direction	W.	S.S. W.	W.N.W	N.N.W
WIND   Direction	19	28	15	6
( Cen	12.9	5.3	3.1	12.1
TEMPERATURE   Cen	55 2	41.55	37.2	53.8
HUMIDITY: %	37	63	78	60
NABULOGITY: 0-10	0	0	0	2
BAINFALL (millim)	_	-	_	_

WEATHER. 24hours, 12 years, 769.61 -0.65 Min. {Cen. -2.4 Fahr. 27.7 C. 6.2 +0.4 Max. {Cen. 14.8 } F. 43.2 +0.72

BAROMETER at 0° centg. 770.42 772.26 170.64 771 30 PREVIOUS DAY-29TH NOVEMBER, 1885.

WEATHER. 24 hours. 10 year-BABOMETER: 4 obs. ...... 771.16 +1.55 768,99 Min. {Cen. -0.5 } C. 7.4

IMPARTIAL, NOT NEUTRAL.

SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 1, 1885. THE gruesome advertisement which for "shall we see in cities, courts, and rich mouths past has stared us in the face families where men live plentifully and from every newspaper in the Far East, eat and drink freely, that perfect health, propounding, as if it were a conundrum, that athletic soundness and vigour of the enquiry 'What is this disease that constitution, which is commonly seen is coming upon us?' varied by other in the country, in poor houses and queries and announcements of a simi- cottages, where Nature is their cook larly startling nature, would be even and Necessity their caterer, and where more suggestive if the substantive were they have no other doctor but the sun in the plural number. Great as are and fresh air, and that such a one as the strides made during recent years in never sends them to the apothecary.' medical and surgical skill, they yet seem The two enemies to health about which scarcely to keep pace with the increase we hear most in Shanghai are probably of those ills to which flesh is heir. The over-living and over-anxiety; and the alleviation of suffering by the use of moral of it all is that the more simply cocoaine and other ar esthetics, and we eat and drink, and the more coolly the eventual diminution and perhaps we take all the ups and downs of life, stamping-out of hydrophobia which we the likelier we are to enjoy both bodily may some day owe to the discoveries and mental vigour. of M. Pasteur, are, no doubt, blessings which can scarcely be over-estimated; but at the same time there are maladies which buffle the very first physicians of the day, and even Sir William Jenner is quoted as having chwang, arrived at Amor on the 26th recently exclaimed, "The science of medicine is a barbarous jargon-every dose of physic is a blind experiment! We do not of course accept such a Tientsin from the Kaiping mines, and is statement au pied de la lettre; but due here very shortly. it suggests, at any rate, that medical science may still have a long way to travel before it can grapple on firm ground with the forces arrayed against November. it. Indeed the very growth of medical science, instead of rendering more accurate our knowledge of specifics, while leaving Swatow, passed the followtends rather to prove that there are no ing vessels bound in to that port :- Yehsin, such things in nature as specifics at Tamsui, and Toonas. all. The most skilful treatment is more or less empirical. Even quinine, which has hitherto been regarded as a specific, an unfailing antidote to the feverpoison, is now believed to have no direct influence upon fever whatever: the most it does is to render the conditions of the patient such as to be better able to resist the next paroxysm of the disease-to make them, in fact, less favourable to the fructification of the disease-producing germ, if germ there be. Whether such a phenomenon as a true specific for anything will ever be discovered is probably more than the most sanguine physician would care

to assert even problematically. And yet

medical science has made tremendous

strides during the past hundred and fifty

years. To see how far it has travelled

already one has only to recal to mind

the barbarous methods of treatment in

vogue two or three hundred years ago.

used to be? We know better how to treat diseases than our forefathers did but have diseases themselves diminished in number? We believe that they have not, and that if civilisation brings with it more experience and more aptitude in battling with disease, it de-

timise the civilised portion of humanity.

Children are born to him, strong and

healthy, and with but little danger or

inconvenience to the mother. Skin-

diseases may, it is true, prevail among

such folk, but only in the case of those

who neglect personal ablutions-which

is not common among the denizens of

warm climates. Drinking comparatively

little of any intoxicating liquors, he is

not subject to those miseries which afflict

the poorer classes of large towns, for the

tissues of his body are not vitiated by

alcohol. He can undergo with absolute

impunity hardship and exposure which

would simply kill the more sensitive

townsman, and he devours his primitive

food with a keenness of relish unknown

to pampered palates. His limbs are

strong and supple; he is the embodi-

ment of perfect health. And he pre-

serves his health simply and solely by

taking no care of it, but just following

his instincts and leading the life that

Nature intends he should. It is well

The Guiding Star left Amoy on the 26th

The Adolph and Caroline, from New-

Mr. William Keswick has returned to

The Chiquen, on the 26th November,

The Guiding Star, Daniel, Hermann,

Hoang Ho, Mercur, Ruchel, Therese, John

Potts, Galveston and Frieso arrived at Amoy

on the 25th November, from Newchwang.

Mr. Tong King-sing leaves for Tientsin

per Hasan this morning. He has left the

accounts of the China Merchants Co., up

to the date of his relinquishing the manage-

ment, in the hands of the printers, and

they are supposed to be very satisfactory.

A Correspondent complains that his name

did not appear in our passenger list. We

cannot always give the names of the foreign

passengers, because the officers on board

who fill out our shipping reports either do

not state further than that there were so

many "foreign passengers," or the names

are written so indistinctly that we are un-

able to make out what they are.

November for Hongkong.

It appears that T'ang Chiung, ex-Governor velops disease itself. We believe that a very large proportion of the maladies to which men and women are liable are the direct product and result of civilisation. They form part of the price a naked savage. The man who, unries his brain about the state of sharemarkets or the problems of theology and depends for his dinner upon his able and devoted adherents to the Throne. be taken. There are no ditches, however, comets of the same appearance were seen strong right arm, knows nothing of those organic derangements which vic-

not brought to book for their conduct.

granted a sum of money for that purpose. It is proposed to send home specimens of are some seventeen to be had in large quantity, many well adapted for railway sleepers, piles, cabinet work, etc., also samples of edible birds' nests, tobacco, gold, and other products. With this view a committee has been formed of several Government officials, and advantage has been taken of the presence in Sandakan of some other gentlemen well acquainted with the country to obtain the benefit of their experience and advice. The committee, of which the Colonial Secretary is President, expects to conclude its labours in time to ship all the specimens selected by the beginning of

known that special care and training, This is from the China Mail :- The brought to bear upon any particular organ, renders it unnaturally delicate. military expedition which started from The throat of the singer, carefully edu- Hanoi some weeks ago to operate against cated, as it were, wrapped up in wool. Than-mai, a little above Hung-hoa, would ter to Peking. len comforters, and then coazed with appear from the latest advices from Tontannin, or lemon-juice, or whatever the quin to have returned to Hanoi without favourite specific of the artist may be, having met with any serious resistance from is infinitely more liable to take cold the Black Flags and their allies. No fightand be thrown out of gear than the ing of any moment occurred. A few small jected to influences which make for its by the French troops and gunboats to supleads, the less liable will one be to fall a prey to illness; a truism, no doubt, but one which is but seldom thought of, than it was a few months since, and the and still more rarely acted on. To live on sixpence a day and earn it, is one has greatly improved. A gunner named of the best prescriptions ever given by Cros, belonging to the 11th Battery, 12th a doctor; and it was given by one of Artillery, was executed at Hanoi on the the most eminent physicians of this 7th inst., for pillaging the house of an century. "Seldom," says a writer Annamite and killing the owner. of much wiedom and common-sense,

severe encounter took place at Man Shan, near Macao, between the Chinese revenue cruisers Hoi Cheung-ching, An-lan, Chen-to, and Peng Chao hoi and a fleet of smuggling boats, reported to number about sixty, carrying salt, opium, and kerosine oil. It appears that the smuggling fleet sailed from Yow-mah-tee in company, but the cruisers obtained information of their intention to rendezvous at Man Shan, and went in pursuit. Arrived off Man Shan the cruisers hailed the smuggling craft and called upon them to surrender. The smugglers replied by opening fire upon the cruisers with rockets and guns. This fire was promptly returned by the cruisers, and a regular engagement took place, which lasted all night and was prolonged through most of the following morning. In the end, the smugglers were compelled to retire, after a most obstinate resistance, leaving several of their boats as prizes in the hands of the revenue men, as well as about ten prisoners. Several of the smuggling craft were sunk by the fire from the cruisers, and it is believed that upwards of twenty men were shot or drowned. The Peng Chao hoi's wheelhouse was smashed by the To the Editor of the shot from some of the smuggling junks, The Clieveden was one of the last vessels and the An lan's sails were burnt by the to arrive at Newchwang. She left that port rockets launched at them by the enemy. again for Chefoo and Swatow on the 25th It is further reported that several persons day into the columns of your valuable Sergeant Pereira will 52 points. In Class B.,

killed or wounded during the action. passed through some of the streets of the picked up : and yet, though pure science, Settlement yesterday afternoon, the de- astronomy only, is to be spoken of in this ceased being the father of a silk merchant, letter, it will not be deprived, I hope, of formerly compradore to Messrs. Hall & all interest. Holtz, and afterwards to Messrs. Stewart At this period of the year, the night & Osborne. The procession was headed comes quick enough to have allowed a by coolies carrying a vast quantity of paper large number of the residents at Shanghai sycee ; then came others bearing lanterns on to contemplate, the night before last, what poles, a band playing a funeral march on in scientific language is called a shower of whistles, gongs and cymbals, a small army of shooting stars. If this expression seems dirty little hoys bearing battle axes and eccen- somewhat exaggerated in the present in- Before Sir RICHARD T. RENNIE, Kt., tric weapons of various kinds, apparently stance, it has not been the same, as it will made of pewter, and a host of men carrying be seen very soon, in other occasions. tablets. Several elaborately carved and gilt What are these "showers" of shooting altars were carried along in the procession, stars? Some myriads of small dark bodies, and at the back of one, behind a collection circulating, like the earth, around the sun, of saucers with fruits, hung a portrait of in orbits making angles with our own orbit, the deceased. Two companies of priests, and in which they are disseminated. Dur- 1884. one in brilliant embroidered robes, and ing its yearly course, the earth may cross the other in plain red and yellow, walked these travellers, and then their exceedingly at intervals; and between them were rapid transit through our atmosphere men with lanterns, flags, red umbrellas, suffices to set them on fire and make them fans and other paraphernalia. The chief visible for a moment.

smallpox, fever, or plague; and up till occupant slashed at the jinricaha with his twenty-four coolies, and a vast concourse the 10th of August, the Perseids, and has progressed wonderfully since then. Settlements, and it is a pity that some of been really imposing but for the filthy liberty of correcting in your columns of the rightful claimant, wished to guard But are there fewer diseases than there those who thus misbehave themselves are rags which composed the dresses of all the yesterday. actual mourners.

Referring to the expedition to Burmah

Punishments under sentence of decapitation war be declared, we do not anticipate a planets may at length parcel them out and after the Autumn Assizes, is not likely to prolonged campaign. The passage from suffer death during the present year. It is Thyetmyo to Mandalay (360 miles,) takes This seems to have taken place in the case during this year that the Empress-Regent | three and a half days. The 18 steamers of has attained her fiftieth birthday, which the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, each equal alone renders the time "auspicious;" be- to carrying 800 men, with provisions for a sides, this is the eleventh year of the reign month, are available for transport ; besides "Current of Laurentius," which is in conof Kuang Hsü, and we are informed that, a number of steam launches belonging to for some inscrutable reason, the eleventh Government and private firms. With a and twentieth years of a sovereign's reign moonlight night, and under favourable are also "auspicious." For this reason circumstances, Mandalay can be reached there will be no executions at the Capital, from Thyetmyo in less than two days. and consequently T'ang Chiung cannot The forts at Minhla and Ava offer the only that of the second of 33 years long. This, possibly be beheaded until next year. We obstacle. At Minhla, forty miles above lastly, seems to have been the case with hope, therefore, that by that time the the frontier, there is a polygonal fort caparancour of the Empress will have become ble of holding some 2 000 men. There somewhat assuaged, and that she will be are three lines of earthwork faced with induced to spare the life of a man who is masonry; each of which would have to be 1846, this comet, visible since the 25th of certainly entitled to rank among the most breached or escaladed before the fort could November, broke into two pieces, and two or flank defences. Opposite Ava, there is a deviating rapidly from each other. By the The British North Borneo Herald says : fort from which fire could be opened on 10th of February the two bodies of the and Colonial Exhibition to be held next the destruction of the garrisons. Unless the two. spring in London under the presidency of King Theebaw and his foreign advisers H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and have have made considerable improvements, an invading army will have very little work to do till it nears Mandalay. Mandalay lies the various kinds of timber, of which there 21 miles from the river, from which it is separated by a marshy plain. It is surrounded by a wall and most-neither of them formidable. The river side to the west is defended by a high embankment."

One of the forts referred to-Minhla-has

been already captured.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE NEW BRITISH MINISTER. London, 30th November.

Sir John Walsham, Bart., First Secretary at the British Embassy in Paris, has been appointed British Minis-

Deputy Lieutenant of Radnorshire. Was

some time in the Audit Office before he

throat of a ploughboy or a dairymaid. bands of Annamite rebels were encountered, Office, October 1st, 1854. Was temporarily 1852, meets the orbit of the earth pre-Who ever heard of a savage of respect. and about fifty of these were taken pri- attached to the Legation at Mexico, De- cisely on the 27th of November, since able and healthy habits suffering from soners. Several of the chiefs of the rebels cember 3rd, 1857. Was Acting Consul at bronchitis, or tooth-ache, or gout, or were captured, amongst whom was found a 1859. Was appointed 2nd Paid Attaché at renewed with the same interest on the iver-complaint? Such disorganies. lank bink, or general of division in the An- Mexico, January 1st, 1860, and 1st Attaché, 27th of November 1879 and 1885. tions are the outgrowth of civilisation, namite army. They were executed at Hanoi March 12th, 1861. Acted for some time as "perihelium" (or nearest approach to the result of the body having been sub- about the 12th inst. The recent efforts made Secretary of Lagation in Mexico, in 1861 the sun) of the comet Biela might take to place them just where they were before and 1862; was appointed a 2nd Secretary, October 1st, 1862; and was Charge d'Af. place, according to the calculations, in degeneracy. The more natural the life one press the numerous bands of rebels and faires at Mexico from January 17th, 1863, April 1886. Every year the earth crosses pirates which infest the country have been to till February 4th, 1865. Was transferred, the orbit of the comet, or more exactly a great extent successful. Travelling upon as 2nd Secretary, to Madrid, June 26th, the orbit of the "swarm" to which the rivers and creeks is now much safer 1866, where he was Acting Charge d'Affaires from November 15th till December 2nd, 1867. Was appointed, May 21st, date, the 27th of November, and consehealth of the troops throughout the country 1868, one of the British Commissioners to quently every year shooting stars must adjudicate on the claims preferred by the make their appearance; but it is easy to owners of the schooner Mermaid, of Dartmouth, alleged to have been sunk by a shot fired from the batteries of Ceuta, October 16th, 1864, which Commission sat at Cadiz where before was the body of the parcelled from June 9th, 1868, till March 20th, comet : this spot at present is not far from 1869. Was transferred to St. Petersburg, A few days ago, says the Daily Press, a January 1st, 1870, but did not proceed. after a few months only. Thence results Was transferred to The Hague, August 10th, 1870. Was promoted to be Secretary a greater abundance of meteors during the of Legation at Peking, October 15th, 1873, night in which we have travelled through but did not proceed. Resigned, April 16th, the orbit. 1874. Succeeded as 2nd Baronet, August 10th, 1874. Was appointed Secretary of Legation at Madrid, January 23rd, 1875; where he was Acting Chargé d'Affaires from hours. In 1872 the meteorical "shower" May 28th till September 20th, 1875; from May 24th till September 27th, 1876; and from April 4th, 1877, till July 15th, 1878. Was promoted to be Secretary of Embassy at Berlin, May 6th, 1878, where he was the Perseids lasts a few days, with a and if Mr. Drummond persisted in his in the city of Peking has been neglected for Acting Charge d'Affaires from June 17th till October 20th, 1879; from October 23rd till November 24th, 1880 ; from May 18th till August 23rd, 1881; from July 2nd to 12th, 1882; and from July 16th to September 9th, 1882. Was transferred to Paris, July 1st, 1883. Is Minister Plenipotentiary at Paris in the absence of the Ambassador, and acted as such from August 10th to October 14th, 1884 .- Foreign Office List.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

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COMETS AND METEORS.

NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS. belonging to the crew of the cruisers were paper. This very fact gives me an oppor- Private Gonsalves scored 58 points. The tunity of entertaining your readers with a few remarks, in which not a particle of A pretentious Chinese funeral procession commercial or political matter is to be

mourner rode on horse-back in white robes, Some of these showers seem to have a arose out of the sale by Messrs. Jardine, was going too far in assuming that Kow ner imaginable." It is perfectly evident A gentleman informs that while he was and behind him was carried the white tent very singular origin, and this was the case Sword and gunshot wounds were seared riding in a jinricaha in the Nanking Road which hid from sight the misery of the with the one of which we were the witwith red-hot irons; fresh air was con- at about 10 o'clock on Sunday night, a deceased's family. The coffin, in a showy nesses the night before last; this was also sidered fatal to persons suffering from trap drove past him, and as it did so, the hearse with the well known appearances of there appear to have been three claimants, would certainly proceed against Mesars. The universal decay of all that was once

The next French Mail of 25th Oct., is due comparatively recent times, bleeding whip, the lash of which, had it been a few of petty mandarins in their official hats, and 14th of November, the Leonids. You & Co., the mortgagers. One of these, Mr. of the money which they had claimed. every accident or illness to which men man in the juricsha in the face. We are followed. The whole procession numbered Leonids and the shower of the 27th of were liable. Medical science, we say, always hearing of cases of rowdyism in the some hundreds of people, and would have November. This is the error I take the & Co., while willing to pay the money to in the way of his case being heard at all.

> Comets are supposed to be heaps of meteors derived from nebulous masses, strangers to our planetary system. Attracof Yunnan, now lying at the Board of the Civil & Military Gazette says :- "Should tions exercised on them by some of the of the great comet of 1862 : at least, this is the origin attributed to the rich "swarm" of the 10th of August commonly called nection with the Comet III of 1862. The same may be said of the Leonids of the of 1866: the period of the first being of 121, or seven years from 1772 to 1846.

On the 13th of January of that year to the full Court against this order, and the necessary order for the hearing of this -The Court of Directors have given in- vessels going up the river, just as they comets were already distant by 150,000 appeal was granted by the Chief Justice structions to make a collection of the rounded a dangerous reef. There are other miles; however they seemed to take leave natural products of British North Borneo defences in the neighbourhood; but they of one another reluctantly, and for many for exhibition at the forthcoming Indian have been described as mere shell traps for days a sort of bridge was seen between peal against the order of interpleader, said

On the 26th Septamber 1852 the twin

terval of 1,620,000 miles. Since then, all researches have been useless to find them again: they ought to have come back and been seen from the earth in 1859, 1866, 1872, 1879, but the comet Biela did not certainly return. Was it lost for ever to us? Had it missed its way in the neighbourhood of the large planets? No, it was impossible, for on its way it could meet neither with Jupiter, nor with any other of the further planets. Now, when it was no more thought of, on the evening of the 27th November, 1872, a true "shower of shooting stars was seen falling from the sky : it was like | whether this Court had power to serve an actual fireworks, and lasted from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. of the following day. Father Secchi, at Rome, numbered 13,892 of these meteors; at Moncalieri 33,400; in Eugland one observer alone saw 10,579 of them; on the whole their number was estimated 160,000, and they burst in all directions from the same spot of the sky, near the fine star Gamma d'Andromède. This is exactly Walsham, Sir John, Bart., is an M.A. the same point that we found at Zi-ka-wei to pay the money into Court and relieve 10. - Song, The Last Waltz ... Molloy. of Trinity College, Cambridge. Is a for the shooting stars seen the night before themselves of all responsibility; one of the last. Now, as the orbit of the famous was appointed to a Clerkship in the Foreign | comet Biela, broken in 1846, and lost since understand that the "swarm" must have a far greater density in the very spot the earth, for it ought to go round the sun

> This transit, or this passage, is generally a very short one : all is over after a few lasted six hours only. The apparition of the Leonids takes place only in the morning of the 14th November; that of maximum on the 10th August, and this objection and satisfied the Court that they many years, and cons-quently of late they duration evidently depends on the depth could not issue an order of interpleader have become stagnant and stopped up. How of the Biela comat's "swarm" ought two other claims for the money which was Ministers [of the Board of Works] carefully not to be considerable according to the the subject matter of this suit-one a investigate and report to Us. Ovey this! short appearance of 1872; and this is again claim by an American, and the other a It is stated that this Decree was one imconfirmed this year : for last evening (28th be possible for this Court to hear and the Viceroy of Childi to the capital. Postook fire in the sky.

Zikawei Observatory, 29th November, 1885.

S.V.C., NO. 4 CO. MONTHLY COMPETITION.

This came off on the 29th ult. under favourable conditions, the weather being very pleasant. In Class A., Private Delgado

following are the scores over forty :-

Priv. C. M. Delgado .. 5344433-26 3554435-29 56 Sergt. J. G. Pereira .... 3238454-24 5544424-28 52 ., U. A. Vieira .... 5443344-27 4442222-20 47 Priv. T. Gonsalves .... 2435545-28 5555235-30 55 ,, G. G. da Conta .. 3443355-27 2542235-23 50 , J. R. Xavier .... 5552554-31 0022544-17 48

IN H.B.M.'s SUPREME COURT FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

Shanghai, 30th November. Chief Justice, and R. A. Mowar, Esq., Assistant Judge.

LI CHENG-YU

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Kow Ku-sau.

This case, which has been before the at all. steamer Dragon. After paying off the mort- his case being heard. gage there was a surplus remaining of some Mr. WAINEWRIGHT said if an order of canals were not so chucked up as to have five or six thousand taels, and for this interpleader were not issued, his client been either obliterated or used as sewers.

pelled to pay the money a second time. but to withdraw his opposition. Supreme Court by Li Cheng-yu; but either general question of the right of the Court because Sir Edmund Hornby, the then to issue an order of interpleader against a Chief Justice, refused to issue an order of foreigner not under the jurisdiction of the interpleader to enable the three claimants to Court remained undecided. scatter their fragments all along their orbits. fight out the question of their respective claims in the British Court, or for some other reason, the case did not come on for hearing. The money was in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, where the interest has accumulated till the amount now about Tls. 10,000. Li Chêng-yu has since proceeded against Mr. Holmes in the American Court, and against Kow Ku-san before the Chinese authorities, and has 13th and 14th November, these shooting obtained in each case an order debarring stars circulating in the orbit of the Comet I the defendant from making any claim for the money. On behalf of Kow Ku-san, however, it is now contended that the trial and decision against him were informal and it appears that Mr. Holmes also sti the celebrated comet Biela, seen every six maintains his right to prosecute his claim in the British Court. On the 1st December, the Assistant Judge, on the application of the defendants, issued an order of interpleader as between K.w Ku-san and Li Cheng-yu, making Kow Ku-san the plaintiff and Li Cheng-yu the defendant, Mr. Drummond applied for leave to appeal

Mr. DRUMMOND, in supporting his apsuch an order had never been granted by this Court in a case were the interpleaders were foreigners, not under the jurisdiction meteors appeared, but divided by an in- of this Court; indeed he believed that all three Chief Justices, Sir Edmund Hornby, Mr. French and Sir Richard Rennie had refused to grant orders of interpleader in

> The CHIEF JUSTICE said he had never either refused or granted such an applica-

Mr. WAINEWRIGHT believed that such an application never had been either re-

The CHIEF JUSTICE said it had been refused by Sir Edmund Hornby in this very case some fitteen years ago.

Mr. DRUMMUND said he had appealed against the order of interpleader in this case simply in order to decide the question order of interpleader upon a foreigner out of the jurisdiction of the Court. If the Court had this power, then all that followed from the issue of the order would be regular; if not, the subsequent proceedings would rest upon an infirm basis.

The CHIEF JUSTICE wished to know what was Mr. Drummond's objection to the issue of an order of interpleader. He thought it would be the most satisfactory course for all parties. He said originally Mesers. Jardine, Matheson & Co. had been auxious methods which occurred to them being the 11.-Song, Cour de Lion ..... Stark. issue of an interpleader. However, Sir Edmund Hornby had decided that an interpleader could not be issued against foreigners outside the jurisdiction of the Court, and had refused to receive the money into Court. The result had been a dead-lock; and he thought if Mr. Drummond persisted in his objection to the order of interpleader, the result would be

-at a dead lock. Mr. DRUMMOND said his client had defend themselves from outsiders. gone to considerable trouble and expense in taking proceedings against Mr. Holmes in the American Court, and had ultimately obtained a decision barring Mr. Holmes from ever again claiming the money which was the subject matter of this dispute. He had also proceeded against Kow Ku-san in the Chinese Court, and had obtained a similar decision. If an order of interpleader were issued, all this time and trouble would have been wasted, and the whole matter of the respective claims would have to be fought over again in this Court, where it would be exceedingly difficult to produce evidence as to Chinese law-for the matter as between Li Chêng-yu and Kow Ku-san would, of course, have to be decided entirely by

Mr. WAINEWRIGHT denied that any proper decision had been given in a Chinese Court against his client, Kow Ku-san

The CHIEF JUSTICE said that what occurknowledge of any decisions having been Translated, it runs as follows : given against Mr. Holmes or Kow Ku-san; of the "swarm" we meet with. The depth this. The Court had notice that there were continual repairing and draining let the claim by another Chinaman. Would it mediate consequence of the recent visit of order of interpleader should issue.

to his getting an interpleader.

the American and Chinese Courts.

said to be partners in the firm of Holmes Jardine, Matheson & Co. for the recovery Holmes, is an American citizen, while the | His LORDSHIP again warned Mr. Drumother two, Li Cheng-yu and Kow Ku-san, mond that if he persisted in opposing the are Chinese. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson order, serious difficulties would be placed

Mr. DRUMMOND said that after such an themselves against paying one claimant expression from his Lordship he had no and then being sued by another and com- alternative in the interest of his client, Preliminary proceedings were taken in the | The Assistant Judge remarked that the

# FOOCHOW.

The Public Garden was again wisely chosen for the Annual Chrysanthemum Show, which took place on the 11th inst. The sky during the early part of the day threatened rain, indeed a few drops fell but, happily, the a ternoon was fine. There was a good display of flowers of all shades and sizes. Mesers. Bathgate and Co. were the most successful competitors, carrying off some nine first or second prizes in the ten classes specially devoted to chrysanthemums-a notable feat, as no competitor could take more than one prize in any class. Their collection of twenty distinct varieties was very fine. The dahlias seemed to me rather a poor lot; the first prize seemed to be earned on account of one large yellow blossom. The Recreation Ground showed some fine gloxinias, and Mr Odell's autumn flowers deserved the prize awarded. I do not admire the amaranthus, many specimeus of which were exhibited. The Show was well attended, most of the ladies visiting the ground in the course of the after-

The fourth concert of the Foochow Amatour Musical and DramaticS crety was held at the Club on the evening of the 17th. A stage was crected at one end of the reading room and tastefully decorated with flowers. The audience was not so large-especially at first-as on former occasions, but there was no decrease in the applause evoked, particularly by Mrs. Hannen and Mr. Millar, both of whom were encored. Several of the officers of H.I.R.M.'s corvette Ujigit were present in uniform. The following was the programme :-

1 .- Trie, O Memory ..... Leslie. Mrs. Hannen, Messrs. Symes and Millard. 2.—Duet, Piano and Victin, Allegro F major ..... Beethoven.

Mrs. Symes and Mr. Siemssen. 3.—Song, Quando à te Lieta.. Gounod. Mrs. Hannen. (Violoncello obligato ) 4. - Song, I arise from Dreams

Mr. Millard, 5. - Song, The Old Lock ..... Milton Wellings Mrs. Odell.

Violoncello, Andante D minor ...... Mendelssohn. Mrs. Symes, Messrs. Siemssen and McDonald. .-Piano Solo, Faust ... Leyback Mis. Symes,

8 .- Song, Daybreak ..... Frank Romer. Mr. Symes. 9 .- Violin Solo, Cavatina ... Judassohn. Mr. Stemssen.

Mr. Hannen.

Mr. Millard. 12.-Trio, O'er the starlit

6.-Trio, Piano, Violin and

waters gliding ......Campana, Mrs. Hannen, Mesers Symes and Millard. Training for the Winter Meeting in the middle of next month goes on briskly. I hear that the Nanzing brought several ponies yesterday from Shanghai and that more are expected. Foothow sports seem to own fewer ponies every meeting. They may yet have to buy Shanghai cracks to

The weather is terribly changeable and the Chinese are suff-ring severely from cholers in consequence. I wonder whether they will ever learn to at, if they used the money, wasted on idol processions, to have their houses and streets somewhat purified, the cholers demon would be far more likely to be frightened away than he now is by discordant din that represents, to their

The A toinette, the fourth sailing-vessel for London this year, left with over

1,100,000. lbs. of tea a few days ago. The Timor took a small shipment for Australia and the Whampon is expected to be the last vessel for Australia this season .-- China 19th November.

THE STREETS OF PEKING.

An Imperial Decree of some little interest, though of unwonted brevity, was red to him was this. The Court had no issued at Peking on the 9th November.

The repairing of sewerage and waterways against foreigners, the position would be the funds are to be devised yearly for their

November) no meteor was to be seen where decide upon the claim of Li Cheng-yu sibly the wretched and neglected condition the night before last so many shooting stars without hearing Mr. Wainewright on be- of the thoroughfares in Peking struck half of his client? He imagined that in His Excellency Li Hung-chang more forsuch a case Mr. Wainewright would take cibly by comperison with the neat and some other steps to enforce his claim, and well kept Fund at Tientsin, or it may they would arrive once more at a dead- have entered his mind to contra-t the lock. In the course of further argument streets of the metropolis with those of he strongly urged upon Mr. Drummand the foreign Settlements of Shanghai that it was to his client's interest that an which he visited not long ago. Comparisons, Mrs. Partington tells us, are Mr. DRUMMOND, in reply, submitted that "odorous," and certainly this may be it was for him to consider what was to the accepted as literally true in the case of interest of his client. It seemed to him that Peking, which for pungency and variety the only question for the Court to decide of odours will outvie the Cologne of Cole-Kindly allow me, dear Sir, to come and made the highest score with 55 points, was whether they could issue such an ridge's day, in which city the poet declared correct a scientific error that crept yester. but being handicapped, the prize fell to order or not; and he had certainly under- that he counted two and seventy different stood His Lordship to express a wish on a stenches. It is a mild way of putting it previous occasion that this question should to say that "the repairing of sewerage be argued before him and settled. He ap | and waterways in the city of Peking has prehended that if it was decided that such | been neglected for many years "; this work an order could not be issued, any steps has never been at ended to within the which Mr. Wainewright would take would memory of living man, if all accounts not result in any thing which would amount be true. There was a time, no doubt, when more attention was given to sani-The Assistant Judge pointed out to tary matters. The Chinese capital was Mr. Drummond that if an interpleader nobly designed and on a grand scale, and were issued he would still be enabled to was originally well built, the streets being produce evidence as to the decisions given broad and straight and at right angles with against Mr. Holmes and Kow Ku-san in each other. It was also, there is reason to believe, kept in fairly good order in former Mr. DRUMMOND contended that the issues | reigns. Mr. John Bell, an English gentlewhich would be tried under such an order man who accompanied a Russian Embassy would practically reopen all the questions to Peking, in 1720-21, thus refers to the which had been tried in the American and streets and public works : - "The Chinese Chinese Courts and decided in his client's deserve great praise for their patience in finishing, completely, everything they The CHIEF JUSTICE said this Court was undertake. And, what is a still greater not anxious to decide cases between Chinese; recommendation, their labours are not the and if Mr. Drummond opposed the issue effect of whim or caprice, but calculated to of an order of interpleader the Court would serve some useful purpose. The public probably not be disposed to is ue such an works, about the city of Peking, are in-This was an appeal against an order of order on the application of Mr. Waine- stances of these observations. The streets. interpleader issued on the 1st December, right. But the Court was bound to protect in particular, are the finest in the world. the British de endants, and his Lordship They are spacious, nest, and straight. The Mr. DRUMMOND appeared for the plain- seriously warned Mr. Drummond that if canals which supply the city with water, tiff: Mr. Downall for the defendants; he persisted in opposing the issue of such have, at proper distances, commodious and Mr. WAINEWRIGHT on behalf of one an order, he would be placing grave difficul- stone bridges over them; and these canals ties in the way of his case being heard are not only built with free stone on the sides but the bottoms of them are paved Court for about fifteen years, originally Mr. DRUMMOND thought his L rdship with broad cut stones in the neatest man-Matheson & Co., as mortgagees, of the Ku-san would take any at ps to prevent that the streets did not then, as now, resemble the beds of watercourses, and the