

tion with consuming places would be to great to be undertaken. Whatever may be the truth it appears that there is widespread belief among foreigners in the north that the prospects of the Kaiping mines are now at a lower pass than they have ever been before. It is said that Mr. Tong King-sing is to prospect for various metals and minerals in Corea, gold being of course one of the forms, and with the discoveries he hopes to make the purses of Li Hung-chang and the shareholders in the coal mines are to be replenished. We give these rumours for what they are worth. If they are true we shall regret what is likely to lead to the abandonment of an enterprise for the development of the mineral wealth of the country. However rich the Corea mines may prove the benefit which China will receive from working them will be small compared to what much lesser results at Kaiping would have conferred on the country.

**PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY
LI HUNG-CHANG.**

A proclamation issued by Earl Li, Viceroy of Chihli, Senior Guardian of the Throne, Apparent, High Commissioner of Coast Defence for the Northern Seas, and Acting Superintendent of Trade, calling for a competitive examination of candidates. Inasmuch as formerly a want has been felt for the two branches of Naval and Engineering schools, I did establish on the 7th month of the 6th year of Kuang Hsü a Naval School in Tientsin for Northern students only. This establishment has existed now for a year and more, and some progress has also been made, but it has never arrived at the full complement required owing either to the dull abilities of the scholars or to their being too old for the purpose. This has arisen perhaps on the score that too small an allowance has been made for the students; I have therefore altered the

but a moment afterwards a gentleman
the back made a remark we failed to catch
and thereupon a profound melancholy pre-
vaded the countenances of all the actors

The above cup was shot for on Saturday morning. The weather was again unfavourable for shooting, being

The lecture produced an excellent impression and would certainly remove prejudice if such existed. Mr. Taylor, accompanied by Mr. Parrott, has proceeded to Pao-ti Fu.