NOTICES.

The London Mail of the 1st Dec., is due in Hongkoug on the 7th Jan., 1883, and here ou the 12th Jan. - The 2ud of Dec. Mail arrived last year on the 12th Jan., per Kaisar-i-Hind.

Left Hongkong, at 7 A.M. on the 13th inst., per Thames. The next French Mail of 10th Dec.; is due in Hongkong on the 16th Jan., and here on the

22ud Jan. instant, at 3 P.M., per Amazone.

Latest mail advices received in London from ShanghaiNovember 29th.

THE publication of the North-China Dail News commenced at 5h. 30m. A.M.

TO-DAY'S DOINGS.

s. V.C. -No. 3 Co. Rifle Competition 7.00 a.m. AUCTION-Stores, &c.; L. Moore 10.30 a.m. AUCTION-Pianos, &c.; Mackenzie & Co.11.00 a.m.

AUCTION-Sundry Goods, &c.; Alex. Bielfeld 2.00 p.m. 8. V.C.—Squad Drill for No. 1 Company, at the Main

Guard 9.00 p.m.

Zi-ka-wei Observatory. 15TH JANUARY, 1883. Previous day | On date WEATHER. 4 P.M. , 10 P.M. 4 A.M. 10 A.M. 30.331 30.377 30.346 30.381 Variation for 24 hours... +.036 | +.007 | -.016 | -.048

 Variation for 12 hours...
 -.031
 -.052
 +.015
 +.004

 WIND { Miles per hour...
 8.0
 3.6
 1.9
 11.2

 TEMPERATURE
 43.5
 35.2
 33.3
 43.3

RAINFALL PREVIOUS DAY-14TH JANUARY, 1883. Varia- |Normal

BAROMETER: 4 obs. 30.375 +0.081 30.451

TEMPERATURE { Minimum 28.4 } 40.5 -1.6 | 36.2

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24 hours, 10 years.

WEATHER.

IMPARTIAL, NOT NEUTRAL.

SHANGHAI, JANUARY 16, 1883. 1882. (Continued.) In Parliament, almost the entire session was devoted to the affairs of Ireland, and a review of the speech from the throne at the opening of the session reveals the disappointing spectacle of a long list of important measures, not a single one of which passed into law. The necessity for some such reform in the method of procedure in the House of Commons as that which foreshadowed in the resolutions laid on the table of the House by Mr. Gladstone at its first sitting, became more and more evident as the session wore on. The most important important was the Married Women's early death deprived the world of an siderable time. Property Act, which completely secures | artist of high genius and extraordinary to married women their private pro- promise. To science the losses by perty and separate income. The ques- death last year were unusually severe. test on the admission of members to 19th April, had, perhaps, done more Parliament was again before the House for the progress of science generally session, when Mr. Bradlaugh, the Secu. His "Origin of Species" created a

see a renewal in some form of Mr. to the first Reform Bill; Sir John Hol-Bradlaugh's attempt to enforce his ker, who achieved the high distinction claim, and it is to be hoped that a satis- of being appointed to a Lord Justiceship Will leave Hongkong to-morrow, the 17th factory settlement of the question of Appeal by the leader of the political will be arrived at. The close of the party which he had spent his Parliayear found the Government in a mentary career in opposing; and Lord distinctly stronger position than that Tenterden, permanent Under-Secretary in which they were placed at its com- for Foreign Affairs. Among divines and mencement. The successful issue of theologians the obituary list includes the military operations in Egypt had Archibald Campbell Tait, Archbishop increased their popularity; and although of Canterbury, the Rev. Hugh Pearson, their Egyptian policy had led to the Canon of Windsor, Mr. John N. retirement of Mr. Bright, this loss, Darby, one of the founders of the sect great as is the influence of the emi- known as Plymouth Brethren, and Dr. nent freetrader's name, has been much Pusey, the celebrated leader of the more than compensated for, by the "Tractarian" movement, out of which admission into the Cabinet of two states- sprung Ritualism. Mr. Benjamin Web- Though the establishment of a British men of such high standing and ability ster, the well-known actor, whose career as the Earl of Derby and Sir Charles on the stage extended over more than Wentworth Dilke.

Early in March considerable alarm was caused in all parts of the world by the intelligence that a dastardly attempt had been made on the life of the Queen. A young man named Maclean, who afterwards proved to be of weak intellect, openly fired a loaded pistol at Her Majesty as she p.m. was leaving Windsor railway station. It appears, however, that his object dresses of sympathy for the danger forty-two hours. to which Her Majesty had been exposed, and of congratulation on her escape, poured in from all quarters. The people of England had another opportunity of displaying their loyalty marriage of his Royal Highness the Haily Hews Duke of Albany with her Serene Highness the Princess Helen of Waldeck and Pyrmont, sister of the Queen of the Netherlands, was solemnised at Windsor with all the pageantry and ceremony suitable to the occasion. An addition of £10,000 a year to income of his Royal Highness was granted by Parliament, and a pension of £6,000 a year was set apart for the Princess in the event of her surviving her husband. In December Her Majesty appeared in public to open the magnificent pile of buildings dedicated to the administration of justice, in the Strand at London, which we owe to the genius of Mr. George Edmund Street, whose death, twelve months before the day on which his triumph was crowned, deprived England of one who will be ranked among her greatest

tailment of the right of six hundred good qualities which fully, entitled break her to pieces. and fifty members to speak indefinitely them to the popularity they achieved. on every subject would have to be sub. Mr. Dante Gabriel Rossetti, painter and A Correspondent complains of the care mitted to, but strong objection was felt poet, one of the little band of "pre- less manner in which letter-carriers emby the Conservatives, and by some Raphaelite brethren," nearly all of ployed by the Local Post Office perform Liberal members, to the clôture in its whom have risen to the highest rank their duties. He says that in delivering absolute form. In the midst of the in art or literature, died in April. letters it is a constant practice to throw discussion, however, the murder of In both of the branches of art which them down on the doorstep or inside the Lord Frederick Cavendish occurred, he practised he has had a very wide garden gate without ascertaining that they and Irish affairs became so urgent that influence on modern "culture." Mr. have left them at the right house. This, the question of Procedure had to be, James Rice, who, in collaboration with he adds, may probably account for the fact for the time, shelved. The Govern. Mr. Walter Besaut, has produced some that many Christmas and New Year's cards ment, however, were determined that of the most popular novels of recent which were duly posted to persons living the paralysis under which the House years, died in the same month, and in and about the Settlement never reached was suffering should not last into an. among the other poets and authors their destination. Now that the fact has other session, and the members were whose deaths we have had to record been brought to the notice of the postmasrecalled to their duties in the autumn, are the eminent novelist Anthony Trol. | ter we are sure that no further complaint after a very brief vacation, for the lope, and Mr. George Rose, better will be necessary. express purpose of dealing with the known under his pseudonym of "Arthur Procedure Rules. The elôture in its Sketchley," the originator of the celesimple form was adopted, and other brated "Mrs. Brown," whose views on rules of a more technical character, almost every topic have given such but which will perhaps prove even widespread amasement. Henry Wadmore effective than that measure in sworth Longfellow and Ralph Waldo smoothing the passage of bills through Emerson belong almost as much to the House, were placed upon the list of England as to America, and a record rules and standing orders. Although, of the deaths of English authors which therefore, the Session of 1882 is, as omitted their names would seem inregards the actual measures passed, complete. The same may be said, in somewhat barren, the influence which a modified degree, of Mr. Richard this internal reform may have upon Henry Dana, the author of "Two years the work of future sessions may render | before the Mast." 'The world of Art it one of the most important of recent has lost Sir Daniel Macnee, President years. Among the measures of domestic of the Royal Scottish Academy, Mr. reform carried through Parliament John Linuel, the famous laudscape during the session, perhaps the most painter, and Mr. Cecil Lawson, whose

tion of the application of a religious Charles Darwin, who died in the of Commons at the beginning of the than any other man of this century. larist member for Northampton, again revolution in the whole course of scieninsisted on his right to take the oath tific thought. Professor Cliffe Leslie. and his seat in the House. A resolu- the Political Economist on whom the tion was, however, despite the opposi- mantle of John Stuart Mill had fallen, tion of the Government, passed, for- expired in January, and later in the bidding him to take the oath. Fre. year a sad accident caused the death quent efforts on the part of the of Professor Stanley Jevons, another honourable member to obtain a satis- eminent writer in the same branch of factory settlement of his claim to science. During the year the deaths his seat proved unavailing, and Mr. also occurred of Sir Charles Wyville Bradlaugh accordingly enacted a scene Thomson, the naturalist, and Professor which will become memorable in the E. M. Balfour, to whom we owe some annals of the House. In defiance most important discoveries in embryoadvanced to the table of the House, ad. on the list of politicians, statesmen and him. ministered the oath to himself, and took lawyers who have gone over to the his seat. On the following day a resolu- majority stands the name of Lord Fre-House and declaring his seat vacant marder we have already referred. The

of religious tests. The opening of the Rt. Hon. Sir George Grey, whose disnew session next month will probably tinguished political career dated back fifty years, died in July; and in the long infested the island, we find they are previous month we lost Mr. Scott Russell, the eminent engineer, and ar-

> The M.M. Co.'s steamer Amazone, with to incoming French mail will leave Hongkong for this port to-morrow (17th) at 3

The s.s. Radnorshire, which arrived here was rather to frighten the Queen, from Nagasaki on Sunday afternoon, left and to excite a sensation, than to that port on Friday evening and made the assassinate her. Telegrams and ad- passage in the unusually short space of

We are requested to notice that a series of Evangelistic services will be held every evening this week in the Temperance Hall, from 6 to 7 o'clock. They will be conducted in the following month, when the by the Rev. W. Royall. All are invited

> We are informed that the agreement recently entered into between Brazil and the managers of the China Merchants' Company will possibly involve a visit being paid to South America by Mr. Tong Kingsing. Mr. Tong is expected back shortly from Corea per steamer Hingshing.

> We are glad to state that the meetings held in the Temperance Hall last week were well attended, and showed a very considerable interest on the part of those present. It was intimated at the close that arrangements might be made to have a united meeting more frequently than once a year, and it is probable that this will be the case.

The latest arrivals from Hankow bring very little further intelligence concerning the Wuhu. It appears she is broken forward of the funnel and just where the Of the many eminent Englishmen of name commences on the side; the bow is whom we have been deprived by death still under water and the other part heeled of these resolutions was, of course, that during the year, one of the first to over. The Whampoa and lighters are still leave us was the successful novelist in attendance, but it has been impossible ernment proposal was that, under cer. Mr. William Harrison Ainsworth. His for them to do anything towards salving tain conditions, when it should appear stories have met with some condemna. the cargo as the vessel is full of water even to the Speaker that the House gene- tion on the score of their engendering, at low tide, whilst at high water the hurrally were of opinion that the time for a in the minds of the young, too great an ricane deck is completely covered. From division had arrived, the clôture might admiration for the heroes of the road, but all we can learn any idea of getting her off be voted by a bare majority. On all their influence in this direction has been seems to be out of the question, as it is hands it was admitted that some cur- much over-rated, and his writings had said that one or two strong blows would

Chinese mafoos seem to be as incapable of observing the rule of the road as the police are of preventing them from driving carelessly through the streets. Yesterday afternoon there was a collision between two carriages in the upper end of Honan Road which endangered the horses and gave the occupants a narrow escape from was hurt. A crowd of Chinese quickly assembled who stared vacantly at the struggles of the horses and appeared to be highly amused at the strong language used by the rival Jehus, but not one of them ventured to lend a helping hand to clear the traps which eventually went on their way after having obstructed traffic for a con-

happier than he was some time ago. It will be remembered that he received rather a severe snub lately from Peking on account of his Memorial on the Liang Huai salt-trade, and that His Excellency was in high dudgeon about it. His recent successful and praiseworthy efforts to curtail foreign liberties in Shanghai, however, have quite dispersed the passing cloud, and Tso enjoys full favour again at Court. If this complacent frame of mind continues, the impression is that the Viceroy may the entire collapse of his memory, his partial paralysis, and the other infirmities which are now crowding upon him are not calculated to be of service to him in the of Imperial favour which his last efforts in of the vote which had been passed, he logy and comparative anatomy. High his master's service have thrown around

The Hongkong Daily Press says that the tion expelling Mr. Bradlaugh from the derick Cavendish, to whose shecking Cingalese coolies who are now arriving in Queensland appear to be as unwelcome to Committee thought it prudent and desirwas adopted, but at the new election he list also comprises Mr. Bernal Osborne, the European labouring population as are for Northampton. He was, how. Mr. Edwin James, perhaps more dis- these at Bundaberg, a crowd of Europeans, ever, again forbidden to take the seat to tinguished as an advocate than as a about sixty in number, endeavoured to which his constituents had elected him, politician; Sir Thomas Erskine Perry, oppose their landing from the steamer. and there was considerable agitation the celebrated lawyer, for some years The Cingalese, it seems, drew their knives In former years it had been given by this in their narratives of Lord Amherst's * Nature, 26 Jan., 1882.

throughout the country during the Chief Justice at Bombay; Mr. Guildford on the whites and then ran away. Subsection with a rival comremainder of the year on the subject Onslow, best remembered probably, for quently the whites adopted other tactics, pany. If the members were favourable to alluded to, particularly by the former deploring the consequences of deforestisaof the right of electors to choose their his support of the "Tichborne Claim- enticing the coolies to desert from the own representatives, and on the subject aut" in the House of Commons; the plantations and then feasting them at a hotel. On the police endeavouring to arrest the coolies the whites interfered and a Company S.V.C. volunteers. riot took place. One of the ringleaders of the Europeans named Joseph Gillen was arrested and fined £5, and a coolie who adjourned to a meeting of that body. was arrested for inciting others to refuse work was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Much excitement prevailed amongst the whites, who held a meeting. Some disorderly characters attempted to that of the Hook and Ladder Company. raise a subscription to support the coolies at the hotel, but were not successful. were present, and Lieutenant Glass was of forests on the mountains of Southern Strong expressions were indulged in against the magistrates, who fined Gillen £5 for a the following statement of accounts :breach of the peace.

> There has lately been some revival in piratical business in Hongkong as will be Jan. 31 To Printing and Advertising seen from this extract from the Press :colony at Hongkong has done much to extirpate the nest of pirates which for so not yet wholly stamped out. Only a few days ago the police received information chitect of the Great Eastern steamship. that near the Harbour Office, and among peaceful trading junks, there were lying two piratical craft. Inspector Quincey and Inspector Cradock boarded these junks, seized 20 men and found a quantity of arms and ammunition on board. We believe it will be proved that these fellows had planned to waylay a fast boat and rob her. The prisoners have been brought up at the Police Court and remanded. We hear that these men are likely to be wanted by the Chinese authorities for some doings which will put their heads in danger if they are handed over to the tender mercies of the mandarins. It would certainly save this colony a good deal of trouble and expense if the offenders were dealt with by the Chinese authorities, and we should probably then be spared all trouble Tls. 99.78. He moved that this be paid. with these gentlemen in future.-Only a few days back, the Mail says, a similar project was prevented from being put into execution by the Police, who were He thought there would be only one reply to a degree of deforestization which, if reliably informed that two junks, which to that had sailed from Macao were in wait outside the harbour for a passenger junk which was bound for Sheklung with a large number of passengers who had just arrived from California by the Arabic. In order to frustrate the pirates, a Police launch followed close in the wake of the junk until it reached Chung Chow, the first Chinese Customs Station, the officials of which, on being told the state of affairs, deputed two war junks to escort the passenger junk to its destination.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO N.-C. DAILY NEWS (Vid Suez.)

London, 13th Jan. At the request of Egypt, England has agreed to withdraw the Control. Gladstone is ordered to Cannes.

have been arrested.

THE MIH-HO-LOONG HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of this com pany was held last evening at the Municipal Council Buildings. Mr. George W. Noel

was elected to the chair. Sout twenty five members of the Company were present Mr. Wolff acted as Secretary. On the motion of the Chairman the fol

lowing statement of accounts was passed :-MIH-Ho-LOONG HOOK & LADDER Co. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE ACTING TREASURER.

. 3.29	Dec. 30 ,, Advertising and Printing
377.20	Tls
Tls.	Dependency.
99.78	Half Balance at Debit Bill Account, 1882
Tls.	1882. Cr.
. 320.20	Jan. 2 By Balance
. 50.04	" 19 " Half profit on Bill 1881
. 6.96	Dec. 30 ,, Interest on balance in Bank
.377.20	Tls
Tls.	1883.
. 323.87	Jan, 1 By Balance
	E. & O. E.
	Shanghai, 12th January, 1883.
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GEO. W. NOEL, Acting Honorary Treasurer. Audited with vouchers,

Mr. G. W. Noel and Mr. Huchting were unanimously re-elected to the offices of foreman and assistant respectively, and

Mr. G. G. Hopkins was also re-elected. On the motion of Mr. HUCHTING, seconded by Mr. Bury, the members who served being upset, though fortunately no one on the committee last year were also re-

Mr. Wolff said that for some two or for election as honorary members. The Committee suggested that the following gentlemen should be elected honorary members: - Messrs. Grose, Ferguson, Robert Little, Wheeler, Low, Cance, David Brand, E. P. Hague, A. McLeod, Hearn, Lavers and Scott. All these gentlemen bad served their full time, and had been very We hear from Nanking that Tso is rather active members. He begged to propose their election.

Mr. JACKSON seconded the motion. Mr. BURGOYNE proposed, and

Mr. Dunman seconded, that the candi separately. This was carried. mittee were elected honorary members without opposition.

The CHAIRMAN said no good-service medals had been distributed for the last three or four years. He proposed that gentlemen, who had qualified themselves by long service and activity :- Messrs. re-consider his threat of retirement; but Hopkins, R. Ferguson, R. E. Wainewright, to mitigate. Grose, E. G. Low, and E. H. Lavers. The nominations were duly seconded,

and all the gentlemen were unanimously elected to receive the decoration. Mr. WAINEWRIGHT said he had been

discharge of his high duties. He might asked to bring before them the question of and other luxuries, and at present the funds did not show a very considerable surplus. According to Rule XV there was an annual subscription of three dollars thought, so that there had been no subscription for about four years, and the

> it was agreed to. The CHAIRMAN said the only other business was the question of having the ball.

having a ball he would propose that the meeting should be adjourned and that the matter should be discussed at a joint

A Resolution in favour of holding a ball in conjunction with the Mih-ho-loong Rifles was adopted, and the members

No. 1 COMPANY MIH-HO-LOONG RIFLES. The annual meeting of this Company was held in the board-room of the Municipal Council last evening subsequently to About twenty-six members of the company voted to the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of No. 1 Co. MIH-HO-LOONG RIPLES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

1881 Ball —	50.04
Dec. 30 ,, Cost of Ammunition for Win-	00.01
ners of Monthly Challenge	
Cup, 6 at \$6 39.00	26.40
, W. D. Little for Winning the	
Mih-ho-loong Challenge Cup50.00	37.00
, Cost of engraving Mih-ho-	1807380
loong Challenge Cup 0.75	0.55
" Coolies Wages for Weekly	****
Drill, 12 months 12.00	8.77
" Freight on Sergeauts' Sashes 0.60	0.44
, Balance carried down	499.93
,, Dalanco Carrico (town	490.93
Tls	626.39
Dependency of Debit-	Tls.
Rifle Co.'s half share of loss on 1882 Ball	
Cr.	
1881	Tis.
Dec. 30 By Balance	. 379.50
,, Dependency: Half to credit of Bal	1 010.00
Account, 1881	50.04
Entrance For and Subscriptions	100.04
" Entrance Fees and Subscriptions	. 109.13
" Interest on Balance	7.00
Tis	626.39
1882	Tls.
Dec. 30 By Balance	499.93
E. & O. E.	
Shanghai, 11th January, 1883.	
J. Bucha	NAN.
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udited with vouchers and found correct. He said last year a debt of Tls. 199.56 was incurred in connection with the ball. Half of this would be paid by the fire company, and it was proposed that they should bear the other half, amounting to proportionately increased in number or The motion was carried, and the accounts

Honorary Treasurer

The CHAIRMAN said the next question was, were they to have a ball this year? the increasing demand for timber will lead

Mr. HUCHTING proposed that a ball should be given on the same terms as last

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mac- floods, by tree planting. kenzie and unanimously adopted.

The following Committee was then, on the motion of Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Huchting, appointed by a joint meeting of the Fire Company and the Volunteer inundations of the Tsien-tang, and of the Company :- Messrs. Noel, Huchting, Hopkins, Holliday, Burgoyne and Beurmann, representing the Fire Company, Messrs. Mackenzie, Glass, Dudgeon, Dowdall and Buchauan, and the Captain, after- but it will probably be found that those wards to be appointed, representing the mountains are subject to a remarkably Volunteers.

The CHAIRMAN said the next business was to elect a new Captain. Mr. Mackenzie had, he was sorry to say, resigned. Captain Mackenzie had been connected with fall, which, if in nowise correlated, are the Shanghai Volunteers for about twenty | noteworthy. The preceding summer was years, and with this company since its formation, and he did not think anything he could say would add to their liking for Mr. Mackenzie or to their regret No less than twenty cyclones occurred in at losing him as Captain. They would, the China Sea, which extended to a period doubt Mr. Mackenzie would always do his anti-cyclonic condition of the atmosphere

Captain their present Lieutenant, Mr. Glass, as Captain of No. 1 Company. The motion having been seconded.

was to get the best man. He was very much obliged to the gentlemen who had nominated him, but he did not think he was the best man. There was a better man-one who had been more energetic in the service | earthquakes. of the Company than he had-Mr. G. J. Morrison. One reason why he did not wish May 15 To Amount paid Treasurer Bill Committee 50.04 to accept the honour himself was that he oped to be going home soon.

Mr. HUCHTING seconded the nomination. Mr. Glass's name having, at this own as unanimously elected.

Messrs. Morrison, Glass, Buchanan, . DOWDALL, CORY and Bois were elected he Committee for the ensuing year, on he motion of the Chairman, seconded by Ir. Mackenzie.

REMARKS ON THE RECENT FLOOD OF

thanks to the Chairman.

KIANGSI AND CHEKIANG, DEFORESTIZATION AND BAROMETRICAL READING, &c. BY DR. MACGOWAN.

The closing months of 1882 disclosed to

the voyager on the Lower Yangtsze a sad three years they had omitted to place on spectacle : effects of the flood of the prethe roll those gentlemen who were eligible ceding summer. Steamers of the China Merchants' S.N. Co. are conveying free of charges enormous quantities of secondhand clothing from Shanghai and Chinkiang to Wuhu and Anching, being contributions from the benevolent of Soochow, Hangchow, and cities adjoining, for sufferers by the floods of July and August last. The Kiangfoo brought up in her last trip about a hundred bales containing anticyclonic area (that of high barometric some thirteen thousand suits of garments. dates' names should be put to the meeting Another evidence of the catastrophe is Yangtsze. furnished by extensive areas of submerged All the gentlemen named by the Com- land between Wuhu and An-ching still undrained. In addition to the immediate

mon report for information, which, if discover no evidence of disease being unseldom valuable, is generally interesting. usually rife after the periodical floods The prevalence of floods as a consequence subside; and foreign residents concur very gracefully retire now, under the glow the funds. They had to pay for these medals of deforestisation is well known, fearful in affirming that floods have never proved examples having been recently furnished sources of ill health. On the contrary, in Hungary and Spain, and I have thought it is believed that the surplus waters it worth while on this trip up the "Great cover and destroy malarial germs, which payable by each member. That subscrip- River" to institute inquiries to ascertain if is supposed to be the case at New Ortion had been suspended, since 1879 he this portion of China suffers from the same leans. Still, I find that although the Yangcause. China, though hoary with age, is tsze does not deposit organisms which benot so old but that the process of denuding come zymotic germs, some natives believe able to ask the members, during the com- the hills of trees may be distinctly traced. that ague is rather more common when the was, for the third time, chosen Member one of the wittiest debaters of his time; the Chinese. On the arrival of a number of ling year at least, to pay three dollars each. The treeless aspect of the hills of the Lower waters retire than before. In one respect Mr. HUCHTING seconded the motion, and Yangtse now attracts attention from every the floods certainly prove hurtful; field their barren condition by Ellis or Davis

Embassy (1816); but wooded hills are extensively from ulcerated legs. In writer, from which it would seem that tion I omitted to state that forest thindeforestisation is recent. An elderly native ning has had a counterbalancing effect in meeting of this company and the No. 1 of Nanking confirms this, saying that in the south of China, reducing the ravages his youth the hills of that ancient capital of jungle malaria, which recedes with the were well wooded. That extent of denuda- advance of agriculture. tion however could have no appreciable effect in producing Yangtsze floods; the inundations by which the lower country is frequently submerged came from the Poyang Lake, concerning which very little is accurately known either as regards its floods or its rain-fall. It is known only that there is evidence of a great thinning out Kiangsi, although it has not been carried to the extent that Chêhkiang has experienced, where arboriculture is systematically pursued to meet demands for timber : extensive pineries being laid out every year in the southern part of that province. In the hills near the coast which are stript annually of grass, ferns and bushes for fuel, the process of the gradual denudation of the hills is distinctly ob servable. The soil is never carpeted by leaves; no humus forms; rain, instead of slowly percolating as through a sponge, rushes in water-courses as from the roof of a house into gutters, speedily filling them. and carrying with it soil which tends to in-

crease the evil. In this way, the lakes are destined to become desiccated much sooner than they otherwise would be. is because of the occasional sudden rush of waters that freshets are always attributed to the spouting of chiao, -subterranean monsters. Several of these are reported as being concerned in the late floods, both in Chêhkiang and Kiangsi. While there is conclusive evidence that there has in recent times been a great destruction of forests, a demand for timber following the destructive Taiping rebellion, it is not clear that floods have rapidity; it is however what might be expected, and it is what is affirmed by natives when accosted on the subject. Doubtless not checked by arboriculture, will necessitate the interference of government in order to minimise the destructive force of

The late floods followed an extraordinary rainfall which extended over a considerable portion of the Nanshan range, causing southern and eastern feeders of the Poyang lake. Data are as yet insufficient to afford Mr. Harkaway's Chronometer (Mr. Brandt) 1 much information on Chinese byetagraphy, heavy rainfall.

There are several meteorological facts that preceded the late extraordinary rainnoted for a larger number of typhoons than have yet been recorded for a single season. A plot has been discovered in Dublin to however, still have the benefit of his far into the autumn. The winter of 1881-2 murder the Police. Twenty of the suspects presence on the Defence Committee of was characterised by an extraordinary 2.—The Challenge Cup.—Value \$250. For best for them on that Committee (Cheers). The barometer was higher than had hitherto Mr. W. LITTLE begged to propose for been observed; the winter was an open one; Tientsin was closed by ice later and opened to navigation earlier than usual; The CHAIRMAN said there was only one the thermometer at Shanghai ranged thing more to be considered, and that higher than it had for many preceding years; and, finally, there was another coincidence, the seismological record for 1882 shows an extraordinary number of coastal

> In referring to the barometer, I was about to state that last winter the barometer indicated the highest known reading. owever, was doubtful; but there was no but the present season surpasses even the oubt that Mr. Morrison was the best last. On the 22nd ult. at Hankow, Mr. nan. He begged to nominate that gentle- Titoushkin's barometer, rated at the Kew Observatory, attained 31.06. M. Fauvel's instrument, rated at Zicawei Observatory, equest, been withdrawn, Mr. Morrison indicated the same degree of atmospheric pressure; mercurial barometer 30.92. The meteorological abnormalities that distinguished the winter of 1881-2 in Central China were synchronous with similar phenomena in Western Europe. The The Meeting concluding with a vote of centre of highest barometrical pressure was over eastern France and Switzerland.* It having been reported to the French Academy of Science that the unprecedentedly high pressure-which then prevailed, caused, or was attended by, a fall of two feet in the waters of the Mediterranean, I have examined the river registers of the Customs to ascertain if the recent extraordinary atmospheric pressure has produced any appreciable effect on the waters of this river, now, not far from its lowest point. It would seem that the registers confirm the assertion that like causes produce like effects. Taking the Wuhu record as an example, there was a sudden fall of about a foot this year, as well as last year, on the great rise of the barometer, whereas the regular daily fall at the same season is about one inch. The reading) extended at least over the Lower

many parts of the world by outbreaks of intermittent fever and various maladies, loss of life occasioned by that so-called while others, as those of the Mississippi, unprecedented flood, there has been great are not inimical to public health, as has suffering of the houseless from fever, cold, been shown by New Orleans statistics medals should be granted to the following and general impoverishment, which the au- published by Dr. Chaille. On inquiry, I thorities and the well-to-do have done much find that the Yangtsze floods do not give rise to zymotic diseases. I have examined In the absence of statistical data, in- the register of the Mission Hospital under quirers in China must fain resort to com- charge of Dr. Mawbey, Hankow, and can voyager, yet no reference is made to labourers by constant wading suffer very

Hankow, 1st Jan., 1883.

AMOY RACES, 1883.

First Day, Monday, 8th January. .-THE TRIAL STAKES .- Of \$10 each, with \$100 added. Second Pony to receive 25 per cent. of the stakes. For Subscription Griffins. Weights as per scale. - One

Mr. Harkaway's Chronometer (Mr. Brandt) 1 Thomas' Sir Garnet (Mr. Baiu) 2 " Proseye's Betrayal (Mr. Hutchings) ... 3 Eight starters. Time, 2.193.

2. - CHAASZEE CUP. - Presented. Value \$135. For all China Pouies. Three to start from opposing stables or no race. Weights as per scale. Eutrance \$5 .- Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr. Proseye's Iroquois (Mr. Jeyes) Bruce's Forager (Mr. Greaves) 2 Harkaway's Pelometer late Vivace } 3 (Mr. Braudt) Five starters. Time, 1.37.

-THE FOOCHOW CUP. - Presented. Value \$150. For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale. Eutrance \$5 .- One Mile and three quarters.

Mr. Proseye's Huntsman (Mr. Jeyes) 1 Major Bagstock's Forest King (Mr. Greaves) 2 Mr. Waffles' Cruiser (Mr. Hutchings) 3 Three starters. Time, 4.17 5.

4 .- THE GRIFFIN PLATE. - A Sweepstakes of \$10 each, with \$100 added. Second Pony to receive 25 per cent. of the stakes. For all China Ponies that have never run previous to this meeting. Weights as per scale. - One Mile.

Mr. Harkaway's Barometer (Mr. Brandt) ... 1 Wuffles' Free Lance late Remittance) (Mr. Hutchings) Bruce's Reiver (Mr. Bruce) 3

Six starters. Time, 2.22. 5. -THE PARSEE CUP. -Presented. Value \$... with entries up to \$50 added. For all China Pouies. Weights as per scale. Winner of Chaaszee Cup, 71bs. extra.

Entrance \$5 .- Half a Mile. Mr. Rellum's Etoile du Nord (Mr. Muller) 1 " Proseye's Iroquois (Mr. Jeyes)...... 2 Funnyboye's Wild Foam (Mr. Hut-) chiugs) Four starters. Time, 641 secs.

6. -THE RACING STAKES. -Of \$5 each, with \$50 added. For all China Ponice. Weighte as per scale. - One Mile. Mr. Gratton's Strathavon (Mr. Hutchings). 1 Harkaway's Pedometer (Mr. Brandt) ... 2 " Proseye's Huntsman (Mr. Jeyes) 3

Three starters. Time, 2.17. -THE HAIRWAN CUP .- Presented. Value \$ For all China Ponies first raced as Griffius at Amoy. Weights as per scale. Previous winners at this meeting 71bs extra. Eutrance \$5. - One mile and a Quarter.

Bruce's Forager (Mr. Greaves) 2 Two starters. Time, 2.57.

Second Day, Tuesday, 9th January. -THE DOLLAR CUP.-Presented. Value \$120. For all China Ponies that have never run previous to this meeting. Weights as per scale. Winners of one Race at this meeting 7lbs. extra; if of two or more 10lbs. extra. Entrance \$5. -Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Waffles' Freebooter (Mr. Hutchings) ... 1 Harkaway's Chronometer (Mr. Brandt) 2 ,, Proseye's Betrayal (Mr. Jeyes) 3

all Amoy owned Pontes. To be won two consecutive years by a Pony or Ponies the bond fide property of the same owner or owners. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$10. - One Mile.

Mr. Bruce's Forager (Mr. Greaves) 1 Harkaway's Barometer (Mr. Brandt) ... 2 Proseye's Iroquois (Mr. Jeyes) 3

Four starters. Time, 2.16. .-THE BUND CUP. -Presented. Value \$... Handicap. For all China Ponies. To be handicapped by the Stewards after the first day's racing. Eutrance \$5 .-

One Mile and a half. Mr. Waffles' Cruiser (Mr. Hutchings) 1 Proseye's Betrayal (Mr. Jeyes) 2 Rellum's Golden Cloud (Mr. Muller) ... \$ Three starters. Time, 3.44.

4.—THE BANKERS' PLATE.—Presented. Value \$100. For all China Ponics. Weights as per scale. Winners of Chas-szee Cup. Parsee Cup or Dollar Cup, 7lbs. extra ; if of two or more of these races 10ibs. extra. Entrapce, \$5 .- Half a Mile. Mr. Funnyboye's Wild Foam (Mr. Hut-)

Harkaway's Pedometer (Mr. Brandt) ... 2 Rellum's Etoile du Nord (Mr. Muller) ... 3 Four starters. Time, 62 secs. . - THE FORRESTER CUP. - Presented. Value \$..... For Amoy owned Griffius. To be won two successive years by Griffius the bond fide property of the same owner or

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owners. Half the entries to the winner, balance to the Fund. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$10. -One Mile and a quarter. Mr. Harkaway's Barometer (Brandt) Waffle's Freebooter 2 Do. Free Lance 3 Four starters. Time, 2.59. 6.-THE COAST CUP.-Presented. Value, \$...

For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale. Winners at this meeting of a race of one mile or over, 7lbs. extra; of two

such races, 10lbs. extra. Entrance \$5 .-One Mile. Mr. Gratton's Strathavon (Mr. Hutchings) .. 1 Relium's Etoile du Nord (Mr. Muller) 2 ,, Bruce's Forager (Mr. Greaves) 3

Four starters. 7 .- THE TE MAA-CHIN CUP. - Presented. Value \$ For Subscription Griffins. Weights as per scale. Eutrance \$5 .-One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Thomas' Sir Garnet (Mr. Hutchings) ... 1 " Harkaway's Chronometer (Mr. Braudt) 2 ,, Rellum's Silver Cloud (Mr. Muller) 3 A dead-heat between Sir Garnet and Fluviatile inundations are followed in Chronometer. In running off, Sir Garnet

Won by a nose. - Four starters. 8 .- THE LEDGER CUP. - Presented. Value \$175. For all China Ponies. Three to start from opposing stables or no race. Weights as per scale. Winner of Foochow Cup, 7ibs. extra. Estrance \$5.

-Two Miles. Mr. Proseye's Huntsman (Mr. Jeyes)....... 1 Harkaway's Pedometer (Mr. Brandt) ... 2 Major Bagstock's Forest King (Mr. Hutchings)3 Three starters. Time, 5.7.

Third Day, Wednesday, 10th January. -THE TAMSUI CUP.-Presented. Value, \$... For Subscription Griffins. Winners

excluded. Weights as per scale. Eutrance, \$5.—Half a Mile. Mr. Bruce's Reiver (Mr. Greaves) 1 .. Rellum's Silver Cloud (Mr. Mu ler) ... 2 ,, Proseye's Betrayal (Mr. Jeyes) 3 Four starters. Time, 661 secs.

2.-THE AMOY STAKES .- Of \$10 each. A forced entry for all China Poules entered at this meeting. First Pony to receive 50 per cent. of the stakes; second Pony 15 per cent.; balance to the Fund. Weights as per scale. - One Mile and a

Mr. Proseye's Huntsman (Mr. Jeyes) 1 Grattou's Strathavon (Mr. Hutchings) .. 2 Harkaway's Barometer (Mr. Brandt) ... 3

Three starters. Time, 2.501.