

The Court & Haut Ton



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Introduction

From its inception in 1842, the Illustrated London News, like other periodicals of the time, dedicated sections to the happenings of the royal court and the aristocracy. Originally titled “The Court & Haut Ton,” the column detailed the daily schedule of Queen Victoria and the royal family, the latest news of the court, government ministers and the diplomatic corps, and the comings and goings of the well-to-do.

The column provided a fascinating glimpse into the world of Victorian society, recording not only the mundane (“*Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out in pony carriages on Tuesday.*”), but also the scandalous (“*The ‘mystery,’ however, was in the course of a few hours cleared up by the arrival of the lady, who returned to her parental roof (which she had so unceremoniously fled from) in a handsome carriage, and by her side was seated a dashing young Irish gentleman of fortune, to whom she had on the same morning been united in bonds indissoluble at a church not far distant.*”).

The term “Ton” had been adopted from the French *le bon ton*, meaning to have the quality of good manners. It is noted in use from the 1730’s and by mid-century had become commonly used at least among the well-read and fashionable. By the end of the 18th century, the use of the Ton had shifted from a descriptor (having good manners) to representing a class (the high society). The term is probably best known today through depictions of Regency England (such as *Bridgerton*). Use of the Ton was still in common use in the early Victorian period, but had declined by mid-century. With changing social structures, it dropped out of use by the late 19th century.

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May 8 - 14

Her Majesty and Prince Albert arrived in town at half-past four o'clock on Monday afternoon in an open carriage and four, escorted by a party of Hussars, from Claremont. The equerries in waiting, Colonel Arbuthnot and Colonel Wylde, followed in a chariot and four. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, and their attendants, occupied another carriage ; and the Dowager Lady Lyttleton, lady in waiting, and Lord Byron, lord in waiting, were in the last carriage. Her Majesty and Prince Albert were received at Buckingham Palace by the Lord Steward, the Lord Chamberlain, and Lord Colville, lord in waiting on Prince Albert.

The marriage of the Hereditary Prince of Saxe Coburg Gotha and Princess Alexandrine of Baden took place at Carlsruhe on the 3rd instant. Lord G. Lennox, who had arrived from England, charged by the Queen and Prince Albert with their felicitations to the Royal pair, was present at the ceremony.

His Serene Highness the Duke Bernard of Saxe Weimar, attended by Captain Koch, arrived at Marlborough House, the residence of the Queen Dowager, at half-past twelve o'clock on Monday night, having landed from Rotterdam.

On Tuesday his Serene Highness and the Prince of Saxe Weimar, attended by the Rev. J. R. Wood, chaplain to her Majesty the Queen Dowager, honoured the establishment of Messrs. Henry Graves and Co., of Pall-mall, to view Mr. Hayter's splendid picture of "The Royal Marriage," with which the august visitors were pleased to express their unqualified approbation.

A pair of Shetland ponies, intended for the young Prince of Wales's phaeton, arrived at the Aberdeen steam-packet wharf, St. Katharine's, last week. A pair of beautiful Pegu ponies from Madras have also been sent to her Majesty, by her Anglo-Indian subjects, for the young Prince of Wales.

It was reported in Vienna that the Queen of Spain would marry the hereditary Prince of Lucca, Ferdinand Charles, who was born on the 14th of January, 1823.

The installation of the Duke of Northumberland as Chancellor of the University of Cambridge is fixed for Monday, the 4th of July.

We understand that the preliminaries are arranged for the marriage of Lady Elizabeth Rede Ginkle, only daughter of the late Earl of Athlone, and the Hon. Captain Frederick Villiers, third son of the Earl of Jersey. Her ladyship is in her 21st year.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has issued invitations for a full dress dinner party on the 19th instant, to celebrate her Majesty's birth-day.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY. — Thursday being the day appointed for celebrating the birth of our beloved Sovereign, the morning was ushered in with the usual demonstrations of loyalty and attachment. At 10 o'clock the Horse and Foot Guards were reviewed in St. James's Park by Prince Albert. His Royal Highness arrived at the Horse Guards a few minutes past 10 o'clock, accompanied by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Wellington, and a brilliant staff of general and field officers. The Prince wore the uniform of a field marshal, and appeared in excellent health and spirits. His Royal Highness was loudly cheered by the vast multitude which had assembled in the Park. Immediately after Prince Albert arrived the bands of the different regiments played the national anthem. The scene at this moment was one of great animation, and cannot be described with effect. The uniform of the Horse Guards is somewhat altered; instead of wearing feathers, the cap is ornamented with long flowing white horse hair, which has a very pretty appearance. The troops went through their evolutions with great precision, and we understand that Prince Albert expressed to the officers his entire satisfaction at their appearance and discipline. His Royal Highness left the ground attended by his suite, shortly after 11 o'clock, for Buckingham Palace. At one o'clock the Park and Tower guns were fired, and in the evening the club houses and her Majesty's tradesmen illuminated. The letter carriers of the General and Penny Post Office, as usual appeared in new dresses. The Queen held a drawing-room at St. James's Palace on Thursday, and being the celebration of her Majesty's birthday it was more than unusually brilliantly attended. Her Majesty and Prince Albert, attended by the principal members of the Court, left Buckingham Palace before two o'clock for St. James's. The royal cavalcade was escorted by a detachment of the Horse Guards. Her Majesty and her illustrious Consort were loudly cheered as they passed through the Park. The different branches of the Royal Family, Foreign Ambassadors, Cabinet Ministers, Great Officers of the Household, and those having the privilege of the *entrée*, arrived in full state shortly after one o'clock. The fineness of the day attracted a great crowd, who appeared much delighted with the gorgeous spectacle. The Court will leave Buckingham Palace for Claremont on Saturday, there to remain till the Derby day at Epsom, when her Majesty, accompanied by Prince Albert and the whole of the Court, with numerous royal and distinguished visitors, will honour the Downs with their presence. The anniversary of her Majesty's birth, which is Tuesday, the 24th instant, will be kept at Claremont, upon which auspicious occasion a large party, consisting of many of the illustrious members of the royal family, several of her Majesty's noble and distinguished friends, and the members of the Court, will assemble to celebrate the day.

Her Majesty enjoys her accustomed good health, and, with the Prince and the Royal infants, has taken her usual airings during the week.

The ceremony of laying the first stone of the Victoria Tower will now, it is said, take place in August, and it being the intended Royal entrance to the new House of Peers, if her Majesty should not perform the ceremony, Prince Albert will act for the Queen on the occasion.

It is confidently expected that her Majesty and Prince Albert will honour the Spitalfields ball in the splendid costume of the fancy dress ball, which example will be followed, no doubt, by the greater portion of the company.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to contribute ten guineas towards the funds now raising for the erection of a new organ in Dedham Church.

The Queen Dowager has forwarded to Mr. Erasmus Pocock 145£ to be distributed among the local charities, &c., at Brighton.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert, as Lord Warden, has appointed to hold his first Court of Appeal for the Duchy of Cornwall this day (the 21st instant). His Royal Highness will be assisted on the occasion by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Brougham, and Mr. Baron Parke. The court sits as early as eight in the morning.

The Duke Bernard and the Duchess of Saxe Weimar, and Prince Edward and the Princesses of Saxe Weimar attended divine service on Sunday morning in the Royal German Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Kuper officiated.

Lord Adolphus Fitzclarence is occupying the Earl of Errol's apartments at St. James's Palace, during the repair of his house in the Ambassador's court.

The Sheik of the Druses has left Mivart's hotel for Woolwich, in order to be instructed in the artillery practice observed in the British service.

Lord Emlyn, who is about to marry the Hon. Miss Cavendish, Maid of Honour to the Queen, is in his twenty-fifth year, and is nephew to the Duchess of Buccleuch and the Countess of Harewood. Miss Cavendish is second cousin to the Duke of Devonshire.

A monument is about to be erected to the memory of Rear Admiral D'Urville, in Paris; and the Geographical Society have opened subscriptions for the purpose.

The repairs in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, have commenced, and will be finished in the ensuing summer. The rich stained glass of the great western window, which has not been repaired for the last 70 years, is intrusted for restoration to Mr. Willement, and will cost alone an outlay of 2000£ or 3000£.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert visited the Suffolk-street Gallery last week, and purchased a picture of Mr. J. W. Allen's. So judicious a partiality for the works of this truly English landscape painter is an excellent compliment to British artists.

Prince Albert's appointment as Colonel of the Fusilier Guards is worth to his Royal Highness 2000£ a year.

The Master of the Household, the Hon. C.A. Murray, on Wednesday, ordered a suit of apartments at Buckingham Palace to be prepared for the reception of several illustrious foreigners, who are expected to arrive on Monday or Tuesday next, on a visit to her Majesty, who will come to town express from Claremont to receive her Royal visitors.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Countess de Grey and suite left St. James's-square, on Wednesday afternoon, for Wrest Park, Bedfordshire, hence they proceed to Liverpool, where they embark on board a government post-office steamer this (Saturday) evening for Kingstown. Mr. Arthur Magenis, his lordship's private secretary, left town for Dublin Castle on Thursday.

In the list of the guests at her Majesty's fancy ball, which was given by the court newsman on Friday se'nnight, it was stated that the various members of the Fitzclarence family were present. This was not the case; for although honoured by her Majesty's command, the invitation was gratefully declined.

Mr. Lister, of Newcastle, had the honour to sell to her Majesty, a few days ago, a remarkably fine piece of plate, ornamented with rubies, pearls, and turquoise. Her Majesty was graciously pleased to express her approbation of the plate. Prince Albert also honoured Mr. Lister by purchasing a very fine undoubted sword of the time of Edward III.; also one of the period of Henry V.; besides other articles of value.

The *Court Journal* announces that the Duchess of Sutherland intends giving a masque, in which the splendid pageant of Thurs. day week will once more figure in all its fairy enchantment. If, as we hope, her Grace should fulfil her hospitable intention, the scenic effect will not, we are sure, lose any of its attractions. It was also stated, that it is the intention of his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch to give a fancy dress ball on a scale of extraordinary magnificence. All this looks well for trade.

The corporation of the Trinity House have an entertainment on the 23rd inst., when the Duke of Wellington, Sir R. Peel, &c., will honour the banquet by their presence.

By Dr. Reid's new plan for ventilating the House of Commons, a porous hair carpet will be required for the floor; to provide materials for which Mr. Muntz has, in the most handsome manner, offered to shave off his beard and whiskers. This is true magnanimity—Muntz is a noble fellow!—and the lasting gratitude of the House is due to him and his hairs for ever.— *Punch*.

At half-past three o'clock on Saturday afternoon her Majesty and Prince Albert left town in a carriage and four, escorted by a party of Hussars, for Claremont. Colonel Arbuthnot, Equerry in Waiting on the Queen, and Colonel Wylde, Equerry in Waiting on Prince Albert, followed in a chariot and four. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal and their attendants occupied the next carriage; and Lady Portman, Lady in Waiting, and the Marquis of Ormonde, Lord in Waiting, were in another carriage and four.

The Queen and Prince Albert arrived in town ten minutes before five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, in an open carriage and four, escorted by a party of Hussars, from Claremont. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal and their attendants were in the next carriage; and Lady Portman, Lady in Waiting; the Hon. Miss Paget, Maid of Honour in Waiting; the Marquis of Ormonde, Lord in Waiting; and Colonel Wylde, Equerry in Waiting on Prince Albert, followed in an open carriage and four.

The Queen Dowager, accompanied by the Duke Bernard and the Duchess of Saxe Weimar, and Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, honoured the Italian Opera House with her presence on Saturday evening.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, attended by Colonel Sir George Couper, Bart. (Comptroller of her Royal Highness's Household), and Lady Anna Maria Dawson (Lady in Waiting), visited Frogmore Lodge on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness inspected the various improvements and alterations completed and in progress in the offices and other buildings connected with the mansion, and went over the whole of the principal apartments.

A very fine trout, caught in the Weir, at Windsor, and weighing upwards of twelve pounds, was forwarded as a present to the Queen yesterday forenoon, at Claremont, by Mr. R. Tebbott.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert inspected last week, at Buckingham Palace, two splendid pictures, by Leonardo da Vinci and Correggio, submitted by Mr. John Gibson, and was pleased to express himself highly gratified.

His Excellency Count Mensdorf, general in the Austrian service uncle of her Majesty and of his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and brother-in-law to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, together with his four sons, Count Hugh, lieutenant-colonel in the Austrian service; Count Alphonso, major in the same service; and Counts Alexander and Arthur, captains, arrived at Buckingham Palace in two of the Royal carriages and four, shortly before twelve 'clock on Monday from Woolwich, attended by Captain Francis Seymour, of the Scots Fusilier Guards.

DUBLIN, May 23.— His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant and the Countess De Grey arrived at the castle this morning. Mr. Moore, Queen's Counsel, met with a

very serious accident this day. When entering one of the courts, some person incautiously slammed the door against the learned gentleman, by which he was knocked down. He was subsequently conveyed home in a car, in a state of insensibility.

On Tuesday night the Duchess of Sutherland gave a *grand bal* costume at Stafford House, when that noble mansion was graced by the presence of nearly 1000 members of the first families of distinction, in addition to many Royal and illustrious guests.

The Rev. Charles Atmore Ogilvy, recently appointed by the present Government to the new professorship of pastoral theology in the University of Oxford, is the son of a Wesleyan minister.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.—CLAREMONT, MAY 24.—At an early hour this morning the bells of the parish church were rung a "merry peal," in honour of the anniversary of the birth of our beloved Sovereign. The ringing was continued at intervals throughout the day. At seven o'clock in the morning the band of the Coldstream Guards attended on the lawn, stationing themselves beneath the window of the Queen's bed-chamber, where her Majesty was serenaded for nearly an hour. The selections performed were as follows:—1. Morning Hymn ("God of Israel") from the oratorio of *Joseph* (Méhul).—2. German air, composed by his Royal Highness Prince Albert.—3. Chorus, from the opera of *Preciosa* (Weber).—4. Joyous air, introducing a peal of bells.—5. The National Anthem.—In consequence of the very unfavourable and unsettled state of the weather, her Majesty did not take her usual carriage airing during the day.—Covers were laid in the library this evening for 34.—The plate used at the Royal banquet this evening was the lion service; the table was decorated with the Warwick vases, which, with several others of a most splendid description, were filled and ornamented with choice plants and flowers, selected from the conservatories and hothouses attached to the gardens at Claremont.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, who are in the enjoyment of excellent health, have not been taken for a carriage airing beyond the grounds attached to the mansion since the arrival of the Court at Claremont.

The Queen and Prince Albert took an airing on Monday afternoon in an open carriage and four, attended by Colonel Arbuthnot, the equerry in waiting on her Majesty, and Colonel Wylde, the equerry to his Royal Highness. On the return of the royal party to Buckingham Palace, and after the treasonable attempt on her Majesty's life, her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, accompanied by his Excellency Count Mensdorff, arrived at the palace, and was followed by their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Cambridge and Prince George of Cambridge, and by his Serene Highness the Duke of Saxe Meiningen. Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, sent during the evening to make their inquiries after her Majesty.

Later in the evening the Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr. Alderman Gibbs, arrived at Buckingham Palace to make his dutiful inquiries after her Majesty's health.

A Privy Council was held at Buckingham Palace on Friday, at which her Majesty presided. The Cabinet Ministers, Great Office of the Household, and several other Privy Councillors were in attendance. At the Council we understand the Archbishop of Canterbury was requested to prepare a form of prayer to Almighty God for his providence in safely preserving her Majesty from the attempt of an assassin to take her life.

Mr. George Hayter and Mr. Charles Ross, the artists, received the honour of knighthood at the levee on Wednesday.

A meeting of the East India Company was held on Friday, at which addresses of congratulation to the Queen and Prince Albert on her Majesty's providential escape from the attempt at assassination, after a few words from Mr. Weeding, Mr. Twining, and Mr. David Salomons, were agreed to with acclamation.

Her Majesty will give another grand state ball at Buckingham Palace the second week in June, but it is yet undecided whether it is to be a *bal costumé* or merely a full-dress assembly.

The Queen Dowager will be present at the "second great choral meeting" of the singing classes at Exeter Hall.

Dowager Lady Lyttelton, the preceptress of the Princess Royal, has been staying at Buckingham Palace during the last week, having entered on the duties of her new appointment. Her ladyship will principally reside in future at the palace.

The Duke and Duchess of Leeds and suite left the Clarendon Hotel on Sunday, for Rotterdam, by the *Batavier*, whence their Graces proceed to the Hague, on a visit to the King and Queen of Holland during his Majesty's annual hawking parties at the Loo.

Lord George Lennox, lord in waiting to his Royal Highness Prince Albert, has arrived in town from his embassy to the court of Saxe-Coburg Gotha.

It is said that the Emperor of Austria has requested Prince Esterhazy to resume his official character at our court.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince de Joinville and the Duke d'Aumale, sons of his Majesty the King of the French, were expected to have arrived in England, upon a visit to her Majesty, previously to the Ascot races; but their royal highnesses are not now expected until about the 15th or 16th of the month.

Her Majesty and Prince Albert, accompanied by the illustrious visitors at the Castle, and attender by a numerous suite, will proceed to Ascot on the "Gold Cup day," and, most probably, should the weather prove favourable, on the following Friday.

The race ball will take place on Wednesday, the 8th, at the Town Hall, Windsor, under the stewardship of the four stewards of the races, and the Hon. Henry Ashley, M.P.; Sir East George Clayton East, Bart.; and Colonel Richardson, of the Royal Horse Guards (blue).

On Monday the Queen and Prince Albert, accompanied by his Excellency Count Mensdorff, left town at twelve o'clock, in an open carriage and four, escorted by a party of Hussars, for Windsor Castle. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, accompanied by the Dowager Lady Lyttelton, were in the following carriage and four. The Counts Alphonso, Alexander, and Arthur Mensdorff also occupied another royal carriage.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, attended by Lady Anna Maria Dawson, left her residence, Clarence House, St. James's, at ten o'clock on Monday morning, for Frogmore Lodge, near Windsor.

Her Majesty, on entering Windsor, was met by the whole of the scholars of Eton, who surrounded the carriage, and kept up an incessant huzza until the Royal carriages reached the quadrangle of the Castle.

The following distinguished suite attended her Majesty:—Lord Morton and Lady Portman (the Lord and Lady in waiting), Lord Charles Wellesley and Sir E. Bowater (Equerries), Captain Meynell (Groom), and the Hon. Misses Paget and Liddell (Maids of Honour.)

Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out in pony carriages on Tuesday.

The Princess Royal, attended by Lady Lyttelton, took a carriage airing.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, their Serene Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Saxe Meiningen, the Duchess Ida and the Princesses of Saxe Weimar, and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe Meiningen and suite left town on Monday morning in open carriages and four for the Lodge, in Bushy Park, and partook of a *déjeuner*. Her Majesty and her illustrious relatives returned in the evening to dinner at Marlborough House.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Cambridge and the Princess Auguste of Cambridge left town on Monday for Kew. Their Royal Highnesses returned to Cambridge House in the evening.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.—This day the Queen, his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and the distinguished visitors and suite, honoured Ascot Races with their presence. The Royal cortège occupied eight carriages and four, each carriage being preceded by outriders in their scarlet liveries, and left the Castle at ten minutes past twelve o'clock, proceeding by the usual route through the Park.

The Queen and Royal party returned to the Castle between four and five o'clock.

HER MAJESTY'S PROGRESS TO WINDSOR.—It has been noticed by persons accustomed to witness the daily progress of the royal cortège, on her

Majesty taking her usual afternoon drives, and on other occasions, that since the late diabolical attempt on her Majesty's life, the attendants, whether consisting of the royal equerries only, or of an escort of soldiers, have so placed themselves around the royal carriage as best to tend to the preservation of their royal and illustrious mistress, should there be another individual in existence so fiendish as to make another regicidal attempt, which God forbid. During her Majesty's progress to and her return from the review on Wormwood Scrubs, on Saturday last, the above precaution was particularly noticed; and, again on Monday, during the Royal progress from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle.

HER MAJESTY'S HEALTH.—The effect of the recent atrocious and cowardly attempt on the life of our beloved sovereign is, we regret to say, but too plainly perceptible in Her Majesty's countenance and demeanour when in public. Distinguished as is the Queen for calm fortitude and more than womanly courage, her Majesty must, indeed, be more than human, were she altogether superior to those apprehensions which a second dastardly attack upon her life would excite in the stoutest heart. We regret to state—and we do so on information derived from those who have frequent opportunities of observation—that in place of the former cheerful and confident demeanour of the Queen, when taking her accustomed drives, there is a manifest perturbation, a hurried and anxious cast of countenance which portrays too plainly that the calm flow of happy feeling which the presence of the assembled groups of her people formerly created, has sustained an interruption, and that apprehensions of danger excite almost involuntary vigilance to detect its possible approach. In these feelings of anxiety, lest a recurrence of the attempt of Monday evening last should be made, it is evident that Prince Albert and the Duchess of Kent also participate. These indications of alarm were especially visible in the Queen's manner yesterday on Her Majesty's progress from Buckingham Palace to the Chapel Royal. The attendance of two equerries, one on each side of the Royal carriage, in place of one, as formerly, showed that the remarks we were led to make on the absence of proper precautions, on the part of those to whom such matters ought to be an object of incessant care, after the premonition of danger supplied by the attempt of the Sunday preceding, had not been made in vain. The Chapel Royal was on Sunday crowded to excess. Not merely did the entire household attend to join their Royal mistress in thanksgiving to Heaven for her renewed deliverance from death, but a very large number of the nobility were also present. The Bishop of London preached a most impressive sermon on the occasion; in the course of which he alluded to the attempt upon the Queen, and to her merciful deliverance, which he ascribed to the immediate interposition of the Deity. The form of thanksgiving ordered to be read on the occasion was joined in by the assembled congregation with marked fervour—a feeling which was too strongly marked to escape observation in the metropolitan churches, in which it was generally read. The ministers of the different denominations of Dissenters also alluded to the event in their prayers with marked and emphatic gratitude. We are

informed that upwards of 2000 names of the nobility and gentry, with those of all the Ambassadors from foreign states, were inscribed at the Palace during the past week; thus marking the deep interest which Her Majesty's danger and deliverance had excited.- *Globe*.

The Queen received an address of congratulation on Monday morning from the Eton scholars, which was presented in the Grand Hall by the two senior scholars, Messrs. Browning and Hulse.

On the same day her Majesty and the Royal suite were escorted from Windsor by a party of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards to the Slough station of the Great Western Railway, and were conveyed by a special train to the Paddington terminus, where the Royal equipages were waiting.

Her Majesty held a Court and Privy Council at Buckingham Palace after her arrival.

At the Council the Queen made a declaration, signifying her approbation of the marriage of his Royal Highness Prince George of Cumberland with the Princess Alexandrina Mary, daughter of his Serene Highness the Duke of Saxe-Altenburg.

A proclamation was ordered to be issued respecting a new coinage of half farthings.

Her Majesty and Prince Albert, accompanied by the Counts Mensdorff, and attended by the Countess of Dunmore, Lord Rivers, Lord Charles Wellesley, and Sir Edward Bowater, honoured the performance of the french plays with their presence on Monday evening.

It is strongly rumoured that her Majesty and Prince Albert intend to honour the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos with a visit at his magnificent mansion at Stowe.

A grand entertainment is to be given to Sir Robert Peel and the rest of her Majesty's ministers, at the Goldsmiths'-hall, on the 29th instant.

Sir Charles Metcalfe, the late governor of Jamaica, is daily expected from the West Indies.

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The *Morning Post* contradicts the rumour which has prevailed for some time past, that it was the intention of the Queen Dowager to pass the forthcoming winter in Italy.

The Queen and Prince Albert honoured the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland with their company at dinner on Wednesday evening at Stafford-house. Her Majesty and the Prince left Buckingham Palace at eight o'clock, accompanied by his Excellency Count Mensdorff, and the Counts Hugh, Alphonso, Alexander, and Arthur Mensdorff, &c.

The state apartments at Windsor Castle are now open to the public every day in the week, Friday excepted, from eleven till six o'clock; and, during the residence of the Court the apartments will be closed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and their Serene Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Saxe Meiningen, and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe Meiningen, attended by the Viscountess Barrington, Hon. Miss Anne Gore, Mademoiselle de Kaas, Earl of Denbigh, Sir David Davies, and the Preceptor to the Hereditary Prince, left Marlborough-house soon after ten o'clock on Wednesday morning for the station of the South-Western Railway, and left town by a special train for Southampton, to embark in the afternoon in a steam-packet for Ryde.

The Queen received addresses on the Throne on Wednesday at Buckingham Palace, from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and from the Corporation of the City of London.

The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London had afterwards an audience of his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and presented an address of congratulation to his Royal Highness.

The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of London, after presenting addresses to the Queen and Prince Albert, attended at Clarence-house, St. James's, and presented an address of congratulation to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent.

MARRIAGE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE ROYAL OF HANOVER—Her Majesty has signified her approbation of this intended alliance, the Royal Marriage Act, we presume, rendering such a step necessary, as the Prince Royal is in the direct line of succession to the throne of Great Britain. The lady to whom his Royal Highness is about to be united, is the Princess Alexandrina of Saxe Altenburg, who has lately completed her twenty-fourth year.

ALMACK'S.—The votaries of fashion who patronise these aristocratical *réunions* are about to form several dress quadrilles, some of which, we hear, are already arranged. It is said this novelty will be introduced to-night, and the report appears deserving of credit, for the Ladies Patronesses have strictly limited their vouchers to 600; and the demand for the entree has been such, that their "books" are nearly full of applications.

The King and Queen of the Belgians arrived at Woolwich, in the *Widgeon*, steam-packet, at ten o'clock on Monday night. On landing, their Majesties were received by Viscount Sydney, Lord in Waiting on the Queen, and Lord George Lennox, Lord in Waiting on Prince Albert; and, attended by their suite, entered two of her Majesty's carriages and four, and took their departure for town.

Their Majesties arrived at Buckingham Palace at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock, and were received on their arrival by the Queen and Prince Albert, attended by the Lady and the Maids of Honour in Waiting, the three Great Officers of State (of the Queen's Household), the Groom of the Stole of the Prince, and also the Gentleman of the Household in Waiting.

Miss Burdett Coutts gave a brilliant ball and supper on Monday evening, in Stratton-street, which was attended by the *élite* of the haut ton. Lord Claude Hamilton, who was erroneously designated as the successful suitor for the hand of the wealthy heiress, has gone on a continental tour.

On Friday, the infant daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Villiers was baptized at St. Peter's Church, Pimlico, in the presence of a select circle, comprising Sir R. and Lady Peel, Earl and Countess of Jersey, and Ladies Clementina and Adela Villiers; Colonel and Lady Alice Peel, Earl of March, Hon. F. Villiers, Lady Elizabeth de Rede Ginkle, Colonel and Mrs. H. Bentinck, Mr. R. Peel, &c. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Jackson, and the infant took the names of Julia Sarah, after the sponsors, Lady Peel and the Countess of Jersey.

MARRIAGES IN HIGH LIFE.— Early in the ensuing week Lord Emlyn will be united to Miss Cavendish, who, as Maid of Honour to her Majesty, receives the royal dowry of one thousand pounds on her wedding day. This will be followed by the marriage of the Earl of Desart to the Lady Elizabeth Campbell, third daughter of the Earl and Countess of Cawdor. The Viscount Somerton, eldest son of the Earl of Normanton, is about to form a matrimonial alliance with the daughter of Lady Montgomery. Other marriages are on the *tapis*, in which the relatives of some of the above parties are concerned, but there appears so much mystery connected with one of them, that we forbear to publish the particulars that have reached us.

The Queen held a Court on Tuesday afternoon at Buckingham Palace. Ali Effendi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Sublime Porte, had his first audience of the Queen to present his credentials.

The royal dinner party at Buckingham Palace on Monday evening included their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians, her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, M. Van de Weyer (the Belgian Minister), Earl of Liverpool, Earl of Aberdeen, Lady Anna Maria Dawson, Madame La Comtesse de Merode, Baron Dieskau, and M. de Moerkerke.

The band of the Coldstream Guards attended during dinner. In the evening the following performers had the honour of performing before her Majesty and her august visitors:—Mrs. Anderson, Mademoiselle Lutzer, M. Duprez, and M. Staudigl.

Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians are expected to remain a month on a visit to her Majesty and Prince Albert. The court will not remove to Windsor until Saturday or Monday next; and during the sojourn of the illustrious party at that regal residence the King of the Belgians will make occasional visits to Claremont Palace, returning to the Castle to dinner.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE. — The strictest precautions are now taken to guard against the intrusions of improper persons by the commissioners of police, and also by the authorities of the palace. At ten p.m., when the livery porters go off duty at the lodges, a night porter relieves them, and remains at his post until morning. A strong party of the A division of police is always on duty in the interior of the palace during the night, and patrol the corridors, colonnades, &c., and one police constable in plain clothes, exclusive of one in uniform, is always in attendance during the day at the tradesmen's entrance, in Pimlico, to watch the egress and ingress of persons at the door.

Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians, his Excellency Count Mensdorff, and his sons, visited her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, on Wednesday, at her residence, Clarence House, St. James's.

The Royal dinner party at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday, included—Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians, her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, M. Van de Weyer (the Belgian Minister), Lady Anna Maria Dawson, the Earl of Aberdeen, Viscount Melbourne, Lord George Lennox, Right Hon. Sir James and Lady Graham, Countess de Merode, Baron de Dieskau, M. de Moerkerke, and Sir George Couper, Bart. Her Majesty had afterwards an evening party.

LADY STANLEY'S ASSEMBLY.—On Wednesday night her Ladyship had an assembly, after the Noble Lord's grand entertainment to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Princess Augusta. Above four hundred distinguished persons were present. Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Gloucester, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and Princess Augusta, retired at twelve o'clock.

GRAND REVIEW OF THE HOUSEHOLD TROOPS.—Thursday morning.—The ground selected was the flat space in the rear of the statue of Achilles, which was kept by a detachment of the 2nd Life Guards, assisted by a strong posse of police. A battalion of the Coldstream Guards occupied the centre of the line: on the right was posted the Grenadier Guards, and the Scotch Fusilier Guards on the left. The 1st Regiment of Life Guards kept the right, and the 2nd the left flank. On the ground we observed his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Counts Mensdorff, the Duke of Wellington, Lords Hill and Bloomfield, the Master-General

of the Ordnance, Sir G. Murray, and several other distinguished officers. At ten o'clock, his Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by his Aides-de-Camp, arrived, and was received by the line presenting arms, the bands playing the National Anthem. The troops then broke into divisional columns, and marched past in slow and quick time; after which several field evolutions were gone through with admirable precision. The infantry then commenced firing by files, platoon, sections, and subsequently each battalion fired a volley after the troops had again formed into a line. His Royal Highness expressed himself in terms of satisfaction to the several commanding officers, at the admirable state of discipline the different regiments were in. Her Majesty was expected; but, much to the disappointment of many, did not attend.

The Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince George and the Princess Augusta of Cambridge, attended divine service on Sunday afternoon in Westminster Abbey.

A Cabinet Council was held on Monday afternoon at the Foreign Office. The Council sat two hours.

EARL DE GREY.—The Lord-Lieutenant has deferred his departure from Ireland for Baden-Baden till the 16th of this month. Mr. Magenis, private secretary, accompanies his Excellency. The Countess de Grey remains at the Viceregal Lodge till the return of her noble consort.

Her Majesty and the Queen of the Belgians took an airing on Monday afternoon in an open barouche and four, attended on horseback by Lord Charles Wellesley and Sir Edward Bowater, the Equerries in waiting. His Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out on horseback at the same time, attended by Mr. George. Edward Anson.

His Majesty the King of the Belgians returned to Buckingham Palace soon after six o'clock on Monday afternoon, from his residence at Claremont.

The Queen and Prince Albert, the King and Queen of the Belgians, and the Duchess of Kent, honoured the German Opera with their presence on Monday evening.

On Monday evening the Earl and Countess of Jersey gave a sumptuous entertainment to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George and Princess Augusta at the family mansion in Berkeley-square.

The Right Hon. J. Nicholl, Judge Advocate-General, had an audience of the Queen on Tuesday, and submitted to her Majesty the proceedings of some courts-martial.

THE DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH'S FETE TO THE QUEEN AND PRINCE ALBERT.—This brilliant *fête* was given on Tuesday at Whitehall. Her Majesty, accompanied by Prince Albert, the Duchess of Kent, the King and Queen of the Belgians, and a numerous suite arrived at ten minutes before five o'clock P.M. The Queen and the other illustrious personages were met at the foot of the grand staircase by the Duke and Duchess. Her Majesty was graciously pleased to accept the arm of the noble host, and proceeded through the noble ball to the state apartments, and thence to the grand pavilion erected on the Terrace next the Thames. Here the royal party found already assembled, about five hundred fashionables of the first families in the kingdom. After the usual courtesies, the party took their seats on ottomans, or chairs, to be spectators of a boat race by selected watermen. During this period the band of the Coldstream Guards played selections from some favourite operas. The *déjeûner* was & most elaborate, costly, and tasteful

display of refinement. The royal table was laid in the principal saloon, whilst other apartments were appropriated for the general company. The party began to break up about seven o'clock.

The Queen and Prince Albert, and the King and Queen of the Belgians and suite, returned to Buckingham Palace at seven o'clock ; and afterwards her Majesty and Prince Albert, and the King and Queen of the Belgians, with the usual attendants, honoured the Italian Opera with their presence.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.—On Tuesday morning, by special licence, Viscount Emlyn, eldest son of the Earl and Countess Cawdor, to Miss Sarah Mary Cavendish, second daughter of the Hon. Colonel Cavendish, and late Maid of Honour to the Queen. The very reverend the Dean of Carlisle officiated at the ceremony, in the presence of a numerous family circle.

The Queen held & Court on Wednesday at Buckingham Palace for the reception of addresses on the throne.

The Bishop of London and a deputation presented an address of congratulation from the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's and the clergy of London and Westminster.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin and & deputation presented an address of congratulation from the Corporation of the City of Dublin, to which her Majesty was pleased to return a most gracious answer. Her Majesty afterwards held a Privy Council. It was attended by his Royal Highness Prince Albert and the principal officers of state.

At the Court Ali Ben Nasser, Envoy from the Imaum of Muscat, had an audience of the Queen, introduced by the Earl of Aberdeen. The Protestant Dissenting Clergy of the three denominations presented addresses of congratulation to the Queen and Prince Albert.

Her Majesty had afterwards a dinner and evening party. The Queen Dowager, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Saxe Meiningen and the Hereditary Prince, left her residence, Bushy House, Bushy Park, on Wednesday afternoon for town. Count d'Appony, the Austrian Ambassador, returned with his family to Paris on Saturday night, after an absence on leave for eight months. On Sunday he visited the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and afterwards went to the King and Royal Family at Neuilly, where he passed the day.

Information has been received at Coblenz, by telegraph, that the King of Prussia had set out for St. Petersburg, and the Queen for Dresden.

The Marquis of Bute has subscribed the liberal sum of 100£., and the Marquis of Breadalbane 50£., to the fund for maintaining the schools established in connection with the General Assembly of Scotland.

The Earl Eglington and the Hon. F. Charteris, M.P., left town on Monday last for Cheltenham, to attend the races at Gloucester, of which the Noble Earl and Hon. Gentleman are stewards.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.—We understand the nuptials of Lady Elizabeth de Rede Ginkle, only daughter of the late Earl of Athlone, and Captain the Hon. Frederick Villiers, son of the Earl of Jersey, are to be solemnized in the course of the week after next.

The Queen and Prince Albert, the King of the Belgians, and the Duchess of Kent, attended divine service on Sunday morning in the Chapel Royal, St. James's.

Archdeacon Davis, of Antigua, and Archdeacon Parry, of Barbadoes, had interviews with Lord Stanley, on Saturday at the Colonial-office.

The Queen had a dinner party on Monday at Buckingham Palace. The company included their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians, and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent.

Sir William C. Ross, A.R.A., had the honour of taking the last sitting for a portrait of the King of the Belgians, which he has painted by command of her Majesty.

Sir Robert Peel arrived in town late on Sunday night from a visit to Sir Henry Hardinge, at his seat, South Park, Penshurst. Sir Robert attended the meeting of the Privy Council held on Monday at the Home-office. The Earl of Aberdeen arrived in town on Monday morning from the Priory, at Stanmore, and also attended the meeting at the Home-office. The Earl of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Earl of Haddington, Lord Fitzgerald, and other members of the Cabinet were present; and the Earl of Jersey and other principal officers of the royal household also attended. Sir Henry Hardinge arrived in town on Monday, and joined the other members of the Privy Council at the Home-office at two o'clock. The Attorney-General was in attendance. Before the examination Sir Robert Peel went to Buckingham Palace; and soon after four o'clock, when the meeting broke up, the right honourable baronet again went to Buckingham Palace.

The Queen and Prince Albert walked on Tuesday in the royal gardens.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent dined with her Majesty and Prince Albert.

The band of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards was in attendance at Buckingham Palace during dinner.

DEPARTURE OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS.—Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians, attended by the Countess of Merode, Baron de Eieskau, and M. de Moerkerke, left Buckingham Palace at seven o'clock on Thursday morning, for Woolwich, to embark for a steam-packet for Ostend. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent had previously arrived at Buckingham Palace from her residence, Clarence-house, to take leave of her august relatives. Viscount Hawarden, Lord in Waiting on the Queen, Captain Francis Seymour, Groom in Waiting on Prince Albert, and M. Van de Weyer, the Belgian Minister, attended their Majesties to the place of embarkation. Three of the royal carriages and four conveyed their Majesties suite to Woolwich.

WOOLWICH, TUESDAY, JULY 5.—At a quarter before seven o'clock this morning, a field battery of the Royal Artillery, consisting of four light 6-pounder guns, with the usual number of men accompanying them, under the command of Captain Bent, marched into the Dockyard, to fire a royal salute; and in a few minutes afterwards, the grenadier company of the 73rd Regiment, under the command of Captain Pinckney, and accompanied by the fine band of the regiment, arrived, to form a guard of honour to the King and Queen of the Belgians, on their Majesties' embarkation in the *Ariel* steam-vessel, Master Luke Smithett, commander, for a passage to Ostend. Two of their Majesties' royal carriages and two travelling carriages had previously arrived from Buckingham Palace, and were at once put on board the *Ariel* steam-vessel.

The King and Queen of the Belgians arrived at Woolwich a few minutes past eight o'clock. On the carriage containing their Majesties entering the Dockyard, the Belgian royal standard was hoisted on the flag-staff, and a royal salute fired, to announce their arrival. On passing the guard of honour, his Majesty went to Captain Pinckney, and addressed him apparently in the most flattering manner ; and on their Majesties entering the vessel, the Belgian standard was hoisted at the mast-head, the band of the 73rd Regiment playing the National Anthem during the whole time the embarkation occupied, and until the departure of the *Ariel* steam-vessel down the river.

The Queen and Prince Albert took an airing on Wednesday afternoon in an open carriage and four, the Hon. Colonel Grey and Colonel Bouverie (the Equeries in Waiting on Her Majesty and the Prince) attending on horseback.

The Royal dinner party at Buckingham Palace, same evening, included his Excellency Ali Effendi, his Excellency General Sancho, the Duchess of Buccleuch, the Earl of Liverpool, and the Earl of Aberdeen. The band of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards was in attendance at the Palace during dinner.

The Lord Chancellor, Sir Robert Peel, the Duke of Wellington, Lord Wharncliffe, the Earl of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Sir J. Graham, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and other Cabinet Ministers, attended the investigation at the Home-office, on Wednesday. After the examination Sir R. Peel went to Buckingham Palace.

ROYAL MARRIAGE.—The *Leipsic Gazette* contains a letter from Palermo, stating that the King and Queen were to remain there for the *fête* of Sainte Rosalie, and afterwards repair to Messina for the festival of Our Lady of the Letter. The marriage of the Princess Royal with the Emperor of Brazil is to take place, says the letter, on the return of their Majesties to Naples, and immediately after the illustrious bride is to embark for Rio Janeiro. A great part of the Neapolitan fleet is to serve as an escort to her Royal Highness.

By the last letters received at Holderness-house from Lord Castlereagh, his lordship was travelling in the Holy Land, and did not talk of returning home until

the autumn. His Lordship has made the tour of nearly all the places of any note in the east of Europe.

On Tuesday evening a brilliant ball and supper were given by Lady Catherine Cavendish to Prince George of Cambridge, the Ministers from Austria, Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium.

Her Majesty and Prince Albert, and the royal suite and house-hold, attended divine service on Sunday at Claremont, whither they had gone the previous day, attended by their Serene Highnesses the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Gotha. Archdeacon Wilberforce officiated.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge gave a grand dinner on Saturday at Cambridge-House, to the officers of the Coldstream regiment of Foot Guards, of which regiment his Royal Highness is colonel. Twenty-eight of the officers were present.

The Queen and Prince Albert and their Serene Highnesses the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha, walked in the gardens and grounds of Claremont during the forenoon of Monday.

The Duke of Cambridge, attended by Baron Knesebeck, went to the review at Wimbledon on Monday morning. In the evening his Royal Highness dined with the Noblemen and Gentlemen's Catch Club, at Willis's rooms.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess and the Princess Augusta of Cambridge, attended by Lady Augusta Somerset, honoured the performance of Mademoiselle Rachel at the Italian Opera on Monday evening with their presence.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager and her Serene Highness the Duchess of Saxe Meiningen, arrived at Claremont, on a visit to the Their Serene Highnesses the Duke and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe Meiningen followed in another carriage and four.

The illustrious party partook of a *déjeuné* with her Majesty and Prince Albert, and their Serene Highnesses the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha.

Shortly before four o'clock, the Duke and Duchess of Saxe Meiningen and Prince George, the Hereditary Prince, took leave of the Queen and Prince Albert, on their Serene Highnesses' departure for the Continent; and left Claremont, accompanied by the Queen Dowager, for town.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.—The nuptials of the Hon. Captain Frederick W. Child Villiers (third son of the Earl of Jersey) and Lady Elizabeth de Reede Ginkle (daughter of the late and sister of the present Earl of Athlone) were celebrated on Tuesday at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, the Rev. John Johnson, chaplain to his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, officiating at the ceremony.

RETURN OF THE COURT TO WINDSOR.—It has been finally arranged for the Court to visit Windsor for a somewhat lengthened period immediately after the prorogation of Parliament. The various repairs and alterations which were commenced at the Castle immediately after the departure of her Majesty on the 13th

ult., will be completed for the Queen's reception at a very early period in the ensuing month.

A Cabinet Council was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Foreign Office. It was attended by Sir Robert Peel, the Duke of Wellington, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Wharncliffe, the Duke of Buccleuch, Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Stanley, Sir James Graham, Earl of Ripon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl of Haddington, and Sir Edward Knatchbull. The Council sat an hour and a half.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent arrived at Claremont on Wednesday afternoon, from her residence, Clarence House, St. James's. Her Royal Highness remained during the evening, and dined with her Majesty and Prince Albert and their Serene Highnesses the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal was taken an airing on a pony, yesterday forenoon, at Claremont.

Her Majesty, the Queen Dowager, and their Serene Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Saxe Meiningen and the Hereditary Prince, left Marlborough House, at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, attended by their respective suites, and embarked at Whitehall-stairs, in an Admiralty barge, for Greenwich, where the Governor received the illustrious visitors, and attended them during their inspection of the Royal Hospital.

Their Serene Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Saxe Meiningen, and Prince George, afterwards took leave of their august relative the Queen Dowager, and left Greenwich, attended by their suite, in two carriages and four, for Dover, en route for the Continent.

BALL AT THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY.—On Wednesday night the Baroness Brunnow, the lady of his Excellency the Russian Minister, give a magnificent *fête* at Ashburnham House, commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the nuptials of their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Russia. The preparations for the ball were conducted on a scale of splendour becoming the joyous occasion, and nothing was omitted that could add to the elegance of the *fête*. The portico and vestibule were adorned on either side by a profusion of exotics, and the staircase and saloons generally were ornamented by numberless flowering plants.

In the vestibule were stationed the band of the Coldstream Guards: they, during the arrival of visitors, played, in their usual excellent style, selections from the compositions of Mozart, Meyerbeer, Bellini, Rossini, Auber, Sir H. Bishop, Costa, &c.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, attended by Lady Caroline Legge, and their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George and Princess Augusta, attended by Lady Augusta Somerset, came at a quarter past eleven.

His Excellency Baron Brunnow was in waiting to receive the Royal visitors, who were saluted with all the honours due to their elevated station by the military band.

Shortly after the arrival of the members of the Royal family, dancing commenced. Above 600 of the leading nobility, and nearly the whole of the foreign ministers and *attachés* to the *corps diplomatique*, graced the entertainment by their presence.

The Queen and Prince Albert, accompanied by their serene highnesses the hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha arrived in town at ten minutes before five o'clock on Monday afternoon, in an open carriage and four, escorted by a party of Hussars from Claremont. Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, Baron Gersdorff, the Saxon minister, Lady Anna Maria Dawson, Earl of Aberdeen, Sir George Couper, Bart., and Captain Francis Seymour, Scots Fusileer Guards, had the honour of joining the royal circle at Buckingham Palace, at dinner in the evening.

Sir Robert Peel arrived in town on Monday afternoon from his seat, Drayton-park, Staffordshire.

The Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England had an interview with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Monday, at his official residence, in Downing-street. Mr. Dehany, solicitor to the Excise, had also an interview with the right honourable gentleman.

Despatches from the Governors of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, were received at the Colonial Office.

The Duke and Duchess of Richmond and family have left Portland-place, for Goodwood-park, Sussex, for the races, when the Noble Duke and Duchess will receive & highly distinguished circle during the race week. A ball is to be given, and there will be a succession of dinner parties.

ELOPEMENT IN HIGH LIFE.—The following case of elopement has caused no small degree of excitement in some of the fashionable circles of society at the west-end. The facts of the affair are briefly these:—On Monday morning last, about seven o'clock, a young lady, of great personal attractions, and between eighteen and nineteen years of age, the daughter of a wealthy baronet, residing in Portland-place, was suddenly missed from the mansion, and it was immediately discovered that she had taken with her the whole of her jewellery, which was of considerable value. Every possible inquiry was promptly instituted, with a view of finding out the retreat of the fair fugitive, but no tidings could be gained respecting her by any of those members of the family whose anxious solicitude for her welfare prompted them to be on the alert. The "mystery," however, was in the course of a few hours cleared up by the arrival of the lady, who returned to her parental roof (which she had so unceremoniously fled from) in a handsome carriage, and by her side was seated a dashing young Irish gentleman of fortune, to whom she had on the same morning been united in bonds indissoluble at a church not far distant. The "happy couple" alighted, and entered the dwelling, when the lady acquainted papa with the fact that she was married, and that she and her husband were about to quit London for the Emerald Isle. Whether a reconciliation took place between the baronet and

his daughter we are unable to say with any degree of certainty; but we believe that the "error" has been forgiven.—*Morning Post*.

Lord Hill had an audience of the Queen on Tuesday, at Buckingham Palace.

Their serene highnesses the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha, attended by Colonel Bouverie, honoured the British Institution with a visit on Tuesday. Their serene highnesses afterwards took an airing in a phaeton. Her royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visited her Majesty in the afternoon. Her Majesty and Prince Albert walked in the Royal gardens in the afternoon.

COURT MOURNING.—From Tuesday night's *Gazette*.—Orders for the Court's going into mourning, on Thursday the 21st instant, for his late Royal Highness the Duke of Orleans, Prince Royal of France, viz.—The ladies to wear black silk, fringed or plain linen, white gloves, necklaces and ear-rings, black or white shoes, fans and tippets. The gentlemen to wear black, full trimmed, fringed or plain linen, black swords and buckles. The Court to change the mourning on Thursday, the 28th instant, viz.—The ladies to wear black silk or velvet, coloured ribbons, fans and tippets, or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuffs, with black ribbons. The gentlemen to wear black coats, and black or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuff waistcoats, full trimmed, coloured swords and buckles. And on Thursday, the 4th of August next, the Court to go out of mourning.

Tuesday being the birth-day of the Princess Augusta, eldest daughter of their royal highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, who completed her twentieth year, the duke and duchess, on this interesting occasion, received a select circle to luncheon. The party assembled shortly after two, and broke up at half-past five o'clock. Her Majesty the Queen Dowager came in the morning from Bushy to pay a congratulatory visit to her youthful and amiable niece.

We hear from undoubted authority that when the truly sad and distressing intelligence of the death of the Duke of Orleans was conveyed to the Queen at Claremont, her Majesty could not refrain from weeping. Autograph letters of condolence from her Majesty and Prince Albert to the afflicted royal family of France have already been despatched.

The marriage of Prince Armand de Polignac, son of the ill-fated French minister of that name, who resides in comparative retirement on the estate purchased after his release from his state imprisonment, near Munich, to Madlle. de Crillon, daughter of the Duke de Crillon, is fixed to take place in the course of the ensuing month.

PROJECTED ALLIANCE IN HIGH LIFE.—It is rumoured in the circles of *ton*, that a noble lord holding office under the late administration is the accepted suitor of one of the fairest *débutantes* of the present season, nearly related to a distinguished and venerable nobleman, chief minister to his late Majesty, and

granddaughter of a celebrated deceased Whig statesman. His lordship, who is heir-apparent to a Scottish earldom, is in his 32nd year.

Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent visited her Majesty on Wednesday, at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen and the Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha took an airing in the afternoon, in an open carriage and four, his royal highness Prince Albert and the hereditary Prince of Saxe Coburg Gotha riding out on horseback at the same time.

The royal dinner party at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday evening, included—Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, their serene highnesses the hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, Lady Charlotte Dundas, the Earl Delawarr, and Sir Robert Peel.

MARRIAGE IN HIGI LIFE.—At St. James's Church, on Wednesday, the 20th, the Earl of Bective, eldest son of the Marquis of Headfort, to Amelia, the only child of William Thompson, Esq., M.P. for the county of Westmoreland. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. After the performance of the happy ceremony, an elegant *déjeûné* was given by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, at their residence in Whitehall-place. At three o'clock the bride and bridegroom started in an elegant chariot and four, for Tunbridge Wells, to spend the honeymoon.

Her Majesty and his royal highness Prince Albert, accompanied by their serene highnesses the hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg Gotha, left Buckingham Palace at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, in an open carriage and four, escorted by a party of hussars, for the terminus of the Great Western railway at Paddington. The royal party left by a special train for the Slough station. Her Majesty was in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Her Majesty and his royal highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, and attended by the distinguished members of the royal suite, attended divine service in St. George's chapel, on Sunday.

WINDSOR, Monday.—This morning her Majesty, his royal highness Prince Albert, his serene highness Prince Ernest and the Princess of Saxe Coburg, attended by Lady Jocelyn and Viscount Sydney, walked through the slopes to Adelaide Lodge, and returned in pony carriages to the Castle. The following composed the royal dinner party:—The Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, Viscount Sydney, Viscountess Jocelyn, the Hon. Miss Devereux, Lady C. Cocks, the Hon. Colonel Grey, the Hon. Captain Nelson Hood, Colonel Bouverie, Baron Brandenstein, Baron Stockmar, and Baroness Lezhen.

WINDSOR, Tuesday. — Her Majesty and his royal highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince of Saxe Coburg, rode out in the Park this afternoon. Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, Lord C. Wellesley, and Sir George Couper, joined the royal dinner-party in the evening.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.—This afternoon her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess of Saxe Coburg, and attended by Lady Jocelyn, the Hon. Miss Devereux, and Lady Caroline Cocks, rode out in pony phaetons. His royal highness Prince Albert and the Prince of Saxe Coburg accompanied her Majesty on horseback. The Queen Dowager is expected to arrive at the castle to-morrow, on a visit to her Majesty. Viscount and Viscountess Emlyn will arrive at the castle this evening. Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent and Lady C. Dundas joined the royal dinner party this evening.

Count Creptowich, principal secretary of the Russian embassy, whose residence in this country has been of some duration, has, we hear, been recalled to Russia to fill higher duties in the court of St. Petersburg.

BIRTHDAY OF THE DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE.—Monday was the birthday of her royal highness the Duchess of Cambridge. The auspicious event was celebrated at her royal highness's residence at Kew. Prince George of Cambridge arrived at Kew from town in the forenoon. Shortly before 3 o'clock her Majesty the Queen Dowager, her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady Charlotte Dundas, her royal highness the Duchess of Gloucester, and his royal highness the Duke of

Sussex, from Kensington Palace, arrived with their usual attendants to pay a visit of congratulation. A *déjeûner* was served to the illustrious party.

Lord Castlereagh was at Akaba on the 5th June, on his way to Jerusalem, being obliged to change his route in consequence of the murder of the Sheik Suleyman, and the bloodshed consequently caused amongst his tribe and that of the Misaina Bedouins.

GOODWOOD PARK.—The Duke and Duchess of Richmond are surrounded by a numerous and distinguished circle, including the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Marquis of Westminster, Earl of Jersey, Viscount Villiers, Earl and Countess of Chesterfield, Lord Forester, Hon. G. S. and Lady Agnes Byng, Hon. Cecil Forester, Hon. Colonel and Hon. Mrs. Anson, &c.

His excellency Earl de Grey (the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland), accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Magennis, arrived at his mansion, in St. James's-square, shortly after five o'clock on Tuesday evening, from Dublin Castle. The noble earl takes his departure in a few days for Germany, for the benefit of his health, which is somewhat impaired by repeated attacks of gout.

MR. BYNG.—We are happy to say the slight attack Mr. Byng experienced on Thursday night, in the House of Commons, passed off, and on Saturday the hon. gentleman and Mrs. Byng went to Wortham Park, Herts, from whence they returned to town on Monday.

DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM WOODS, KNIGHT.—We have to announce the demise of Sir W. Woods, Garter Principal King of Arms, who expired on Monday last, at Laurieston Lodge, his villa at Hampstead, after a lengthened illness. He was in his 56th year. Sir William was appointed Garter Principal King of Arms in July, 1838. The deceased was highly esteemed by the late King, William IV., by whom he was knighted in 1834. In addition to his high appointment in the College of Arms, he was appointed officer of arms attendant on the Knights Commanders and the Companions of the Order of the Bath, and inspector of regimental colours, both of which appointments he received in 1831.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.—The answer to the numerous inquiries in George-street on Wednesday morning was, that the Lord Chancellor was better, and it was expected would be able to resume his official duties in a few days. His lordship is attended by Dr. Locock.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.—On Wednesday was married at St. Marylebone Church, by her uncle, his grace the Archbishop of Armagh, Miss Elizabeth Pack, daughter of the late Major-General Sir Dennis Pack, K.C.B., and of Lady Elizabeth Reynell, to Mr. Anson, oldest son of General Sir William Anson, Bart.

WINDSOR, Sunday,—This morning the Queen and Prince Albert, and the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, and the royal suite, attended Divine service in St. George's Chapel. An address and petition from merchants and rate-payers from the borough of Marylebone, was on Saturday presented to her Majesty, for the opening of Waterloo, Southwark, and Vauxhall bridges, for the free use of the public, by the commutation of the burdensome tolls thereon.

COURT GOSSIP.—The first visitor invited to Windsor since the return of the court to the Castle, was "the bride," Lady Emlyn, the quondam Miss Cavendish, maid of honour. Her ladyship arrived at the Castle yesterday, accompanied by her husband. During its visits to Claremont, the court generally abandons a great portion of its regal state. The Princess Royal may be here seen trotting about the grounds on her little pony, or playing on a large cloth, spread on the lawn—the Prince of Wales sprawling about, in vain endeavours to reach the boundary of his dominion—that is to say, the said table-cloth. The Dowager Lady Lytton maintains a constant surveillance over the royal children. — *Cheltenham Looker-On*.

Her Majesty, it is said, means to honour, in an especial manner, the next birthday of his royal highness Prince Albert, which takes place on the 26th inst., when the Prince will enter his twenty-fourth year. A large party will be entertained to dinner at the Castle, and her Majesty will, it is understood, afterwards have an evening party, for which cards of invitation will be issued to the principal nobility and gentry in the neighbourhood.

WINDSOR, Monday.—This morning her Majesty, accompanied by his royal highness Prince Albert and the Princess of Saxe Coburg, walked through the Slopes to Adelaide Lodge. Afterwards his royal highness Prince Albert and the Prince of Saxe Coburg, attended by Lord Sydney, Colonel Bourerie, and Mr. Anson, enjoyed several hours' rabbit shooting over Norfolk farm. The rabbits, which have been strictly preserved, were found to be extremely numerous, not less than between 120 and 130 having been killed in about an hour and a half, and 50 of them by his royal highness Prince Albert, who is a most excellent shot. During the morning upwards of 50 brace of partridges were started (but, of course, left unmolested), which is a fair augury of the capital sport which is in reserve for the Prince and his friends when the regular season commences, on the 1st of next month. The birds appeared nearly full grown, and well on the wing. The pheasants in this portion of the royal preserves, although not so plentiful as the partridges, were found to be very numerous, and there are hares in abundance. The royal party proceeded to the preserves, and returned to the Castle, on horseback.

Her royal highness the Duchess of Gloucester and her lady in waiting arrived at the Castle this morning, and lunched with her Majesty.

The Duke of Cambridge and the Princesses Augusta and Mary of Cambridge, the Marquis of Exeter, Lady A. Somerset, and Baron Knesebeck, arrived at the Castle to-day on a visit to her Majesty.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.—Her Majesty, accompanied by his royal highness Prince Albert, and the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, walked through the Slopes to Adelaide Lodge. The Duke of Cambridge and the Princess Augusta went to Frogmore and paid a visit to her royal highness the Duchess of Kent. The Queen, accompanied by the Princes of Saxe Coburg, and the Princesses Augusta and Mary of Cambridge, and attended by Lady Jocelyn, Lady C. Cocks, Lady A. Somerset, and the Hon. Miss Devereux, rode out in the Park in pony carriages in the afternoon. His royal highness Prince Albert, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Prince of Saxe Coburg, attended by the Marquis of Exeter, the Marquis of Ormonde, Lord Jocelyn, Colonel Buckley, and Colonel Wylde, rode on horseback.

A most extraordinary horse (perhaps the smallest in the world) arrived at the royal mews, in Sheet-street, yesterday afternoon, by the Great Western Railway, from town, as a present to her Majesty, from Java (in which island it was foaled), of the diminutive size of only twenty-seven-and-a-half inches in height—indeed not near so tall as many of the Newfoundland and other dogs belonging to her little animal, which is rising five years old, is of a dark brown Majesty and his royal highness Prince Albert. This extraordinary colour, well formed, and extremely quiet and playful. It appears to be somewhat out of condition; but, with the necessary care which will be bestowed upon it in the royal stables, it will, in the course of a very short time, recover from the effects of its voyage.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.— Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, walked to Adelaide Lodge, this morning. This afternoon her Majesty, his Royal highness Prince Albert, and Prince Ernest, rode out in the Park on horseback. The Princess of Saxe Coburg, Lady C. Cocks, and Lady Jocelyn followed in a pony carriage. Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, attended by the Countess of Sheffield and the Hon. William Ashley, arrived at the Castle, on a visit to her Majesty. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, and the Princess Mary and Augusta of Cambridge, took leave of her Majesty, and returned to town this forenoon.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne and Lady Louisa Fitzmaurice left town on Saturday for Dover, en route for Germany; and embarked at Dover on Monday.

VISIT OF THE PREMIER TO ROSS-SHIRE.—We are informed that extensive preparations are in progress at Redcastle, the seat of Colonel Baillie, M.P., in this county, in expectation of a visit from Sir Robert Peel, immediately after the prorogation of Parliament. Sir Robert is passionately fond of Highland scenery; and at the Glasgow banquet he spoke in terms of the warmest admiration of a short tour he had when a youth in the Western Highlands. There are differences of opinion

here, as elsewhere, as to the public character and conduct of Sir R. Peel, but come when he may amongst us, he will receive " Highland welcome."— *Ross-shire Advertiser*.

His excellency Earl de Grey, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and suite, Mr. Justice Pennefather, Captain Acome, Baron Oston, and Sir John Becket, embarked on board the steam-ship *Wilberforce*, on Sunday afternoon, at Blackwall, for Antwerp.

Sir Robert Peel left town on Tuesday morning for Windsor Castle to have an audience of the Queen. The right hon. baronet returned to his residence in Whitchall-gardens, soon after 3 o'clock.

Lady Stuart de Rothesay has returned to Whitehall from visiting the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford at Curraghmore, county Waterford, Ireland. We understand that some days before her ladyship's departure, the Marchioness of Waterford was considered entirely recovered from the effects of her recent accident. The Dowager Countess of Caledon, who had also been staying with the noble marquis and marchioness, has left the above seat for Caledon Hall, county of Tyrone.

WINDSOR, SUNDAY.—This morning her Majesty and his royal highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, attended divine service in Cumberland Lodge Chapel. The Rev. H. Cooper officiated. There were also present Lady Jocelyn, Colonel Wylde, and Colonel Buckley. The royal party, after lunching at Cumberland Lodge, returned to the Castle at half-past two o'clock. Her Majesty and his royal highness Prince Albert, the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, with the usual attendants, honoured the grand promenade on the terrace in the afternoon. Both military bands were in attendance. The company was highly fashionable.

MONDAY.—Her Majesty and his royal highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, took their usual morning walk.

His royal highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince of Saxe Coburg, and attended by Colonel Wylde, Baron Brandenstein, and Mr. G. E. Anson, went to Virginia Water rabbit shooting.

In the afternoon her Majesty, his royal highness Prince Albert, and the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, drove to Cliefden in a carriage and four.

Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, La Marquise d'Harcourt, and Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt, and Sir G. Couper, joined the royal dinner party in the evening, when the band of the 15th Foot was in attendance.

His royal highness Prince Albert, with his brother, Prince Ernest of Saxe Coburg, and Mr. G. I. Anson, have bathed in the river Thames during the past week. A most delightful and picturesque spot, and perfectly private, near the Weir, and a short distance below Windsor Bridge, has been appropriated for the exclusive use of the Prince and his royal highness's illustrious friends. A small marquee has been erected upon the beautifully arranged enclosure, which has been tastefully planted with shrubs and evergreens, from off which the water is very deep, and generally clear, with an excellent bottom.

MARRIAGES IN HIGH LIFE.—On Saturday last the nuptials of Lord Walsingham and Miss Augusta Louisa Russell, eldest daughter of Sir Robert Frankland Russell, Bart., were solemnized at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, in the presence of a select circle of the friends of both families. The Hon. and Rev. F. Grey officiated at the ceremony. The marriage of Mr. Evelyn P. Shirely, M.P. for Monaghan, and Miss Lechmere, daughter of Mr. E. H. Lechmere, and granddaughter of Sir Anthony Lechmere, Bart., was celebrated last week, at Hanley Church, Worcestershire. On Monday the Hon. Charles Howard, M.P., son of the Earl of Carlisle, was united in wedlock to Miss Parke, daughter of Baron Parke, of the Court of Exchequer. The marriage was strictly private. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom set off for the Duke of Sutherland's villa, Roehampton, where they

intend spending the honeymoon. It has this week been promulgated that Lord Prudhoe, the only brother of his grace the Duke of Northumberland, is about to be married to the eldest daughter of Lord Grosvenor, and granddaughter of the Marquess of Westminster. The bride elect is 22 years of age, and his lordship was born in 1792. The nuptials are expected to take place in the course of a fortnight.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF KENT.—Although it has been generally rumoured that it is the intention of the Duchess of Kent to proceed to the Continent, and to remain there during the whole of the autumn, it is expected that the projected journey of the Duchess will be postponed, or that at all events her royal highness will not proceed further than Brussels, there to remain upon a short visit to the King and Queen of the Belgians. It is stated that her royal highness has come to this determination at the especial desire of her Majesty, who is anxious that her illustrious parent should not be absent from England for so lengthened a period as bad originally been contemplated. Her Majesty is also desirous that the Duchess of Kent should be in England upon the anniversary of the birth of his Royal Highness Prince Albert, which is to be celebrated at Windsor Castle with great splendour. A grand banquet will be given upon the auspicious occasion, to which a very illustrious and distinguished party have been invited. His royal highness will enter the 24th year of his age on Friday, the 26th instant.

It is very confidently asserted in the court circles that it is her Majesty's intention, with Prince Albert, to honour the Duke of Devonshire with a visit in the ensuing month at his grace's noble seat in Derbyshire (Chatsworth House), where he arrived on Monday se'nnight to spend the autumnal months.

A Madrid journal states that the Queen of Spain has sent four beautiful horses as a present to the Queen of England.

TUESDAY.—Her Majesty, his royal highness Prince Albert, and the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, attended by Lady Jocelyn, Colonel Buckley, and Colonel Wylde, left the Castle shortly before one o'clock and proceeded to Kew, where they arrived at ten minutes past two o'clock. His royal highness the Duke of Cambridge received her Majesty and the illustrious party at the entrance to his royal highness's residence. A royal salute was immediately fired from Kew-green, and the royal standard was hoisted on the church. A *déjeûner* was served to the royal visitors in the dining-room, after which the whole of the party walked into the Botanic Garden. Her Majesty and suite returned to the Castle at six o'clock. Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, and Major-General and Lady Isabella Wemyss, joined the royal dinner party in the evening.

On Monday last, his royal highness Prince Albert, and his brother, Prince Ernest, shot over the royal preserves in the Great Park, near the Norfolk Farm, and killed no less than one hundred and forty rabbits in two hours. Prince Albert, having the best position, killed the greater number; but his brother, who is a first rate shot, killed

one of his rabbits, which proved on stepping over the ground to be upwards of eighty yards distance.

WILL OF THE LATE MARQUIS OF HERTFORD.—It was our intention to have laid before our readers a copy of the various codicils executed at different times by the late Marquis of Hertford; but the terms made use of by the defunct, in speaking of certain individuals, will not allow us even to lay an abstract before our readers. In one case, for instance, the marquis, speaking of two persons, says—"Aware of the infamy of the *character* of one them, he wishes the other to be as little in the power of that person as possible, and regulates certain payments, in order that the one person may have no occasion to shorten the life of the other." In the will his lordship gives a bust and writing-box of King Charles, among other things, to his wife; and a picture by Vandyke, of himself, as pairs to George the Fourth. £5000 to each of his executors, to purchase something in remembrance of him. They are, for the most part, munificently remembered by him in codicils.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN DOWAGER.—The Queen Dowager, who arrived on a visit to Earl Howe, at Gopsall Hall, on Saturday, from Bushy Park, took her departure, with several members of her court, for Burghley Hall, near Stanford, on Monday, to honour the Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter by a visit. The royal route was by Desford, Leicester, and Uffington, where relays of horses were provided to convey her Majesty and suite to Stamford. Stamford throughout the day displayed no ordinary scene of bustle and gaiety, extensive preparations having been completed to receive her Majesty with all the respect and honour to which that charitable and truly virtuous ornament of royalty is so justly entitled; and considering the shortness of the notice, the loyal and worthy inhabitants of that populous borough achieved more than could reasonably be expected. It may be interesting to observe that Stamford has on many occasions been honoured by the visits of royalty, the "royal progresses" of Henry VIII., Elizabeth, and James I., being recorded with considerable minuteness by chroniclers of their respective reigns. Her Majesty the Queen Dowager and her suite reached the hall shortly before five o'clock, and alighted at the principal entrance, the Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter being in waiting to receive their illustrious guest. The Earl and Countess of Brownlow, Earl of Beverley, Lord Thomas and Lady Sophia Cecil, Sir Horace Seymour and Dowager Lady Clinton, Hon. Captain and Mrs. Spencer, Lord Clinton, &c., were likewise in attendance to meet her Majesty. The royal standard was instantly hoisted. The dinner was served up in the spacious and magnificent banquetting-hall. It has a noble arched roof of oak, springing from brackets, similar to those at Westminster Hall and the Parliament House at Edinburgh. It has been supposed to be more ancient than the other parts of the mansion, but there is nothing in the style to warrant the supposition. At the south end the hall is lighted by a beautiful Gothic painted window, with the family arms emblazoned. Within the last few years this refectory has been entirely repaired and beautified by the present

noble marquis. Covers were laid for thirty-two. The christening of the infant son of the Marquis and Marchioness was appointed to take place on Wednesday.

WINDSOR, WEDNESDAY.—This morning her Majesty, his royal highness Prince Albert, and the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, took their usual walking exercise. In the afternoon the Prince drove the Queen out in a pony phaeton, attended as usual. Her royal highness the Duchess of Kent and Lady C. Dundas joined the royal dinner party in the evening. The band of the 15th Foot was in attendance at the Castle. A Cabinet Council was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Foreign-office. It was attended by sir Robert Peel, the Duke of Wellington, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Wharncliffe, the Duke of Buccleuch, Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Stanley, Sir James Graham, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl of Ripon, Lord Fitzgerald, Sir Henry Hardinge, and Sir Edward Knatchbull. The council sat two hours.

WINDSOR, Saturday.—This morning her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, walked to Adelaid Lodge. The Queen and Prince Albert, accompanied by his Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe Coburg, and the Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, and attended by their suite, took a carriage airing in the Great Park.

In the evening, at six o'clock, the Duke of Wellington, the Duke of Buccleuch, Sir Robert Peel, Lord Wharncliffe, Sir James Graham, and Lord Haddington arrived at the Castle, and waited the arrival of her Majesty, who was out on an airing in the Great Park. Immediately on the return of her Majesty, which was shortly after seven o'clock, a Privy Council was held at the Castle, which was attended by his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and the above ministers. Mr. Greville attended as clerk of the Council. The Council, after a short deliberation, broke up, and the whole of the members immediately returned to town. The Council was held for the purpose of adopting the most prompt and effective measures for suppressing the riots in Lancashire.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, and Sir G. Couper, joined the royal dinner party in the evening.

SUNDAY.—Her Majesty, his Royal Highness Prince Albert, his Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe Coburg, and the hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, Viscountess Jocelyn, Colonel Wylde, and Captain Buckley, left the Castle, in carriages, and attended divine service in Cumberland Lodge Chapel this morning. The Rev. Mr. Atkins officiated, and preached an excellent sermon from the 5th chapter of the Second Book of Kings, and the 13th verse.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent and Lady C. Dundas, attended divine service in the parish church this morning. The Rev. I. Gossett officiated.

MONDAY.—This morning her Majesty, his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe Coburg, took walking exercise. In the afternoon the Queen, Prince Albert, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe Coburg, attended as usual, rode out in the Park in pony carriages and four.

The Prince and Princess of Saxe Coburg, attended by Baron Brandenstein, took their departure from the Castle this morning, and proceeded to town by the Great Western Railway.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.—The Queen and Prince Albert and the Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha, attended by the Duchess of Norfolk, breakfasted with her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent this day, her Royal Highness's natal day, at Frogmore Lodge. His Serene Highness the Prince of Leiningen was of the party.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN DOWAGER.—Saturday was the birthday of her Majesty the Queen Dowager. The auspicious event was celebrated at Gopsall Hall, Leicestershire, where her Majesty is staying on a visit to the Earl Howe. His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar arrived from town to join his august aunt and the royal circle.

GOPSALL HALL, Monday.—The intended visit of Queen Adelaide to Worcester and Malvern Wells is given up, in consequence of the disturbances in the provinces. On her Majesty's route from Gopsall to visit the Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter at Burghley, this day week, the royal party had occasion to change horses at Billesdon, a village about ten miles the other side of Leicester, and an incident occurred there of rather a laughable nature. The royal carriage, containing the Queen Dowager and Earls Howe and Denbigh, and the Countess of Sheffield, was on the point of having the horses removed, when the notice of her Majesty was called by the appearance of several aged females, with a teapot in one hand, ornamented with ribbons, and a nosegay of flowers in the other, when one of them presented a petition to her Majesty, by whom it was attentively perused. The purport of the petition did not transpire to our knowledge, but before the royal carriage drove away, the illustrious visitor deposited a sovereign in each of the teapots, to the agreeable surprise of the "ladies" of Billesdon, who retired amidst the laughter and cheers of the assembled villagers, no doubt highly gratified with the success of their mission, looking a thousand thanks to the "good" Queen Adelaide, of whose benevolence and amiability they had received so princely a proof.

ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.—We understand that a special messenger arrived at Portsmouth on Tuesday, with instructions to the authorities to prepare the royal yacht, if possible, by Saturday, to convey her Majesty to Plymouth, it being her Majesty's intention to honour with her presence at the Dockyard the launch of the *Albion*, henceforth to be named the *Albert*. We are sure that nowhere will our young and gracious Sovereign receive a more zealous and hearty welcome than in the west of England; and that sincere feeling, not less than the stimulus to activity and business which such a visit will occasion, will mark her royal reception in these towns.—*Plymouth Journal* of Thursday.

Sir Robert Peel left Whitehall-gardens on Monday morning, on a visit to Viscount and Viscountess Villiers, at Osterley Park. It was expected the right hon. bart. would return to town in a few days.

Sir James Graham has postponed his intended visit to the Isle of Wight for a short time; the business of the Home-office requiring the daily attendance of the right hon. bart.

Lord and Lady Beauvale have arrived at Mivart's Hotel, from Germany. Immediately after the arrival of the noble lord, who was for some years ambassador at the court of Vienna, Viscount Melbourne and Viscountess Palmerston waited

upon him and his lady. On Saturday the Dowager Lady Holland entertained his lordship and lady at Holland House, a select circle having been invited to join the dinner party.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF KENT.—Wednesday was the birthday of her Royal Highness, when she completed her 56th year.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the President of the Art-Union of London, attended by Colonel Jones, visited the pictures and other works of art now exhibiting to the subscribers, at the Suffolk-street Gallery, on Saturday last. His Royal Highness was attended through the rooms by the honorary secretary, and expressed great satisfaction. The duke visited the collection again on Tuesday.

KING OF PRUSSIA'S PRESENT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.—The object of art which excites the greatest interest at Berlin at present, is the present which the King of Prussia sends to the Prince of Wales, as a godfather's gift. This gift is a shield, whose material is gold and gems, with every possible resource of ornament which the art of the goldsmith offers. Stuler is the artist, and his graceful inventions for ornaments exceed even those of Schinkel. The gold and gems, however, are secondary to the beautiful designs for the shield, which are by Cornelius, being the first important work he has executed in Berlin. Its form is circular, and the subjects chiefly religious, containing the principal mysteries of the Christian religion.

THE ROYAL STATE LIVERIES.— We understand that it is contemplated to have a new set of state liveries early in the ensuing year. The liveries worn on state occasions by the domestics of the Queen's household were made as far back as 1819 and 1825, and it has been remarked that their appearance denotes them to have seen much "*service*."

Our readers have, doubtless, seen allusions, (originating, we believe, in the *Observer* newspaper) to the loss of some jewels by Lady Augusta Gordon, in which the name of Lady Winchilsea was plainly indicated as having—monstrous as the ascertain may appear—abstracted the jewels in question. We have now the best authority for stating that a letter has been written to Lord Winchilsea by Lady Augusta, withdrawing the charge. It appears that Lord Winchilsea, a long time before, had presented to Lady Winchilsea a bracelet, &c., precisely similar to those lost by Lady Augusta Gordon, and on this statement being made by Lord Winchilsea to Lady Augusta, her ladyship wrote the letter in question. The charge was incredible at first sight, and quite unaccountable; and the issue shows how careful persons ought to be of giving currency to hasty charges, the first impression of which it is sometimes difficult to erase.— *Brighton Gazette*.

The village of Isleworth will be the scene of much festivity on the 25th inst., on the occasion of the marriage of Lord Prudhoe. Dinners will be given to the children of different schools; a rowing-match will take place for a handsome new wherry, presented by his Grace the Duke of Northumberland; other prizes will be given by

the inhabitants, and, in the evening the parishioners will dine together at the Northumberland Arms.

CELEBRATION OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF KENT'S BIRTHDAY AT WINDSOR.—At an early hour yesterday morning the band of the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards proceeded from the barracks at Spital, near Windsor, to Frogmore House, and serenaded her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent from the lawn in front of the mansion, commencing with the "Morning Hymn" and concluding with "God Save the Queen."

The annual Bachelors' Revel, to celebrate the birthday of the royal duchess, and in honour of her Majesty's accession to the throne, took place yesterday in the Acre at Windsor, and was attended by several thousands of persons from all parts of the neighbourhood. A grand dinner took place under a spacious marquee on the ground, and the day passed off, as usual, to the entire gratification of the thousands who were present.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—Yesterday the Queen, Prince Albert, and the Duke of Saxe Coburg, took their accustomed early walk in the forenoon. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal were taken out as usual. In the afternoon her Majesty and the Prince, and the Duke of Saxe Coburg, rode out in a carriage and four to Bagshot, to visit the Duchess of Gloucester. Baron de Nieumann and Sir R. Peel arrived in the evening. The Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, Sir G. Couper, and Mr. and Mrs. Anson, joined the royal dinner circle in the evening. This morning, the Queen and Prince Albert, and the Duke of Saxe Coburg attended divine service at the Chapel Royal, St. George's. The Rev. C. W. Knyvett chanted the first part of the service, the Dean and the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Stopford officiated at the communion service. Mr. Stopford preached a sermon from 6th v. 11th c. of Paul to the Hebrews, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." The royal party, "The royal party was attended by the Duchess of Norfolk, Hon. Misses Paget and Murray, Lord Byron, Earl of Liverpool, Sir R. Peel, Earl of Aberdeen, Baron Gruben, Captain Meynell, Colonel Buckley, and Colonel Wylde. Very extensive preparations are in progress for celebrating Prince Albert's birthday, on Friday, (26th), with more than usual splendour and magnificence. The festivities and rejoicings will be upon a princely scale of grandeur at the Castle; a numerous and distinguished party of visitors have received invitations to be present at the banquet, which will take place in the evening in St. George's-ball; and every arrangement has been determined upon to give due effect to the rejoicings and exultations upon this auspicious occasion. The annual grand show of the Windsor and Eton Royal Horticultural Society, appointed for the 3rd of September, will take place in the royal grounds, at Frogmore, by permission of the Duchess of Kent, under the patronage of her Majesty, Prince Albert, the Queen Dowager, and the Duchess of Kent and Gloucester.

Her Majesty, who was most graciously pleased to stand sponsor to the infant daughter of Madame Van de Weyer, presented her with a magnificent and richly-wrought silver gilt cup, accompanied by a knife, fork, and spoon, of corresponding taste. The cup is lofty in form, nearly resembling those handed down to us by Cellini, characteristic of the cinque cento age. The lower portion of the cup is adorned with subjects of angels, guardians of infancy; the body, with two scriptural subjects, beautifully executed in bas-relief—one, Simon beholding the infant Saviour; and the other, Christ blessing the little children. The cover is surmounted with the figure of st. John the Baptist, in full relief.

TUESDAY.—The Queen and Prince Albert walked to Adelaide Cottage this morning, and returned through the Home Park. The Prince of Wales and Princess Royal have been taken their usual airings, accompanied by the Dowager Lady Lyttleton. Sir Robert Peel, after having an audience of the Queen, returned to town shortly before four o'clock.

The Marquis of Ormonde has arrived to succeed Lord Byron as the Lord in Waiting on her majesty.

HER MAJESTY'S VISIT TO SCOTLAND.—Lord Adolphus Fitzclarence, who commands the *Royal George* Yacht, has returned from a trip, by water, along the eastern coast of England, which his lordship undertook for the purpose of determining upon the most direct and favourable course to proceed with his royal and illustrious charge from the Nore to Scotland. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept of the offers of several of the Scottish nobility, to furnish their own carriages for the use of the Court during the sojourn "across the border." It is stated that her Majesty's stay in Scotland will not extend beyond Tuesday or Wednesday, the 13th or 14th proximo. The return of the Court (her Majesty proceeding from Scotland to Woolwich in the royal yacht) to Buckingham Palace, may be looked forward to on or about Saturday, the 17th, and early in the following week her Majesty will leave town for Windsor Castle. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal will remain at the Castle during the absence of their illustrious parents from Windsor, attended by the Dowager Lady Lytton, the preceptress to the Princess Royal. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent will also remain, during the absence of the Court from Windsor, at Frogmore House, and pay daily visits to the royal infants.

ARRIVAL OF THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE AT YORK.—YORK, Saturday night.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge arrived here by the half-past seven o'clock train, on his way to Wynyard Park, the seat of the Marquis of Londonderry. Royal Highness proceeded to the Black Swan Hotel, where shortly afterwards the sheriff and Robert Davies, Esq., town clerk, waited upon him to ascertain when it would be convenient for his Royal Highness to receive an address of congratulation, which had been agreed upon by the Lord Mayor, aldermen, and councillors of the city of York, when his Royal Highness was pleased to name Monday morning, at half-past nine. His Royal Highness Prince George arrived from Leeds, here he had been stationed with his regiment, the 17th Lancers, about 8 o'clock, on a visit to his illustrious father. The royal party purpose attending the morning and afternoon service at the Minister to-morrow, and afterwards dining with Mr. Alderman George Hudson; the Lord Mayor, in consequence of a recent domestic affliction, being obliged to forego the honour of receiving them at the Mansion House. His Royal Highness will leave by a special train, on Monday, for Darlington, on his way to Wynyard Park.

Sir James Graham remained at the Home Office until a late hour on Friday night. Sir James was visited by Sir Robert Peel. The Attorney-General had also an interview, and some of the Magistrates remained in attendance at the office. Sir John Guest, Bart., and Lord James Stuart attended at the Home Office in the afternoon.

His Serene Highness the Prince of Leiningen, Sir Augustus Clifford and family, Sir Francis Palsgrave. Dr. Phillimore, Mr. Hilliard, United States Chargé d'Affaires at Brussels, and many other passengers, left the St. Katharine's-wharf, Tower, on Tuesday morning, by the *Princess Victoria* steamer, for Antwerp and the Rhine. The same company's ship Bruges arrived at the wharf after a passage of only thirteen hours. Prince Doria of Rome came passenger by her.

Lord Auckland, the late Governor-General of India, and the Hon. Misses Eden, arrived in town early on Tuesday morning from Portsmouth.

The Queen will hold a Privy Council on Saturday afternoon at Windsor Castle, at half-past two o'clock.

The Governor of the Bank of England and the Deputy Governor had an interview with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Wednesday afternoon, at his official residence in Dowing-street.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager has transmitted a donation of £20, in liquidation of the deficiency in the sum provided for the erection of St. Andrew's Church, Northampton.

BROCKET HALL, Hers.— Viscount Melbourne arrived here on Wednesday from South-street, and next week are expected to arrive Lord and Lady Beauvale, Baroness Maltzan, Lord and Lady Palmerston, the Hon. W. F. Cowper, &c. His Lordship has not been on the Continent since the prorogation, and the report of his having arrived at Coblenz, on the Rhine, is, therefore, untrue. His Lordship was probably mistaken for his late colleague in office, the Marquis of Lansdowne, who has been visiting Lord and Lady Leveson at their chateau, near Hermsheim, *en route* to Vienna, for the Autumn.

The friends of the late Major Rennell will be gratified to hear that his *elogue* was pronounced last week at the Institute in Paris by the Baron Walckenaer, who is as eminently qualified to appreciate the character of that celebrated man.

WINDSOR AND ETON LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION.— His Royal Highness Prince Albert has just transmitted to Mr. J. W. S. Potter, the honorary secretary, through the medium of Mr. Anson, the Prince's private secretary, the liberal donation of fifty guineas in aid of the building fund.

The Duke of Hamilton left town last week for Holyrood House, Edinburgh, in order to inspect the arrangements at that palace at present in progress for the reception of her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert. The noble Duke is hereditary keeper of Holyrood.

The Earl of Rosebery and Sir John Boileau have each given £100 in aid of the fund for the erection of a public monument to the memory of the late Earl of Leicester. Lord Hastings has subscribed £50. The subscription already amounts to £3000.

WOOLWICH, Aug. 23.—The following has just been issued for the instruction of the inspectors and police having charge of the dockyard gate :—NOTICE.—No person will be admitted into the dockyard on the day that her Majesty embarks, except officers in full uniform.— By order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.— Woolwich, Aug. 23."

The following naval officers have had the honour of being appointed to the vessels which will convey her Majesty and the Royal party to Scotland :—
Commander Frederick Wood (1838), to the *Royal George*; Lieut. Hon. Charles St. Clair (1837), Flag Lieutenant of the *Caledonia*, to the *Royal George*; Lieut. William Southey (1814), in the coast-guard service, to the *Salamander*; Lieut. Simpson H. Ricketts (1842), to the *Salamander*; Mate F. J. Diggins (1836), to the *Salamander*; Mate A. F. Kynaston (1836), to the *Shearwater*.

During the week the Prince and Princess have been driven, in an open carriage, through the Long Walk, in the neighbourhood of the Great Park, attended upon each occasion by the Dowager Lady Lyttleton. Their Royal Highnesses are in excellent health. His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge, Lieut. General Sir Andrew Barnard, G.C.B., Lieutenant General Sir Henry Bethune, Sir William Macbean, and Prince Gustavus of Hohenlohe Langenbourg, have arrived at the Prussian camp at Dusseldorf, on the Rhine.

Prince Esterhazy may shortly be expected in London for the purpose of taking formal leave of her Majesty upon relinquishing the post of ambassador, which he has so long and so honourably held. It is the intention of the cabinet of Vienna to appoint a successor to Prince Esterhazy forthwith; until then Baron Nieumann will continue to discharge the duties of the embassy.

The Marquis of Waterford, whose accomplished marchioness is quite restored to health, has removed his splendid hunting stud to Rockwell, where he will hunt the county during the ensuing season.

Lord and Lady Powerscourt are expected to return home shortly from their tour to the German Spas. Her ladyship has quite recovered from the effects of her long and severe illness. Count and Countess Esterhazy have arrived at Dover, on a visit to their relatives, the Prince and Princess Leichtenstein, who intend to remain there for the bathing season. The count has been mistaken for Prince Esterhazy, the Austrian ambassador.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.—The most gratifying intelligence has been received from Addington-park of the improved condition of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who continues daily to make some progress towards a restoration; and if the right reverend prelate happily escapes a relapse, it is to be hoped he will ere long be in a state of convalescence.

The President of the Board of Control had an interview with Lord Stanley on Tuesday, at the Colonial Office.

We learn that the Earl of Coventry's health has not improved. The noble lord, who is attended by several members of the faculty, is staying in the Regent's Park.

The splendid gifts presented to her Majesty by Baboo Dwarganauth Tagore consist of a most magnificent Indian shawl, of a bright turquoise blue, with the richest palms, of an entirely new and original pattern, and a dagger, meant for the Prince of Wales, the handle of which is of rock crystal, mounted in black enamel, incrustated with diamonds of rare water, and the sheath studded with rubies.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent left Bushey House, Bushey Park, the residence of her Majesty the Queen Dowager, on Wednesday, for her residence, Frogmore Lodge, near Windsor.

Sir James Graham has arrived in town from Cowes, Isle of Wight. Wight. Lord Fitzroy Somerset, military secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, visited the right hon. baronet yesterday afternoon at the Home Office. The Attorney-General and Mr. Maule had also interviews with Sir James at the Home Office yesterday afternoon.

CHATSWORTH.—Among the fashionables now visiting the Duke of Devonshire here are the Marquis of Normanby, Hon. G. II. and Lady Louisa Cavendish, Right Hon. F. Leveson Gower, Lady Elizabeth Grey, Lady Webster, Matthew Webster, Esq., of the Rifle Brigade, D. Burton, Esq., &c. The Duke's drawing-room band has just arrived from London, and preparations are making for a grand *fête*.

The Duke of Sussex has left Kensington-palace for Alton Towers, to honour the Earl of Shrewsbury with a visit.

Earl de Grey, at the date of the last despatches, had left Dusseldorf, on the Rhine, where he had accompanied the King of Hanover, for Frankfort. His lordship is expected to arrive in St. James's-square at the close of the ensuing week.

Louis Philippe's daughter, the Princess Clementine, whose hand was sought in marriage by a Prince of Saxe-Cobourg, asked three months to reflect. The time specified has just expired, and the Princess has answered in the negative.— *Letter in the Post*.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge went to Coombe Wood on Saturday, and spent the day shooting. His Royal Highness afterwards returned to his residence at Kew.

HANOVER, Sep. 8.—"His Majesty the King continues to grow better, and left his bed to-day. The convalescence continuing, no more bulletins will be issued. Dusseldorf, 6th Sept. 1842.—C. BARING, Dr.

We hear that Prince Esterhazy is expected to prolong his stay at Dover for some days longer, for the advantage of the marine baths. His Excellency will proceed to Middleton Park shortly after his arrival in town, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Jersey.

WOBURN ABBEY.—No day is yet named for the reception of the distinguished visitors who are expected. It is probable, however, that the Duke of Cambridge, Prince George, the Earl and Countess of Jersey, and Lady Clementina Villiers, will arrive on Saturday or Monday next.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.—It is now considered as not at all improbable that her Majesty's sojourn in the north will be so prolonged beyond the time originally fixed upon for the departure of the court, as to delay the period of the arrival of the Queen and his Royal Highness Prince Albert at the Castle until the middle of next week.

Sir Robert Peel is expected to join Lady Peel and family at Drayton Park at the close of the week, from attending on her Majesty during her tour in Scotland. Sir

Robert will entertain a select party at Drayton, the first week in the ensuing month, to enjoy the sport of pheasant-shooting over his well-stocked preserves.

The Bishop of Barbadoes had an interview with Lord Stanley on Tuesday at the Colonial Office.

Despatches from the Governor of British Guiana were received at the Colonial Office this week.

The Earl of Auckland and the Hon. Miss Eden have left Eden-lodge, late Gore-house, on a visiting tour. The Hon. Miss Fanny Eden is staying on a visit to her sister, the Dowager Countess of Buckinghamshire, at Blackheath.

The works in progress for the erection of a new royal Conservatory at Buckingham Palace have been suspended. The splendid furniture in the state apartments has been covered up, and some of the rooms dismantled, as, according to present arrangements of the Court, her Majesty and her illustrious family will not come to town until the latter end of January.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Augusta of Cambridge, attended by the Baroness Ahlefeldt and Baron Knesebeck, arrived in town on Wednesday morning from Kew. Her Royal Highness visited and inspected St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. The Princess also paid a visit to the Pantheon. Her Royal Highness, attended by Baroness Ahlefeldt, returned to Kew in the afternoon.

His Serene Highness Prince Esterhazy returns to town to prepare for the reception of his Imperial Highness the Archduke of Austria. The Archduke, after visiting Portsmouth, will come to town on the 20th to pay his respects to her Majesty at Windsor. His Imperial Highness has come to England to visit the marvels of the naval art we possess, and to fit himself for the command of those armaments of Austria in which he has already distinguished himself in an inferior rank.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—Yesterday, at half-past twelve, the Queen and Prince Albert arrived at the Castle, escorted by a party of the 2nd Life Guards, her Majesty and his Royal Highness having travelled from town to Slough by a special train of the Great Western Railway.

Her Majesty and Prince Albert passed through Eton at about half-past one on Saturday the 17th instant, amid the acclamations of her loyal subjects, the Etonians, who saluted her with deafening cheers, and assurances of their loyalty. Unfortunately, notice had not been given beforehand of her coming, so that the people were unprepared for her, and the Etonians were not regularly collected to meet her, but still there were a great number about. As the Queen approached the Castle, the ordnance vociferated their salutes, and the bells sent forth a merry peal. Eton Chapel is still in a state of repair, the altarpiece being removed, and Provost Lupton's chapel being taken in as accommodation for the lads of the college. A fine new stone pulpit is erecting, and also a reading-desk, which are placed near the altar. The old pulpit and reading-desk have been for some months in disuse, and temporary ones erected near the altar. The whole, when complete, will be a great improvement to the college.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.—Her Majesty and Prince Albert walked out in the royal pleasure grounds this morning. This afternoon her Majesty rode out in the Park in a pony phaeton, driven by Prince Albert. The Countess of Mount Edgcumbe, the Hon. Matilda Paget and the Hon. Miss Stanley, followed in a pony carriage and four; and Gen. Wemyss and Col. Bouverie were in attendance on horseback. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal accompanied by Lady Lyttelton, were taken their accustomed airings. The Duchess of Kent, attended by Lady C. Dundas, rode out in a carriage and four this afternoon. It is expected that her Majesty and Prince Albert will leave the Castle for Claremont, there to remain for seven or eight days, at the latter end of next week. The game of every description, more especially pheasants and partridges, in the delightful grounds at Claremont, has been most strictly preserved; indeed, the birds are far more numerous in the royal preserves in the neighbourhood of Esher than they have been for several past seasons. His Royal Highness, therefore, who will participate in the sports of the field during the sojourn of the Court at Claremont, may be assured of most excellent recreation and amusement. It is not determined upon whether the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal will accompany their illustrious parents, or remain during the short absence of the Queen and Prince at the Castle. The lateness of the season, however, renders it more than probable that the infant Prince and Princess will continue at the Castle.

STIRRUP CUP TO PRINCE ALBERT.—Previous to Prince Albert's departure from Taymouth, the Marquis of Breadalbane presented his Royal Highness with a

stirrup cup, composed of Scotch pebbles and jaspers, richly mounted in gold, the pebble forming the bottom of the cup being a singularly beautiful specimen, the natural lines in which present the figure of a Highland loch, with the sun under a cloud.

THE COURT AND THE SCOTTISH PLAIDS.—Her Majesty, when in Scotland, was graciously pleased to express an anxious desire to promote, by every means in her power, the tartan manufacture of the north. Her Majesty (in order effectually to carry out her beneficent designs) has never appeared, either in public or private, since the return of the Court to the Castle, without some portion of her attire being composed of the tartan manufacture of Scotland. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal have also invariably worn, in their drives and walks, sashes and ribands of either the Victoria or Albert plaid. The lady and maids of honour in waiting upon the Queen have also followed the excellent example so tastefully and admirably set them by their Royal mistress. Plaid stocks and neckerchiefs are likewise general amongst the gentlemen connected with the royal household.

CONTEMPLATED VISIT OF THE COURT TO BRIGHTON.—We understand that her Majesty and Prince Albert, with their illustrious family, intend to honour Brighton with a visit about the end of October, and to remain at the Royal Pavilion about a month or six weeks. The Princess Royal derived much advantage from the air of Brighton at the last visit of the Court, and his Royal Highness Prince Albert expressed himself pleased with the place.

INDISPOSITION OF THE MARQUESS WELLESLEY.— We regret to learn that the above distinguished nobleman is suffering from severe indisposition, at Kingston-house. The venerable marquess was last week very unwell from a diarrhoeic attack, and now is labouring from its debilitating effects. Rumours of rather an alarming nature were in circulation at the western part of the metropolis; but the above authentic information sufficiently proves their exaggeration.

Wednesday afternoon, as her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent was leaving Frogmore on a carriage airing, a lady named Brown, having lost all control over her horse, was thrown off, and fell with great force on the ground. She was instantly picked up by the porter, and conveyed to his lodge in a senseless state, when, after a short time, she revived. Miss Brown has sustained but little injury, although she fell on her head. The fall was, however, broken by the strength of her hat. She was conveyed in a carriage to her home in Victoria-street. Her Royal Highness was most anxious in her inquiries.

The Duchess of Cambridge, accompanied by the Princesses Augusta and Mary, and attended by Baroness Ahlefeldt, visited Westminster Abbey on Friday week. Prince George of Cambridge, accompanied by the Prince of Mecklenburgh Strelitz, landed from the Antwerp steam-packet on Saturday, and immediately proceeded to the residence of Prince George, in St. James's palace. They left Dusseldorf (where they had been present at the grand reviews) on the 11th instant. On Saturday

afternoon Prince George left town for Kew. The Duke of Sussex arrived at Chatsworth, on Saturday, from Alton Towers.

The Prince de Joinville has for a month past been under medical treatment for the deafness with which he is affected. The gentleman under whose care the Prince has placed himself is a military surgeon.

DOVER.—On Sunday Prince Esterhazy who has been taking the benefit of sea bathing here for these several weeks past, left Dover for London. The Prince was accompanied by three carriages. During his stay amongst us, his Serene Highness has been an excellent patron to the theatre, &c. On Monday night the performances (for the benefit of Mr. Fitzjames, one of the "cropped" comedians) were under the Prince's immediate patronage, when there was an excellent house; and almost every evening he might be seen occupying one of the private boxes.

His Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria visited Covent Garden Theatre on Tuesday evening, attended by Captain Fitzroy, R.N., Baron Lebzeltern, and accompanied by Prince Esterhazy, the Austrian Ambassador. The Archduke occupied her Majesty's box, and appeared much gratified with the performance of Miss A. Kemble in *Norma*. His Imperial Highness remained to see the comedy of *Gertrude's Cherries*.

The Marquis of Breadalbane has forwarded one capercailzie, one blackcock, three red grouse, and three hares, shot by Prince Albert on the 9th instant, on the braes of Taymouth, to Mr. Carfrae, of Edinburgh, to be stuffed. The capercailzie is a remarkably fine specimen of that rare bird.

Captain Allen, senior officer of the Niger expedition, had an interview with Lord Stanley on Wednesday at the Colonial Office.

General Sancho, the Spanish Minister, transacted business on Wednesday at the foreign Office.

Mr. George Lewis had an interview on Wednesday with Lord Stanley at the Colonial Office.

The Right Hon. Fox Maule, when at Taymouth Castle as the guest of the Marquis of Breadalbane, during the Queen's visit to that magnificent seat, wore on the first evening at dinner a superb Highland brooch of considerable value, to confine his plaid on the shoulder. Her Majesty was pleased to admire it, and on the succeeding morning the right hon. gentleman presented it to her Majesty, by whom it was graciously accepted, and both at Taymouth and Drummond Castle the brooch was used by the Queen in the velvet plaid of the Royal Stuart tartan, worn every evening at dinner by her Majesty.

WINDSOR, Tuesday.—In consequence of the extremely unfavourable nature of the weather, the rain having continued, with scarcely any intermission, nearly the whole of the day, the review of the 15th Regiment of Foot by his Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria, which was to have taken place this afternoon in the Home Park, was postponed, and from the very unfit state the park is now in, from the late heavy rains, for a military display, it is more than probable that the intended review by his imperial Highness will be abandoned altogether.

WINDSOR, Wednesday Evening, September 28.—In consequence of the departure of the whole of her Majesty's royal and illustrious visitors from the castle, the state apartments will be again open as usual to the public to-morrow. During the residence of the Court at Windsor they are invariably closed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Her Majesty has abandoned the intention of leaving Windsor Castle, upon a visit to Claremont, as had been previously arranged, during this week. Indeed, it is now quite uncertain at what period the court will proceed from Windsor to that delightful retreat. It may be observed, that it is not expected the court will visit Brighton till after Christmas, which her Majesty will spend at Windsor. The festivities of the season will be celebrated at the castle with the usual magnificence and splendour which have been observed since her Majesty's accession to the throne. A numerous and distinguished party will be invited to the castle to partake of the hospitality of the Sovereign during that festive season.

His Excellency Count St. Aulaire, the French Ambassador, arrived at Manchester House, on Monday evening, from a short visit to their Majesties the King and Queen of the French, at Eu, near Dieppe. The Ambassador landed at Dover from the French mail packet, and set off for town under a salute from the heights.

LORD MORPETH.—Lord Morpeth, we understand, is not expected to return from his tour in the United States and Canada until the beginning of November, when his Lordship will join the Earl and Countess of Carlisle, who are now at Chatsworth, at Castle Howard, Yorkshire.—*Leeds Times*.

On Thursday week a deputation from the committee of figured silk weavers of Spitalfields proceeded to Frogmore Lodge, for the purpose of presenting to the

Duchess of Kent a specimen of silk weaving, new, we believe, to the manufactories of this country, but on a principle which has some time been worked by the manufacturers of France. The subject was the portrait of the illustrious lady to whom it was presented, entirely woven in silk, in a loom and machine of the Jacquard principle. Its dimensions are 14 inches by 10, and the portrait is an exact copy from an engraving published some time since. It is elegantly mounted in a rich gilt frame, and is at once creditable in the highest degree to the skill and industry of the designer and the operative, and well worthy the gracious acceptance of the Duchess of Kent. It has cost in materials, pattern drawing, &c., upwards of £100. The deputation was received by Sir G. Couper, through whose hands the portrait was conveyed to her Royal Highness, accompanied by an appropriate address. Sir G. Couper announced to the deputation that her Royal Highness had been pleased minutely to examine the present, and to observe that the work had been got up with admirable skill and ingenuity. Her Royal Highness further desired that the deputation would have the kindness to communicate to the committee the gratification her Royal Highness felt for their kind attention.—*Globe*.

VISIT OF THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE TO NEWCASTLE.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, accompanied by a distinguished party, visited this town on Saturday, when they were met according to previous arrangements, and conducted to the hall of the Literary and Philosophical Society, in Westgate-street. The mayor, aldermen, and council, in their robes of office, were here assembled to receive his Royal Highness, and an address was presented with the usual formalities, which his Royal Highness acknowledged in suitable terms. An address was also presented from the mayor and town council of Gateshead, to which his Royal Highness also returned a most gracious reply. The library was crowded by gentlemen connected with the town and neighbourhood, and the gallery was well filled with ladies. The Royal Duke visited every portion of the town worthy of note, and seemed highly pleased with the results of his visit.

HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE ARCHDUKE FREDERICK OF AUSTRIA.—On Wednesday his Imperial Highness, accompanied by his Excellency Prince Esterhazy, and attended by Baron Lebzeltern, Count Karoyli, Chevalier Marinovich, Chevalier Du Mont, Chevalier Kohel, &c., returned to Mivart's Hotel from a visit of seven days to her Majesty the Queen, at Windsor Castle. On his route to town from Windsor his Imperial Highness paid his respects to the Queen Dowager, at Bushey-park, and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge, at Kew. In the evening his Imperial Highness and suite had an early dinner at the above hotel, and afterwards went to honour the performances by his presence at Covent-garden Theatre, his Imperial Highness and retinue occupying the Queen Dowager's box.

Baroness Lehzen is, we are given to understand, on the eve of departing for Germany, for, it is said, the benefit of her health.—*Morning Paper*.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.—His Lordship and Lady Lyndhurst have been staying for several days at the Clarence-mansion, on the Marine-parade, Brighton. His Lordship was visited on Monday by Sir W. Follett, who, after transacting business with the noble lord, returned to town the same day.

Sir R. Peel, accompanied by Lady Peel and family, left Whitehall-gardens on Tuesday for Drayton Manor, where & distinguished circle has assembled this week.

ETON, Tueeray.—The Prince Albert's prize has been given out. The names stand thus:—French and German—1st, Lambton; 2nd, Dodson. French and Italian—1st, Dodson; 2nd, Bastard. Among the select were Folliott, Naper, and Stratton.

WINDSOR.—The Queen and Prince Albert have enjoyed their usual early walk in the Home-Park and Slopes during the week and are, we are happy to say, in the enjoyment of excellent health. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal are also well.

THE QUEEN DOWAGER.—On Monday last her Majesty the Queen Dowager left town for her new residence, Canford-house, near Wimborne, Dorsetshire, by a special train on the South-Western Railway. At her request the journey was performed in about the time assigned to the usual fast trains, allowance being made for fewer stoppages, and was completed in two hours and three quarters. The day was most propitious, and one and all of those who were present joined in the cordial wish that the health of her Majesty, which is evidently much improved, might be restored by her sojourn in the salubrious district which she has chosen for her residence.

HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE ARCHDUKE FREDERICK OF AUSTRIA. — On Saturday afternoon his Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria, and the naval aides-de-camp in his Imperial Highness's suite, left Mivart's hotel to visit Greenwich Hospital, and to honour the gallant governor, Admiral Sir Robert Stopford, G.C.B., with his company to luncheon. His Imperial Highness was received by Sir Robert Stopford and the other personages connected with that unrivalled charitable foundation, when a sumptuous *dejeuner* was provided for the young Prince, whose gallantry in the recent naval operations on the coast of Syria, at which the venerable governor had the chief command, has rendered his name rather famous amongst the weather-beaten and maimed heroes who crowded to obtain a sight of so illustrious a member of a profession in which they had served. His Imperial Highness, attended by Sir Robert Stopford, inspected the various departments of the asylum, and the chapel, hall, &c. The naval school was gone over by his Imperial Highness and suite, the boys being mustered on parade to receive the Royal Prince.

THE CAUSE OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT OF THE COURT TO CLAREMONT.—Arrangements had been made for the departure of the Court from Windsor to Claremont on Friday week, but some severe cases of scarletina having manifested themselves a short time since in the immediate vicinity, a gentleman who was on a visit in that neighbourhood lost no time in communicating this fact to the Lord Chamberlain. The necessary inquiries were then instituted, and the royal visit to Claremont was promptly advised to be postponed. Those cases of scarletina alluded to have at length been found to have resolved themselves into typhus.

DWARKANATH TAGORE ZEMIDAR —This distinguished Hindoo, who was recently invested with the freedom of the city of Edinburgh, was on Friday week

admitted to a special interview with her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert, at Windsor Castle, to take leave prior to his departure for Paris, on his way to India. It is the purpose of the Baboo to return to this country during the ensuing summer after a brief visit to Calcutta.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MARQUIS WELLESLEY.—ETON COLLEGE, Oct. 4.—It is not yet known at the College whether the remains of the late Marquis Wellesley will arrive at Eton, from Kingston-house, on Friday or Saturday next, and consequently the day upon which the funeral will take place is equally uncertain. Should the body arrive at the College on Saturday, the funeral ceremony will not be performed till the following Monday. The late marquis expressed an anxious desire upwards of ten years ago that his remains should be deposited as close as possible to those of his old and highly-esteemed friend, Dr. Goodall, the late venerable Provost of Eton, who held that appointment from the year 1809, till the period of his death, in 1840. The late marquis and Dr. Goodall were of the same age; both having been born in the year 1760. The deceased marquis was the oldest Etonian in existence previously to his death, if we except General Mitchell, who was residing at Salisbury, and who, if he be still alive, must be now upwards of 90 years of age. The vault in which the remains of the late marquis will be deposited is close to the last resting-place of the late venerable Dr. Goodall, and nearly under the screen of the chapel which divides the ante-chapel from the body of the sacred edifice. It is also close to the tomb of Sir Henry Wotton, who was a lay Provost of Eton, who received the appointment in 1624, and by whom it was held for upwards of 15 years. Above the grave of this provost is a curious inscription in Latin, of which the following is a translation:—"Here lies the author of this sentence—An itching for dispute is the scab of the Church; seek his name elsewhere." It is expected that the funeral of the late marquis will be conducted with comparative privacy, and without any display of grandeur or ostentation.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—This morning her Majesty, Prince Albert, and the whole suite, attended divine service in st. George's Chapel. The Rev. C. W. Knyvett read the first part of the service, the Hon. and Rev. R. B. Stopford and the Rev. W Canning officiated at the altar.

MONDAY.— Her Majesty walked out in the royal pleasure grounds, attended by the Countess of Mount Edgcumbe and the Hon. Miss Hamilton. His Royal Highness Prince Albert left the Castle at half-past nine o'clock in the morning, in a carriage and four, attended by Lord Rivers. General Bowater, Captain Duncombe, and the Hon. C. A. Murray. The royal party drove to Swinley, where they had some excellent sport, shooting in the royal preserves. In the afternoon his Royal Highness drove her Majesty out in the park in a pony phaeton, followed by a carriage and four, in which were the Countess of Mount Edgcumbe and the Hon. Misses Stanley and Hamilton. Colonel Arbuthnot and General Sir Edward Bowater attended on horseback. Her Majesty and the Prince called on her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent at Frogmore on their return to the Castle.

TUESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out in the royal pleasure grounds in a pony phaeton, her Majesty driving. In the afternoon her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess Royal, and attended by Lady Lyttelton, rode out in a pony carriage and four, followed by the Countess of Dunmore and the Hon. Misses Stanley and Hamilton, in another pony carriage. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by Lord Byron, Colonel Arbuthnot, and Sir E. Bowater, rode on horseback. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, attended by Lady C. Dundas, took walking exercise in the morning, and in the afternoon rode out in a carriage and four. His Royal Highness Prince Albert did Mr. F. Newenham the honour of sitting to him for a full-length portrait for the Junior United Service Club.

WEDNESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out in the Little Park, in a pony phaeton, her Majesty driving. In the afternoon her Majesty, attended by the Countess of Dunmore, rode out in a pony carriage and four, attended by her usual suite.

The Duke of Wellington, on his return to town from attending the funeral of the Marquis Wellesley, did not stay beyond half an hour at Apsley-house, but departed at a quarter-past two for Walmer Castle.

The Archbishop of York and Earl Fitzwilliam have respectively given the munificent donation of £1000 to the fund now being raised for the restoration of those parts of York Minster recently destroyed and impaired by fire.

We regret to learn that her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent has for some days been slightly indisposed at Frogmore. Her Majesty and Prince Albert have visited her Royal Highness daily, besides making frequent inquiries.

His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, nephew of her Majesty the Queen Dowager, left Dover on Friday week for Holland. His Serene Highness has obtained leave of absence from the Horse Guards, to be present at the nuptials of his Royal Highness the Hereditary Duke of Saxe Weimar and the Princess Sophia of the Netherland, daughter of the King of Holland.

DRAYTON MANOR.—His Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria, attended by Captain Fitzroy, in waiting on his Imperial Highness and suite after a visit of several days to Sir Robert and Lady Peel, has taken his departure for Chatsworth, to honour the Duke of Devonshire with a visit previous to his Imperial Highness and suite going to Wynyard Park. Excellency Prince Castelchicala, the Neapolitan Minister, has been passing some days with the distinguished circle staying with Sir Robert and Lady Peel.

The French Ambassador, we are sorry to state, has been suffering severely from a cold for many days; he is still confined to his bed.

THE NEW ROYAL GARDENS AT FROGMORE.—The workmen, under the direction of Mr. Phipps, the architect, have fitted up in the head gardener's house, which is a very pleasing erection in the Elizabethan style, a small suite or rooms for her Majesty's use whenever her Majesty may feel disposed to visit the gardens. The south front will be an entire range of vinery, greenhouses, &c., terminating, with two conservatories. Her Majesty and Prince Albert, unattended, visited the gardens last week, and inspected the works now proceeding there.

PRESENT TO MR. FOX MAULE BY PRINCE ALBERT.—A beautiful silver powder flask, enclosed in a handsome morocco case, was presented by Prince Albert to Mr. Maule, upon his royal highness leaving Taymouth Castle. Upon one side of the flask is the letter A, with an imperial crown (and accompanying motto), very finely executed and on the other side has been engraved the following inscription:—"The gift of H. R. H. Prince Albert, to the Right Honourable Fox Maule, M.P., Taymouth, September 10, 1842.

Her Majesty, on the morning of her departure from Drummond Castle, presented Lady Willoughby d'Eresby with a bracelet richly set with diamonds, of most exquisite workmanship—its design, the emblem of eternity. Count Colorado, who is confidently spoken of in diplomatic circles as the successor of Prince Esterhazy in the Austrian embassy, is a Hungarian nobleman of great wealth, and nearly related to Prince De Colorado Mausfeldt, grand marshal of the imperial court.

DWARKANAUTH TAGORE.—On Tuesda Dwarkanauth Tagore had an audience of Lord Fitzgerald, President of the Board of Control, at which the noble lord delivered to Dwarkanauth, by command of her Majesty the Queen, a gold medal, as a special mark of her Majesty's royal favour, and her high appreciation of the public and private worth of the distinguished Baboo. The noble president

accompanied the presentation by a complimentary address, distinguished by the kindest feeling, and the most enlightened regard for the interests of the great empire with whose prosperity Dwarkanauth Tagore is identified.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge, with his Royal Highness Prince George, and their Royal Highnesses Princesses Augusta and Mary, and their Serene Highnesses the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Mecklenburg Strelitz, &c., visited the Colosseum on Wednesday, and spent an hour in viewing the panorama of London, the conservatories, Swiss cottage, and the artificial ice. The royal party all expressed their great astonishment at the resemblance of the artificial to the natural ice, and its complete applicability to skating.

THE ARCHDUKE FREDERICK OF AUSTRIA.- Accounts were received at Mivart's hotel on Wednesday morning from the Archduke, by which we understand his Imperial Highness is convalescent. His Imperial Highness is on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Wynyard Park, near Stockton-on-Tees.

Mr. Henry Lytton Bulwer, premier secretary to his Excellency Lord Cowley, at Paris, left Mivart's hotel on Tuesday last, on his return to the French capital.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—This morning her Majesty, his Royal Highness Prince Albert, the Countess of Dunmore, Lord Byron, Sir E. Bowater, and Colonel Arbuthnot, attended divine service in the Cumberland Lodge Chapel. The Rev. Mr. Cooper officiated, and preached an admirable sermon from St. John, chap. iv., v.15.

MONDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert walked out in the royal pleasure grounds in the morning. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by Sir E. Bowater, enjoyed several hours' shooting in the royal preserves in the Great Park. In the afternoon his Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by Sir E. Bowater, rode out on horseback. His Highness Prince Esterhazy, the Earl of Aberdeen, Sir H. Wheatley, and Captain Francis Seymour (of the Scots Fusilier Guards), arrived at the Castle, on a visit to her Majesty. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, and the Hon. Mrs. Anson joined the royal dinner party in the evening.

TUESDAY.—This morning her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert walked out in the royal pleasure grounds. In the afternoon her Majesty rode out in a pony carriage and four, accompanied by her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, the Countess of Dunmore, and Lady Lyttelton, with the usual attendants. His Highness Prince Esterhazy and Sir H. Wheatley took their departure. The following were included in the royal dinner party in the evening. Covers were laid for twenty-one:—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Byron, the Countess of Dunmore, Lady Charlotte Dundas, Lady Lyttelton, the Hon. Misses Stanley and Hamilton, the Hon. Mrs. Anson, General Sir W. Lumley, Col. Arbuthnot, Sir E. Bowater, Lord and Lady Haddo, Sir W. Fremantle, Sir C. Rowley, the Hon. C. A. Murray, and Dr. Prætorius.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise.

In the afternoon his Royal Highness Prince Albert drove her Majesty out in a pony phaeton. The Countess of Dunmore and the Hon. Misses Stanley and Hamilton followed in another pony carriage. General Sir W. Lumley, Colonel Arbuthnot, and Captain Seymour, rode on horseback.

Her Majesty the Queen-Dowager, attended by Earl Howe and Lady Clinton, honoured the Earl of Shaftesbury by her company at St. Giles's House, near Cranbourn, on Monday last.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester left Ravensworth Castle, after a visit of some days to Lord and Lady Ravensworth, on Monday, on her return to Gloucester House. Her Royal Highness intended to visit Sir Robert and Lady Peel at Drayton Manor en route to the metropolis.

His Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria , with Captain Fitzroy and the noblemen constituting his Imperial Highness's suite , return to Mivart's hotel on Tuesday next from Scotland.

The Duke of Devonshire has, we hear, given up his intended visit to his estates in Ireland. Viscount Morpeth and a select family circle, are at present with the Noble Duke at Chatsworth.

The Earl of Lincoln, Baron Parke, and Sir Wm. Follett, who have been staying with Sir Robert and Lady Peel at Drayton Manor during the early part of the week, left on Wednesday.

His Excellency M. de Pageot, the recently appointed Minister Plenipotentiary from the Court of France to the United States of America, accompanied by his lady and family, arrived at Mivart's hotel on Tuesday evening from Paris, and will this day embark for America.

The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal have taken their usual airings.

The Earl of Wilton arrived at the Castle to pay his respects to her Majesty on his return from Saxony. His lordship joined the royal dinner party in the evening.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent has taken her usual airings.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Cambridge, and the Princess Augusta of Cambridge, attended by Baroness Ahlefeldt, honoured the performance at Covent Garden Theatre on Monday evening with their presence.

Prince Esterhazy, the Austrian ambassador, returned to town on Tuesday, from a visit to her Majesty at Windsor Castle.

Col. Lord Charles Wellesley joined his regiment, the 15th Foot, at Windsor, on Tuesday morning.

In consequence of the fatal cases of fever which occurred at Esher a few weeks since, her Majesty has abandoned, for the present, the intention of leaving the Castle for Claremont. This circumstance has caused her Majesty to determine upon paying a visit to Brighton before, instead of after, Christmas, as had been previously intended. The period mentioned for the departure of her Majesty for the Pavilion is about the 1st or 2nd November. The Court is expected to remain at Brighton about a month. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal will accompany their illustrious parents to the coast. (We shall treat our readers to two beautiful engravings representing the town of Brighton and the Royal Pavilion on the occasion of her Majesty's visit to her marine palace.)

CHRISTENING IN HIGH LIFE. The infant daughter of the Earl and Countess of Wilton was taken to the baptismal font on Wednesday morning, at St. George's Church, Hanover- square, and there received the name of Alice Grey Egerton, Lady Alice Peel being one of the sponsors. The ceremony was delayed until the return of

the Earl of Wilton from Saxony. Saturday was the birthday of his Majesty the King of Prussia. His Excellency the Chevalier Bunsen, the Prussian minister, gave an entertainment in honour of the day at his residence in Carlton House-terrace.

ACCIDENT TO PRINCE ALBERT OF PRUSSIA.—Prince Albert of Prussia has been unable, on account of an accident, to attend any of the grand entertainments given on the marriage of the Princess Maria with the Prince Royal of Bavaria. On learning that the King had arrived at the palace, he hastened to meet him, and, in his precipitation, having missed his footing on the staircase, he fell, and received a severe contusion on one of his knees.

Viscount Duncannon has at present the Lord and Countess Cowper, the Hon C. Spencer, Augustus O'Brien, Esq., M. P., &c., on a visit to his lordship at Bessborough, in Ireland. The Marquis and Marchioness of Clanricarde, the Duke of Devonshire, Sir John Macdonald (the Adjutant-General), &c., are expected.

The French Ambassador has recovered from his late indisposition. His excellency visited on Saturday several of his most distinguished friends.

Duchess of Buccleuch has written, by command Majesty, a letter to Messrs. Paton, of Tillicoultry and Alva, ordering three tartan shawls and some tartans, specimens of which are to be sent to her grace for selection, previous to their being forwarded to her Majesty.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert, as Vice-Patron of the Royal Highland School Society, has been graciously pleased to present that national charity with the munificent donation of £100.

The Earl and Countess of Chesterfield proceed to the Continent in about a fortnight. They intend to winter at Rome, and pass the spring at Naples. Viscount and Viscountess Palmerston have returned to Carlton-gardens, from Broadlands, in Hampshire.

Viscount de Cramayel, Chargé d'Affaires from the French Court to Texas, arrived at Manchester House on Monday.

His Grace the Duke of Wellington rode into Dover on Thursday week, accompanied by Lord Mahon; and, after looking at the new wharf and the excavations of the Pent mud, returned to Walmer Castle.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Sophia continues residing at Broadstairs, where she intends remaining until November. It is in contemplation to erect a jetty at this place, which is likely, from the influx of fashionable visitors, to be restored to its previous gaiety.

The Earl of Carlisle continues indisposed, from an attack of gout, at Chatsworth, where Lord Morpeth joined his noble parents on Thursday last.

The Earl of Lauderdale, we are sorry to understand, was very much indisposed in the early part of last week at Dunbar House. We are now happy to state, however, that the noble earl is convalescent.

It is said that the Count Rossi, the husband of Mdlle. Sontag, is about to be named Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Sardinia to the Prussian Court , where the lady will be called on to enact the stately part of Ambassadors in the scene of her first scenic triumphs, eighteen years ago.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—Yesterday morning her Majesty and Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise. In the afternoon her Majesty and the Prince again walked out for & short time on the terrace. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal were not taken their usual airings, in consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, and Sir George and Lady Couper, joined the royal dinner party in the evening. This morning her majesty, his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and the whole of the household, attended divine service in the private chapel of the Castle. The Hon. and Rev. Edward Southwell Keppel officiated. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent attended divine service in the parish church this morning: The Hon. and Rev. E. S. Keppel joined the royal dinner party in the evening.

MONDAY:—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by Colonel Arbuthnot and the Hon. C. A. Murray, enjoyed several hours' shooting in the royal preserves at Norfolk Farm. In the afternoon her Majesty and the Prince, attended by the Countess of Dunmore, walked out on the terrace. Sir R. Peel and Sir H. Wheatley arrived at the Castle on a visit to her Majesty. The following joined the royal dinner party in the evening:—Lord Byron, the Countess of Dunmore, Sir K. Peel, the Hon. Miss Stanley, the Hon. Mrs. Anson, Lady Lyttelton, General the hon. sir W. Lumley, Col. Arbuthnot, Sir H. Wheatley, the Hon. C.A. Murray, and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent took her usual airing.

TUESDAY.—Neither her Majesty nor his Royal Highness Prince Albert left the Castle to-day, in consequence of the wet and unsettled state of the weather. The following distinguished personages arrived at the Castle on a visit to her Majesty:—Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and the Princesses Mary and Augusta of Cambridge, his Koyal Highness the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg Strelitz, the Marquis of Exeter, and the Earl of Dunmore. The royal dinner party comprised, besides the above-mentioned personages, the Duchess of Kent, Lord Hawarden, the Countess of Dunmore, the Right Hon. Sir Robert Peel, Baron Knesebeck, Baroness Ahlereldt, Lady C. Dundas, the Hon. Misses Stanley and Hamilton, the Hon. Mrs. Anson, Sir Robert Utway, Colonel Arbuthnot, Sir E. Bowater, the Hon. C. A. Murray, and Dr. Praetorius.

WEDNESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, accompanied by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, and attended by the Marquis of Exeter, Sir R. Peel, and the Hon. C. A. Murray, rode to Swinley, and enjoyed several hours' shooting in the royal preserves. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal were taken out in the royal pleasure-grounds. The royal dinner party was the same as on the previous day.

Sir Robert Peel arrived in town on Monday from his seat, Drayton Manor, Staffordshire. Some of the Cabinet Ministers visited the right hon. baronet after his arrival. Sir Robert left his residence in Whitehall gardens in the afternoon, on a visit to her Majesty at Windsor Castle.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer arrived in town on Monday from Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The Privy Council, appointed to be held by her Majesty, at one o'clock on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at Windsor Castle, has been postponed until Wednesday, the 2nd of November. Summonses, announcing the postponement of the Council, were issued on Tuesday afternoon to the Cabinet Ministers, and the Great Officers of State.

His Serene Highness the Hereditary Prince of Mecklenburg Strelitz honoured Covent Garden Theatre with his presence on Saturday evening. The Prince afterwards returned to the residence of the Duke of Cambridge at Kew.

HIS EXCELLENCY PRINCE ESTERHAZY.—Letters have been received at the Austrian Embassy, slating that His Excellency had not experience any fatigue from his journey to Calais, and that he would proceed direct to Vienna by easy stages. Mr. Bellinaye, the Prince's medical attendant, has we hear, accompanied his excellency to the Continent. The Prince's establishment at Chandos House is broken up.

The Earl and Countess of Verulam invited a distinguished circle to meet the Bishop of London during the right rev. prelate's visitation in the neighbourhood of Gorhambury. The Earl and Countess of Clarendon, Lord and Lady F. Beauclerk, Lord Glamis, the Hon. G. Ryder, M. P., &c., Were among the guests.

Lady Dover, with Viscount Clifden, and the younger branches of her family, have arrived at Roehampton from Chatsworth. Viscount Morpeth accompanied her ladyship to town.

Lord and Lady John Russell are expected to leave their cottage in Devonshire, in the course of the next week, for Belgrave-square.

Lord and Lady Stanley, and a select family circle, are at Knowsley Park on a visit to the Earl of Derby. The noble earl has recently received a great accession of rare plants to his conservatory, from Africa, brought to this country by Dr. Whitfield, the eminent naturalist, who has been to that distant country for the purpose of collecting specimens for his lordship's gardens and menagerie. A vast number of valuable animals have also been added to the noble earl's zoological collection.

The Dowager Lady Noel Byron, relict of the poet, has taken a villa near Esher, called Moore place, where her ladyship resides in comparative retirement, with occasional visits to her daughter, the countess of Lovelace.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, through Karl Howe, has declined a public address from the inhabitants of Poole, his lordship stating that her Majesty's health required tranquillity and repose.

We are gratified to hear that that distinguished diplomatist, Baron Brunow, the Russian minister, is rapidly recovering from the severe illness which he contracted whilst on a visit to Sir Robert Peel at Drayton Manor.

The Vice-President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Gladstone, has quite recovered from the effects of his recent severe accident at Hawarden Castle, but he is still obliged to carry his left arm in a sling, having, as already stated, had the misfortune to suffer amputation of the fore finger of that hand.

The Queen is so satisfied with railway travelling, as experienced on the Great Western, that her Majesty intends to adopt the Brighton Railway as her route to the Pavilion.

On Tuesday last a deputation from the Serpentine Floating Cemetery Company (commonly called the Royal Humane Society) waited on Prince Albert at Windsor Castle with a present of a ladder painted to look like mahogany, and to be always in readiness when his Royal Highness goes to skate.

WALMER CASTLE.—The Duke of Wellington continues in excellent health. The noble and gallant duke was out on Friday last with the Thanet barriers. It appears that he intends to prolong his stay at the Castle.

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE.—Alterations are being made about the exterior of this noble mansion. The unsightly terrace in front is now demolished, and a handsome light portico is to be erected in its place. The courtyard from Piccadilly is being prepared previous to wooden pavement being put down instead of gravel.

DEENE PARK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—The Earl of Cardigan has been entertaining a party with the sports of the field. His lordship's regiment, the 11th Hussars, is to be stationed at York during the winter, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Rotten, during the absence of the noble earl, who intends to hunt the Lancashire country, and has added several valuable hunters from Lord Gardiner's studs.

Sir James Graham arrived in town on Tuesday from his seat at Netherby, Cumberland.

HOWICK HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—The Duke of Sussex and the Duchess of Inverness were expected to arrive on Tuesday on a visit to Earl Grey, from Auckland Castle, the Palace of the Bishop of Durham. His Royal Highness, whose state of health continues favourable, intends to continue his tour of visits in the North until early in the new year, when he will return to Kensington, the wing of which Palace, occupied by the Duke, is undergoing repairs during his absence.

On dit that a Countess, the daughter of a Duke, has left her house under suspicious circumstances with a friend of the family.

On Wednesday evening letters were received from Brockett Hall, Herts, from which we learn that Viscount Melbourne had nearly recovered from his indisposition. On Monday his lordship was exceedingly unwell, but has since continued to improve, and we are happy to hear is now fast recovering. Viscount and Viscountess Palmerston, and Lord and Lady Beauvale, are still staying at Brockett.

ENDSLEIGH HOUSE, NEAR TAVISTOCK.- Lord and Lady John Russel, who have been staying here since their return from the Earl of Minto's seat, in Roxburghshire, are expected to proceed by easy stages to town at the close of the ensuing week, visiting several distinguished political and private friends en route. The youthful Misses Lister, stepdaughters of the noble lord, leave on Saturday for his lordship's mansion in Belgrave-square, where her Ladyship's *accouchement* is expected to take place next month.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—The Queen and Prince Albert, with the royal suite and part of the household, attended divine service in the private chapel within the Castle. The Hon. and Rev. E. S. Keppel officiated. Her Majesty and Prince Albert walked for some time in the afternoon, attended by the royal suite, walked in the new grounds of the Home Park. The Duchess of Kent attended divine service at the parish church.

MONDAY.— Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their early walk in the royal pleasure grounds. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal there driven out in the new inclosure in a small carriage. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by General Bowater and Colonel Arbuthnot, drove to Cumberland Lodge, and had some excellent shooting in the covers near Bishopsgate. In the afternoon, the Queen rode out in the Park in a pony phaeton, driven by his Royal Highness Prince Albert. Earl Spencer and Sir Henry Wheatley arrived at the Castle in the afternoon on a visit to her Majesty.

TUESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took walking exercise both in the morning and afternoon. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal were taken their accustomed airings. Lord Charles Wellesley has succeeded Colonel Arbuthnot as the Equerry in Waiting to her Majesty; Colonel Wylde has also succeeded Sir E. Bowater as the Equerry in Waiting to his Royal Highness Prince Albert. The following were included in the royal dinner party:—Viscount Hawarden, Countess of Dunmore, Earl Spencer, Lord Charles Wellesley, the Hon. Miss Devereux, Lady C. Cocks, Lady Lyttelton, the Hon. Mrs. Anson, Major-General and Lady J. Wemyss, Sir R. Otway, Colonel Wylde, the Hon. C. A. Murray, the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, and Dr. Praetorius.

WEDNESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took walking exercise both in the morning and afternoon. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal have been taken their usual airings. This afternoon, at three o'clock, her Majesty held a Privy Council. It was attended by his Grace the Duke of Wellington, the Right Hon. Sir R. Peel, the Lord steward, the Master of the Horse, the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Duke of Buccleuch, Sir James Graham, Lord Stanley, Sir E. Knatchbull, and Mr. Goulburn as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Parliament was ordered to be further prorogued from Thursday, the 10th instant, until the 13th of December. Her Majesty's consent was given to the marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Augusta of Cambridge with his Royal Highness the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg Strelitz. An order was issued respecting the bankruptcy Courts. Mr. Greville attended as the clerk of the Council. Her Majesty was attended by Lord Hawarden, the Countess of Dunmore, Sir R. Otway, Lord C. Wellesley, and Colonel Wylde. The whole of the

Ministers took their departure immediately after the conclusion of the Council. The Earl and Countess Bruce arrived at the Castle on a visit to her Majesty. The royal dinner party included her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Lord Hawarden, the Countess of Dunmore, Earl Spencer, Earl and Countess Bruce, Lady Lyttelton, Lady C. Cocks, Hon. Miss Devereux, Hon. Mrs. Anson, Lord C. Wellesley, Lady C. Dundas, Sir K. Otway, Sir G. Couper, Colonel Wylde, the Hon. C. A. Murray, and Dr. Praetorius.

On the 10th instant the Court will leave Windsor for Walmer Castle, the seat of his Grace the Duke of Wellington. After remaining there several days, her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert will proceed to Brighton. The precise time the Court will remain at Brighton is not yet decided upon; but it is expected that the royal visit will not exceed three weeks. The Prince of Wales and the Process Royal will accompany her Majesty and the Prince to Brighton.

Lord Brougham left Brougham Hall last week for London, after a visit of about twelve weeks, the longest stay he has made there during the last twenty years.

Viscount and Viscountess Palmerston arrived on Carlton House-terrace early in the week from Brockett Hall, the seat of Viscount Melbourne, who, we are happy to hear, has quite recovered. It is highly creditable to her Majesty's feelings that she has been unremitting in her inquiries after the noble viscount's health during his illness.

Lord Castlereagh has arrived in Chapel-street, overland from Marseilles, where the noble lord landed from his extended tour in Egypt and the Turkish dominions. His lordship, we understand, has brought in his suite from the east an Egyptian youth, as an attendant, one of the subjects of the Pacha of Egypt.

His Excellency Baron Brunow is recovered from his recent illness. His excellency took a carriage airing for the first time on Wednesday se'nnight, and has since gradually improved in health.

The Prince George of Cambridge, we hear, intends to hunt at Melton Mowbray this season.

Mr. Belinaye arrived on Monday with despatches at Chandos House, bringing favourable intelligence of Prince Esterhazy. His Serene Highness's convalescence had resisted the fatigues of the journey, and he was left by his medical attendant much improved in health at Frankfort.

A Cabinet Council was held at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the Foreign Office. It was attended by Sir Robert Peel, the Duke of Wellington, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Wharncliffe, the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Stanley, Sir James Graham, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Earl of Haddington, Lord Fitzgerald, the Earl of Ripon, Sir Henry Hardinge, and Sir Edward Knatchbull. The Council sat two hours and a half.

Baron Aymé, French Secretary of Legation, with despatches from his Government, arrived in town on Tuesday on his way to Hamburg.

In reference to a scandalous rumour affecting the tranquillity of more than one noble house which was prevalent in the higher circles during the past week the *Morning Post* of Wednesday has the following:—"Certain mysterious paragraphs have been circulated for some days in the public journals, which, as long as they were confined to the obscure portion of the press, we deemed unworthy of notice; but, as they have been copied into a respectable evening contemporary, and have also found their way into some of the Sunday prints from which more caution and delicacy might have been expected, we consider it our duty, involving, as they do, the character and happiness of a noble family, to give them the most unqualified contradiction, and we regret that any of our more respectable brethren should have lent themselves to the circulation of so foul a calumny."

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge arrived in town on Wednesday from Newmarket. His Royal Highness visited the Duchess of Gloucester, at Gloucester House, and in the afternoon went to Kew.

THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY.—Intelligence was received at Ashburnham House on Wednesday, of the death of Prince Galitzin, who died at Paris on Friday last. The Prince was well known in the highest circles of Paris and this country.

The Right Hon. Lord Plunkett (the late Lord Chancellor of Ireland), with his family and numerous suite, arrived at the Brunswick Hotel, Jermyn-street, on Saturday last from the Continent, en route for Dublin.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—The Queen and Prince Albert, and the royal suite and household, attended divine service this morning in the private chapel of the Castle. The Rev. Dr. Richards, of Exeter College, Oxon, officiated. Her Majesty and her illustrious consort and suite walked for some time this afternoon in the Home Park and Terrace.

MONDAY.—This morning her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by Lord Dunmore, Lord Stanley, and Colonel Wylde, enjoyed several hours shooting in the royal preserves, near the Flying Barn, at Virginia Water. Lord Fitzgerald and Vesci arrived at the Castle to-day, on a visit to her Majesty. The Princess Royal has been taken her usual airing. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, Lady C. Legge, and the Rev. Dr. Richards took their departure. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, Col. Reid, and Lieut.-Colonel Thornton joined the royal dinner party.

TUESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took walking exercise both in the morning and afternoon. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal did not leave the Castle during the day. The royal dinner party included the following personages:—Viscount Sydney, Lord Fitzgerald and Vesci, Lady Portman, the Hon. Miss Devereux, Lady C. Cocks, the Hon. Mrs. Anson, the Rev. Dr. Hodgson (Provost of Eton), Lord C. Wellesley, Colonel Wylde, Sir F. Stovin, the Hon. C. A. Murray, Dr. Prætorius, and Lieut.-Colonel Wood.

WEDNESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took walking exercise both in the morning and afternoon. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent paid a congratulatory visit to her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert on the anniversary of the birth of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Her Royal Highness remained with her Majesty to luncheon. The following were included in the royal dinner party:—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Viscount Sydney, Lady Portman, Lord and Lady Haddo, Lady C. Cocks, the Hon. Miss Devereux, Lady C. Dundas, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Anson, Lord C. Wellesley, Colonel Wylde, Sir F. Stovin, General Wemyss, and the Hon. C. A. Murray. The birthday of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was celebrated at Windsor with great rejoicing. In the forenoon the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards, under the command of Col. Reid, and the Grenadier Guards, under the command of Col. Thornton, marched into the Home Park, and fired a *feu de joie*. The regiments afterwards marched past in review order. In the evening most of the tradespeople illuminated. The following is the programme of the music played by the band of the Grenadier Guards at the Palace:—Pas Redouble, composed by her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, to celebrate the first anniversary of the birth of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; duo "Quis est Homo," Stabat Mater, Rossini, Walzer,

"Homage to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," composed expressly by Rudolph Sibold; Grand March, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's, Costa; National Divertimento, arranged expressly by Rudolph Sibold; Galop, M. S. Labitzky.

The Duke of Sussex and the Duchess of Inverness left Howick, where the Royal Duke had been visiting Earl and Countess Grey, for Auckland Castle, Durham, to honour the Bishop of Durham and Mrs. Maltby with a visit.

Lord and Lady John Russell, after a residence of nearly three months at Endsleigh, visited the Right Hon. Henry and Mrs. Labouchere, at their seat near Taunton, and Mr. E. A. and Lady Caroline Sanford, at Nynehead, near Wellington.

Viscount Morpeth joined the Earl and Countess of Carlisle, and the family circle assembled at Castle Howard, on Wednesday last, from town.

The Earl and Countess of Eglinton have arrived at Eglinton Castle, Ayrshire, from Newmarket. The return of the noble earl to Scotland has, we hear, been hastened by the unsettled state of the collieries in the county of Ayr, of which his lordship has recently been appointed lord-lieutenant.

MARRIAGES IN HIGH LIFE.—At St. Peter's, by special licence, by the Hon. and Rev. Francis Howard, John Trant, Esq., of Dover, nephew of Lords Clare, Dunally, Glengall, and Westmeath, to Sarah Sophia, second daughter of Sir Henry Robert Carden, Baronet, of the Priory, Templemore. After the ceremony the happy couple left for Colnebrooke, the seat of Sir Arthur Brooke, Bart.—The preliminaries of a marriage between the Marquis of Douglas, the eldest son of the Duke of Hamilton, and a Princess of Baden, have been finally arranged, and it is expected that the ceremony will take place in the course of the present or early in the ensuing month. The ceremony will take place in Germany.

The accounts received in town in the early part of the week state that Viscount Melbourne continues to improve in health.

Lady Humphry Davy left Malta on the morning of the 26th of October, by the French steamer, for Rome. Her ladyship was attended on board by several naval officers, paying a just tribute of respect to the relict of the celebrated philosopher.

Prince George of Cambridge, the Hon. Colonel and Mrs. Anson, Lord Albert Conyngham, Lady Sutheld, Colonel and Mrs. Elison, the Hon. Cecil Forester, Mr. Knightley, Lord George Paget, &c., have been staying at Willey Park during the last week.

On Wednesday evening the Archduke Frederick of Austria, attended by Capt. Fitzroy, R.N., and accompanied by Baron Lebzeiter, Count Karoyli, Chevalier Kobel, and Capt. Du Mont, in the imperial suite, arrived at Mivart's Hotel, after an extensive tour in the north and Scotland, and a hasty trip through Wales and the midland counties.

The Duke of Wellington left Apsley House on Tuesday morning, shortly before nine o'clock, for Dover, in order to be at Walmer Castle to receive her Majesty, as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

Lord and Lady John Russell arrived in Belgrave-square on Tuesday evening, from Bowood Park, Wiltshire.

Lord Ward arrived at Mivart's Hotel on Monday evening from Himley Hall, the noble lord's seat in Staffordshire.

Sir Henry Hardinge has left town.

Miss Burdett Coutts is entertaining a select circle at Chiefden House, Berkshire.

The Earl of Aberdeen, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave a Cabinet dinner on Tuesday evening—the first given by a member of the Government since last winter, for, so engaged were the members of the Administration throughout the last session with public business, that these customary dinners were wholly dispensed with.

Lord Plunket, accompanied by his daughters, the Hon. Misses Plunket, left town on Saturday for his seat, Old Connaught, Wicklow, where the venerable ex-Chancellor's son, the Bishop of Tuam, and other branches of the family, are expected on a visit to his lordship.

The Earl of Mulgrave and the Earl of Caledon have been on an excursion to the country of the Red Indians near Hudson's Bay, where the noble lords had abundant sport in buffalo shooting, and thence they returned to headquarters at Montreal, whence Lord Caledon was to embark for England.

The Hon. Albani Drummond Willoughby, only son of the Lord Great Chamberlain, comes of age on the 25th of next month, Christmas-day, when the event will be celebrated at Grimsthorpe Castle, where Lord and Lady Willoughby and family have arrived from town.

ACCIDENT TO LORD LONDONDERRY.—The Marquis of Londonderry, when following the fox-hounds on Monday last, fell from his horse at Two-mile Houses, near Stockton-on-Tees, and broke his right arm. His lordship was immediately conveyed to Wynyard Park, where he received surgical assistance.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and the Princess Augusta of Cambridge, visited the Duchess of Gloucester on Tuesday afternoon at Gloucester House. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were afterwards present at the performance in the Haymarket Theatre in the evening.

The Duke of Wellington gave a grand dinner on Wednesday evening at Apsley House to his Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria and the noblemen and gentlemen of his suite. Baron de Moncorvo, the Portuguese Minister; Baron de Cetto, the Bavarian Minister; M. Dedel, the Netherlands Minister; Baron Brunow, the Russian Minister; Count Kielmansegge, the Hanoverian Minister; the Earl of Aberdeen, and a select party, were present to meet his Imperial Highness.

Lord Wharncliffe, Lord President of the Council, left town on Wednesday morning on a visit to Sir Robert Peel, at his seat, Drayton Manor, Staffordshire; as also did Sir George Clerk.

ROYAL BETROTHMENT.—The *Carlsruhe Gazette* of the 10th inst. announces officially the betrothment of the Princess Maria of Baden, daughter of the Grand Duchess Dowager Stephania, to the Marquis of Douglas, son of the Duke of Hamilton, with the assent of the Grand Duke.

On Tuesday the Countess of Blessington entertained at dinner the Duke de Guice, the Comte de Grammont, the Karl of Chesterfield, Viscount Castlereagh, Sir Gardner Wilkinson, Mr. Landseer, Mr. Listerence, &c.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester entertained at dinner, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and the Princess Auguste of Cambridge, attended by Lady Augusta Somerset, Count Kielmansegge, Lady Charles Somerset, Sir Samuel Higgins, and the Hon. Captain and Mrs. Augustus Liddell.

The Duke and Duchess of Beaufort and the youthful Ladies Somerset, at the close of the hunting season, are expected to proceed on an extended continental tour.

Lord and Lady Canning are still on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, at Curraghmore, and are expected to remain in Ireland until the end of the month.

PRINCE ALBERT OF PRUSSIA.—A Berlin letter of the 8th inst., in the *Courrier Francais*, says:—There is much talk here of the rupture of the marriage between an august personage, a member of the Royal family, and his wife, the sister of the King of the Netherlands. There are various rumours as to the cause of this event, which has, unhappily, been rendered too public by the indiscretion of some

persons at Court. It is hoped that the affair may be arranged without further publicity, but that will be very difficult."

The Duke of Wellington left town on Thursday morning for his seat Strathfieldsaye.

We regret to state that an accident lately happened to Lord Hatherton which might have been attended with serious consequences. His lordship was struck a little above the eye with a shot from the gun of John Mott, Esq., of Lichfield. Considerable haemorrhage ensued, and the shot has not been found; but we are happy to state that the eye has escaped injury, and that the wound is better.

His Excellency the Russian Minister, and Baroness Brunnow, had the honour of receiving his Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria at a sumptuous banquet at the Russian embassy. The entertainment was of the most *recherché* character, and the other arrangements were on a scale of splendour every way becoming the visit of his Imperial Highness.

DEATH OF THE HON. CAPTAIN MATTHEW FORTESCUE, R.N.—We have to announce the demise of the above honourable and gallant gentleman, which melancholy event took place on Saturday last, at his residence in Devonshire-place. The deceased, who was only brother of the late Earl Fortescue, was born on the 12th of April, 1754, and was consequently in his 89th year.

It gives us pleasure to state, on the authority of letters from Vienna of the 12th of this month, that the Princess Nicholas Esterhazy is in a situation that promises an heir to that ancient and distinguished family.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has entirely recovered from the debilitating effects of his late dangerous illness.

His Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria received visits from several of the *corps diplomatique* and nobility on Wednesday, at Mivart's Hotel. In the evening the Archduke, accompanied by his Excellency Baron Nieumann, the Austrian Minister, Baron Lebzeltern, Major Marinovich, Captain Dumont, and Chevalier Kochel, left Mivart's in two carriages and four for Kew, to dine with their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

The Earl and Countess of Chesterhold, and Lord Stanhope, left Chesterfield house on Wednesday for Dover; thence to Calais, Paris, Genoa, and Rome. The noble earl and countess intend to remain abroad during six or eight months. Lady Eveline Stanhope, their only daughter, will remain in this country.

A meeting of the Cabinet Ministers was held on Monday afternoon, at the official residence of Sir Robert Peel, in Downing-street. It was attended by Sir Robert Peel, the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Stanley, Sir James Graham, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Earl of Haddington, the Earl of Ripon, Lord Fitzgerald, and Sir Henry Hardinge.

The French Ambassador transacted business on Monday at the Foreign-office.

Lady Matilda Wynyard, who is staying with Earl and Countess Delawarr at Buckhurst, dislocated her shoulder last week by accidentally falling from her carriage.

Sir Charles E. Grey, Governor of Barbadoes, was, according to the last accounts received at the Colonial office, almost recovered from his severe indisposition.

Earl Granville is now in a very improved state of health at Rome.

The Hon. A. Lascelles had £90,000 left by his late father, and he got £50,000 by his wife, who is the daughter of Sir R. Brooks, Bart.

The marriage of the daughter of the Duchess de Berry with the Archduke Stephen, son of the Palatine of Hungary, has been definitively decided upon by the Cabinet of Vienna.

Sunday last was the birthday of her Royal Highness the Princess Mary of Cambridge.

We learn from our German correspondence that the rumours relative to the alarming state of Prince Metternich's health turn out to be unfounded.

A meeting of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners was held on Tuesday afternoon at their office in Whitehall-place. Sir Robert Peel, Sir James Graham, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Bishop of London, and other commissioners attended.

A deputation, consisting of Sir George Larpent, Bart., Mr. J. Kemson Gladston, Mr. John Travers, Mr. George Moffatt, and Mr. W. W. Wilkinson, had an interview with Sir Robert Peel on Tuesday, at his official residence in Downing-street.

The Governor of the Bank of England, and the Deputy Governor, had an interview with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in Downing street.

The Earl of Haddington and other Cabinet Ministers had interviews with Sir Robert Peel, on Wednesday, at his official residence, in Downing-street.

Despatches for the Governor of Ceylon were sent of on Wednesday evening from the Colonial-office.

Despatches from Sir Charles Bagot, Governor of Canada, were received on Wednesday, at the Colonial office.

On Wednesday a Court of Directors was held at the Bast India House, when Lestock Robert Reid, Esq., was appointed a provisional member of Council at Bombay.

His Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria, accompanied by Baron Lebzeltern and Baron Koller, left Mivart's Hotel on Wednesday morning for Strathfieldsaye, on a visit to the Duke of Wellington.

The marquis of Waterford has purchased the sporting stud of the late Captain Madden.

The Marquis of Northampton, President of the Royal Society, arrived in town on Tuesday evening from his lordship's seat in Northamptonshire, to attend the anniversary meeting of the Royal Society on Wednesday at Somerset House.

BANQUET TO THE ARCHDUKE FREDERICK OF AUSTRIA.—On Tuesday evening the corporation of the Trinity House gave a sumptuous entertainment to his Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria, on Tower Hill. His Imperial Highness, accompanied by his Excellency Baron Nieumann, the Austrian Minister, and attended by Captain Fitzroy, R.N., M.P., was received on his arrival by Captain Sir J. H. Pelly, Bart., Deputy Master, and several of the elder brethren. The banquet was served up in what is called the "Experimental-Room," and the repast was of the most sumptuous character. Sir J. H. Pelly, Bart., Deputy Master, presided, his Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick being on the gallant chairman's right hand, and Sir R. Peel on his left. About sixty noblemen and gentlemen sat down. It was nearly eleven o'clock before the Archduke and party took their departure. —In the course of the morning the Archduke Frederick was occupied nearly two hours in going over the House of Correction in Tothill-fields.—His Imperial Highness, attended by Captain Fitzroy, R.N., M.P., and party, also visited Newgate, where the Archduke was received by the governor, and by him conducted through the different wards of the prison. Afterwards the Archduke and party went to the Post-office, in St. Martin's-le-Grand, and saw the interior of that extensive establishment.—His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge, the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Robert Peel, his Excellency Count Kielmanegge, his Excellency Baron Brunnov, Mr. Henry Goulburn, Lord Fitzgerald and Vesci, Admiral Sir Charles Rowley, Lord Colville, Lieut.-General Sir Andrew F. Barnard, and Captain Boldero, M.P., were among the visitors of his Imperial Highness on Wednesday at Mivart's Hotel.

THE QUEEN'S DEPARTURE FROM WALMER CASTLE.—On Saturday morning, by half-past six o'clock, the royal carriages were in readiness at Walmer Castle by special command, and the village clock had scarce told seven when her Majesty, her illustrious husband, the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, and their immediate attendants, were on their road to Windsor. As Her Majesty stepped into her carriage she was saluted by the Grenadier Guards, who were formed in line behind the castle. Her Majesty was also saluted by the cannon of the *Thunderer*, while the crew of that noble vessel manned her yards and went through other nautical evolutions complimentary to the Sovereign. Two outriders in scarlet liveries preceded the royal carriages, and a detachment of the 7th Hussars formed the escort. The morning was delightfully fine, and the Queen and Prince Albert seemed highly to enjoy the scene. They were observed to look back repeatedly with apparent delight on the Downs as they passed on. The royal *cortège* reached Canterbury at nine o'clock precisely. They stopped ten minutes at Wright's Fountain Hotel to change horses, during which time her Majesty alighted and took refreshments. On reaching the Paddington station of the Great Western Railway, at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock, her Majesty and Prince Albert were received by the chairman and secretaries of the company, and after remaining, but a very few minutes in the waiting-room, the royal party were conducted to the train, when the engine being put in motion with the royal carriages attached, instantly started towards Windsor Castle which was reached by the royal party at twenty minutes past four. At Windsor her Majesty received a hearty welcome home from the loyal inhabitants of that place. With the exception of her Majesty's immediate suite, the royal establishment proceeded to Windsor *via* Dover, Folkestone, Sandgate, Hythe, &c., to Ashford, where they took the South-Eastern Railway to New Cross, thence to the Paddington station of the Great Western Railway, by which they proceeded to Windsor.

WINDSOR, Sunday—The Rev. W. Canning officiated this morning in performing divine service in the private chapel of the castle. Her Majesty and Prince Albert and the royal suite attended. Her Majesty, who, we are happy to state, arrived quite well, walked with Prince Albert for some time in the private grounds of the Home Park in the afternoon.

MONDAY—This morning Prince Albert rode out on horseback, attended by Sir Edward Bowater.—The Queen and Prince Albert walked in the Home Park and the Slopes for some time.—The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal were taken airings, accompanied by Lady Lyttelton.—Sir H. Wheatley arrived at the castle.—The royal dinner circle at the castle this evening included the Duchess of Kent, Lady C. Dundas, and the Rev. Wm. Canning.

TUESDAY.—His Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria arrived at the Castle on a visit to her Majesty, attended by his suite. Earl Delawarr, Viscount Sydney, the Bart of Liverpool, and the Earl of Aberdeen, arrived at the castle in the course of the day on a visit to the Queen. Her Majesty and Prince Albert enjoyed their usual morning walk; and in the afternoon the Prince rode out on horseback into the Great Park, attended by the Hon. C. A. Murray and Sir Edward Bowater. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visited her Majesty this morning at the Castle. Her Majesty had a dinner party, for which covers were laid for twenty-seven.

WEDNESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took walking exercise in the royal pleasure grounds. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, accompanied by his Imperial Highness, the Archduke Frederick of Austria, enjoyed several hours shooting in the royal preserves in the Great Park. His Royal Highness was attended by the Earl of Liverpool, the Earl of Jersey, Sir E. Bowater, and the Hon. C. A. Murray. Baron Lebzeltern was also of the party. The Marquis of Exeter arrived at the Castle on a visit to her Majesty. The royal dinner party included the following personages:—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, his Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria, Viscountess Canning, Viscount and Viscountess Sydney, the Hon. Misses Devereux and Murray, Lady C. Dundas, the Marquis of Exeter, the Earl of Liverpool, the Earl Delawarr, the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Aberdeen, Baron Lebzeltern, Le Chevalier Marinovich, Le Chevalier Kochel, Le Capitaine Dummont, Sir Edward Bowater, Captain Duncombe, Colonel Grey, Sir George and Lady Couper, Colonel Ellison, the Hon. C. A. Murray, and Dr. Prætorius. The band of the Grenadier Guards was in attendance.

HER MAJESTY'S HEALTH.—*On dit* in quarters whose information may be relied on, that the most interesting event to her Majesty's liege subjects will take place early in March next. This will consequently make the London season short and late, as the levees and drawing-rooms at St. James's Palace will not be held till after the accouchement of the Queen.

Sir. T. S. Duncombe, M.P., left London on Monday, on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, at Badminton.

A meeting of the Cabinet Ministers was held on Tuesday afternoon, at the official residence of Sir Robert Peel in Downing-street. The Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Stanley, Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey, Sir James Graham, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer attended.

Lord Brougham, it is stated, intends to pass the winter at his seat, near Cannes.

A meeting of the Ecclesiastical Commission was held on Tuesday afternoon at the office in Whitehall-place. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, Sir Herbert Jenner Fust, and other commissioners were present.

Sir George Cockburn had an interview with Sir Robert Peel in Downing-street on Tuesday.

The Earl of Haddington has left town on a visit to Lord Wharncliffe at Wortley Hall, Yorkshire.

Despatches were received on Tuesday from Sir Hugh Gough for Lord Stanley, her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for War and the Colonies. Despatches from Malta, Gibraltar, the Ionian Islands, Ceylon, St. Helena, and British Guiana were also received at the Colonial-office.

The Dowager Lady Holland Was been suffering from indisposition, arising from a severe cold; but on Tuesday her ladyship was considered better by her medical attendants, Sir Stephen Hammick and Dr. Holland.

Lady Peat, widow of the Rev. Sir Robert Peat, chaplain to King George IV., died at Bishopwearmouth, on Saturday, in her 90th year.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester left town on Tuesday afternoon, to honour the Duke of Wellington with a visit at his seat, Strathfieldsaye, Hants.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, accompanied by the Princesses Augusta and Mary of Cambridge, and the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg Strelitz, have arrived at Strathfieldsaye, Hants, on a visit to the Duke of Wellington, from the sent of the Duke of Beaufort, Badminton, Gloucestershire.

Count St. Aulaire, the French Ambassador, transacted business on Tuesday at the Foreign-office.

PRIVY COUNCIL—Her Majesty will hold a Privy Council at Windsor to-day (Saturday), when a proclamation will be agreed upon for proroguing Parliament from Tuesday next to some future day, then to meet for the dispatch of business.

CLIFFDEN-HOUSE.—Among the visitors to Miss Burdett Coutts in the last week were the Earl of Wiltshire, Lord Sudley, Sir Edmond, Lady, and Misses Antrobus; Sir Gore, Lady, and Miss Ouseley; Hon. Miss Vernon, Mr. Morier, Mr. and Miss Majoribanks, Mr. Clarence Braddyl, Miss Langnam, Captain Otway, Sir Francis and Miss Burdett, Rev. Edward Neale, Rev. Joseph Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Pullen, Mr. Edward Majoribanks, Mr. Colthurst, Rev. Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Young. The party broke up on Tuesday, when Miss Burdett Coutts returned to town.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.—Madame Celeste, on her re-appearance since her return from America, was received on Wednesday night by a house crowded in every part with enthusiastic applause.

DEATH OF THE COUNTESS OF MUNSTER.—This lamented lady has not long survived her ill-fated husband, having died at her house in Portland-place on Saturday last. Her ladyship, Mary Wyndham, was daughter of the late Earl of Egremont, and married her late husband in October, 1819, whom she survived not quite nine months. Several children, including the Earl of Munster, who is in his 19th year, survive their parents.

STRATHFIELDSAYE. —The Duke of Wellington is enjoying the society of a few select friends, among whom are Lord and Lady Mahon, who have arrived from Walmer, where they had been staying since they left Walmer Castle. The duke is in excellent health, and rides thirty miles occasionally to meet the Vine hounds, with which pack his grace regularly hunts.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—Her Majesty and Prince Albert and the royal household attended divine service in the private chapel of the castle, Archdeacon Wilberforce (clerk of the closet to his Royal Highness) officiating. In the afternoon her Majesty and the Prince, attended by part of the royal suite, walked out in the home park. The Duchess of Kent attended divine service at the parish church. The Rev. Isaac Gossett officiated.

MONDAY.—His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by Sir Edward Bowater, rode out on horseback. In the afternoon her Majesty rode out in the park, in a pony phaeton, driven by his Royal Highness Prince Albert. The Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal were taken out in the royal pleasure grounds for a short time this morning. Sir Henry Wheatley arrived at the castle to-day, on a visit to her Majesty. Sir R. Peel and Archdeacon Wilberforce took their departure.

TUESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise.—His Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out on horseback, attended by Sir Edward Bowater.—His Royal Highness the Hereditary Duke of Mecklenburg Strelitz arrived at the castle at a quarter to two a clock from Kew, and lunched with her Majesty and Prince Albert. His Royal Highness took his departure at three o'clock.—Sir Henry Wheatley took his departure.—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visited her Majesty at the castle this morning.—The royal dinner party this evening included the following personages:—Viscount and Viscountess Canning, the Earl of Liverpool, Lord Sydney, the Hon. Misses Devere and Murray, the Hon. Captain Dincombe, Sir Edward Bowater, Major-General Wemyss, Colonel Grey, and Dr. Prætorius. The band of the 2nd Life Guards was in attendance.

WEDNESDAY.—The Queen and Prince Albert walked this morning in the Home-park. Afterwards his Royal Highness rode to Swinley, attended by Viscount Sydney and Sir Edward Bowater, where, as is usual at Swinley, the royal party had most excellent sport. Lord Rossmore (late Hon. Mr. Westenra) had the honour of joining the Prince and his suite at their sport at Swinley: The royal party returned to the castle to lunch. Her Majesty and the Prince rode out in a pony phaeton, his Royal Highness driving. On their return, her Majesty and Prince Albert walked for some time in the garden of the East-terrace, the afternoon being very fine. His Excellency the Belgian Minister and Madame Van der Weyer arrived at the castle, on a visit to Her Majesty. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady Fanny Howard, and Sir George Couper joined the royal dinner circle at the castle in the evening. The party also included Monsieur and Madame Van der Weyer, the Earl of Liverpool, the Viscountess Canning, Viscount Sydney, the two maids of honour, the groom and the equerry in waiting on the Queen, and the equerry in waiting on Prince Albert. Covers were laid for sixteen. Her Majesty's private band and the band of the Foot Guards attended at the castle in the evening.

The Earl and Countess of Eglinton, on the occasion of the anniversary of the birth of their infant son, Lord Montgomerie, had several coursing matches for the amusement of their family and tenantry. The noble earl and countess have a large party visiting them. The earl's tenants on the Auchans barony celebrated the birthday of the heir of their respected and liberal landlord with great rejoicing.

It has been authoritatively denied that it is the intention of Lord Morpeth to write a book in reference to his tour through the United States.

Sir Robert Peel arrived in town on Monday morning, from a visit to her [odd sentence fragment in print]

A letter from Vienna, 30th ult., in the Carlsruhe Gazette, states that the marriage of

Lord Wharncliffe, lord president of the council, was unable to preside at the Privy Council on Saturday, last, in consequence of an attack of gout.

of her Royal Highness the Princess Clementine of France with a Prince of Saxe Coburg Kohary has been positively decided on.

On Monday morning the Archduke Frederick of Austria paid farewell visits to their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Gloucester, at Gloucester House, and the Princess Sophia at Kensington Palace, and afterwards called at the Earl of Aberdeen's, and most of the leading members of the Government, and the *corps diplomatique*.

DEATH OF THE HON. HENRY BUTLER.— We have to record the death of the above hon. gentleman, who expired on Tuesday last, at York, from gout in the stomach. The deceased was second surviving son of Edward, late Viscount Mountgarret, by Lady Henrietta, second daughter of the first Earl of Carrick, and was born Feb. 16, 1773. He married Sept. 3, 1811, Miss Anne Harrison, youngest daughter and co-heir of Mr. John Harrison, by whom he leaves issue a son and three daughters. The hon. gentleman was brother and heir presumptive of the Earl of Kilkenny, and of the Hon. Pierce Butler, M.P. for the county Kilkenny.

Last week Mr. Frank Stewart, son of Lord Dudley Stewart, sustained a violent concussion of the brain by a fall from his horse whilst riding in the vicinity of Caulridge; but, although very dangerously affected, he is now considered to be in a fair way of recovery.

The Crown Prince of Hanover, accompanied by Aide-de-camp Major Von Stolzenberg, and his physician, Dr. Spangenberg, set out a few days ago for Altenburg, on a visit to the Princess Mary. It is said that the palace, at present inhabited by the Crown Prince, will be fitted up for the future residence of the young couple, and that the marriage will certainly take place at the beginning of next year.

A letter from Vienna, Nov. 29, says :—" Princess Constantin Czartorysky died yesterday, after a short illness, at her country seat at Weinhaus, near this city, aged 52. She has left a husband, four sons, and a daughter, to deplore her loss. The former is brother of Prince Adam Czartorysky, now residing in Paris."

Sir Charles Des Vœux led to the altar, at All Souls Church, Langham-place, on Tuesday morning, the Lady Cecilia Paulet, daughter of the Marquis of Winchester. The happy couple left town to pass the honeymoon at Tunbridge-wells.

STRATHFIELDSAYE.—The Duke of Wellington is not expected to return to Apsley-house until after the Christmas holidays.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT HAWORTH PEEL.— We have to announce the death, after a protracted illness, of the above gentleman, brother of the Right Hon. Sir Lawrence Peel, chief justice of Bengal, and first cousin of the Wight Hon. Sir Robert Peel, Bart., who died at St. Asaph on Saturday last. The deceased was in his fifty-third year, and was late in the 3rd Dragoon Guards, from which regiment he retired in 1830.

The Hon. Colonel Douglas Pennant, M.P., has given £200, and the Marquis of Anglesey, Lord Willoughby De Kresuy, and the Bishop of Bangor, each £100, towards the subscription fund for establishing and erecting an infirmary for the two counties of Carnaryon and Anglesey.

DEPARTURE OF THE ARCHDUKE FREDERICK OF AUSTRIA.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge visited the Archduke Frederick of Austria on Tuesday Mivart's Hotel, and took leave of his Imperial Highness. Many of the leading nobility called also at the hotel to pay farewell visits to the illustrious member of the imperial house of Austria. His Imperial Highness gave an elegant *déjeuner à la fourchette* in the morning to his Excellency Baron Nieumann, Austrian Minister, Baron Koller, chargé d'Affaires; Baron Lebzeltern, secretary; and the other gentlemen of the Austrian embassy, and the members of his suite. In the afternoon the Archduke Frederick, accompanied by his Excellency Baron Nieumann, and attended by Baron Lebzeltern, Count Karolyi, Chevariers Marinevich and Kochel, and Captain Du Mont, attached to the person of his Imperial Highness, left Mivart's, for Portsmouth, proceeding by railway as far as Gosport, to join his vessel, the Austrian frigate *Bellone*, after a sojourn of nearly four months in this country, during which time his Imperial Highness has both received and given most princely entertainments.

PORTSMOUTH, Wednesday.—His Imperial Highness the Archduke of Austria and suite arrived here from London by special train, yesterday afternoon at five o'clock, and proceeded immediately from the Gosport terminus to the landing-place, where a boat from the *Bellona* frigate was in waiting to convey them on board. His highness did not land again, but dined and slept on board the *Bellona*. It is understood that the archduke will not lake his departure until Monday or Tuesday

next, when he will leave for Gibraltar and the Mediterranean. In the meantime he will visit all the public establishments of this port, which, from the shortness of his stay upon his first arrival here, he was unable to do. Captain Pavazza, of the *Bellona*, left this morning for London, and will return on Friday or Saturday. His highness landed this afternoon at the dockyard, where he was met by Admirals Sir Edward Codrington and H. Parker, and a number of naval officers, who accompanied him over the various departments of the dockyard.

General Alava, the Spanish minister, visited the Earl of Aberdeen on Wednesday at the Foreign-office.

A meeting of the Customs Revenues commission was held at Gwyder-House, Whitehall. Lord Granville Somerset, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, and other commissioners, attended the meeting. The commission sat some hours.

The Duke of Richelieu arrived at Fenton's Hotel, from a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort at Badminton, and has since left town for Paris.

CHATSWORTH.—The Duke of Devonshire, who intends to visit his marine villa as Kemp Town, will keep open house here, and also at Bolton Abbey, the week after next. The new conservatory is unequalled in Europe for its extent.

Lord Stanley left town on Tuesday for Lathom House, Ormskirk, Lancashire, the seat of Lord Skelmersdale.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—Her Majesty, his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and the whole of the Court attended divine service in the private chapel within the castle. The Rev. Lord Wriothlesley Russell and the Rev. William Canning, Canons of Windsor, officiated. After the service her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert partook of the holy sacrament, which was administered by the above reverend divines. The following personages also partook of the holy sacrament :—Viscountess Canning, the Earl of Liverpool, Viscount Sydney, the Hon. Amelia Murray, the Hon. Frances Devereux, and Dr. Prætorius,—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent and Lady Fanny Howard attended divine service in the parish church. The Rev. J. Gore officiated. Her Majesty and the Prince, with the ladies and gentlemen of the royal suite, walked across the Park to Adelaide Lodge.

MONDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their accustomed walking exercise.—His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by the Earl of Liverpool, enjoyed several hours' shooting in the royal preserves at Bishopsgate.—The royal dinner party in the evening included the following personages :—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Viscountess Canning, Lady Fanny Howard, the Hon. Amelia Murray, the Hon. Frances Devereux, the Earl of Liverpool, Lord Sydney, Captain Duncombe, Sir Edward Bowater, Sir Henry Wheatley, Colonel Grey, and Dr. Prætorius.

TUESDAY.—Her Majesty did not take her usual morning walk ; but in the afternoon her Majesty walked on the terrace and grand parterre with his Royal Highness Prince Albert.—His Royal Highness Prince Albert drove to Frogmore Lodge in a pony phaeton in the afternoon, and returned to the castle with her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent remained at the castle for some time, and lunched with her Majesty.—The Duke of Wellington arrived at the castle on a visit to her Majesty.—Sir Henry Wheatley left for town in the forenoon.—The royal dinner party in the evening included the following personages :—His Grace the Duke of Wellington, Viscountess Canning, the Hon. Amelia Murray, the Hon. Frances Devereux, the Marquis of Ormonde, Lord and Lady Haddo, the Earl of Liverpool, Captain Meynell, Sir E. Bowater, Colonel Gray, and Dr. Prætorius.—The band of the Grenadier Guards was in attendance.

WEDNESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Duke of Wellington, and attended by Sir E. Bowater, enjoyed several hours' shooting in the royal preserves at Sandpit Gate, where they had some excellent sport.—Her Majesty walked out with the Prince in the royal pleasure grounds in the afternoon.—Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal was taken out in the royal pleasure grounds.—The royal dinner party included the following personages:—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, the Duke of Wellington, Viscountess Canning,

Lady Fanny Howard, the Hon. Misses Devereux and Murray, the Earl of Liverpool, the Marquis of Ormonde, Lady Montague and the Hon. Miss Montague, Sir E. Bowater, Captain Meynell, Colonel Grey, and Dr. Prætorius.

The Marquis of Ormonde has succeeded Lord Sydney as the Lord in Waiting, and Captain Meynell has succeeded Captain Duncombe as the Groom in Waiting on her Majesty.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager visited the quiet town of Poole on Saturday last, and created quite a sensation amongst the inhabitants by her unexpected condescension. Her Majesty drove round the principal streets, and appeared in excellent health.

CANFORD HOUSE.—The Queen Dowager and the limited members of her court were deeply affected on receiving the melancholy news of the sudden death of the Countess of Denbigh. The deceased countess was eldest daughter of the late Earl of Ducie, and sister of the present earl, and Lady Julia Langston, and Lady Charlotte Berkeley. Her ladyship was born Dec. 14, 1798, and married the 8th of May, 1822, to the Earl of Denbigh, by whom her ladyship leaves a family of nine children. Her Majesty is now enjoying an excellent state of health, having completely recovered from the effects of her recent cold, which, by the way, was greatly exaggerated. Sir David Davis, physician in ordinary to her Majesty, has been making several professional visits: but now, in consequence of her Majesty's convalescence, he has left for town. Earl Howe is with his family at Gopsall Hall, Leicestershire, but is expected shortly. Viscount and Viscountess Barrington are on a visit, her ladyship being in waiting on the Dowager Queen. Lady Gore and the Hon. Miss Gore are also visiting her Majesty. His Imperial Highness the Archduke Frederick of Austria is expected to pay his respects to her Majesty, before finally departing for the Mediterranean.

LADY GRAHAM.—We are happy in being able to state that Lady Graham is convalescent. The Right Hon. Home Secretary, his lady and family, we understand, intend spending the Christmas holidays at Brighton, if her ladyship should recover sufficient strength to undertake the journey.

FESTIVITIES AT HIMLEY HALL.—Lord Ward gave a splendid *fête* on Tuesday night at Himley Hall, in celebration of the birthday of his only brother, the Hon. Humble Ward, who attained his majority on that day.

DEATH OF SIR THOMAS HAGGERSTON, BART.—We understand accounts have been received of the death of the above baronet, from Brussels. He was born in 1785, and succeeded to the baronetcy on the demise of his uncle in 1831. Mr. Edward Haggerson, brother of the deceased, succeeds to the family honours and estates.

Letters report that Sir Charles Bagot's illness had assumed the most serious character. His complaint is said to be an affection of the lungs, produced by excited action of the heart, and causing great difficulty of breathing, with an almost total

want of natural sleep. It was supposed that he had tendered his resignation by the last mail, and believed that he would not live to receive Lord Stanley's answer.

BROCKET HALL.—Viscount Melbourne continues to improve in health, and is daily to be seen either walking or taking carriage drives in the Park. The Dowager Lady Holland, who had been visiting the noble viscount for some days, left on Saturday last for town. Viscount and Viscountess Palmerston departed the same day also for the metropolis. Lord and Lady Beauvale, Mr. George Lamb, and Mr. Millbank, are still staying with his lordship. The Hon. Mr. Cowper, who has been making visits in Rutlandshire and Norfolk, was expected to arrive shortly.

ACCIDENT TO LORD WORSLEY, M.P.—We understand that the above noble lord is suffering from injuries he received last week by being thrown from his horse when out hunting. It appears his lordship's horse fell upon him, by which he received some contusions, which happily are not so serious as was at first anticipated.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.—It is understood that the Earl of Northesk will shortly be united to Miss Elliot, eldest daughter of the Hon. Rear-Admiral Elliot, and niece to the Earl of Minto.

The Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt has conferred the Grand Cross of the order of Philip the Generous on Baron C. M. de Rothschild, son of Baron Charles de Rothschild.

Lord Ranelagh and Mr. B. Cochrane, M.P., have returned from their visit to Bourges, where they were extremely well received by the royal prisoners. These gentlemen, it is said, give a very enthusiastic account of the eldest son of the Prince of Asturias, who is represented to be a young man of great spirit and acquirements, and only requiring a field in which to distinguish himself.

The property of the late Lord Hill has, it is stated, been distributed among his relatives very judiciously. Annuities of £100 a year each are left to the children of his late brother, Colonel Hill. A sum of £2000 is given to the eldest son of Sir Francis Hill; and to his other numerous nephews and nieces he has left £1300 each. He has left £2000 to his aide-de-camp, Col. Egerton; and the estate and mansion of Hardwick to his nephew, now Viscount Hill.

THE APPROACHING LONDON SEASON.—As regards the fate of the approaching season the deepest anxiety has long prevailed amongst the numerous branches of trade in this great metropolis, particularly amongst those engaged in the manufacturing and vending of articles of luxury for the higher classes. In this feeling we have deeply sympathised, knowing not only how ingeniously, but also with what labour, are produced those articles destined to figure in the world of pleasure—and what deep distress prevails, even when the London season is but curtailed of a month of its usual duration. We need scarcely remind our readers that the interesting event which will so happily add to the hopes of the nation, and to the objects of her Majesty's dearest affections, is only expected towards the month of

May. Until then, and for at least a month afterwards, her Majesty will be obliged to restrict the circle of royal hospitality, and society will be deprived of that impulse which our Sovereign has habitually given to pleasure, no less with the view to the solid benefit of the industrious classes than to the more ephemeral recreation of their superiors. Under these circumstances we are happy to give currency to the rumour prevailing in the highest regions of society, that an illustrious lady will be deputed to hold the drawing-rooms during the season—seconded by the ever-ready efforts of that most amiable Prince, the royal consort. As regards such a plan being adopted we entertain little doubt, being persuaded that her Majesty, who has so often and so generously proved her deep interest in the welfare of the trade of the metropolis, will not forget their interests under circumstances so threatening to their best hopes. As to the illustrious lady we alluded to, we consider her being chosen to represent her Majesty to be the more likely on account of the recent and auspicious removal from the court of a certain well-known intermediary, and of the justly increasing ascendancy of one combining the gentlest and most affectionate interest with the necessary wisdom and firmness.—*Morning Post*.

Her Majesty's royal bounties were distributed on Monday and Tuesday to upwards of 800 poor, old, and distressed persons, residing in and about London, who had been previously recommended by the clergy, nobility and gentry, residing in the various parishes. The bounty is limited to persons who are above the age of 60 years, and the exception to the rule is made in favour of the blind, and those who are afflicted with severe bodily infirmity. The royal gate alms to 168 persons, each receiving thirteen shillings, were also distributed. These bounties were distributed by Joseph Hanby, Esq., secretary and yeoman of her Majesty's almonry, under the immediate orders of his Grace, the Lord Archbishop of York, lord high almoner.

WINDSOR, Sunday.—This morning her Majesty and Prince Albert, and the whole court, attended divine service in the private chapel within the castle. The Rev. Lord Wriothlesley Russell officiated. The Duchess of Kent and Lady F. Howard attended divine service in the parish church. In the afternoon the Duchess of Kent came to the castle, and lunched with her Majesty and Prince Albert. There was no addition to the royal dinner circle this evening. The royal dinner-table exhibited a noble baron of beef, plum-puddings, and other Christmas fare of the true old English style. All the servants were regaled with toast and ale, as is usual on Christmas-day.

MONDAY.—Her Majesty did not leave the castle to-day, in consequence of the wet and unfavourable state of the weather. Prince Albert intended to have shot in the park, but was prevented by the weather. The Prince, attended by Sir E. Bower, took equestrian exercise in the riding school in the afternoon. The royal dinner party included the following:—The Duchess of Kent, Viscount and Viscountess Canning, Lady Fanny Howard, the Hon. Misses Liddell and Lister, Captain Seymour, the Marquis of Ormonde, Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt, Sir E. Bowater, Captain Meynell, Colonel Grey, Sir H. Wheatley, Dr. Prætorius, and the Hon. C. A. Murray.

TUESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert walked on the grand parterre for a short time. His Royal Highness Prince Albert afterwards rode out on horseback, attended by Sir E. Bowater and Captain Seymour. Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal was taken out for a short time. The royal dinner party included the following personages:—Viscount and Viscountess Canning, the Marquis of Ormonde, the Hon. Misses Liddell and Lister, Lord and Lady Wriothlesley Russell, Sir R. Bowater, Colonel Grey, Captain Meynell, Captain Seymour, the Hon. C. A. Murray, and Dr. Prætorius.

WEDNESDAY.—Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert took their usual walking exercise.—His Royal Highness Prince Albert afterwards enjoyed several hours shooting in the royal preserves at Cranbourne Tower. His Royal Highness was attended by the Marquis of Ormonde, Viscount Canning, Sir E. Bowater, Captain Meynell, the Hon. C. A. Murray, and Mr. G. A. Anson. The sport was excellent.—In the afternoon her Majesty and the Prince walked through the royal pleasure grounds to Frogmore, returning to the castle in a pony phaeton.—The Princess Royal was taken her usual airing.—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visited her Majesty and the Prince at the castle.—The royal dinner party this evening included the following personages:—her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, Viscount and Viscountess Canning, Lady Fanny Howard, the Hon. Misses Liddell and Lister, Mrs. Arbuthnot, the Marquis of Ormonde, Sir E. Bowater, Captain Seymour, Captain Meynell, Colonel Grey, the Hon. C. A. Murray, and Dr. Prætorius.—The band of the 2nd Life Guards was in attendance.

His Excellency the American minister, with Mrs. and Miss Everett, passed the Christmas with Lord and Lady Ashburton at the Grange.

The *Standard* states that the King of Prussia has consented to become the arbitrator between France and England upon the difficult and long-contested subject of the Portendic claims.

Count de Ste. Aulaire, the French ambassdor, visited the Earl of Aberdeen on Tuesday at the Foreign-office. His Excellency the Turkish ambassador transacted business at the oilice of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

POPE'S PRECEDENCE.—It having been observed by one of the journals that some difficulties might arise on a point of precedence, in consequence of the arrival at Paris of M. Fornari, the new Pope's nuncio, the *Gazette de France* says that no such difficulties can arise, the Congress of Vienna having decided that the ambassador from the court of Home shall occupy on all official occasions the first rank among the diplomatic corps. The only reason why this precedence was not granted to M. Garibaldi, says the *Gazette*, was, that he held only the office of internuncio, or chargé d'affaires.

At Trentham Hall, in the last week, the Marquis of Stafford's birthday was celebrated by a feast to the tenantry, and other rejoicings, on account of the young lord attaining his fourteenth year.

The French ambassador, the Countess de ste. Aulaire, &c., are expected to leave town on the 2nd of January next, for Bowood Park, Wiltshire.

Mr. Smith, of Deanston, delivered a lecture on thorough draining and subsoil-ploughing in the music-hall of Belfast, on Wednesday week, which afforded great satisfaction to a most respectable auditory of above six hundred persons, amongst whom were the Marquis of Donegal, the Marquis of Downshire, Lord Lurgan, Lord Newry, M.P.; Sir Robert Bateson, Bart.; Kobert Bateson, Kag., M.P.; George Dunbar, Esq., mayor of Belfast; Dean Staunus; William Sharman Crawford, Esque Marquis of Downshire was called to the chair.

HIMLEY HALL.—A splendid ball was given on Tuesday by Lord Ward, at his seat, Himley Hall, in celebration of the coming of age of the Hon. Dudley Ward, his lordship's brotber. The Duke of Kichmond, Lady Caroline Lennox, Lord and Lady Lyttelton, Lord and Lady Hatherton, Lord and Lady Wrottesley, Lord De Grey of Groby, with most of the nobility and gentry of the adjacent county, were present.

The Marquis of Douglas arrived at the Duke of Hamilton's, in Portman-square, on Sunday, from Mannheim, in the Grand Puchy or Baden. We hear that his lordship's marriage to her Serene Highness the Princess Mary Amelia Elizabeth Caroline of Baden, the fair and accomplished niece of the reigning Grand Duke, will be solemnised in Germany, where the illustrious *fiancée*, who is one of the most distinguished beauties of the Continent, The sides with her mother, the Grand

Duchess Dowager Stepanie. Duchess of Hamilton, whose health has greatly improved by her sojourn at Baden-Baden, is still at Mannheim. The Duke of Hamilton is passing the Christmas at Hamilton Palace, Lanarkshire.

It is expected that her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert will visit Claremont in the course of a few days, The game in the royal preserves at Claremont is more abundant than it has been known to be for many seasons past. Not a single head of game of any description has been shot from the commencement of the season, except a few pheasants in the early part of October, which were forwarded to Brussels. It is expected that their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal will remain at the castle during the short absence of their illustrious parents at Esher.

ROYAL MARRIAGE.—The *France* says:—"The marriage of the Princess Clementine of Orleans with Prince Augustus of Saxe Coburg Cohari, brother of the Duchess of Nemours, and of the husband of Donna Maria of Portugal, has been for some time decided on. Prince Augustus was born on June 13, 1818, and is a major in the Austrian service, in the 10th Regiment of Hussars, called the King of Prussia's. The Prince is a few months younger than the Princess Clementine The family arrangements on this subject are now terminated.

Despatches from the Governor of Van Diemen's Land were received at the Colonial-office. Despatches were also received from the Governor of South Australia, and from St. Helena.

The Duke of Wellington continues at Strathfieldsaye, without company, but visitors are expected early in the ensuing month, The Marquis and Marchioness of Douro are still staying at Hatfield-house, Herts, on a visit to the Marquis of Salisbury.

The Earl of Hardwicke, while hunting with the Trumpington hounds on Monday, fell from his horse Pigeon, at the last fence, and sprained his shoulder, from the effects of which accident his lordship is rapidly recovering.

"Prince Puckler Muskau," says a letter from Gorlitz, has just met with a fresh accident. An Arab horse lashed out suddenly and struck him on the head. The Prince is obliged to keep his bed."

Lord Frederick Fitzclarence's birthday was celebrated by the inhabitants of Etal with every demonstration of respect, last week; but the customary bonfire and other rejoicings were dispensed with, in consequence of the death of the Countess of Munster.