CUBAN ASSEMBLY D SSOLVED.

MERICAN LOSSES IN THE Wednesday (Reuter). - According

received here from Havana, the Assembly has voted for the disbandment of and for its own dissolution by 21 votes Wednesday (Reuter). - According norts to the Adjutant-General, the American

his in the Philippines from 4th February th April inclusive amounted to 184 killed and

## THE POPE'S HEALTH.

DISQUIETENING RUMOURS. Wednesday (Reuter) .- The Messagero gireme weakness, although no immediate he is allowed to receive a few visitors ground and third day, but the audiences monely brief, and the visitors are reof not to speak with His Holiness on im-

Dr Lapponi, the Pope's physician in or and Dr Mazzoni, who has been in attendance upon His Holiness, deny the stening rumours which have obtained during the past few days in regard to pentiff's real state of health. The Pope, they has resumed his usual occupations, receives every day, and says Mass nearly every St Leo, the Pope will receive the memat the solemn Mass of thanksgiving in Poter's. Dr Lapponi declares that the Pope in the same state of health as two or rears ago. To-day His Holiness received bestell audience the Archbishop of Ireland. also granted audience to the Bishops of buth and Winona (Minnesota).

## LIFE AT DAWSON CITY.

CHARGES AGAINST THE \_\_FICIALS. STATEMENT IN CANADIAN PARLIA-

affects had not been sufficiently paid, and this was the cause of the scandals. The les of the complaints against the officials, he had emanated from American miners, who must of life and property in the Yukon. limited extent. florance should also be made for remoteness the Yukon, and the rush of 30,000 miners to home City within a few weeks. Local governand had been established, and the country was Mr Sifton declared, in a satisfactory conte of telegraph lines, roads, and public buildis The policy of the Government was to disme of reserved claims by public competition be severtising them in England and elsewhere. that difficulties having now been overcome, at experience having been acquired by the finds he looked forward to a period of great

## GOLD PRODUCE.

paperity without further complaints.

Instane. Wednesday (Reuter). - The Queensm gold returns for March are as follows:-Auters Towers, 65,200 tons, vielding 39,500 oz.; briden, 7100 tons, vielding 12,300 oz ; Gympie, 100 tons, vielding 9800 oz.; Mount Morgan, tons, vielding 15,900 oz.; other fields, 8400 Fielding 6800 oz.; alluvial, 2100 oz.-total, 400 oz. There is an increase over the returns March, 1898, of 11,900 oz. The following calls made and dividends paid during the last mth:-Charters Towers, calls £3800, dividends 2000: Croydon, dividends £2000: Eidsvold, £400. dividends £1200: Gympie, calls 11.200, dividends £4600; Mount Morgan, no

Mk dividends £9200. Stdney, Wednesday (Reuter)-The gold vield New South Wales during March amounted to The Minister of Mines considers these fires highly satisfactory in view of the fact many of the goldfields have been hampered months by the scarcity of water. He expects at the recent break up of the drought will bring deneral revival in mining.

# SAMOA SETTLEMENT.

PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS. Washington, Wednesday (Reuter).-The agreebut between the United States, Great Britain, memational High Commission to settle the moan question has made such progress that the Menuments of the three countries are now exlanging notes as to the members of the Commis-This is accepted as an assurance that Lord asbory accepts, not only the principle of Comusion, but the Commission itself. Consideration the selection of the British delegate would be entered upon unless the appointment of Commission were assured

is stated in official circles in London that the amoan negotiations are progressing favourably. fond this officials decline to say anything.

# QUEENSLAND FINANCES.

thishane, Wednesday (Reuter). - The Queens-Treasury returns for the nine months ending show that the revenue of the Colony Compared with the corresponding of the preceding year, the revenue in-£331,000, and the expenditure £163,000. Rexcess revenue over expenditure was £570,000 pared with £420,000 for the corresponding months of the preceding year.

THE QUEEN IN FRANCE. Mee. Wednesday (Reuter). - Colonel Carington, lioval command, has written a letter to M. Mayor of Villefranche, expressing th sympathy at the death last year of Pollonais, who during the Queen's presojourns at Cimiez frequently offered flowers her Majesty when she drove to Cap Perrat. weather this morning was cloudy and mild, the Queen took her usual promenade. In the moon the sun shone brilliantly. to the picturesque town of Falicon. ing at the Square the Royal carriage was Henry of Battenberg returned to Cimiez Florence. After dinner, the Octeto Espanol, and of eight musicians, played before the Royal come to bid adieu to the Queen on Satur-Her Majesty may shortly visit the Empress

M Norfolk Quarter Sessions yesterday, Sarah domestic servant, was sentenced to nine imprisonment for administering arsenic master's household. The prisoner was aged as cook in the family of the Rev. Mr ber, rector of West Raynham, Norfolk. She notice to leave, and immediately afterthe family showed signs of arsenic poisonthe girl, in revenge for her dismissal, having mixed a quantity of poison with per, which caused the trouble.

the voting for an assistant and successor to the Innes Stephen, of Terregles parish, i candidates were voted on-viz., Rev. J.

# ECOND EDITION. OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE DEATH OF MR T. ELLIS. WIDESPREAD REGRET.

LEAVING CERTIFICATES.

"RATIONAL" DRESS CASE. [BY COURIER SPECIAL WIBE.]

> 109 FLEET STREET, E.C., Wednesday Evening.

The Radical party has suffered a great loss Descriptions to the document which was sent to Esterhazy before ne line response to the folial folial subscriptions at the General Staff. Questioned with regard to the document which was sent to Esterhazy operated. it was known he did not enjoy good health when he left town recently for the south of the Court of Inquiry, General Roget said it held at Southampton at an early date. His Holiness himself, and also to en- called him, was a Welshman to his finger was no other than Colonel Du Paty de Clam, that he used to say he had had to learn seal. In all Esterhazy's actions one idea was English "as a foreign language." From the evident, that of compromising the General beginning of his career he identified himself | Staff, which could have nothing to fear from with the national life of the Principality, so his revelations. much so that he became known in political circles as the "Parnell of Wales." In charges made against Esterhazy by Picquart patriotism he may have resembled the great in two categories—first, the suspicious relations Irishman, but not in character. He was of of Esterhazy with the agent of a foreign a genial and amiable disposition. The Power; second, moral elements drawn from

parent on his marriage in the early summer | Esterhazy's conduct was not defensible, but a of last year to a charming lady of his own man might be in debt without necessarily being the Sacred College, and will also be | country. Congratulations were showered upon him from both sides of the House, and he and his wife went away for their honey- entered into a long explanation with regard to moon amidst the good wishes of innumer- the "Petit Bleu," endeavouring to show that able friends. Very soon after his marriage | the handwriting of the document proved that Mr Ellis had a severe illness, and again in it could not have emanated from the source the last Parliamentary recess he was obliged parently forged, which had reached the to make a trip to Egypt for the benefit of his Ministry of War by ways which were not well health. He returned, however, on the eve | defined. Picquart, the witness contended, enof the present session, but his friends noticed | deavoured to suppress the original of the with anxiety that he had not fully regained

I have received from the Scottish Educa- existence. In conclusion, General Tuesday (Reuter). - The Hon. Mr tion Department further details respecting characterised as false the manner, in which Sifton, Minister of the Interior, made the forthcoming examination for leaving Picquart had presented the case in his letter designer made against the Administration of the lorencoming examination for leaving being the lorencoming examination for leaving to the Minister of Justice. Takon territory. He admitted that during the school at which they are examined, and given by M. Palemologue, of the Ministry of height of the gold fever there might have must have been in regular attendance from Foreign Affairs, before the Criminal Division inegularities at Dawson City. It would January to the date of the examination. of the Court of Cassation. It appears from his been a miracle if, under the circumstances, Pupil teachers engaged in a State-aided evidence that the Minister of Foreign Affairs group had been done. He held, however, school will also be admitted to the examinatement against the entire staff at Dawson tion. Much regret is expressed by the Those engaged in the Yukon asked and Department that a large number of candiand less than the officials sent from Ottawa. dates are presented in a higher grade than he contended, disposed of the charge that | their attainments warrant. This undoubtedly has the effect of greatly increasing the mment had spent 48,000 dollars in sanita | number of failures. Their Lordships are of relief, and local improvements at Dawson opinion that candidates should not be pre-He read a letter from Major Walsh, the sented in a grade higher than that in which ther Commissioner, denying the accusation of they are likely to pass, and they fear that inhenness and immorality brought against him the issue of certificates in certain cases in a the charge that liquor permits had been cor- lower grade than that in which candidates Criminal Division of the Court of Cassation in granted. Only four permits had been are presented has to some extent encouraged ested by him (Mr Sifton) since last session. | the practice. Though they are not at present to withdraw this concession, they accustomed to the enforcement of the give notice that a certificate of a lower grade which had done so much to ensure the | will in such cases be issued only to a very

The battle of the "bloomers" has been Viscountess Harberton, who to-day figured so prominently in the interests of the sentative had an interview with Mr Frederic Shel-"bloomered" lady cyclist, was supported in ford, who has just arrived in the Elder-Dempster the Dominion Government would ask Court by some charming members of the who is a son of the contractor who is making all Rational Dress League, but all appeared in the West African railways, had been up to the conventional skirt. An edict had gone Kumassi surveying the land for the railway to the forth forbidding members of the League to Ashautee capital. Mr Shelford said the progress appear in "rational garb," and Viscountess to be favourable. The Sierra Leone Rail-Harberton felt she scored off the counsel for way was now available for traffic to Songo Rev. Dr Begg, moderator pro tem. The Presbytery the defence when she asserted that the reason Town. There had been in all over 1300 offered hearty congratulations to the Rev. Dr Durfor this edict was that if lady members wore miles of railway surveyed in the West African ward, Scoonie, on his having received the degree the costume they might unduly influence the | Colonies, while 220 miles of railway had been of Doctor of Divinity from the University of St jury in their behalf. In a quick and constructed, or were being constructed. Andrews. The Commissioners to the forthcoming Every effort was being made to develop these General Assembly were appointed as follows: animated manner the Viscountess told the important colonies by the construction of railways Ministers-Dr Charles Durward, Dr B. B. Begg, mored from New Zealand during the last the Cyclists' Touring Club now prosecuted. mit amounted to 36,843 oz., valued at £143,821. Much delicacy and decorum was shown by the counsel in his cross-examination of the witness. He tried to find out exactly what Lady Harberton's views were on the subject of rational dress. In the rather amusing dialogue which took place the champion of the rational dress undoubtedly scored. "Do you go to church in rationals?" "Certainly not." "Or a theatre?" "Certainly not. When I go to the theatre I go in evening dress. When I go cycling I adopt a cycling dress." It was clear that Lady was admit the limitations of the "rational ladies whom saw cycling in "rational" costume looked wates during March amounted to quite as nice in her opinion as those who kept in custody at Karene in what were known as lereary. The yield during the past quarter favoured the skirt. The objection which the civil quarters, which are in the interior of the to 100,153 oz., an increase of 17,623 oz. | the landlady of the village inn had to a dis- compound. His wives and several of his people topared with the corresponding period of last | play of "rationals" in her coffee-room that such interferes with her business. back parlour was offered to Lady Harberton, and, though she described it as dirty and

unwholesome, the landlady took a much He talked very little English, but was known to better view of the condition of the room, and considered it quite fit for luncheon otherwise, and the lives of prisoners were always purposes. It was this question of whether safe in his hands. He complained that his action the back parlour was a fit and reasonable in opposition to the recent but tax had not been place for the supply of refreshments that understood, and he wished to come to England to had to be decided. The Chairman of the see Queen Victoria to put his case before her, and disloyal to the Queen or to his country. wearing of a rational dress had nothing to do with the issue, and that the public would not submit to an innkeeper dictating what dress customers should wear. The verdict of not guilty which was returned

heard the proceedings in the case. It is some sixteen years since the Viscountess came prominently into public notice through founding the Rational Dress "Rational" dress was a much more startling novelty then than it is now. and it needed a great deal of both physical and moral courage even to mention the word "bloomer." On public platforms Lady Harberton declared that the real obstacle to to £3,125,000, and the expenditure to the reform of feminine attire was "simple stupidity," and "the skirt was not a divinely appointed garment, but represented the old superstition that woman was an inferior The object of the League was to combat "this dull, sodden attitude of the

received with applause by many people who

It is stated that the report which Lord Charles Beresford has prepared on his recent mission to China will be issued in a few days. The volume is one of four hundred pages, and will be read with interest, not only by | opinions between different School Boards upon politicians, but by all who are interested in the trade of China.

The Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria of accompanied by Princess Christian of Wales, and Princess Charles of Denmark passed and attended by the Hon. Mrs Mallet, through Genos on Tuesday evening en route from Rome to Copenhagen. Their Royal Highnesses a number of women and children, who passed twenty minutes in the stationmaster's Vive la Reine." Many of them offered office with the Empress Frederick and Princess which Her Majesty graciously accepted. Henry of Battenberg, who left yesterday for

The Duke of York left Abergeldie Mains yes-The Prince of Wales will, it is ex- terday morning, and reached Aberdeen at 9.25 on his way to London. His Royal Highness, who was accompanied by Sir Charles Cust, was served with breakfast from the Palace Hotel, and the ERVANT POISONS A HOUSE- Royal saloon was afterwards attached to the 10.5 West Coast express.

> The gross value of the estate of Mr John Mason Cook, of Walton-on-Thames, head of the firm of Messrs Thomas Cook & Son, the well-known tourist agents, has been entered at £390,000. There was no improvement yesterday in the condition of Mr Horace Voules, general editor of Truth, who is lying dangerously ill at Brighton,

suffering from pneumonia, following influenza. The funeral took place at Birmingham yesterday of Mr Richard Chamberlain, who died at London residence on Sunday last. The obsequies were of a private character, and there were present reshytery of Dumfries, has taken place. only the mourners, who included the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P. (brother); Mr Austin Airdrie; Rev. R. B. Wiseman, Scone; Chamberlain M.P. (nephew); Mr Arthur Cham-Morrison, Irvine; and Rev. A. O. Taylor. berlain; Mr Herbert Chamberlain; Mr Walter Over the three other candidates, and was Chamberlain; Mr Neville Chamberlain; Alderman Kenrick

# DREYFUS REVISION.

ANOTHER INSTALMENT OF THE EVIDENCE.

THE VEILED LADY MYSTERY.

Paris, Wednesday (Reuter).—The concluding portion of General Roget's evidence before the published by the Figaro to-day. General Roget declared that, as the result of a careful study of the case, the conviction had forced itself upon him that only an officer of the General Staff, and that officer a proba- that the steamer Scott Harley, from Guernsey for tioner, could be the author of the bordereau; London, has picked up the body of Mr Collier, of and of the probationers, Dreyfus alone was Godalming, one of the victims of the disaster.

present at the firing trials at Bourges. If, he Four more survivors—Mr. Thomas, of Surbit

General Roget was then examined with remeasure of his popularity became fully ap- debts, &c. With respect to the second charge, a traitor. The first charge rested upon two elements—the "Petit Bleu" document and the "Petit Bleu," and to substitute a photograph six months without informing his chiefs of its Nicholson. The Voltaire tc-day publishes the evidence munications declaring that neither Colonel

> indirectly with Dreyfus. M. Palemologue, in conclusion, said he never saw the letters attributed to the German Emperor. It is stated that the Figaro has been summoned to appear on Saturday next before the Correctional Tribunal to answer a charge of publishing the evidence given before the

Colonel Panizzardi, the Italian Military

Attache, had had relations with Dreyfus. The

journal adds that the Italian General Staff

also deny they ever had relations directly or

#### the Dreyfus case. OPENING UP WEST AFRICA.

PROGRESS OF RAILWAY WORKS. LARGE DISCOVERIES OF GOLD.

Yesterday morning a Reuter's Liverpool reprethe climate of West Africa will shortly be considered no worse than that of other tropical possessions. He travelled from Schondi to Kumassi. via Tarkwa, by a hitherto unexplored route, and discovered a fairly easy route for the railway. skirting the formidable Adansi Hills. Gold was assays had been made at several places.

Almamg Lahai and Bai Forkey. Bai Bureh was gations. is were allowed to live just outside the compound. and they brought his food to him daily. The bearers were two of his wives. Bai Bureh i described as a man about 5 feet 9 inches in height. a fine presence, but very much wrinkled with age. be a man who would not stoop to a mean action. He would kill his enemy in open fight, but not

# EDUCATIONAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.

Mr James Bryce, M.P., held a conference yesterday with the Aberdeen School Board on various educational questions. The first subject considered was the School Bill, introduced into Attendance (Scotland) Parliament by Captain Sinclair, and backed by

Mr Bryce, to which the Board gave their hearty Mr Bryce said he thought the Bill had a good chance of passing if only time could be got to private members to get any Bills put forward by them properly discussed. A very number of the Scottish members who voted in favour of the English Bill were in favour of the Scottish one, and he thought he was right in saving there was no great manifestation of public opinion against it in Scotland. He considered that the Bill would be a great benefit to the country at large, and would tend to place Britain in a better position to meet the trade rivalry of other countries.

Mr Bryce then dealt with the School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill, which the Board desired him to support. He considered this was a reasonable measure, and one which ought to be passed, on the ground that it was very desirable there should be the means of interchanging the various questions arising in school administration. The right non, gentleman declared himself in favour of the Bill which provides for the building of School Board offices on the security of the rates. On the question of voting for School Boards, he thought the cumulative system objectionable, and said he would be in favour of a change. On the question of the appointment of authorities for the control of secondary education, he considered that in Scotland the School Board should be the governing body. On the other hand, it was desirable there should be the power of taking in occasional extra members, and it might be necessary for the take of compromise to give some kind of recognition to the Burgh Committees, who practically have the funds in their hands. He desired, however, to guard himself against any settled opinion, because a good deal must depend on how it would be possible to deal with the present holders of the funds. He had unsuc cessfully pressed the Government for three sessions to legislate on this question, but he had

STRIKE OF LABOURERS. Last month the secretary of the Labourers' Union wrote to Mr Moore, a builder at Scarborough, notifying him that one of his labourers was a non-Society man, and stating that if the man was not discharged the Union men would strike. The letter was referred to the Master Builders' Association, who informed the Union that if Mr Moore's men struck all the Union labourers in Scarborough would be locked out. The men struck work yesterday, and the lock-out will be enforced to-day. Only about half the labourers of the town are Society men, and the plasterers' labourers will not support the strikers.

good grounds for thinking that action would now

be taken if not this year at least next year.

I Town for England yesterday.

THE WRECK OF THE STELLA. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY EXPERI-

MENTS. EFFECT ON COMPASSES DENIED. The general manager of the South-Western Criminal Division of the Court of Cassation is Railway Company has replied to the Queen's gracious message thanking Her Majesty for her | Corrie Grant (Liberal). At the general election words of sympathy, and expressing the Company's Mr Ambrose was returned unopposed, while at profound sorrow at the catastrophe A Lloyd's telegram from Beachy Head states morning as follows :-

Four more survivors-Mr. Thomas, of Surbiton ; said, it could be proved that Dreyfus was not | Mr Kirtley, of Newcastle; and Mr and Mrs the author of the bordereau, he could not con- Parton, of London-arrived at Southampton by the death of its Chief Whip, Mr Thomas he was of opinion that Esterhazy before he The response to the relief fund opened by the

His Holiness fear lest his weakness should be a southern the Court of Inquiry, General Roget said it held at Southampton at an early date.

Was given to Esterhazy by a veiled lady, who Signor Marconi told a representative of the tips. So thoroughly Welsh was his family was a mental to his linger and that it was sent back to the Ministry of the suggestion that electric waves in connection with the wireless telegraphy between South Foreland and Boulogne affected the compasses of the Stella was absurd. Apart from the scientific negation of such a theory, experiments had actually been made with the wireless telegraphy apparatus from the Royal yacht Osborne when the Prince of Wales was on board without the compasses being in any way affected. It had been demonstrated that electric waves could within a few inches of a compass without having the slightest magnetic effect.

### ABERDEEN NATURAL HISTORY CHAIR.

The Queen has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Secretary for Scotland, to at present Extra Mural Lecturer on Zoology, Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians and | repetition of such an occurrence. There was Surgeons, Edinburgh; and Lecturer on Zoology nothing of a threatening nature in the letter." and Botany in the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, and in the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh, to the Chair of Natural History in the University for it. He kept the "Petit Bleu" for five or of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of Professor

AUCHTERARDER PRESBYTERY. met yesterday-Rev. Mr Brown, Madderty, Schwarzkoppen, German Military Attache, nor rotation, appointed representative to the General | tion. Assembly :- Rev. Messrs Kemp, Trinity Gask : Thomson, Dunning; MacNaughtan, Braco; and was received with deep sorrow at the month! Hunter, Crieff. Elders-From Ardoch, Mr Jas. | meeting of the Executive Committee of the Reid, farmer: Blackford, Mr Henry Monteith, National Liberal Federation in London yesterfarmer; Muthill, Mr M'Gibbon, farmer. A com- day. A resolution was passed expressing the munication was read from the Rev. Archibald committee's profound grief, and desiring the Jamieson, recently assistant in the parish of President to convey to Mrs Ellis and relatives Auchterarder, asking that, as he was now removed an expression of their deep and heartfelt from the bounds of the Presbytery, he should be sympathy. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman granted a Presbyterial certificate. The Clerk | sent a telegram to the Liberal Central Offices having read some observations regarding the conveying his deep grief. He also sent position of insane ministers and those who might be appointed to act while the incumbent was unable to perform his duties, pointing out the necessity for reform in the matter, he moved that the request of Mr Jameson be granted. Rev. Mr M' ibbon seconded, and sympathised very much with Mr Jamieson. The motion was unanimously agreed to. The Clerk gave notice of a motion for the amendment of the formulæ of adherence to the Confession of Faith.

## KIRKCALDY ESTABLISHED

PRESBYTERY. Yesterday this rev. court met at Kirkcaldy-Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline, that the total cost amounted to £1900, leaving a deficiency of £360. abundant along this route, and some extraordinary sum to redeem the feu, which was £10 yearly, would be to hold a bazaar with a view of rai-ing Ten non-commissioned officers of various British | £600. He pointed out that hitherto he had reregiments arrived at Liverpool yesterday in the ceived very little support from the congregations Elder-Dempster steamer Batanga from Sierra in the Presbytery of Kirkculdy for the new Leone, where they had been for several months on | church. He observed sales of work promoted to special service with the expeditionary columns, raise money to convert the heathen in foreign The expedition had ended, and their services were lands and large sums collected, and yet not one no longer required. A Reuter's representative brown copper could be raised for a mission at to had an interview with one of the officers who con- their own doors for people who were in as much veyed Bai Bureh, the notorious rebel chief, from need of hearing the Gospel as any of the heathens. Karene to Freetown. Altogether there were six The Presbytery agreed to commend the object of prisoners brought down with Bai Bureh, including | the bazaar to the cordial support of the congre-

> DUNFERMLINE PRESBYTERY AND MR PRIMMER. At a meeting of the Dunfermline Established Church Presbytery vesterday a letter was read from the Rev. Jacob Primmer enclosing copies of

the resolutions which, he said, had been passed at fifty-seven "great open-air Protestant conven- law. ticles held from June 27 to October 2, 1898, and attended by about 250,750 persons." Mr Primmer wrote that the resolutions had been acknowledged by Her Majesty the Queen and several Prime Ministers, but that, with the exception of half-adozen Presbyteries, they had been practically would be put down, as our fathers put down Popery at the Reformation, and that without consulting the Church Courts. On the motion of Richmond Rose, Torryburn, the letter was allowed to lie on the table. Mr Primmer was present at the meeting, but, not being a member

VACANCY IN A KIRKCALDY CHURCH. On Tuesday night, at a meeting of Gallatown Free Church congregation, Kirkcaldy, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr Agnew. accepted a literary appointment in Stirling. consider it, but the great difficulty was for following leet of three was chosen out of fourteen candidates who had preached before the congregation :- Rev. F. J. Maclauchlan, M.A., North Leith: Rev. J. Wallace, M.A., Glasgow; and Rev. J. W. Duncan, M.A., Crieff. These candidates are to be asked to preach a second time.

of Presbytery, did not take part in the proceed-

A BIG TOUR. States, the arrangements for which have now it is said, take with them six hundred tons carried by 4 to 3. weight of scenery, costumes, and properties, the undertaking will be clearly an arduous one. The long peregrinations of the company will commence in New York, at the Knickerbocker Theatre, in which city they will make their first au pearance on October 30. Thence they will visit all the chief cities in America, returning to England in April, 1900.

The new Third Avenue Railroad electric powerhouse in New York is said to store the greatest electric force ever generated by man. Electricity equal to 170,000 horse power is to be generated, and through every stage the coal is made into electricity by machinery. A movement is on foot in New York City to

widen and improve all the streets in the neighbourhood of Pell Street. This will mean the destruction of "Chinatown," the picturesque Chinese quarter, which was always an object of interest to visitors in the great Metropolitan City. Tragic Death of a Policeman. -Police Constable Charlton, of Harwell, Berks, died on Tuesday night from injuries received in an affray in that village on Monday night. Deceased and another constable ejected from a public-house two hawkers, who are alleged to have attacked them in a most

erected in New York, gives promise of great magnificence in architecture. For two years construction has been under way, and for more than a year twenty of the most prominent artists and sculptors in America have been engaged in creating plastic figures and sumptuous interior decorations, designed to make this new Temple of Justice a genuine work of art. One of the most prominent men in Manila at | follows :- Elementary, £10 7s 9d; Academy day the present time is Mr Horace L. Higgins. He | school, £6.4s 2d; Academy evening classes, £4 is Director-General of the only railroad on the 38 7d island, and is an Englishman, having been born Bedfordshire in 1864. Since leaving school he has been employed in railroad construction

first in England and Ireland, then in Spain, and

d) any considerable damage,

A new Palace of Justice, which is being

HARROW ELECTION.

CONSERVATIVE RETURNED. Polling took place yesterday in the Harrow Division of Middlesex to fill the vacancy occasioned by the appointment of Mr Ambrose (Conservative) as a Master in Lunacy. The two candidates were Mr Irwin Cox (Conservative) and Mr the last contested election—in 1892—his majority was 2619. The result was announced early this

Conservative majority.

TERRISS'S MURDERER. PRINCE WRITES TO SIR HENRY

IRVING. Some of the London morning papers yesterday published a statement that Prince, the apprised the police, and Dr Watt, Lochee, was moved accordingly. Bailie Dick seconded. The murderer of William Terriss, had sent a letter to Sir Henry Irving threatening that when he been instantaneous, as the bullet had passed Kirkwall (Counciller Eunson, Edinburgh) is released from Broadmoor he will make it through the brain. Investigation disclosed the his first business to assassinate him, and that fact that the suicide had been gone about on a the motion was carried. Sir Henry, in view of the fact that it has been | most determined and effective plan. M'Intosh the practice in certain cases to release criminal was a member of the 3d V.B.R.H. (Dundee lunatics, had sent the letter to the Home Highlanders), and he had his regimental

"There is just a suspicion of truth in the his wife, he had tied Evening News representative yesterday, "but on the other end of the string, had inserted it is an evident exaggeration of some one who his toe into the loop. At the same time he had has got hold of a bit of the story. The fact is that three months after he was sent to Broadmoor Prince by some means posted a letter to Sir Henry, in which he libelled and abused several people, members of the profession and others. Of course, Sir Henry took no notice of these incoherent ramblings of lunatic, but as be thought it was not right or in accordance with the regulations at Broadmoor that inmates should be able to send out appoint Mr J. Arthur Thomson, M.A., F.R.S.E., letters unknown to the Governor, the contents of which might cause pain to others, he mentioned the receipt of the communication to Edinburgh; Lecturer on Biology in the School of the authorities with a view to preventing the

Mr Thomas Ellis, Liberal M.P. for Merionethshire, died yesterday morning at Cannes, the cause of death being brain fever. The deceased who was Chief Liberal Whip, was aged forty The Established Presbytery of Auchterarder | years. Mr Ellis was only married last year, and was taken ill shortly afterwards, and had since moderator. The Clerk (Rev. George D. Mac- been in indifferent health. He had represented Naughtan, Braco) submitted the annual reports. Merionethshire in the Liberal interest since 1886, The Clerk said one startling fact was that, not the year of the party split. Mr Ellis was proonly for the six schemes of the Church, but minently connected with the Welsh education resides at Friarton of St Martins, received on different occasions official com- actually for every purpose for which congregations movement, and with advocacy of Welsh ques- who was in the employment of William had been ordered to contribute by the General tions. He was a Junior Lord of the Treasury Assembly, contributions had been sent by every and Parliamentary Charity Commissioner from parish within the bounds of the Presbytery. 1892 till 1894, and Parliamentary Secretary to (Applause.) Rev. Dr Thomson moved that the the Treasury and Chief Ministerial Whip from reports be adopted, and the Clerk thanked. The March, 1894, till 1895. After the election of 1895 following were, in accordance with the rule of he continued to act as Chief Whip to the Opposi-

The news of the death of Mr T. Ellis, M.P. message of sympathy to Mrs Ellis through Sir John Brunner. Messages have been received from Mr Ellis's colleagues in the Whips' office. The Carmarthen County Council and Bangor City Council passed votes of condolence with Mrs Ellis and family.

The Press Association's Bala correspondent states that the news of Mr Ellis's death reached Bala and Cynlas, the deceased gentleman's Welsh home, early yesterday morning, causing utmost consternation and general sorrow. body will arrive at Bala on Saturday, the interment taking place at Cefnddwystarn Cemetery, close to Cynlas, on Tuesday.

#### THE LOSS OF THE LABRADOR.

CAPTAIN AGAIN EXAMINED. At the Board of Trade inquiry at Liverpool vesterday Captain Erskine, the master of the story of her eventful bicycle run, of her and harbours, while the bad climate was being Robert Johnston, D. M. Wilson, John Kennedy, the fog off Skerrymore Lighthouse on the voyage tenor of the negotiations he looked forward to the Dominion liner Labrador, which was wrecked in | what might be the result eventually, but from the | was agreed to. hunger, and of the "inhospitable" reception combated in every possible way, and with con- A. M. Houston. Elders-Messrs L. Grant, G. from Quebec, said the passengers were got into result with some hope. The coalowners Wellington, Wednesday (Reuter).—The gold she had from the village inn landlady, whom siderable success, by the improvement of the Masterton, George Henderson, and George Whyte. the steamer's boat in an hour and a-half after the evidently were now prepared to deal with water supply and sanitation. It is probable that Rev. Mr Stevenson, Auchtertool, reported in first order was given. He never thought he was the wages question on the lines of connection with the new church erected recently off the Scottish coast, and believed he had been ciliation—a thing they were never prepared at Cowdenbeath by the Joint Presbyteries of carried there by a strong north-east current. The to do before. He also wished to point out that captain of the Viking, which picked up several this was the first time in the history of the Scottish boatloads of passengers, considered the Labrador miners that their wages stood on about The Joint Committee, he explained, considered in the worst possible condition when her captain | par with those of the Englishmen, and he had that the best way to raise the deficit, and also a left her. The first officer of the Labrador attri- doubt that if the proposed Conciliation Board buted the catastrophe to currents, though he had i not noticed any two days before when they had an observation. He thought the steamer's chronometers were correct. The case was again adjourned.

## RITUAL CRISIS.

THE "DEFIANCE" OF LORD HALIFAX. Writing to one of his constituents, Lord George Hamilton says the utterances of Lord Halifax and certain other Ritualists taken in the aggregate amount to nothing less than a defiance of all constituted authority, whether emanating from the Crown, Parliament, or the Bishops. If Lord Halifax does not represent the mass of members of the English Church Union, they should take the earliest opportunity of repudiating his Lordship's utterances. His Lordship adds that it is the open defiance of all authority that gives the motive power to the movement to strengthen the

MORE CONFESSIONS THAN EVER. Speaking at a Church bazaar at Doncaster yesterday, Lord Halifax said he had lived through many crises. The result of the crisis of twentyfive years ago, which culminated in the Public ignored by the Church Courts. If the Courts | Worship Regulation Act, was to help forward the continued to ignore them, and if Ritualism and principles it was meant to crush. They ought to Popery were suffered to remain supreme in the thank God for the present agitation, because Church, the result would be that the existing evil | had excited an interest in Church matters and had had a beneficial effect upon Churchmen. been told that confessions had never been numerous as at this Easter time, and during Dr Sinclair, Culross, seconded by the Rev. A. | March 1500 new members had joined the English

## FORFAR SCHOOL BOARD.

THE TEACHERS' QUESTION AGAIN. last night-Mr J. F. Craik, chairman, presiding. The attendance returns showed an average at all the schools under the Board of 93.3, as compared with 94 during the corresponding period last year. PROPOSED GYMNASIUM.

He believed this would be one of the most advantageous acts of expenditure which they could paltry sum for so large a number of pupils. tent of ten thousand miles. As the troupe will, stated. On a division the previous question was were inadequate and that the contributions

> TEACHERS' SALARIES. moved the previous question, and the Rev. W. Paterson seconded, Mr D. M. Graham supported second class teachers were entitled to better for discussion, to see remuneration than the third class, the employ- | could not be done demned. Mr A. W. Myles held with reference to those particular teachers to whom Mr Graham had referred in terms calculated to do them damage in their profession that they had developed a certain amount of teaching power which did credit to the schoolmaster under whom they were trained. The Chairman observed that their expenditure had risen £800 or £900 within the last year or two in the shape of salaries, and taking the view that they were just going fast enough, he gave his casting vote for the previous

THE TROUBLES OF THE NEW CODE. Mr Grabam moved that the headmasters in the service of the Board be asked to consult with the Board in regard to the provisions of the new Scottish Code. The Code imposed irksome restrictions in the matter of the number of pupils in a class, and it had done nothing to remove the great hindrances in their way in giving secondary education to the working classes. Mr Myles, in second ing the motion, observed that apart from the West Burgh School they had no school under their charge which in all respects satisfied the requirements of the new Code. Agreed. .The Clerk, Mr Alexander Hay, reported receipt

of additional grant for science subjects as work. lasting altogether about a couple of hours.

At a meeting of Glasgow Magistrates, it was among the passengers on hoard the Union Line unlimited confidence in him, and during half a Colonel Hector A. Macdonald on the occasion of steamer Norman Castle, which sailed from Cape dozen revolutions did not melest his tracks nor the Clan Macdonald presenting to the distinguished soldier a sword of honour.

#### SHOOTING AFFRAY IN DUNDEE.

A VOLUNTEER'S TRAGIC ACT. A suicide of a most sensational nature occurred in Lochee yesterday, and caused a great sensation in the locality when the details leaked out. party concerned was a man named Imrie M'Intosh (33), employed as a chimney-sweep, and her husband was in his usual state of health. She | fixed upon. is employed in one of the public works in Lochee. and when she left her house about three o'clock on the kitchen floor quite dead. His head Bills, and other cognate subjects. The Presiwas badly shattered, and it was evident that he dent said he thought consideration of these had shot himself, as a magazine rifle was lying on | matters might very well be delayed until the the floor beside him. The coalman at once report of the Royal Commission was out. He communicated with. On the arrival of the Assessor for Culross (ex-Provost Clark, Paisley) rifle in the house. On the departure paragraph," remarked Mr Bram Stoker to an to the trigger of the gun, and placing a loop posed that the Bill should be recommitted with placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth. and by this means there was no difficulty in l discharging the weapon. The tremendous power of the magazine rifle was demonstrated by the result of the shot, for the bullet, after passing through the brain, perforated and shattered the skull, and struck a stone wall of the apartment with such force as to cause a considerable indention, and it then rebounded and fell on the floor where it was found. No reason can be assigned for M'Intosh's tragic act. He was a son of the

#### SHOCKING FATALITY AT PERTH.

late Mr R. M'Intosh, plumber, who a number

is survived by a widow and four children.

years ago stood for the Town Council. Deceased

TRACTION ENGINE-DRIVER'S FRIGHTFUL DEATH.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly after four o'clock, an unfortunate accident, which has since had a fatal termination, occurred in Perth. From what can be ascertained, it appears that while Charles Edwards (45), steam traction engine-driver, who Adamson, steam threshing-mill proprietor, was engaged at his occupation when the accident occurred. Adamson was employed in steering a traction engine on the Glasgow Road opposite Oakbank Lodge, Cherrybank, when he lost his balance and fell on the top of one of the wheels, his legs becoming entangled in the spokes. unfortunate man was carried round several times, and sustained severe injuries to his body and legs. He was removed with all speed to the Infirmary in the ambulance waggon, where it was seen that his injuries were of a frightful description. injuries comprised a fracture of the arm, fracture of the leg, fracture of the hip bone, and altogether the unfortunate man presented a shocking spectacle. Everything was done to alleviate his sufferings, but from the first no hopes were entertained of his recovery, and he died about eight o'clock last night. Deceased was unmarried.

#### FIFE MINERS.

MR WEIR ON THE PROPOSED CONCILIA-

TION BOARD. held on Tuesday night-Mr Maclean in the chair. | to. Mr Weir, the general secretary of the Fife and Kiuross Miners' Association, attended, and after dealing with several local matters, referred to the recent settlement of the wages question. This was the first time, he said, in the history of the Scottish miners that an advance of wages had burghs' funds or assessments all expenses inbeen negotiated in the manner it had just been curred by a community in opposing or promo irritation previously in connection with the wages | What this motion amounted to, he explained, question, but the recent conferences had evidently | was that the same power should be given to introduced a new vein which, so far as it had gone, Town Councils as had been given to County had worked satisfactorily. It was difficult to say | Councils under the Act of 1889. The motion were established, it would have the effect of keeping the wages in both countries more on a leve than they had hitherto been. Very much would depend upon the conference te be held within the next fortnight, but he was surethat notwithstand ing the existence of opposition-probably in both camps—there would be an honest effort made to establish a more reasonable method of dealing with the wages question in future. He congratulated the meeting on the prospect of the establishment of a Conciliation Board at this point because, in his view, it was far better to have such machinery put in motion when wages were high than when they were low. After the experience they had had during the last few years, he had no doubt that the machinery would work for good not only for the workmen, but for the employers themselves. (Applause.) Referring to the proposal to raise the age at which boys entered the mines to fourteen years, Mr Weir argued in favour of it, and his sentiments were heartily endorsed.

# SIR ROBERT FINLAY IN

SCHOOLMASTERS.

Sir Robert Finlay, M.P. for Inverness Burghs,

INVERNESS. DEPUTATION OF NORTHERN

Solicitor-General for England, has been spending the Easter Recess amongst his constituents Yesterday he visited the Inverness Harbour which the trustees propose to considerably extend when Parliament sauctions the Bill. He also visited the new Parish Council Offices, and the site for the new prison for the Northern counties in Argyll Street. During the day he received in the Caledonian Hotel a deputation from the Northern Counties Schoolmasters' Association, who waited upon him for the purpose of impressing him with the shortcomings of the Teachers The monthly meeting of this body took place Superannuation Act of last year. Mr Wallace headmaster, High School: Mr Cameron, Centra School; and Mr Bartlett, High School, all addressed Sir Robert, and pointed out inadequacy of the pensions for teachers with the liberal amount granted after shorter periods to Mr John Clark moved that the sum of £20 be | soldiers, policemen, and Post Office servants extended in procuring prizes instead of the parch- The deputation laid stress on the restoring to ments now in use. Mr D. M. Graham seconded. School Boards the power to grant supplementary

Sir Robert said it was no doubt true that there undertake. Mr A. W. Myles moved the previous was not so much opportunity of discussing the revewing the matter ere that lugubrious document question, his main reason being that he had a Bill, particularly amongst Scottish teachers, at is presented It is calculated that the next tour of Sir competing scheme which he thought of infinitely the same time it was no doubt felt desirable that Henry Irving and his company in the United more importance than giving what was a very the measure should be carried rather than be lost His in consequence of the need of more thorough disbeen completed by Mr Bram Stoker, will involve scheme was in the direction of establishing a cussion, which the circumstances did not permit. travelling on the American Continent to the ex- gymnasium, which could be set up for the amount | As to the resolution that the provisions provided the Government were too small, everyone would see that the fund was based on the idea that the con-Mr John Peffers moved that the salaries of first | tributions given would remain permanent, as at and second class acting teachers be increased by present, and if alteration was made it would £2 10s. Mr Jarman seconded. Mr A. W. Myles entail considerable change in the financial position. As to the amount of pension teachers. Sir Robert said the Act was as the amendment on the ground that the first and | young, and the question was eminently one | ment of whom by the Board he vigorously con- the imperfections in the Act. Sir Robert thoroughly appreciated the importance of the be denied. The opposition to increase the maxiquestion of the right of School Boards to supple ment the pensions under the Act. Before saying anything definite on the subject, one would like to have a more thorough expression of opinion the part of School Boards and those whom School Boards represented. Sir Robert could make no declaration on the point, but assured the deputation that he would take the opportunity of bringing their views before those who were directly responsible in this matter. Sir Robert was cordially thanked for the manner in which he had listened to the deputation.

## ACCIDENTS ON GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY.

luggage train travelling between Grimsby and Barnetby, the scene of the recent fatal railway accident on the Great Central Railway, was thrown off the line vesterday afternoon by the breaking of an axle. The line was blocked, and while in this condition another train ran into the A breakdown gang from Grimsby managed to clear the line after about two hours' SAD SUICIDE AT MACDUFF.

mitted suicide. After retiring to rest, he had senting the Scottish electorate with London risen, and cut his throat almost from ear to ear lawyers. leaves a widow and one child.

## CONVENTION OF BURGHS.

The annual meeting of the Convention of Royal, Parliamentary, and Police Burghs of Scotland was resumed in the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, yesterday. The Preses (the Right Hon. Mitchell Thomson, Lord Provost o Edinburgh), occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING. It was proposed by Mr Simpson, town clerk of he resided with his wife and family at 39 North Dunfermline, that next meeting of the Conven-Church Street. It seems that when Mrs | tion should be held at Perth, but, on the motion. M'Intosh came home to dinner in the afternoon of Provost Dewar, Edinburgh was unanimously

> THE LICENSING LAWS. The programme of business contained half a dozen items under the general term of the Licensagent had ing Laws providing for the consideration of such when | matters as Local Veto, Threefold Option, Grocers find M'Intosh lying Licensing, and Permissive Licensing Powers seconded the amendment. On a show of hands, BURGH POLICE (ACOTLAND) ACT.

The suggestions prepared by the Annual Committee for a Bill to amend the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, next came before the meeting, and ex-Provost Brodie, North Berwick, propowers to the Annual Committee. who should endeavour to get some private member to introduce it into Parliament if the official members would not. Provost Macfarlan seconde d, observing that the Bill of 1892 was fearfully and wonderfully made. Mr James Donaldson, the assessor of Partick, urged that the Convention a bould petition in favour of the introduction of the Burgh Police and Health (Scotland) Bill, 13. with an additional clause as to the licensing slaughter-houses in burghs. Some difference of opinion, however, showed itself with references to one point under the Bill dealing with the transference of one-half of the assessment for drainage from the owners to the occupiers, and finally the Bill was remitted with powers to the Annual Committee.

HOUSE-LETTING. The Lord Provost of Dundee proposed that a clause be inserted in the Burgh Police Amending Bill rendering it unlawful for proprietors to obtain from yearly tenants renewal of their leases earlier than 15th May. The Assessor for Dundee seconded. The discussion showed that there were several aspects of the proposed change which were neither for the benefit of the proprietor nor tenant. On a division, the previous question was carried.

ASSESSORSHIP OF HERITAGES. Provost Macleay, commissioner for Lanark, moved that in burghs with a population under 5000 the Assessor of Heritages should be the Surveyor of Taxes for the district in which the burgh is situated, and that his appointment should be by the Crown. Bailie Donald, assessor for Cromarty, seconded. Provost Mitchell, Montrose, proposed a direct negative, arguing that the burghs were quite enough under the heel of officialdom and Government officers without voluntarily putting their neck still further under He was astonished, he went on to say, that this movement in the direction of abandoning any little vestige of Home Rule they had should come from the Highlands, which he always looked upon as the citadel of Home Rule. Bailie M'Leav, commissioner for Tain, seconded the amendment, which was adopted on a division.

Provest Kirkwood, Govan, moved that the Convention petition Parliament and memorialisz the Government to put burghs in Scotland on the same footing as English boroughs with regard to the privileges conferred on the latter by the English Local Government Act, whereby such of them as have a population of 50,000 can claim to be made a burgh. Provost Macfarlan, meeting of miners in the Dysart district was Dumbarton, seconded, and the motion was agreed

EXPENSE OF PARLIAMENTARY BILLS. Lord Provost Dewar, Perth, moved that the Convention remit to the Annual Committee to consider and report as to the expediency of obtaining power to burghs to pay out of the There had always been extraordinary ing Parliamentary Bills or Provisional Orders

> ASSESSMENT OF CEMETERIES On the motion of Councillor Waterston ir was remitted to the Annual Committee to consider and report upon the subject of the exemption from assessment of cemeteries carried on for profit, and that with the view of urging the Government to introduce a Bill into Parliament excluding such cemeteries from the Churches and Chapels Act of 1874.

TRANSFER OF HOUSES AND LAND. It was agreed, on the motion of Mr David Lewis, that the time had now arrived when the transfer of houses and land in burghs and counties should be largely simplified and the expense lessened, and that the Convention should bring these grievances before Parliament, and submit it to the views of the Convention as to how the grievances should be remedied.

NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSES. There was a motion on the paper calling upon the Convention to take such steps as might be necessary for securing the reorganisation of the Board of Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses with a view to the introduction into the Board of men having practical acquaintance with navigation and commerce, but the Preses pointed out that this was not a matter for the Convention to discuss, and on a division the meeting supported him with 25 votes against 17.

THE LADIES AGAIN. The Assessor for Dingwall (Mr David Lewis, Edinburgh) moved that the Convention petition Parliament to extend the Parliamentary franchise to women. Amid cries of "Agreed," the Commissioner for Montrose moved a direct negative. He was, he said, a great admirer of the fair sex, but he did not want to trouble them with the turmoil of municipal and Parliamentary life, and he thought they were far better employed in attending to their own affairs. The Provost of St Andrews said ladies to stay at home and attend to the darning o the stockings and the keeping of their children in order, instead of dancing and all those other things. On a division the motion, with the addition of the word "ratepayers," was carried by

The Convention closed with the usual votes

FROM AN. OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT. Yesterday's meeting of the Convention lacked nothing of the enthusiasm of the opening day, and with the exception of the temperance party, most of those present would be satisfied with the work performed. The shunting of the Local Veto and other restrictive panaceas till the appearance of the Royal Commission's report was rather rough on those whose enthusiasm is strong on this subject, and soon mutterings of discontent were beard after the opportunity was gone, but probably little progress could have been attained by

The proposal of the Commissioner for Dundee to prohibit proprietors and their factors from enforcing too immature declarations by working class tenants of removal of their yearly leases of tenements hardly received the consideration it deserved, due probably to an insufficient acquaint ance with the subject, and, as the Lord Provost rather patly said, owing to the opposition of members of the legal profession, whose sympathies

might be on the other side. The Provost of Montrose was not quite up to concert pitch. He only moved the previous question three times, probably because there were only four divisions, but some of his vigilance. particularly in holding the balance fairly 'twixt owner and occupier, was commendable, while his ready comprehension of municipal procedure can't mum rate from 1d to 2d for the maintenance of Free Libraries was hardly up to the times of light and leading, and the ground of objection, viz. that it might develop extravagance, was exceedingly feeble, while much broader avenues of prodigality are virtually unrestricted. That the cities of St Andrews and Brechin should be prominent in this procedure adds to the poignancy. The result of insisting upon the roll being called. however, proved the majority in favour of the proposal to be much larger than the show of hands

A large amount of time was consumed with amendments on '92 Police Act to remove its inconsistencies and interpret its incoherencies. There is truth in the rather witty observation of the Provost of Dumbarton that it is so "fearfully and wonderfully made," that no mere man since the Fall has ever been able in this life to unravel its

mystification. The Parliamentary franchise of women ratepayers came in for the usual amount of chivalry. and was supported by the chair. Probably it is considered a safe subject to coquette with in view of the female vote at municipal and other elections. How the franchise can be given without conferring the right of candidature was not entered upon, but if the women representatives are local A painful sensation was caused in Macduff yes- they may know more, and take greater pains to Other matters were dealt with, the meeting terday morning when it was known that late on interest themselves in the weal of their con-Tuesday night John Troup, butcher, had com- stituencies than the prevailing system of repre-

Lord Hawke's team of English cricketers are latterly in the Philippines. The Filipinos have agreed to offer the hospitality of the city to with a razor. Deceased, who is a native of The metric system of weights and measures was Keith, commenced business in Macduff about four | the last controversial subject touched upon, and years ago. He was thirty four years of age, and | the Convention was hardly prepared to adopt is