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FRIDAY, JUNE 29.

— At the first annual examination of the Madras Civil Engineering College the number of students was 30. The results seem to have been rather below par. Nine of the students obtained the certificate of Assistant Overseer in the Public Works Department and two that of 1st class Sub-Overseer.

— The Southern Division of the Bombay Army has been abolished. Belgaum is constituted a Brigade of the first class in direct communication with head-quarters. General Farrell, who has been commanding the Southern Division, will be transferred to the Malwa and Rajpootana Division.

— Sir E. Creasy, the new Chief Justice of Ceylon, landed at Galle on the 10th June. Besides Sir James Mackintosh, India has had no literary judge. We had a chance of Mr. Kinglake lately, but his success in politics has opened to him a more ambitious sphere than Calcutta.

— The people of Ceylon intended to present Sir Henry Ward with a testimonial before his departure.

— During the 15 years since 1845 14,185 Indian coolies, of whom one-third were women and children, have left Calcutta for Trinidad. In the first 12 years, the mortality during the three months' voyage was so low as 4.6 per cent. In the last 3 years it is said to have risen to 13.4 per cent. chiefly among the women and children. The cause given in a Parliamentary report is curious. The belief was prevalent that emigration was a mode adopted for avenging the slaughter of Europeans in India, and fear and depression of mind were the result. In the case of emigration to British Guiana we meet with the same facts. From Madras the mortality was less. The annual death rate of the coolies when they reach the colonies is only 1.6 per cent, much below that of England and 3 per cent. below that of the same class in India.

— The *Ly-ee-Moon* ordered by Messrs. Dent and Co. and intended to run as a swift opium steamer between Hong-Kong and Shanghai, sailed for China in the beginning of the month. She is like the Queen's Yacht, and pronounced one of the finest specimens of naval architecture ever turned out. In her trial trip on the Thames she averaged 18 miles an hour with 32 to 33 revolutions. She is 270 feet long and 27.3 broad. She is fitted up with all the most recent appliances.

— The projectors of the new telegraph to America by Iceland and Greenland seem likely to be encouraged by Lord Palmerston. The route they propose is as follows. The European terminus will be in the North of Scotland. Thence the cable will be laid to the Faroe Islands, a distance of 230 miles, and thence to Iceland, a short length of 280 miles more. A land line then proceeds across part of Iceland to join the submarine cable on the western coast of that island, near or at the town of Reikiavik, whence the cable is intended to proceed direct to the southern end of Greenland—a distance of between 500 and 600 miles. Then, crossing by land lines from the eastern shore of Greenland to Julianshaab, a submerged line leads from that town to Hamilton's Inlet, on the coast of Labrador, a distance of about 600 miles more. Short land lines then continue the whole to the shores of the St. Lawrence, and are there placed in junction with those that traverse the United States. When the great Russian line to the Amoor and America is completed the earth will be literally encircled with a girdle of wire.

— The new proposal of the P. and O. Company to run their Australian Steamers between Melbourne and Galle only, will once more flood their Indian Steamers with Australian passengers. We thought they had already learned the impossibility of this. Anglo-Indians will not stand almost incessant drunkenness and open revolvers at every hour in the saloon. Besides the Indian steamers are already overcrowded. A weekly mail will alone settle the difficulty. The new arrangement comes into force with the mail leaving Australia on the 22nd July.

— At last the *Accrington* has arrived.

— The British India Association have presented a petition to the Legislative Council praying them to disallow as much of the Arms Bill as pertains to the taking out of a license to wear arms; but if not, to make its provisions apply to all classes without distinction of race or colour.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30.

— The *Delhi Gazette* contains some correspondence regarding an action for libel, and a claim of Rs. 10,000 against the *Oudh Gazette*. The plaintiff is Ramdial, Extra Assistant Commissioner, and the clauses on which the claim is based are the following:—"We have frequently heard before the unscrupulous corruption and tyrannous oppression on the part of the Extra Assistant Commissioner, Ramdial, but the occurrence thus related constitutes a climax that overcomes our temper and forbearance in the matter. We say, we have the best of reasons for believing the accusation made against him, &c." The difficulty appears to be in connection with the levying of the income tax in Oude.

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— The public meeting of the natives of Bombay, to move an address to Sir Charles Trevelyan on the occasion of his recall, took place on the 19th inst. in the Town Hall. The usual arguments and compliments were crowned by the request that the late Governor would consent to sit for a full length Portrait to be hung in one of the public institutions of Bombay. Upwards of Rs. 3,500 were subscribed on the spot for this purpose.

— The newly projected Bangalore Bank is now fairly started. The capital is to be a lakh of Rupees to begin with. Nearly half is already subscribed.

— The *North West Gazette* gives some particulars regarding dispensaries in the Punjab. Previous to 1853 there were only 12; during that year, 19 more were added, and the number has since greatly increased. Numerous operations have been performed, and the natives do not object to the use of chloroform. Vaccination forms a branch department in all the dispensaries.

— The Nerbudda Coal and Iron Company has now fairly started. Its Capital is £120,000, divided into 6,000 shares. The mines are held upon a nominal yearly rental of ten pounds for the first five years. Both the iron and the coal in this district have been known for twenty years, and the chief drawback in the way of working them has been as usual the want of cheap transit. The prospect of having the Railway three years hence has encouraged the formation of the Company.

— The Madras papers state that the Bourbon cotton grown by Messrs. Fisher and Co. at Coimbatore has gained the prize of 1,000 Rs. and a gold medal at the Agri-Horticultural Society's exhibition in Calcutta. The cultivation of cotton seems to be extending in Madras, and is encouraged at the agricultural exhibitions there.

— Lady Canning arrived at Landour on the morning of the 20th June.

— It was originally proposed to use the characters of only the Marhatta and Hindustani languages for the Presidency of Bombay on the new paper notes. The Government urges the use of three for the Presidency Circle, Guzerattee, Marhatta and Hindustani. In the island itself the first is used; in the districts in the neighbourhood, the second; and by the Mahomedans the last. Canarese must be used for Dharwar, Belgaum and part of Sholapore. A new distribution of the Bombay Circles is proposed:—

"Bombay Circle.

Including—Bombay, Northern Konkan, Candeish, Surat, Broach, Kaira, Ahmedabad, and Guzerat. An Office of Sub-issue would be required at Ahmedabad.

Southern or Deccan Circle.

With its head-quarters at Poona, an important city, and the largest military station in this Presidency. The circle would include, Poona, Ahmednuggur, Sholapore, Sawara, Southern Konkan, Raichor, and Daraseo (Assigned Districts); Belgaum, Dharwar, and North Canara. An Office of Sub-issue at Belgaum would be indispensable for this circle.—No objection is raised to the evil of the whole scheme—the very small number of banks of issue.

— A new native paper in English, the *Indian Banner*, has been started in Bombay. It is issued weekly.

MONDAY, JULY 2.

— A famine threatens the North West. The hot winds still blow and the rains have not yet generally fallen in some districts. Last season there was a partial famine. No system of canals however perfect can make amends for the want of the usual rains.

— The people of Bombay are so indignant at the 'irregularities' of the Ice Agent in raising and lowering the price and at the want of all ice in the island at present, that a Company is being formed to establish a new Ice house.

— The number of prisoners incarcerated in the Jails of the town of Bombay is 276. Of these 49 are male Europeans who are in the house of correction. Sailors, we presume.

— The wreck of the American ship *Squantum* off the west coast, with 925 tons of ice on board developed not a little heroism on the part of the Captain—Miller—and his wife. The vessel went on shore on a sandy beach, but at a considerable distance from terra firma at day light. The life boat was lowered but was soon dashed to pieces. Casks with lines attached were floated on shore, but the natives took no notice of them. Light rafts were then constructed, but the surf was so high that none of the crew would venture on them. At last the Captain's son made an attempt. Bound to the panel of a door, with legs and arms free, he swam through the surf, often lost to the sight, and reached dry land. The men then followed on the light rafts. When the last had gone, Captain Miller fastened his wife to a plank with a rope round her, and the two pushed off. After almost miraculous escapes they reached the shore. Three only of the crew are missing.

— Lord Canning denounces the character of the Vakeels and Mookhtars who have hitherto practised in the Oude Courts as 'infamous.' "It is admitted on all hands that, as it is their interest, so it is their constant object to promote litigation, to complicate the proceedings, and to prolong the contest, that they are, for the most part, exceedingly ignorant and ill-educated and that they give no assistance to the presiding Officer." They are accordingly forbidden to plead in civil suits in Oude. The parties to a suit must be confronted in court, unless they are of high rank.

— Jowala Pershad, the Nana's Commander-in-Chief, has been sentenced to be hanged. The evidence given against him as to his complicity in the murder of Europeans, his directing the massacre at the ghat of Cawnpore and his leadership in rebellion, was chiefly by Captain Mowbray Thomson and three faithful sepoy. If it be true that Feroze Shah has gone to Mecca, we now know the fate of every leader of the mutiny. Hanging, or a miserable death in the ravines of Nepal.