

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—A little boy, 9 years of age, son of Mr. John Robinson, residing near the Pattecake, rear of Hampton Village, fell from a load of hay on to a hay fork (on Friday last) which penetrated his bowels, inflicting a most horrible and fatal wound. On Sunday there were no hopes of the child's recovery.—News.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Secretary of the Navy this morning received the following letter from Captain Hueson, commanding the U. S. frigate Niagara:—

U. S. FRIGATE NIAGARA, PLYMOUTH, Aug. 27, 1857.

SIR: I have the honor to report this ship as yet anchored off the dock-yard at this port. I returned from London yesterday, having been requested to meet the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, with the other commanding officers of the vessels employed in this service, for the purpose of consultation as to whether it was practicable and safe to lay out the end of the cable in October next. It was the united opinion of nautical men present that it might be laid, but attended with risk and hazard at that advanced season of the year.

The Board have not yet decided whether to get more cable made and attempt it, or to dispose of what remains to other companies who now are in treaty for, and anxious to get it, to establish a telegraph-line direct to India at such an important moment in the history of the country. The company seem determined to consummate their undertaking, and have called upon three of the best practical machinists and engineers of London to have a thorough examination, and to report upon the machinery now on board the Niagara. This will take place on Tuesday next. Should they defer laying down the cable until the middle of July next, which is probably the best time to commence the work, they will have abundant time to make 3000 miles of telegraph cable by the 1st of May. We had on board the two ships 4524 statute miles of cable; 335 were lost when the brakes parted the cable. I am satisfied that it will require 3000 miles of cable to insure success in another attempt.

If the company should not lay out or otherwise dispose of their cable this season, I hope you will furnish me with special instructions for my future action with the ship. The officers and men are in good health.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, WM. L. HUESON, Captain. Hon. I. Toucey, Secretary of the Navy.

In reference to the Atlantic Telegraph Cable the London Freeman remarks:—

It was difficult to imagine that the movement of such a vessel as the Niagara in a heavy sea, should not break so small a line. The greater part of the sunken portion will be recovered, but it is hardly probable that another attempt will be made till next summer. The experience gained appears to be valuable; but when we reflect that a similar accident occurring anywhere in about 2000 miles of the cable will be fatal to its success, it seems hardly possible to hope against so many chances of wind and weather, of machinery, and strength of the line itself. It is said the Great Eastern will ride steadily on three Atlantic waves. Could she not undertake the task next summer. Would it not be cheaper in the end?

THE INDIAN MUTINY—FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

A writer in The Times, signing himself "Anglo Bengalee," enters into calculations to show the money value of India:—"There is to begin with, a little item of something under £4,000,000 a-year remitted to England on 'Home account.' Of this sum about £1,000,000 is paid for stores, and may be considered a matter of trade. The remainder, or 3,000,000 a-year, consists of pensions, furlough pay, soldiers' wages, salaries, allowances, interest on debts and on proprietors' stock, and some other items. To this amount must be added an equal one, or £3,000,000 more (to speak precisely, £2,850,000), paid to England for family remittances. This sum is given to England for no quid pro quo in coals or candles, and is as much a portion of the great Indian tribute, as the Directors' salaries. It is a direct addition to that wealth which falls under the shears of the Commissioners of the Income-tax, and represents wealth amounting, even at five per cent, to £120,000,000. India, besides this tribute which it pays annually to England, has a trade. That trade exclusive of the Singapore branch, amounts to £55,000,000 sterling a year. What is its money value? I will estimate it at only two years' purchase, and then we have still another 100,000,000, to add to the previous 120,000,000. We are, therefore, on the commonest calculation of profit and loss, bound to spend 200,000,000, before we give up India."

MR. MACAULEY'S ELEVATION TO THE PEERAGE.—The London Times in noticing Mr. Macauley's elevation to the House of Lords remarks:—

"There can be no more welcome addition to the debates of the Upper House than the orations which we trust Mr. Macauley will occasionally contribute on the few great occasions by which the Lords every session vindicate their possession. Although at one time he took a prominent part in the discussions of the House of Commons, his tone of thought and style of speaking were never quite suited to the bustling representatives of the people. It is in the Lower House that Cabinets rise

and fall, that public moneys are disposed of, that the chief business of the country is transacted. The members are thus too strictly occupied with passing affairs, too intent upon the result of a division and the fall of a party, to care much for philosophy or history, even if the philosophy be adorned with all the eloquence of Burke and the history be present with all the brilliance of Macaulay. But while the Commons are all for the present, on the other hand, prescription is the vital air of the Peerage, and in the House of Lords our philosophic historian will find an appropriate audience for that stately eloquence which carries with it so much wisdom. Especially at the present moment must we rejoice at his elevation, in the hope that when we have crushed this Indian mutiny, and the time comes to consider calmly the future of our Eastern Empire, the views of one who has described in most glowing terms how England became possessed of that prize, and who, in the preparation of a Code of Indian Law, has shown that he has most profoundly studied the wants of the Hindoo, will be expressed as he can express them. Not only on our Indian difficulty, but on all questions of high policy, there is not a man in the country whose opinions are entitled to more weight, and who will be more gladly heard. An historian in a statesman on his travels; and, while Mr. Macaulay will still travel from century to century and from country to country, we may expect now to have him sometimes at home with us, giving his advice in the present need."

Cawnpore has been retaken, and the infamous Nena Sahib driven out of the place which he has debased by his atrocities.

Some of the British prisoners, reported as having lost their lives in Cawnpore had escaped.

TELEGRAPH DESPATCH.—What a wonderful mercy the telegraph communication has been kept up in the Punjab! Here is a use it was put to:—"A letter was intercepted at Pindee, which said, 'Three natives of high rank (giving names) sit in council to-morrow to decide what to do against the English.' Telegraph said, 'Let a spy attend and report.' This was done, and in a few minutes after the outlines of the plot were before Lawrence. Telegraph again, 'Hang them all three.' In 15 minutes more they were hung. Short work?"

NEW STEAM PLOUGH.—A young man, a native of Glasgow, named Austin, recently manager of a mill near Donaghadee, has invented a steam plough. The machine sends out two plough shares of the ordinary form on each side, moving forward as the furrows are turned up, and capable of wheeling round at the end of the field. It is calculated to plough from three to six acres per day with a man and a boy, and only requires from four to eight cwt. of coal, according to the power of the engine.

GREAT CHILDREN'S CONCERT.—We understand that 3,000 children, in sixty-four schools, are now rehearsing with great glee, for the Crystal Palace Choral Meeting on the 2nd Sept. They are taught on the method of the Tonic Sol-fa Association for the promotion of Vocal Music. Each school will march to the grand orchestra headed by its own flag, and every young chorister will be decorated by his medal, specially struck for the occasion.

The Queen has presented the committee formed at Worms for the erection of a monument to Luther, with the sum of 40l., and Prince Albert has contributed 25l. The local papers are loud in their thanks for this welcome assistance.

At Oxford the recent changes in the University regulations have been taken advantage of by several Roman Catholics who are now pursuing their studies in that ancient seat of learning.—Weekly Register

MAGNANIMOUS!—The Times in an article on Colonel Wheeler and his regiment, says:—"We have not the slightest objection to colonels of regiments being religious men."!!

A gentleman, who recently went to the top of a hill called "Mt. Zion," six miles from Janesville, Wis., counted on the surrounding plain one hundred and fifty-four horse power reaping machines, busily cutting down wheat. There were 1,000 men, women and boys following after, binding and shocking up the golden sheaves

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HUGH LIGHTBODY, Assignee. Truro, August 31st, 1857. Sept. 9. 3 m.

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