

A Year in Heaven.

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gation, have amounted to the sum of nearly 12,000.—Archives du Christianisme, Feb., 1855.

Mr. Murray has offered Mr. Russell, the Crimean correspondent of the Times, £1000 for a history of the war in the Crimea.

Dr. Merle d'Aubigne, the historian of the Reformation, is writing a life of Luther, to illustrate a series of drawings by Mr. Labouchere.

THE PLURALITY OF WORLDS.—The author of the "Plurality of Worlds," is not Dr. Whewell, to whom the work was generally ascribed, but Mr. J. S. Smith, of Balliol College, Oxford.

CHINA.—The arrival of the Indian mail at Triang has been telegraphed. The advices are from Bombay, Jan. 31; Calcutta, January 22; Shanghai, January 1; Canton, January 13.

We learn from China that Shanghai had been declared in the state of siege by the French officers stationed at that port, but no explanation is given of this extraordinary step. The fall of Canton before the insurgents was deemed imminent.

AN AFFECTIONATE INCIDENT IN THE CRIMEA.—We have seldom read a more touching episode than the following, from the pen of a German soldier, who, with a few comrades, resided near Christman on Christmas eve.

VALUABLE BELLS.—In an account of a recent fair performed by a Roman-catholic bishop, who was himself born a Protestant, in baptizing and blessing a chime of bells in New York, the Freeman's Journal says:—Then the bishop blessed salt and water, saying afterwards the prayer that when the bells should be bathed therewith, whensoever they should sound, the power of the devils, the shades of phantoms, the attack of mobs, the striking of lightning, the shock of thunders, the ruin of tempests, and every spirit of storms might be driven back.

ANOTHER JAIL TO LET.—The jail in New London, Connecticut, in which still a prohibitory law is in operation, is without a prisoner and the jail is to let, like the one in Windham county. But a few years since it was necessary to enlarge the jails both in Norwich and New London to accommodate the increasing number of prisoners.

FOREIGN IMMIGRATION.—The number of emigrants who arrived at New York in 1854 was 248,923, of whom 168,723 were Germans and 80,200 Irish. This is the largest immigration for eight years past. The number of Germans were more than double the Irish, and about 60,000 more than in any previous year.

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THE QUEEN AND THE WOUNDED GUARDS.—By command of the Queen, 32 of the Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards, wounded at Alma, Inkermann, and in the trenches before Sebastopol, assembled at Buckingham Palace, yesterday afternoon, and were inspected by Her Majesty, who was accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Albert, the Colonel of the Regiment, Her Majesty, attended by Colonel Thomas Wood, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, questioned every soldier about his wounds, and afterwards received from Mr. Brown, Sergeant-Major of the Regiment, a report of the state of the invalids. The Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, and Prince Arthur followed the Queen and the Ladies and Gentlemen in Waiting were also present in the Grand Hall.—Court Circular, Wednesday.

THE NEW CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.—The Times says of Sir George Cornewall Lewis:—Although this gentleman has not before filled any of the higher offices of State, he has passed through several of the subordinate departments of government. He was a member of the Poor Law Commission; he has also filled the Secretaryship of the Board of Control, the Secretaryship of the Home Department, and the Principal Secretaryship of the Treasury.

went to the head-quarters of the allied Generals, where a council of war was held, from which he returned in the evening. Next day, the 6th, at noon, we left Balaklava, and after a fine run arrived here at eight last night, when His Highness taking an affectionate leave of us, bade us farewell, and distributed fifty sovereigns among our servants and ship's company.

On the 8th January, 1855 was issued the first number of a new volume of the ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, containing, for the time, a faithful record, pictorial and descriptive, of all events of interest in every part of the world. To the Editors of the Public who do not subscribe to the Journal, it may be stated, that no periodical could be selected more opportune for commencing—the whole expense being but Twenty-six Shillings Sterling per annum, exclusive of double numbers, which are issued on grand occasions, when it would be impossible to crowd the important; for this small size Pages—seventy two Columns—of the most interesting information, carefully selected from the News of the Week, interspersed with a variety of engravings, with Leading Articles on the chief topics of the day.

The Illustrated London News has received a greater share of encouragement and approbation than any other Journal ever published; it is proved by the Returns of Stamps issued from time to time by order of Parliament. The Stamps supplied for the first six months of 1854 were upwards of 2,731,000, showing a WEEKLY CIRCULATION OF UPWARDS OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE THOUSAND COPIES.

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