Correspondence.

FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONEENT. LONDON, May 18, 1864.

SIR :--- I begin to write on the anni-Scotland in 1843. The assembly of beloved. His loss is mourned by a very that year met on the 18th of May. This wide circle of friends. I had the honor year the Assemblies of the Free and of his acquaintance, and have spent Established churches meet on the same many a pleasant evening with him, hearday. for they each still continue the old | ing him expound his views of the nature rule to meet on the third Thursday of of the vast sea which surrounds our meeting was altogether of such a nature May. Dr. Begg, as I told you, is chosen globe, with which he was as familiar as as to assure us that if we only take heart moderator of the Free Church Assembly. and Dr. Macfarlune, of Duddingstone, is moderator of the Established Church Assembly. Dr. Begg has very nearly Christ in sincerity and truth. made a complete recovery from the effects of his railway accident. I shall hope in my next letter to give you some account of "the actions and proceedings" of the Ecclesiastical Courts in Scotland. specially with regard to union. Meanwhile the news presses from this side the border. And, first of all, I ought to and bustle, and retires to the still mounsav that in regard to American affairs tain solitude of Balmoral in Scotland; a the excitement is not now nearly so place endeared to her as the purchase great as it was. The feeling of society was stirred and roused up to fever heat by the horrible assasination of your right royal President. I never knew any foreign event which so stirred the the House of Commons that the Queen heart of this nation. Everybody that had written a letter of condolence and could meet did meet and draw up some sort of a resolution of sympathy. It was the talk every where, in public and tender heart, and can do a thing of that in private. At the May meetings nearly sort well, and we doubt not our widow every preacher referred to it, and the result was ever the same, a wide, and deep, and hearty response to every expression of sincere sympathy in your sorrow. A great many of the resolu-tions passed at the May meetings had special clauses added to this same purport, and I, myself, had the task set me by a committee, of which I am a member, of drawing up a special resolution. embodying our feelings in this matter. last winter, some clever wag contrived to But, as I think, one of the most touch- fasten a large placard over the front of ing of all the utterances of all public bodies was that of "Punch." Some of your readers will not know what and to let, the present occupant declining who Punch is; and so I may tell them | business.", When daylight appeared the in a word that *Punch* is a weekly illustrated paper, carried on by all the wit- before it had been seen, and heartily entiest of the wits of London. Punch is joyed by a vast early crowd; and deread every where, by all classes. All spite the vigilance of the guard it was through your late struggle he took the side of the Southerners in his waggish, witty way; and certainly his caricatures of your late noble President were often times very funny. But Punch knows how to make the amende honorable ; and so, on the news spreading through town that President Lincoln had succumbed to the pistol-shot of a vile assassin, Punch appeared with a serious poem, which I beg to enclose; and which I hope you will find room for. I think there is nothing so noble as to confess wrong when we find that one is wrong; and \mathbf{I} am sure this noble confession of Punch may make amends for many a harmless joke to which he gave utterance in the example has been followed by a great many newspapers, who have, like him, confessed themselves in the wrong in the judgment they had formed in regard to the late struggle between the North and the South. This confession is not confined to newspapers, it is very generally made by individuals in society. In fact, the whole tone of public feeling is undergoing a change; and it is my own decided opinion that the martyrdom of President Lincoln was a great means of confirming and settling these convictions. The Times newspaper, which all through took the part of the South with undeviating pertinacity, has also turned round. The Times always does try hard to represent the majority of the public on all public questions; and it was Punch, the Times now eats its leek with the best face it can.

with that other sea which floats upon it. He was a sincere and simple Christian, next year, we may before long hold up and loved all who love our Lord Jesus our heads in Exeter Hall and take our The Queen has left for Scotland. She

goes there, since the death of her husband. every year at the height of what is called the London season. We are now in the very middle of that time, and annual custom, it has devoted a short you? And "Pat," with his eyes at London is more than unusually full. paragraph to each of the leading meet- least, said tit for tat. Then "Bridget" Her majesty leaves all the din, racket, ings. They give the briefest, barest, grew suddenly lenient towards "Pat" and property of her husband. Before vou receive this, you will have read a letter which we are all anxious to see here. Sir George Grey announced in sympathy to Mrs. Lincoln with her own hand. The Queen has a gentle and a will well express to your widow the sympathy of this nation. I may mention that the public feeling is gathering strength against her majesty for this continued absence from the public affairs of State. London tradesmen grumble, and the grumble spreads. They say she does well to be sorry for the death of her husband; but there is a limit to grief as well as to every thing else. During the Buckingham Palace, (her majesty's town residence,) "These commanding premises announcement was torn down; but not

again put up on the following evening, to be again torn c. Exhibitions are the order of the day,

At home and abroad, nothing but exhibitions. I could hardly enumerate all the exhibitions now going forward in London alone. One lately on the south -one for the north; the east end and the west end, all have had their turn. The Crystal Palace may be called a great exhibition in permanence. And Dublin is having a "great go." The Prince of Wales went over, and formally opened it, to the great joy of the people of Ireland. All the London and many of the provincial newspapers have "our own correspondents" and weekly, or even past. I may add that Punch's poem daily doles of news from the Dublin has been transcribed into every news- Great Exhibition. The Prince of Wales paper I have seen; and that Punch's inaugurated another of these shows in the largest hall in London last week the Agricultural Hall at Islington. The exhibition there is got up by Reformatories and Refuges. Add to all these, exhibitions of flowers, of flowers cultivated by the poor, in what is now called window gardening, and you need not wonder that I make this brief paragraph serve the purpose of what might be spun out into a very long letter. "Convocation" is sitting. They-the constituent members-have had permission to sit and talk for a fortnight. They are to have leave too, I hear, to alter a canon-and to alter it in a permitted way, and no other; and then to let it lie, when altered, beside its brother or sister canons, which everybody obeys when they happen to chime in with his quick enough to see the change, and like humor, and breaks with the most entire impunity when they don't. There is no power in this world, or the other, to en-An event which caused a very general force the canons. So their lordships grief, and which took place a week or will hardly expect that I should trouble two ago, was the death, by his own myself or your readers very much with hand, of Admiral Robert Fitzroy. The their talk, beyond thus recording the admiral was as well known in this coun- fact that, at present, convocation is pertry as any single man in it. He had mitted to talk for a fortnight about anygiven himself for many years to the thing they please, and to alter a single study of the atmosphere, and the laws canon out of a hundred and more, in a that regulate storms. Latterly he oc- given way-if they like, and if they like, cupied the chief place in a department | not. of the Board of Trade devoted wholly "The May meetings" are now pretty to meteorology. Wherever the tele- well concluded. All the important meetgraph penetrated, this department had ings of the great religious bodies are correspondents, and from all parts of brought to an end. I have to report Great Britain and Europe telegrams that this year the interest of the public were constantly arriving, announcing the seems quite unabated, that the meetings tons? state of the weather, and the direction have been, as a rule, far better attended and degree of force of the wind. A map than usual, that the collections have ladies with the usual amount of crinay before the admiral, on which all these been larger, that the speeches have been oline, flounces, silks, and feathers, ac- trance, what must we find within? Even stations were marked, and on each of better, and that, on the whole, we have companied by respectable appearing those gates of which Milton speaks, which was a small brass pointer, which reason to congratulate ourselves on the gentlemen walking through a city in the grating on their hinges, could make no was set in the direction of the wind, so result. For a few years after the dis- North of England, need certainly attract more unearthly sound than the thunderthat, at a glance, the operator had before ruption, the Free Church of Scotland no particular attention. But follow ing of those lumbering cars down the him the state and condition of the atmos- used to hold a meeting in Exeter Hall them, and their movements may awake inclined plane. I could not divest my phere for hundreds of miles in all direc- to expound her missions. At first, and your interest. tions around him. From long study he so long as the novelty lasted, these had marked how the currents of the air meetings were well attended. But they ter, cautiously, an old, dingy-looking to be dashed to pieces. It seemed to went, and could calculate with all but were always badly managed—there was building. Alas! its magic power to me that I had never been driven faster unerring certainty, what the condition of sure to be some hitch or other; and transform all that cross its threshold. in any express train. the atmosphere would be at any given | finally, more than a dozen years ago, point for at least a couple of days be- the thing was quietly dropped out. This time is often sufficient to effect great darkness visible. Our minds were racked fore hand. These "forecasts," as he year, the Presbyterian church in Eng- changes in the appearance and characters called them, were published daily in land started an annual meeting for mis- of individuals. Some of the processes shapes of which we had ever read or The Times and other newspapers, and sions, too, in Freemason's Hall. It was by which these changes are accomplished heard rose before our visions. were, as a rule, wonderful for their accu- announced as for missions and union. are slow and imperceptible, while others racy. At all important shipping points, As usual, the thing was utterly misman- are immediate and visible. Those in the too, a series of concerted signals were aged; many of our own ministers, and lower ranks of life, suddenly loaded with their congregations, in this busy scene, wealth and luxury, are not by these end blood." hoisted, by telegraphic order, from day their congregations, in this busy scene, wealth and luxury, are not by these ento day, under the admiral's direction and were left without notice of the meeting; abled to exhibit at once the appearance control, and latterly sailors had begun to it was very imperfectly advertised, and of refinement and culture. These can fearful sights he gazed upon, rushed consult these storm signals as regularly the wonder is that, under the circum- only be acquired by mingling in polished through my distracted mind. Those as they consulted the barometer before stances, they succeeded in getting a re- society and by patient application of the were truly serious moments, in which leaving port. And, beyond all doubt, spectable meeting; for I am told it was mental powers. But progress in the one seems to live an age. The solemn

within the last few years the admiral's | respectable. I say "I am told," for I | opposite direction is often in fearfully | words of that grand old bard of Florence, system has been the means of saving was one of those who got no notice of rapid strides. How many can date the uttered more than five hundred years thousands of lives, and property in ship- the meeting; and only knew of it after commencement of their downward course ago, seemed to echo in my ears: ping of an enormous value. But he I had taken another engagement for the worked too hard; the result was a same evening, out of which I could not weakened, by an overwrought brain, and get. Mr. Hugh Matheson, one of our ible the change! The open brow, the he perished by his own hand. The ad- noble merchant princes, and a most versary of the famous disruption in miral was widely known and greatly godly and every way worthy man, took soon exchanged for the haggard look and the chair, and the meeting was addressed | tottering frame by Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Chalmers, and others on the English Presbyterian Mission; and by Dr. King and others on

the subject of Presbytevian Union. The of grace and manage the matter better place as a church among the churches, It is only within these few years that

The Times has taken any notice whatever of the meetings in Exeter Hall. This year, in accordance with its now driest summary of the facts of the report | as she again surveyed herself. -add possibly the names of the chairman and one or two of the principal building, not covered without with the speakers, and that is all.

The Saturday Review, a weekly paper, but of a large circulation, and ably score of men who at first sight look like conducted, consists wholly of articles and reviews. They profess to report nothing. This year, as usual, they have an article on the May meetings. It is as shallow, smart, and flippant as usual. It is of the kind of writing, however, an hour before. You can easily judge which does harm. It is sharp, sarcastic, and bitter in the extreme; reckons up, for example, from the statistics of a society, how much each converted Jew their heads protruded above the upper costs, and wonders whether, when caught, he is worth the money.

have been a success. Some of them tude, thought himself excused from offerhave been crushed and crowded to all ing his company. But his attendant but suffocation. They have all been plainly told him that he must be placed well attended, and, as a rule, the speak- in the same tub. How the thing was ing has been above the average. I have accomplished it would be impossible to noted that there has been less of that describe. Suffice it to say, that, two by unseemly jocularity of tone than has two, they were soon packed away as been usual. It used to be marked with close as the occupants of Noah's ark. great regret that many of the speakers seemed to set themselves merely to raise a laugh; they told for this end very queer, and sometimes very questionable. stories: and many of the soberest and most sensible of our people were simply disgusted.' Last year was an improvement on its predecessors in this respect. and this year, again, has been an improvement on last. At many of these meetings the speaker had a special subject set to them instead of the usual formal resolution, which resolves nothing, and by which nobody feels bound. Some very able addresses were thus delivered, deep and lasting impression of good. I am glad to be able to add that the conand improvement. In all the leading missionary and benevolent societies, for the promotion of home and foreign objects, the contributions show a marked and steady increase. In some societies

the increase is large and appears of a sort likely to be permanent.

from the crossing of some fatal threshhold! From that moment how perceptglistening eye, the firm, elastic step are

Now, if dress is any indication of char-

acter, you might infer from the appearance of these four individuals, as they emerge from the above-mentioned dismal abode, that their downward progress was becoming fearfully accelerated. You might have taken the guondam New York, with their companions, Pat and Michael, seeking employment. Marvellous metamorphosis ! "Bridget" looked indignant at "Pat," as much as to say, You sooty wretch, do you sup-

pose I am to have any thing to do with

They now approached a curious shaped moss of ages, but certainly with something much blacker. Here they find a so many Africans. They all seem to understand the object of their visitors. Soon three black tubs are brought forward, each about half the size of a full crinoline, such has I had seen about half of the amazement of the party when told that two of them are to be packed in each of these small boxes, and that if edge, they would be suddenly chopped

off. Mis Bridget, junior, was the first to But, on the whole, the May meetings enter the tub. Pat, observing its pleni-To give a more intelligent account of the events that follow; it will be necessary that the writer introduce himself as

the person above-named Pat. The three tubs, with their precious cargo, were then placed one above another upon a lift. We then bade a sad and solemn adieu to the few friends who had gathered to witness our departure. At the signal of our chief guide we began slowly to move downward. The motion grew more and more rapid Poor Bridget, from her first entrance into the tub, had been almost frantic with fear. at times pleading to be let out. But she which must have left behind them a had started on one of those journeys from which there seems no returning. Down, down, we go. And shall we not stop when tributions share in this general advance | we reach the depth of five hundred feet ? a distance greater than the height of the tallest steeple in the world, that of the Cathedral of Strasburg?

But a few weeks before. my head had whirled in gazing from that giddy height, exceeding that of the Pyramids, down upon the Rhine and off to the mountains The Edmund's scandal is closed. Lord of Switzerland. Still, down, down Brougham comes out, as I told you he twice five hundred feet below the surwould, with his character unstained. | face; slower, slower. Yes we can The parties on whom the brunt of the breathe again, for we have reached the exposure has fallen are Mr. Edmund bottom of something, at any rate; and himself, who has lost his pension with we have no longer to sit with our heads his character, the Brougham brothers, crouched between our knees, fearing and last and very least the Lord Chan- every moment a chain might break and unceremoniously precipitate us to the private personal character does not caloric beneath the earth's crust, or chime in with his elevated position. He through to the heart of China. And so is no sooner out of the frying pan than we take a long breath and start up But where are we? No time to answer questions, replies our guide. We of Commons has been appointed, on gen- have not reached our destination. We eral grounds, to investigate into the are now only a quarter of a mile below the surface, and we have yet about a I have only room to add that Bishop mile to go down an inclined plane. So Colenso has been coming out with all we soon pack ourselves away again in but bare and naked infidelity, the other our little tubs and make ready to depart evening, in a paper he read to a society on our dismal journey. The plane was called "The Anthropological Society," inclined at a dip of one foot in six. Hence the engine to let down the cars or tubs, now properly must be stationed and service of the gospel, at the top. We expected that down so steep an inclination we would descend very slowly and cautiously. But we were thrown into consternation as the train, after one or two small leaps, while I tell you of the protean shapes plunged down that fearful descent at a we assumed before reaching the place of furious rate. I could but think of some of conveyance thither, you may divine cal regions of Tartarus, and the words of Milton came into my mind :----

"Here sighs with lamentation and loud moans, Resounded through the air, pierced by no star, Horrible languages, outcries of woe, Accents of anger, voices deep and hoarse Made up a tumult that forever whirls Round through the air, with solid darkness stained

stained, Like to the sand that on the whirlwind flies."

It needed no great stretch of imagination to picture all this to the mind's eye. It is known that the somnambulist, by a dash of cold water, is suddenly brought back to his senses, and so a few drops of water, as we passed beneath the bed of ladies for "Bridgets," just arrived in the river Wier, with all its shipping which was rolling over our heads, were sufficient to remind us that we had not as yet passed that bourne from which no traveller returns, but were still prisoners of hope.

KOLAPOOR MISSION.

you be so kind as to give the enclosed acknowledgments a place in the AMERI-CAN PRESBYTERIAN, with our warmest thanks to the kind friends who have thus remembered us, and helped us support our mission. In ordinary times this amount would have met the entire expenses of our mission. As it is, all this and more too has gone into the work of our new chapel; not that the items of this, subscribed by Sabbath-schools and others for specific objects, have been diverted from those objects to our chapel; those items have been used for their specific purposes, and yet an amount larger than this has been used on our chapel, and still the Lord has sent us means for all our work.

The uniformity with which supplies come in to balance our expenses almost startles us; as if some unseen benefactor was watching the progress of our work, and dropping sums into our hands to meet each emergency as it arises. The friends in your city have sent us more this past year than any year before, and yet we have no surplus, and so far as we can see, if one of them had failed we should have closed the year that much in debt.

Of the five years for which some of our friends pledged us subscriptions we have now entered upon the fifth and last; and yet our work here is only begun.

The promptness with which friends have thus far redeemed their pledges, deserves our sincere gratitude, and we thank God on their behalf.

You will observe two, in the above for the whole five years, and in the same category must be placed the following, who made good their pledges more than a year ago, viz.:---

Manchester, N. Y.-Oyrus Boynton, Esq.* Gouveurneur, N. Y.-Mrs. J. R.

Crane.* Hopkinton, N. Y.-K. S. Chittenden,

Esq.* Ĝlen's Falls, N. Y.-Mrs. H. Wing,* Miss F. E. Barry.*

Clinton, N. Y.-Rev. D. A. Hol-

Columbus, O.-Rev. L. Kelsey and family, 10 23 Rev. Dr. Morris, 5 00 15 23 Cedarville, N. J.-Second Pres Ch. S. S. 8 00 Craneville— By Rev. Hallis Read,* \$34 and 1862 \$30, 64 00 Vewark___ 102High St. Church, Mrs. Lathrop, . 21 Dr. J. Ward. 25 148 00 Manchester, Vt ---Miss Ellen Hawley and others, 68 00 West Rutland, Vt.--By Deacon Chatterton, 79 00 Castleton, Vt.-By Chas. H. Slason, Esq., 65 Benj. F. Adams 1862, 10 75 00 Brattleboro, Vt. R. Burdit, Esq.,* 5 00 New York. City____ Miss McWhorter 15 Mrs. Chister, 5 Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. A. C. Brown, . 100 American Bible Society, 150 275 00 Suracuse, N. Y.___ Mrs. Maltbie and others, 70 00 Saratoga, N. Y.___ Dr. Rudolph, 10 J. Newland, $\mathbf{20}$ 30 00 Troy, N. Y.-By Chas. P. Hartt. 50 00 Moriah, N. Y., \$7, and Port Henry, \$16 55. 23 55 Plattsburgh, N. Y.-Rev. J. R. Young, 5 00 Malone, N. Y., Oct. 1, '63, Champlain, 44 less 1.50 42 50 Beekmantown, Oct. 1, '63, . 39 00 Hopkinton, Feb. 1, '64, 37 00 Gouveurneur, 53 00 Champlain, &c., in all 453 53 485 03 \$2,011 06 * Subscription all paid. Note .--- The figures are corrected according to copy. The arrangement is in some way faulty, leading to errors in

footing up.-EDS. AM. PRESE. RELIGIOUS INTEREST IN THE ARMY. Rev. J. W. Morrison, of the Western Reformed Presbyterian,] Presbytery, who has been laboring in the service of the

Christian Commission, writes as follows to its President, Mr. Geo. H. Stuart :---*

SEVENTEENTH ARMY CORPS, NEAR WASHINGTON, June 2d, 1865.

My DEAR BROTHER :--- Since you left this, our work in the army has been full list, have already sent their subscriptions of interest. We have services each day at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M., and on the Sabbath also at 2 P. M. Our tent is near Gen. _____'s head quarters. On the Sabbath, he was three times at Di-

vine service and gave good attention. There seems to be a strange magic in these large tents. When the soldiers are told that the tent is theirs-sent as a token of Christian regard from their praying friends at home-it seems to awaken all the tender and holy sympathies of the soul, and the spiritual electricity bless the Christian Commission-God Schaghticoke, N. Y .-- J. W. Geddis, bless our kind Christian friends at home--and God bless all these soldiers worshipping in this tent:" and the tide of feeling goes on and on, till multitudes start These all have redeemed their pledges up at once to give utterance to hearts for the five years, being ready "before- overflowing with love and gratitude to

cellor himself. As I told you, his own

he is in the fire. Another scandal in straight once more. which he is the prime mover has arisen at Leeds; and a Committee of the House matter.

which is nearly as far advanced as the Lord Bishop of Natal himself

AN EXCURSION UNDER GROUND.

What strange regions do you think we have visited? If you will listen our destination, and of the unique mode infuriated fabled monster in the mythithe nature of the locality.

Will you, then, please follow us with out-for the present-asking any ques-

The sight of two fashionable young

In the outskirts of the city they en-We all know that a very short space of The small safety lamps only made

* * * "On a sudden open fly With impetuous recoil and jarring sound The infernal doors, and on their hinges grate Harsh thunder."

And I thought, if this is but the enmind of the thought that the machinery had given way, and that we were soon

with anxious fears and all the horrible

"The gloomy regions trembling shake so ter-

brook.*

Esq.*

Syracuse, N. Y.-Mrs. A. M. Redfield.*

hand" with their gifts. (2 Cor. ix. 2, 5.) God.

We beg these good friends not to reearnest that all our subscriptions will be better men. remitted in due time.

We beg also that these, and all the dear friends interested in our mission, the sickle! This corps is expected to rewill continue to help us with their move in a few days. prayers, for we greatly need more of

hearts, and more of his "effectual work- proclamation. We had a special service ing" in sealing divine truth to the con- in our tent, at 10 A. M., and in the afviction and salvation of these precious ternoon. I preached to the 31st Illinois souls around us. In the blessed hopes

Yours, sincerely, R. G. WILDER. KOLAPOOR, INDIA, Feb. 10, 1865.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPTS BY REV. A. E. CAMPBELL, D.D., FROM SEP-TEMBER 4, '63, TO NOVEMBER 1, '64. Philadelphia, Pa.-Mrs. Dr. Malin, \$10 00 Thos. Roney, 5-00 Buttonwood St. Pres. Ch. S. S., 50 00 Do. for 1863, 50 00 Clinton St. Pres. Ch. S. S., 50 00 Do. Mission S. S., 25 00 Western Pres. Ch. Mission S. S., 25 00 Arch St. Pres.Ch. S. S., 50 00 West Arch St. Pres. Ch. S. S., 50 00 Tabor S. S., 29 25 M. R. Wetherell, 30 00 Joseph H. Dulles, Esq., 50 00 F. L. Bodine. 75 00 499 25 Cambridge, Mass .--J. P. Barrett, 5:00 Salem-2 00

Rev. Dr. Worcester. Springfield_ Mrs. Dr. Osgood and others, Washington, D. C .---Rev. W. B. Evans, Three Rivers, Mich.__

Rev. J. A. Ranney, . Monroe, Mich. Rev. J. E. Boyd,

Chili, N. H. D. M. Besurle, Iowa City, Iowa-

Rev. Benj. Talbot,

Last night, some twenty arose and gard this star as excluding them from asked for an interest in the prayers of sending us any more help, while we God's people, and expressed a determiaccept their ready zeal as a pleasant nation, by God's assistance, to go home

What an extensive and ripe harvest is here now; and yet, how few to thrust in

Yesterday was observed as far as pos-God's presence and spirit in our own sible, in accordance with the President's and 30th Illinois, at 3 and 5 o'clock, respectively.

I know we have an interest in your prayers—I can say truly, "it is good to be here." It does seem that the Spirit of God is moving the hearts of men, under the means of grace. Oh, pray for us, that we may be faithful to the truth and our Divine Master, and to the souls of Yours in our Master's work, men.

J. W. MORRISON. POSTSCRIPT-JUNE 3d, MORNING:-Had a wonderful meeting last night. Scores of men arose to be prayed forthe most agonizing cry for mercy I ever heard filled the tent with deep and solemn awe. J. W. M.

A WONDERFUL DISCOURSE.

In the evening when I went into the kitchen to toast the bread, Betty said :--"What a wonderful fine discourse the parson gave us to-day. It rolled along like the sea

"What was it that you liked so much in it, Betty?" I asked.

"Bless your heart," said Betty; "do you think I would make so bold as to understand our parson? Why, they do say there is not such another scholar in all the

country. But it was a wonderful fine discourse. It rolled along like the waves of 27 00 the sea."-Kitty Trevyllyan's Diary.

5 00 AT a railway station an old lady said to a very pompous gentleman, who was talk-5 00 ing about steam communication : "Pray, sir, what is steam ?" "Steam, ma'am, is, ah !—steam is, ah ! ah !—steam is—steam !" 60 00 "I knew that chap couldn't tell ye," said 2 00 a rough-looking fellow standing by, "but steam is a bucket of water in a tremendous 5 00 perspiration."