

OBITUARY.

Prosper Merimee. A cable telegram announces the death of this distinguished author and member of the French Academy. He was born at Paris on the 31st of September, 1803. His father was the painter Merimee, Secretary of the School of Fine Arts.

After the revolution of 1830 Comte d'Argout appointed him Secretary to his Cabinet, and subsequently he became Secretary to the Minister of Commerce and Chief of Bureau to the Minister of Marine. In 1831 he succeeded M. Vitet as Inspector of Ancient and Historical Works of France; but this position he abandoned almost immediately after its acceptance to re-enter the Ministry.

Merimee made several tours through France for literary purposes. The results of these journeys were his "Voyage dans le midi de la France" (1835-8), "Voyage dans l'ouest de la France" (1838-9), "Voyage dans Auvergne et dans Limousin" (1839), "Voyage en Corse" (1840-5), "Monsieur l'Historique" (this being a report to the Minister of the Interior), "Peintures de l'Eglise Saint-Savin," with designs by Gerard Seguin (1844).

In 1840, while on a visit to Spain, he became acquainted with the Empress Eugenie, who seems to have borne him in friendly remembrance after her elevation to the throne. The revolution of 1848 was supported by him, and the Provisional Government appointed him one of the commissioners charged with the work of selling the property of the Orleans family.

Some time after, because the courts had condemned M. Libri, an old friend of his, for forgery, M. Merimee published two letters in the "Revue des Deux Mondes," sharply criticizing the action of the judges. For this he was brought before the Court and condemned to make an apology, as also to suffer fifteen days' imprisonment. He succeeded M. Nodding in the French Academy. Never having been at any time a republican he was one of the earliest to give in his adhesion to the Empire, and in 1853 he was appointed a Senator of France. He was named Commander of the Legion of Honor in 1860, having been for several years previous an officer of the order.

It would consume more space than we can spare to name all the published works of M. Merimee. They are quite numerous and voluminous, and have won for their author a decidedly high reputation.

By his death the French Academy loses one of its most brilliant members.

Thi-see, Prince of Kung. A cable despatch from Bombay, via London, mentions a report that the Prince of Kung has been murdered in China. Should this report prove it will be generally regretted by all foreign Governments, as the Prince was one of the most liberal men in the Empire. He was an uncle of the reigning Emperor K'i-tsang, and brother of the Emperor Heng-fung, who died in August, 1861. For many years he had held important positions in the Empire, and after the death of his brother he became regent, and held that office during the minority of K'i-tsang.

He first obtained a reputation in Europe and America at the time of the diplomatic quarrel which followed the last war between China and Great Britain and France. Appointed plenipotentiary to negotiate a treaty, he astonished the representatives of the allies by a display of diplomatic skill they had hardly expected to meet with in China. The treaty which he concluded was as advantageous to his country as to England and France, and was observed with scrupulous fidelity until lately. To the influence of the Prince of Kung was due the appointment of Mr. Burlingame as Envoy Extraordinary to foreign powers, and it is said that he gave the mission a hearty support, and did all in his power to make it successful.

At this time he was Prime Minister of the Empire, which position he had held from the close of the reign of the late Emperor. He had the resources of China and his own influence to place her on a footing with the civilized nations of Europe and America. If he has been murdered we may depend upon it that it has been because his enlightened and progressive policy was inimical to the wishes of barbarians who have for some time past been engaged in the bloody work of massacring foreigners. The Prince of Kung probably endeavored to suppress these barbarous manifestations, and became a victim to his humanity as he endeavored to advance his people to the height of Christian civilization.

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