OUR LONDON LETTER.

The Eurning of Paris-Forced Labor at the Pumps-The Return of the British Commissioners-Baron Rothschild's Triumphs-The Coming Race-Special Correspondents-W omen's Rights, Etc. Etc Ete.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, May 30. Fuit Ilium ! All other topics, foreign and domestic, pale to-day before the fierce, lurid glow in which the brief sun of the Commune has gone surely down. That evening when the papers came out with tidings that the Tuileries were in flames, a general moan of astonished consternation burst from the whole heart of England. No doubt the fact of our local nearness does far more than the telegraph to bring home to every one of us in terrible vividness the most irreparable calamity of modern history; but I think we feel the loss more genuinely than other European nations who border as closely on the scene. Germany can hardly be expected yet to feel unaffected pity sufferings; Belgium French anxiously scratinizing the bearwhich all these melo-dramatic events may have upon her own destinies to do much more than record their progress. Spain is not in the habit of showing national sympathy. and may be granted to be well occupied enough if she is, however silently, learning the lesson of her neighbor's latest revolution. But Britain, selfish, phlegmatic Britain, is grieving with the grief of a near and dear friend over the smoking ashes and corpse-littered streets of Paris. We all thought that the world had heard the last of reigns of terror there, and even now we can scarcely believe that this horror is a reality, and that we are again face to face with the scenes of '92. The Archbishop of Paris shot, the women of Paris in the forefront of every deadly design, the constant tramp of the condemned of both sexes to the human shambles-every incident is a ghastly repetition of the Red days of eighty years ago. The public feeling was well shown by the prompt, spontaneous despatch of Captain Shaw, with all the Metropolitan Fire Brigade that could be spared, to help in extinguishing the flames. The moment the idea was struck out it was vigorously acted on; the Board of Works voted money, the Government supplied a ship; and though, when the men were actually en route, a polite despatch from M. Favre announced that the fires had been so far got under that he need not trouble them to come, the spirit which prompted the action will not lightly, we may hope, be forgotten by the Parisians when they have time for sever thoughts again.

I have just met at my club one of Lord Minto's sons, who has managed to escape safe and sound from Paris. He and two brothers moved heaven and earth to get into the city last week with the Versailles army, little thinking what was to come, and, once there, they would have given anything to get out again at once. The very evening of their arrival, strolling out from their hotel, they were impressed in the Rue de Rivoli, and forced to work at the pumps from seven o'clock till three A. M. Shells were falling day and night in all parts of the city, and in the general confusion there was every moment serious risk of being shot or bayoneted by some irresponsible Versaillist private. A young English officer of engineers, whom I rememb at Eton, was arrested as a Communist, and only saved from summary execution on the Place de la Concorde by the appearance on the scene of a friendly French official at the critical moment. My friend saw one of the Times' special correspondents come in with the holes of a rifle-bullet clearly cut through his clothes without wounding him, a good instance of the risks that "specials" have to run.

So the Senate has ratified the treaty, and our commissioners are already upon the Atlantic again, with pleasant memories, no doubt, of the festivities which have relieved their working hours at Washington. I hear that Lord de Grey is to be made a Marquis, in recognition of the sterling value of the results achieved. The members of the Anglo-American Association naturally feel a special satisfaction in the near prospect of the realization of one of the foremost items in their programme, and purpose to celebrate the occasion in true British fashion by inviting the commissioners to dinner and speeches as soon as they reach home. Earl Russell consented to postpone his hostile motion on the treaty till all the papers on the subject should be formally before Parliament, and as the houses have now adjourned for the Whitsuntide holidays, his field-day is for the time being postponed. The general feeling seems to be that, considering the hand he had in the unlucky business at first, he can hardly be expected to see himself written down wrong without some sort of a protest, and the sooner he discharges himself of it, the better for the political atmosphere. The final attitude to be assumed by the Canadian Parliament is a more serious matter, and the cable accounts of the very diverse sentiments expressed in various parts of the Dominion are causing a good deal of uneasiness among us.

Everybody is pleased by Baron Meyer de Rothschild's double success at Epsom. He has fought his way gallantly into Parliament, one of the first living examples of the wisdom which removed the political disabilities of his nation; he has won the Derby and the Oakes in one and the same week; and he has been caricatured by Pellegrini in Vanity Fair. What more can ambition wish for? Years hence, doubtless, when Mr. Hughes has got the House to agree with him as to the immorality of adjourning over the Derby Day, the Baron will sit placidly in his place on the

least has no more worlds to conquer there. Mr. Smalley, the London editor of the New York Tribune, has gone across the water for a couple of months. No doubt many of your readers will not fail to ascribe to their proper author the London letters which will be contributed to that paper during his absence under the

Liberal benches while the race is being run upon

the Downs, comfortably conscious that he at

modest signature "II." An unusual flourish of advertisements heralded the appearance of "The Coming Race," just published by Messrs. Blackwood, and the book is certainly worth reading. A mysterious imaginary world, "Vrilya," lying in some subterranean region, is discovered by a citizen of New York, who finds the republic of his ideas superseded by a state of things where everything mechanical is perfect and everything picturesque is past. The inhabitants of Vrilya have solved many of the most difficult human problems thoroughly they have no wars, because their weapons are too deadly to keep up fighting even for a day; they have no working classes, for all work is done by machinery. Everybody is devoted to science, supremely comfortable, and supremely uninteresting. They are quite unconscious of their own humor when they

gravely propose (of course in the interest of

science) to dissect their discoverer on his first arrival.

Seven hundred thousand members of tradesunions having agreed to settle all disputes, for the future, by arbitration, looks as if the great problem of harmonizing labor and capital were tending towards solution.

A telegram from Cambridge this morning announces that the first prize for English declamation, a handsome silver cup, engraved with the college arms, has been awarded at Trinity to George Lockhart Rivers, of New York, scholar of the collage, who was last week rowing in the head boat on the Cam.

Everybody knows how often the London Daily News outstripped all its British competitors in the earliness and accuracy of its accounts of the great events of the late Franco-Prussian war. A few nights ago I had the good fortune to be taken behind the scenes and shown some specimens of the efforts by which these results were achieved, the showman being Mr. Skinner, the Daily News correspondent with the Crown Prince's army at Versailles. From behind a small table cunningly placed in a corner of his double drawing-room, that the greatest possible number of his assembled friends might have him in view, he told most graphically how the news of Sedan was carried to the London public. Straight from the battle, which they had been admirably placed for seeing, he and the world-famous Dr. Russell, of the Times, spurred off to a railway station they knew of many miles away in neutral Belgium. No less than six times were they stopped and interrogated on the frontier, till they found themselves still seven miles from the only available train. with something under half an hour to do the distance in. Whip and spur one may imagine; they have three miles yet to go, and from a hilltop, actually in sight, the thin smoke flew of their locomotive burrying across the country. when down come one herse and rider a regular post upon the slope. To the honor of journalism be it recorded, the rival writer waits till his fallen friend is in the saddle again, and, racing against time, both just catch their train. Brussels is reached the same evening, they sit up all night to write, start at 111/4 A. M. for Ostend, cross to Dover, hurry to London, and in the next morning's Times and Daily News the two versions of Sedan come out side by side. We "who sit home at ease" in war-time scarcely appreciate, I expect, the indomitable energy which goes to furnishing those vivid pictures of events which are served up to us from day to day with our breakfast tea and toast.

Our university local examinations for women are clearly meeting a want. Last year the number who presented themselves before Cambridge examiners was 86; this year it is 127. This right to higher education is one of woman's rights which nobody will grudge them. TEMPLAR.

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of the Act of Assembly, approved May 17, 1864, which says:—
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