

POETRY.

SCOTLAND IS FREE!

Sound the glad tidings o'er mountain and sea,
The chains have been broken and Scotland is free!

MRS. DANA.

SONG OF THE HAYMAKERS.

The noontide is hot and our foreheads are brown,
Our palms are all shining and hard;

D'AUBIGNE AND THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The following interesting Letter has been addressed by the celebrated D'Aubigne, of France, in the name of the Societe Evangelique, to the Rev. Dr. Wells.

and State, perhaps go too far. The State may be conceived to be in such a healthy condition (Christian), that the Church runs no risk in being united with it.

Your separation, my dear brother, is a momentous event. May God make it a blessing to the whole church!

Be so good as salute, in my name, Dr. Patrick M'Farlane and Mr. Stewart (returned from Malta); and believe me, always your attached friend and brother.

(Signed) MERLE D'AUBIGNE.

DUELLING.

(From the London Dispatch.)

It has been recommended, that all the parties who were concerned in the late fatal duel, which ended in the death of Colonel Fawcett, 55th Regiment, should be dismissed the army.

HUNTING SCENES IN SINDH.

BY MRS. POTANS.

On one occasion we had camped on the opposite side of the river to the forts of Ali Moorad, and in the midst of some fine hunting-grounds, when the prince announced his intention of crossing the Indus to meet us, and do the honours of his preserves.

The Ameer's tent was remarkably splendid; it was made wholly of bright crimson cloth, richly embroidered, and surrounded with an outer wall, to keep off the people.

There were, on this occasion, some six hundred of the Ameer's followers, the majority of them Belooches and Affghans. These worthies, who receive but nominal wages as retainers of the prince, are billeted on the villages, they and their horses.

It was announced that Meer Ali Moorad would commence his sports by the attack of a tigress and cubs that had shewn themselves in the neighbourhood, and been tracked by the huntsmen.

Our suite of tents was sufficiently commodious, but we were desirous of throwing as much pomp and dignity round the occasion as possible, and consequently spread forth all the Persian rugs in our possession; grouped guns, swords, pistols, and daggers in every direction; and put half a dozen more ricketty chairs in stately rows than there was really room for.

One trait among Asiatics has always excited my admiration and surprise; it is, their extreme courteousness of demeanour, and their possession of a politeness of manner, which we consider, in England, to be only acquired by constant intercourse with good society.

The Meer is a fine looking man, about forty years of age, and was splendidly dressed in a lilac satin robe, confined round his waist with a scarf of gold thread, a similar fabric forming his turban.

An Asiatic's salutation is a much more laboured affair than the English "How d'ye do!" for their leisure gives them time to be polite, and they use it at length. Thus, as soon as Meer Ali Moorad was seated, he asked us, one after the other, if we were "well, quite well, better than usual?"

Some four miles' riding brought us to the ground to which the tigress and her cubs had been tracked; and we here found that a species of mud tower had been erected, in which we were, with inglorious safety, to watch the proceedings of the huntsmen.

The Meer is a fine looking man, about forty years of age, and was splendidly dressed in a lilac satin robe, confined round his waist with a scarf of gold thread, a similar fabric forming his turban. A gold and green embroidered strap crossed his shoulder, and supported a diamond-hilted sword.

A REVEREND'S TOLERATION!—The Rev. Sir Harcourt Lee's petition (presented to the House of Commons, on Monday) is officially described in these words:—"Petition for the banishment of all Jesuits from the United Kingdom; for the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act; and for declaring it high treason to propose or discuss the repeal of the legislative Union!"

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