











LONDON TOPICS.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

FLEET STREET, LONDON, MAR. 10.

A FULL-DRESS DEBATE.

THERE was a full-dress debate in the Lords last Monday on the Indian Frontier business. The debate was of singular interest and characteristic ability. Long before the commencement of the sitting, the corridor was lined with strangers and the rapid arrivals of Peereses gave a further indication of the importance and interest attaching to the event.

The speech may be summed up in a sentence. It was a defence—ardent and emphatic, not to say, a little impatient—of what is known as the Forward school in Indian policy.

We regret that Lord Roberts did not take the opportunity of withdrawing the unfounded imputation of complicity in the Afridi rising which he had made against the Ameer of Afghanistan.

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proposals of the slightest value, and he declared in the terms of Lord George Hamilton's despatch, that the policy of the Government was to avoid any further control of the tribes.

INDIAN POST OFFICE BILL.

The "New Age" has a very smart article headed "What are we coming to?" on the New Postal Bill of India. It says:—

The hitherto unrestricted circulation of British newspapers throughout the British Empire will receive a rude check by the passing of the new Postal Bill of India. The Bill is, of course, another of the reactionary measures which Lord Elgin and his Council are adopting in order to stamp out sedition in India.

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Herbert Spencer thinks that this great mystery cannot be solved, although man is always prompted to imagine some solution of it. It is, however, claimed by the Hindus that their Rishis and Saints have solved their great enigma.

The Hindus think that as there are laws governing the material or sensual world, there are also laws which govern the spiritual or super-sensual world.

The Hindu Darsans and Shastras treat of three things:— (1) Cosmology, or the doctrine of the universe.

(2) Psychology, or the doctrine of the soul.

(3) Theology, or the doctrine of God.

In Europe, there has always been a conflict between Cosmology and Theology (science and religion) and, to a smaller extent, between Cosmology and Psychology (Physical Science and metaphysics).

"The lower orders of life have a varying number of powers of perception, which are termed senses.

"The higher orders of life have five. These senses diminish in power as they increase in number, being relieved one by the other.

"No deterioration in sense-power is known to have taken place without causing deterioration to the possessor, unless at the same time accompanied by the development of a new perceptive faculty.

"Man alone is credited with being an exception to this rule. He is inferior in keenness of sense to the animal below him, yet superior in power. It is also noticeable that the savage is in like manner superior to the civilized man.

It is by the development of this spiritual sense, according to the Hindu system, that spiritual truths are discerned. There are many Shastras (e.g., the Tantras) which teach us how this spiritual sense can be developed; how by developing this spiritual sense, one can, without the aid of material science, control the force of nature.

The teachings of all systems of Hindu religion agree in this that the ultimate state of the soul to be aimed at, is union with Divine Life, union which gives eternal Peace. But Divine Life may be looked at from two points of view,—one as Supreme Intelligence and the other as Supreme Love: as former, he is Impersonal; as latter he is Personal.

As, thus, there is a two-fold spiritual science (Tattwa-gnan), there is also a two-fold spiritual art of Paramarth Sadhan, i.e., the realization of spiritual truths. Isvara is both Law and Lord. In the gnan method of achieving union with Divine Life, pure reason is the chief guide,—more is thought of Divine Law pervading the universe and of duty to be performed.

Relief operations. The fund at the disposal of the District Magistrate for carrying on relief operations amounted to Rs. 65,204. This was made up of (1) a grant of Rs. 50,000 made by the Famine Relief Committee; (2) a sum of Rs. 4,000 transferred from the Nakhali Relief Fund; (3) Rs. 2,200 being the balance of the Chittagong Relief Fund; and (4) Rs. 8,995 collected by public subscriptions.

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death? And this joining together does not cease even then but angel unites with angel, and so on; up to God.

What we call attraction, fascination and love, are the forces that draw the kindred elements together. Has the love between parent and son, brother and sister, husband and wife, anything in common with Divine Love? What is love as we understand it? When we love a person we fancy that we love not the body but the personality—that there is something therein which attracts and draws forth those sensations, wholly apart from anything to do with mere animal passions or even with mere moral and mental characteristics.

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THE CHITTAGONG CYCLONE. The following passages are taken from the Report of the Bengal Government, dated Calcutta 28 March: On the night of the 24th of October, 1897, the Chittagong district was visited by a cyclone of extraordinary violence.

Loss of life and private property. The Commissioner has reported the total loss of life due to the cyclone to be about 14,000 persons. It is estimated that about 15,000 cattle were drowned. The rice crop, which had promised to be a 20-anna one, was in the tract submerged by the storm-waves entirely destroyed, in a further belt of country it was reduced to a four-anna crop of damaged grain, the rest of the district yielded a 14-anna crop.

Health of the inhabitants of the affected area. For some days the submerged tract was strewn with the corpses of men and cattle drowned in the storm-wave. Every effort was made to secure the water supply from pollution, but, as was to be anticipated, cholera broke out with great virulence in places. It was reported to the Commissioner during his recent visit to Kotubdia that in this island alone no less than 1,300 deaths from cholera had occurred since the cyclone.

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ces, the Commissioner has already withdrawn some of the officers especially deputed to superintend the relief operations, and is restricting relief within narrower limits. He would, however, give gratuitous relief for some time more to widows and orphans, and to the women and children whose bread-winners have gone to Arracan. He would also continue medical aid until the rains bring the usual diminution of cholera. This course has the Lieutenant-Governor's approval.

Loans. The Commissioner was at first authorised to distribute one lakh of rupees under the Agriculturists' Loans Act. Subsequent enquiries showed, however, that loans under the Land Improvement Advances Act for the repair of embankments were more urgently needed. The authority of Government was therefore obtained to distribute one lakh of rupees under the latter Act, the amount allotted for loans under the former being, at the same time reduced to Rs. 50,000. Loans amounting to Rs. 85,162 have already been distributed under the Land Improvement Advances Act. Applications for loans under the agriculturists' Loans Act are being registered, and the total amount applied for already exceeds a lakh of Rupees.

Remission of revenue. The Commissioner has separately submitted proposals recommending the remission of revenue in temporarily-settled estates, amounting to Rs. 1,34,295, which are being considered in the Revenue Department of this Government.

AN EPISTLE FROM HADDA MULLAH.

THE following is the translation of a letter from the Mullah of Hadada to the Mian Guls of Swat, dated the 2nd of September, 1897: After compliments, I have to inform you that I am doing well, and I pray always for the health and welfare of you all. The news about the Moslems in Tirah and the Khyber as regards their relations with the villainous infidels is as follows: All the thanas of the infidels above Jam (Janrud) in the Khyber have been by the grace of God burned, and destroyed and the property seized. All thanas in the direction of Koha have also been plundered and burned.

THE Secretary of State has sanctioned the construction by the Hurdwar-Dehra Railway Company of a branch line of railway from Hurdwar on the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway to Dehra.

MR. Charles Dillon, Barrister-at-law, was formally gazetted to officiate as a puisne Judge of the Allahabad High Court on Monday.

KAVI Dulpतर Dayabho, C. I. E., the celebrated blind poet of Gujerat, died at Ahmedabad of paralysis on Friday morning at the ripe age of 75. The schools and colleges were closed in his honour.

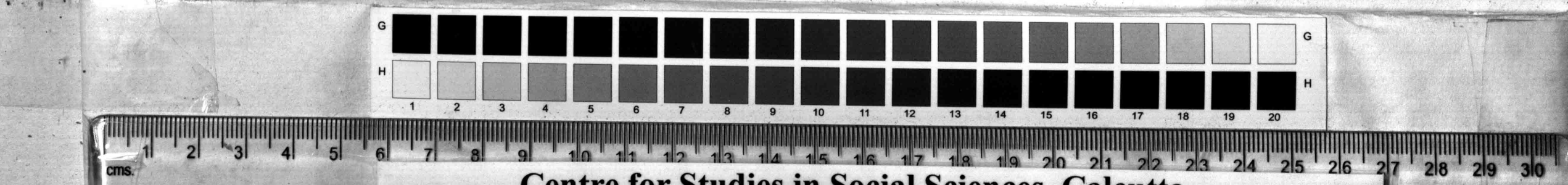
THE boundary disputes between Poonch Ilaqua and Cashmere State have been settled by Captain Goodenough. Boundary pillars are to be built to prevent confusion in future.

MAHOMAD Ismail of Fatehgarh Police, who was the other day sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment by the N. W. P. High Court, has fled from the jail.—"Advocate."

SURGEON-COLONEL HENDLEY, Principal Administrative Officer in Rajputana, comes to Bengal as Inspector-General of Hospitals, vice Surgeon-Colonel Newman, who has been transferred to the Punjab. Surgeon-Colonel Adams from Jodhpur succeeds Surgeon-Colonel Hendley.

THE Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab held a durbar in the camp at Kohat on Monday. The ceremony was largely attended by residents of the Kohat and Peshawar districts, and by the Kurram and Adam Khel jirgahs. All the civil and military officers of the station and a few from Peshawar and Kurram were present. After the usual presentation of the Durbaris had taken place, His Honour addressed those assembled, announcing his intention of presenting khilats for services in connection with the recent events on the frontier. To the people of Kurram he sent a message through their representatives, commending their conduct and announcing rewards, including a remission of revenue. His Honour finally told the Adam Khel of the appreciation by Government of the good spirit and friendly feeling which they had recently exhibited, as a sign of which he would present their leading men with lungis, and give them all a befitting rekhshtana. A translation of His Honour's address in Pushtoo was read out to the people. A large number of khilats were then presented, after which the Durbar concluded.

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NATIVES AND THE INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

FULL TEXT OF MR. PAUL'S SPEECH.

MR. H. W. PAUL, who was received with cheers, called attention to the system of examination in England for the Civil Service of India, and moved "That all open competitive examinations heretofore held in England and for appointments to the Civil Service of India shall henceforth be held simultaneously both in India and England, such examinations in both countries being identical in their nature, and all who compete being finally classified in one list according to merit."

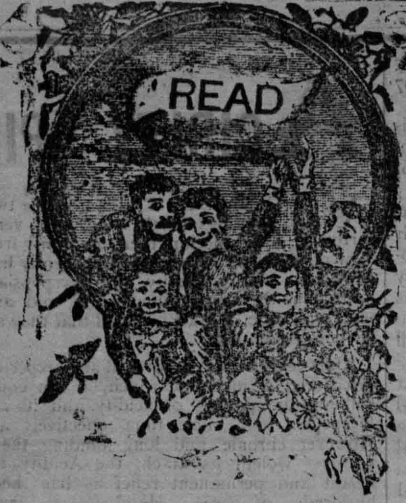
in Council by inserting at London the words "Calcutta," "Madras," or "Bombay," and they were able to undertake the task. The University of London at this moment holds an examination not only in many distant parts of the British dominions but in the city of Calcutta itself. In the speech which Mr. Fawcett delivered in 1863 he, who knew as much about examinations and the practical business of conducting them as any man who has ever sat in this House, said that there would be no difficulty in carrying out this plan, that the examination papers might be sent under seal to India, the examinations being fixed for the same date and the candidates' papers might be sent home under seal and inspected by the same examiners, &c.

they would be defeated in that wholesale manner by Her Majesty's Indian subjects, but if that be an objection it ought to be met in a fair and straightforward manner. It ought to be met by saying that there are posts which cannot be filled by the native subjects of India, or that there are posts beyond which we cannot admit them to our service, but not to say that the service is just as open to them as it is to us, and then to impose upon them conditions to which we ourselves would never submit. (Hear, hear.)

working body until the beginning of April, by which time the mortality had decreased to 997 for the week ending April 6th. The Corporation respectfully claim that this result was secured by them at a cost to the city of Rs. 4,31,000, (expended from September, 1896, to March 1st, 1897).

ACIDITY PILLS. DR. BISWAS. ACIDITY AND DYSPEPSIA are the two most common disorders of the day, and very few are so unfortunate as to declare their immunity from these. In view of the fact that though apparently harmless in the embryo stage, Acidity and Dyspepsia shatter and undermine the constitution in the end and lead to its total wreckage, it must be held that they are dangerous in their insidiousness.

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