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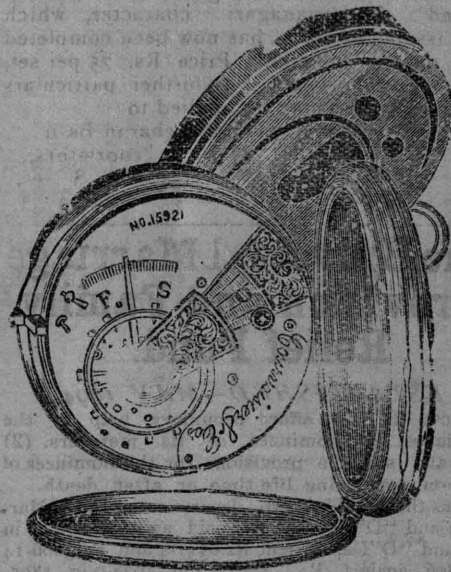
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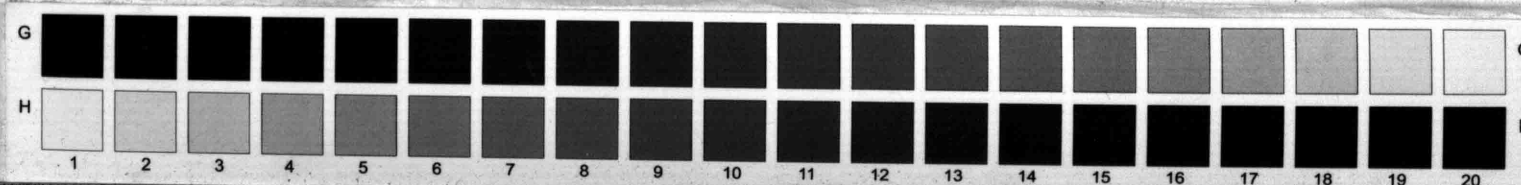
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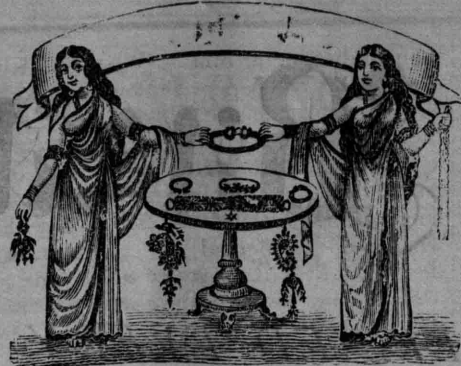
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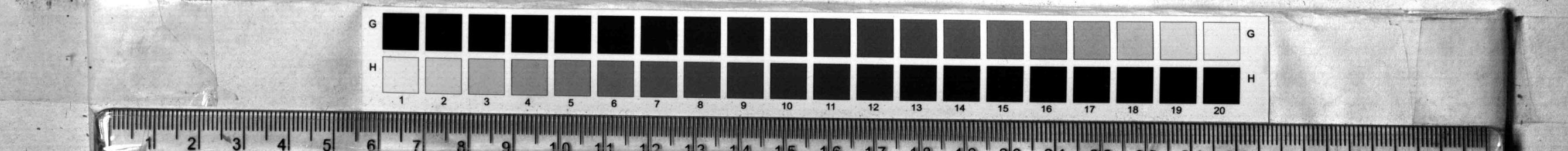
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DOMESTIC REFORM.

The function of a newspaper is to address both the ruled and the rulers. We distinguish the rulers from the ruled; for, the distinction exists in this country in a marked form.

There are other indications on the part of the authorities, which go to show the same thing. Sir A. Mackenzie made the public declaration from the Council chamber, as the responsible ruler of a province, apparently with the sanction of the Secretary of State, and in the presence, and, therefore, with the undoubted approval, of the Viceroy himself.

We can only address those who hold the reins of Government, as friends; for, if we are foes, we have no privilege of addressing them. If those rulers whom we used to address, declare us to be enemies at heart, they intimate to the public men like newspaper editors that they have no right to address the authorities at all.

Thus one of the functions—perhaps the most important one—of the native papers, if they are to act up according to the sentiments of the present administration, is gone. What then remains? We shall come to that presently.

We can indicate the precise time when the *ma bab* policy of the Government towards the people was sought to be changed. It was when the Congress was organized. The Congress was the first move which created a gap between the ruled and the rulers.

We may show at a future period how the Congress served to create a breach between the officials and the people, and how day by day it weakened the cause of the latter. Suffice it to say to-day that this Congress movement led and enabled the officials to create, for the first time, a strong anti-Hindu party in India.

There remained, then, the Hindus, with a sprinkling of Mussalmans, on one side; and the Anglo-Mussalman and official and non-official combination, on the other. Gradually the wealthier among the Hindus were led to secede, and the Congress was left entirely in the hands of the middle-classes.

Now it must be borne in mind that the speeches, delivered on the occasion of the sedition measure if they were directed against the Congress too. If the native newspapers are the foes of the Government, so must be the Congress also. For, their functions are precisely the same.

Of course, it will not be possible for conductors of newspapers to continue their work, and yet ignore public questions altogether. At least from pure habit, newspapers will continue to discuss, as we were doing recently, public questions, even to offer such advice to Sir A. Mackenzie as that he should drop his Municipal Bill.

all this is not changed. For, it is expected that the time is not far distant when the authorities themselves will come to see the blunder of gagging the press in a vast and foreign country like India, peopled by divers races of divers degrees of civilization, most men being absolutely poor.

If the Congress will have no function, the native newspapers will have yet one left to them. It is the advocacy of domestic reform. And who can say that this domestic reform is not a more important work than fighting for privileges and whining for the removal of grievances and measures which are unpopular?

SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE left India for ever by the mail train on Thursday evening. Congratulatory addresses were showered upon Lord Ripon by the people of India on the eve of his retirement; and yet His Lordship had never sought for one from them.

We need only add that we are now informed that the Maharajah of Durbhanga is not going to pay for the bust which has been voted for Sir Alexander Mackenzie. Indeed, we are assured, the whole movement was brought about without consulting His Highness.

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SAY the English papers whom the riots at Bombay gave a rude awakening: "If the natives prefer to die and choose to resent our philanthropic endeavours to save them, it is well to leave them alone." This tone of superiority is assumed on the supposed ground that it was the plague operations that gave offence; but that was not it.

THE following Notification appears in Wednesday's "Calcutta Gazette," relating to the retirement of the Hon'ble Mr Stevens in announcing the retirement of the Hon'ble Mr. Charles Cecil Stevens, C.S.I., after a service of 36 years, the Lieutenant-Governor desires to place on record his high appreciation of the value of the services which Mr. Stevens rendered to Government.

then to disappoint him? What the Khalifa did to the "Sleeper Awakened" once, the British statesmen are doing every day to their own men. To-day a King, to-morrow a nobody—that is the portion of an Anglo-Indian administrator. The final leave-taking scene of Sir Ashley Eden, when he left Bengal for good, was thus described by a daily paper of the time:—

SIR Ashley was deeply affected throughout the leave-taking scene; but it was in the steamer, just before she left the moorings, that he nearly broke down. One or two of his older colleagues actually did so; and in the faces of the ladies, as they left the vessel's side after the last farewell, traces of considerable emotion might have been seen.

SIR Alexander Mackenzie, according to the *Pioneer*, was most reluctant to resign his post, and would have certainly stuck to it if his health had not been seriously injured. Of course, it does not occur to the Anglo-Indian rulers, generally speaking, when taking office, that a time will come when they will be hurled down from their high position; for, then, they would never have hankered after bubbles which, they know, they are destined to enjoy for a short time only.

WHEN we expressed our pleasure at the elevation of Mr. B. L. Gupta to the High Court, we did not forget that the arrangement is a national wrong. As a Civilian, the Government is bound to provide for him. When, therefore, the Government puts an Indian Civilian in the position occupied by a non-Civilian Indian, it withdraws from the Indian a valued privilege.

THE *Indian Daily News* says that the members of the B. I. Association, who presented a farewell address to Sir Alexander Mackenzie, referred in rather "highly eulogistic terms to His Honour's thirty-five years' close connection with the administration of this country."

HERE is a sentence from the address which will show the extravagant manner in which the late Lieutenant-Governor was spoken of by its 26 signatories:—"Your unfailing patience and courtesy enabled you to gain the confidence of the people and made you intimately acquainted with their thoughts, feelings and wants."

GOLDSMITH described how great men write histories. Thus a historian, according to Goldsmith, settled the question how China was peopled. After the flood, says that great historian, the water subsided, and therefore it was made possible for men to go there. Thus, A.B. (here the historian gives the name of the settler) might have gone to China. And since A.B. might have gone there, it was clear A.B. did go there.

THE reply of Sir Alexander Mackenzie in keeping with the spirit of the address. He was the most successful administrator, in the estimation of the 26 members of the British Indian Association; and, the B. I. Association, according to him, was "the premier Association in India, expressing the views of the leading classes of Bengal."

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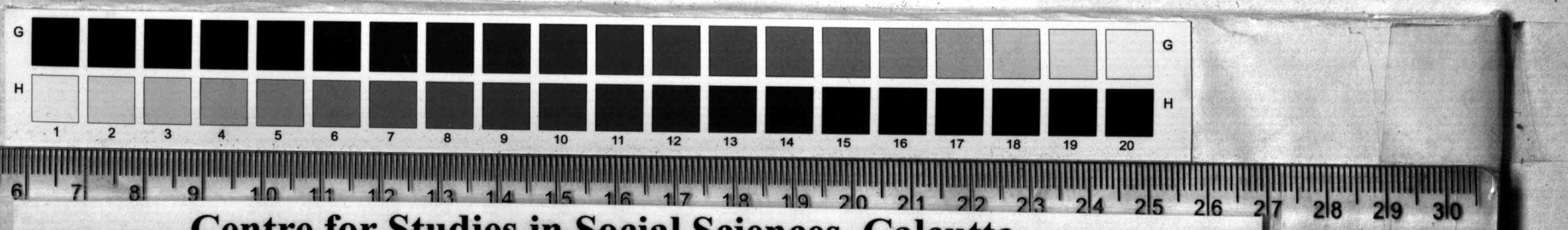
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THE RECENT BOMBAY RIOTS AND THE LAW OF SEDITION FOR INDIA.

To the Editor of the Amrita Bazar Patrika.

SIR,—“Are the Government right or wrong?” asked the legal member of the Indian Viceroy’s Council on the 11th instant in reference to the recent Bombay riots...

During the last nine months the Indian Government have adopted all possible means to suppress the expression of popular sentiment in India...

THE other day Babu Bhuvaneshwar Gupta, Deputy Inspector of Schools, visited the local H. E. School. There is a report that Babu Upendra Nath Mukerjee, Munsif, is going on a transfer to Monghyr...

TO-day at 6-25 A.M., just as the Courts were sitting, a sudden shock of earthquake was felt here, accompanied with a deep and most sonorous rumbling roar from within the earth...

SEVERAL Dakshin Deshi Jatra parties come here at this season of the year. Two such parties have recently come here, and entertainments are being held almost every night in various quarters of the town and its suburbs...

WE are sadly in want of rain. The days are consequently intolerably hot. It does not rain here for a fortnight longer, it is feared that almost all the wells will be almost dried up...

HAD the rheumatism so badly that I could not get my hand to my head. I tried the doctor’s medicine without the least benefit. At last I thought of Chamberlain’s Pain Balm...

ment, I feel strongly and bitterly that India cannot continue to be ruled with such unworthy and unmerited distrust of the people. No nation on earth has given you less cause for suspicion and distrust...

Remain, &c., ROMESH DUTT, late Officiating Commissioner of Orissa.

Mofussil News.

LAST year the shock of earthquake demolished almost all the pucca houses in this town, and the Branch City Collegiate School house was a complete wreck.

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Only a few weeks ago, an astute Scotland Yard officer saw two men, whom he knew as the companions of thieves, get into an omnibus. They crushed inside the vehicle, where there was only room for two.

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MONGHYR, APRIL 4.

MR. F. R. ROE has been transferred and Mr. F. F. Lyall is coming in his place as District Magistrate. At a meeting of the members of the District Board, the services of Babu Nitay Churn Chowdhury, District Engineer, have been dispensed with.

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When a pickpocket working near a crowded shop window is aided by confederates who stand at his back and thus “cover” him from behind, it is almost impossible to see the actual dip made into the pocket of a victim...

As a mere ordinary shop window gazer, to all seeming, a sharp-eyed officer can see everybody who passes without drawing upon himself any observation whatever; and in a recent case a Post Office detective watched a pillar box in this way for some time...

THE next day greatly cleared the atmosphere for the police, the experts cleared the mirror in the landlord’s private parlour had, since the first trial, been moved about a mere couple of inches for the benefit of his own witness and planners.

A great many cases might be cited, of the infinite use detectives make of the expanses of mirror, usually to be found behind the bars of in-keepers. These enable officers, unobtrusively posted in one compartment, to see what is going on in adjoining ones.

Two men one day followed the brother to a small shop, where he received a letter in a false name, and from there he proceeded to a publichouse near, where he in one compartment he was in the mirror watched by the two men from another as he read the letter he had obtained.

One of the two men went round and entered the place where the brother was, whilst the other man just at the moment that his colleague got near the reader, threw a glass down with a great crash. The letter-reader started, held the missive loosely, tried to look round the edge of the compartment, and in that moment gave the watcher in the same section a chance of seeing the murderer’s handwriting—all he wanted for the time.

NO BUILDING BIG ENOUGH.

PROBABLY the two women whose names we are about to mention (by their good will and consent) never saw or even heard of each other. A broad bit of sea-water rolls between the places where they severally live.

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THE second lady, writes from her home No. 12, Horgan’s Buildings, College Road, Cork, dating her letter the 27th of the sunny month of June, 1893. She says, “Everything was a trouble and a burden. For nights together I got no sleep. I couldn’t bear the noise of the children. I had no desire for company; I wanted to be alone in my misery. I often thought I was going to die. I was in this way for nearly twelve months.”

Now this was bad; very, very bad. When a woman cannot bear the noise of her own children—which of all noises is least observed by a mother’s ear—why her nerves are, as we might say, all gone to pieces. And, inasmuch as the nerves are only a part of the body, it follows that the whole system is badly out of order.

Of the progress of the malady and how low it reduced her she has already spoken. The end of it all—a happy end, thank Mercy—was like this. “In September, 1891,” she adds, “my husband persuaded me to try a medicine he had heard and read so much about. I did so and soon found relief—a relief that none of the other medicines I had used were able to give me.

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Telegrams.

[INDIAN TELEGRAMS]

SANKRAL, (Mymensing) APRIL 7. A crowded meeting in connection with the Alesakanda Social Purity Association was held at Porabary Hat yesterday.

[FOREIGN TELEGRAMS]

LONDON, APRIL 7. President McKinley has suddenly postponed his message to Congress until Monday. Advice from Madrid state that a settlement has been reached through the earnest intervention of the Regent and the able representation of Sir Julian Pauncefote and other Ambassadors.

LONDON, APRIL 7. Sir H. Kitchener has moved his camp to Umdabia, eight miles nearer to Emir Mahmud’s camp.

LONDON, APRIL 7. Notwithstanding the reported settlement of the Spanish-American difficulty, the family of Mr. Woodford, the American Minister at Madrid, has gone to Biarritz. The situation is still ambiguous and dangerous.

LONDON, APRIL 7. The “Times” Tokio correspondent says that public opinion in Japan is becoming vehemently excited. There is no general opposition to the British occupation of Wei-hai-wei, but it is felt that Japan must secure a footing on the Asiatic Continent.

THE plague is decreasing most perceptibly in Bombay.

SIMLA is threatened with a water-scarcity.

HIS Excellency Sir Charles Nairn and the Hon’ble Mr. Rivaz have arrived in Simla.

SOME of the 2nd Punjab Infantry, while occupying a picket north of Mamani, were fired on by three men and returned the shots, killing a man who was recognised as a noted Zakkha Khel robber.

SIR RICHARD UDNY is reverting to his former appointment as Commissioner of Peshawar, and Mr. Fred. Cunningham will be the Chief Political Officer under General Symons.

HEERAGHAR JAMNAGHAR, was, at the second Criminal Sessions of Bombay, charged with setting fire to the Mahomedan Plague Hospital at that place. Justice Tyejee sentenced him to transportation for life.

THE Probant of Hyderabad published a letter in its issue of 8th January, complaining of the manner in which medical examination of female passengers was conducted at Malir. It was stated that Police Sepoys entered the female compartments to get the women to alight on the platform, where they were inspected by male doctors.

FROM the interesting letter, which our Yokohama correspondent sends us, says the Pioneer, it is clear that the Japanese are quietly and assiduously preparing for war. It seems that the artillery has just been re-armed with quickfiring guns—a reform we are still only beginning to discuss, and the infantry are now all equipped with the magazine rifle. A High Military Council has been constituted, and, for the moment at all events, internal discussions have quieted down.

