

Original Correspondence.

MR. ATLAS—Having seen a Leader in the Herald, on the controversy respecting the House of Refuge, and the surreptitious appropriation of the Carters Barracks, to a Secular Institution.

I am, your obedt.,

A. B.

EUROPE.

EMIGRANT SHIP OCEAN MONARCH BURNT AT SEA.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

The splendid American ship Ocean Monarch, of 1300 tons burthen, belonging to Trip's line of Boston packets, which left the Mersey early on Thursday morning, in splendid trim, with about 360 persons on board, including the crew and emigrants, has been destroyed.

The Ocean Monarch sailed from Liverpool at an early hour, the tide flowing about seven o'clock. As she passed through the Channel her progress was reported by the telegraph, but at length the sad news arrived that she was in flames.

Mr. Littledale, who is the Commodore of the Royal Mersey Yacht Club, had been at Beaumaris regatta, which took place on Monday last, and he was returning in his yacht to Liverpool with a party of friends.

The scene which presented itself to Mr. Littledale on nearing the vessel was most appalling. The flames were breaking with immense fury from the stern and centre of the vessel. So great was the heat in these parts that the passengers, male and female—men, women, and children—crowded to the fore part of the vessel.

It appears that the fire broke out about twelve o'clock. From the great consternation in which the passengers were, of course all control over them was gone. They ran about as long as they could in all directions, and some of the scenes which followed have already been described.

In about an hour and a half after the yacht reached the vessel, the Brazilian steam frigate Affonso, which was out on a trial trip, came up. She anchored immediately to windward, and close to the burning vessel.

The Queen of the Ocean remained alongside till three o'clock. At that time the vessel was burnt near to the water's edge, and there were only a few of the passengers on board, several boats being alongside endeavouring to take them off.

The Brazilian frigate was commanded by the Marquis de Lisboa. There was also on board the Prince de Joinville, his lady, and suite, the Duke and Duchess d'Aumale, the Brazilian Minister, the Chevalier of Lisboa, Admiral Grenfell and daughters, and other distinguished individuals.

off his coat, and was particularly assiduous in assisting the passengers on board the frigate.

The Affonso rescued in all about 160 persons, including thirteen seamen. Of these about 140 landed, and the remainder preferred staying on board the frigate all night.

The stewardess lost her life in courageously attempting to get the powder out of the cabin. There were about twenty-five pounds weight on board, and when she went below to get it, it is supposed she was suffocated.

The burning ship went down at about one o'clock (Friday) morning.—United Service Gazette, August 26.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN MARRYAT, C.B.—We regret to announce the death of this distinguished officer and novelist, who expired at his residence, Langham, in Norfolk on Wednesday, after a long and painful illness.

All persons indebted to the Proprietor of this Journal are requested to pay the amount of their respective accounts without delay, otherwise they will be handed to a Solicitor for recovery.

WEEKLY CALENDAR, ETC.

Table with columns for Month and Days, Sun rises, sets, Moon rises, sets, Tide Table (morn, even), and Sun's Dec. for Dec.

Note.—It is to be observed that it will be high tide at Parramatta, one hour and fifteen minutes after Sydney—at Windsor, nearly six hours—at Newcastle, nearly two hours—and at Broken Bay Heads, fifty minutes after Sydney.



SYDNEY: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1848.

It was our full intention, at the commencement of the year 1849, to bring out the ATLAS three times a week, but as we now find it impossible to obtain from our subscribers that measure of justice so long withheld from us, the payment of their accounts, amounting now nearly to the sum of £1000, much of it of very long standing, we think it more prudent to banish the idea, and withdraw the publication altogether.

Atlas be deemed unworthy of further support, we shall retire from that field in which we have laboured at least arduously and conscientiously, and leave the guidance of public opinion to be monopolised by the Caleb Quoten Political Parson of the Daily.

Domestic.

SYDNEY IN 1848.—No 11 of this publication contains an excellent representation of the houses in George-street from King and Market-streets, executed in a very neat and faithful manner.

SYDNEY COLLEGE.—On Thursday, the 14th instant, the Annual Examination of the Classes of the above Institution was held in the College Hall, on which occasion, the decorous behaviour of the Students, their promptness and correctness of answering, and their sound knowledge of the subjects upon which they were examined, made a very favourable impression on the gentlemen present.

REVEREND T. ATTEEN'S ACADEMY.—The pupils attending the academy of the above Rev. Gentleman were examined on Friday, the 1st December, at the school-house in Hunter-street, previous to their removal to the Normal Institution; when the highest satisfaction was expressed by the visitors as to the efficiency shown by the young gentlemen in the various branches of their studies.

MR. STEAR'S SYDNEY TRAINING SCHOOL.—This Seminary, taught by Mr. Steel, was examined on Wednesday last, in the Free Presbyterian Church, Pitt-street. The children acquitted themselves very creditably; indeed, in the presence of various clergymen, parents, and visitors. The progress made by the pupils during the year, towards the acquisition of a sound English education, reflects no inconsiderable credit upon their instructor, who admirably elucidated the systems pursued in the principal schools in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following gentlemen to be the Nominee Members of the Legislative Council.—Major-General Edward Buckley Wynyard, C.B. The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, Esquire. The Honorable Campbell Drummond Riddell, Esquire. The Honorable John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire. John George Nathaniel Gibbs, Esquire. William Lithgow, Esquire. George Allen, Esquire, of Toxteth Park. Alexander Berry, Esquire, of St. Leonards. Edward Hamilton, Esquire, of Coleroy. Thomas Icely, Esquire, of Coombing. John Lamb, Esquire, of Sydney. Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, of Parramatta.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.—Henry Gratton Douglass, Esq., M.D., has been appointed a member of the Medical Board of New South Wales.

KIAMA.—The weather is generally propitious. Rain rather abundant, which will keep back the harvest, but will not likely cause any damage to the crops. As yet only a few fields of barley have been cut down. A meeting was held last week at Kiama for the purpose of forming a new agricultural society. It has been established for objects similar to another in the district which has been in existence between two and three years. But it is quite independent of its prototype, and is intended to act in a distinct sphere. The Kiama society, although it will proceed to the south as far as possible, is not ambitious of crossing on the north the Macquarie rivulet, thus not intruding upon the domain of its neighbour. It has nevertheless within these limits a sufficient field for its labours, and funds quite adequate for its support. For considering that between £40 and £50 have already been subscribed, and that the whole district has not yet been visited, there can be little fear, but that the society will prosper. At the meeting on the 24th the proper officers were chosen, and the first show announced as likely to take place at the end of next February. Kiama after its projected jetty is erected, will doubtless progress more rapidly than (considering the large amount of good land in its neighbourhood) it has yet done. Its salubrity, and bold and striking scenery, render it especially favorable as a resort to invalids. It seems in no respect inferior to Wollongong, hitherto the Brighton of so many persons of this class; but might be rendered much superior were half the amount expended upon it which has been expended upon its more favoured brother.—From a Correspondent.

SCONE.—We had fine rain last Sunday all day, and the country looks beautiful as to grass and water. The crops are pretty good, and we have had fine weather for shearing and harvest; but it has been very hot since Sunday. Our harvest is retarded for the want of labour, and it will be years before the outside of boundary people's wants are supplied. Not above twenty of the newly arrived immigrants have found their way to Scone yet; if a depot were established either here, at Murrumbidgee or Tamworth, the immigrants would find their way into the country parts; no doubt you have sufficient within fifty miles of the coast. The Herald editors have no occasion to fear that we shall have too many emigrants sent us for some years to come, unless sheep farming is abandoned. December 8.—Mail and Mercury.

WARIALDA.—There is nothing stirring here, all being busy shearing. We are much in want of rain, and the accounts of the low price of wool have made things look very dull in prospect. But we must hope the best. December 1.—Ibid.

MUSWELL BROOK.—It is with feelings of the deepest regret we have to relate that intelligence has been received here on yesterday evening from Yallaroi, announcing the death of Mr. Thomas Kerr, J. P., who put a period to his existence by inflicting a mortal wound on his throat with a razor. It appears that in the morning he was attacked with a fit, from which he soon recovered, and looked as well as usual; that about evening time, he was engaged in conversation with Messrs. Rogerson and Easton, both of whom observed something strange in his manner, and saw him retire to an adjoining room; shortly after which they heard a gushing noise as of water, when the two immediately rushed into the room, and to their horror and surprise found the unfortunate gentleman weltering in his blood. They immediately bandaged the wound, but so desperately intent was he on carrying his fatal design into effect that he instantly tore the bandages away; at the same time grasping the hand of Mr. Rogerson, smiled, and shook hands with him, doing the same with Mr. Easton, both of whom, it is need-

