1891.

THE YEAR WE'VE LEFT BEHIND US.

THE world does not think, with the post-diplomatist whose recent loss it is still deploring, that

> "When time has flown, how it fled
> It is better neither to ask nor to tell."

The history of any year, however uneventful, is worth looking back upon. Twelve months cannot well go by without leaving some record of their passage on the story of a race; and it is not alone in paths of revolution and sensationalism that history makes itself.

To THE QUEEN, the year, if not eventful, has, at least, been busy. The fifty-fourth year of HER MAJESTY'S happy and glorious reign has been crowded with benevolent activity. A month's holiday at Grasse was quickly followed by the task of graciing the early days of the Naval Exhibition (which THE QUEEN inspected on May 7th) and the visit of HER MAJESTY'S grandson, the GERMAN EMPEROR at the beginning of July. THE KAISER (who

THE QUEEN.

ADMIRAL GERVAIS.

banquetted at Windsor on July 7th and in the Guildhall on the 10th, witnessing a review at Wimbledon on the 11th, and visiting THE PREMIER at Hatfield next day) was quickly followed by the PRINCE OF NAPLES, who received a Garter at Windsor on August 4th. Then came the festivities of welcome to the French Fleet under ADMIRAL GERVAIS, commencing on the 19th and lasting more than a week.

The PRINCE OF WALES celebrated his fiftieth birthday on November 9th, after being the subject of considerable public attention in connection

with the baccarat scandal associated with the name of SIR WILLIAM GORDON CUMMING, and arising out of a visit of the Prince of Wales to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson at Tranby Croft. In the libel action unsuccessfully brought by the latter, which concluded on June 9th, the PRINCE appeared in Court as a witness.

Silver weddings were celebrated by our own PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHRISTIAN and by the CZAR AND CZARINA OF RUSSIA. The visit of the EMPRESS FREDERIC to the French capital was made the occasion of an absurd and somewhat brutal demonstration by the Chauvinists of Paris. Other notable events in the life of the Royal Family of this country, which must be passed over with a bare mention, were the erection of a monument to the late DUKE OF ALBANY at Cannes, the marriage of PRINCESS LOUISE to PRINCE ALBERT, the fire at Sandringham House, and the illness of PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES, now happily terminated in his restoration to health and the betrothal of

SIR W. G. CUMMING.

DUKE OF CLARENCE

the DUKE OF CLARENCE to the charming and popular PRINCESS VICTORIA OF TECK. Death, which has spared our own Royal house, has been busy on the Continent. PRINCE BALDWIN OF FLANDERS died on January 22, and PRINCE JEROME NAPOLEON on March 17, the latter being "succeeded" in his claims to the French throne by PRINCE VICTOR NAPOLEON.

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

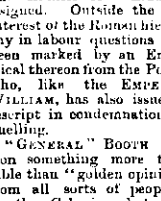
SIR E. GUINNESS.

At the beginning of the year SIR E. GUINNESS was raised to what some call the peerage, in the title of Lord Iveagh. MR. LIDDERDALE, whose able management of the Bank of England during the Baring crisis was universally commended, has become a Privy Councillor; LORD DUFFERIN has succeeded the late RIGHT HON. W. H. SMITH as Warden of the Cinque Ports, MRS. SMITH becoming LADY HAMBLEDON in her own right. Deaths in the Peerage have been unusually numerous, among the most notable names being LORD GRANVILLE, the EARL OF ALBEMARLE, LORD CLANCARTY, the Duke of Bedford (by suicide), the Duke of Cleveland, Lord Cottesloe, Earl Beauchamp, Lord Cheylesmore, the Earl of Clonmell, the Earl of Dartmouth, the Earl of Portsmouth, Lord Tollemache, the Earl of Westmoreland, and last, but perhaps most regrettable loss of all, the EARL OF LYTTON, alike distinguished as a poet and diplomatist. Two Archbishops of York have died, DR. THOMSON and DR. MAGEE, DR. MACLAGAN, Bishop of Lichfield, succeeding the latter, while CANON LEGGE has been translated to the See of Lichfield. DR. MAGEE was followed at Peterborough by CANON CREIGHTON, whose works on English history are well known. BISHOP WILKINSON, who retired, was succeeded by DR. GOTT. The See of Carlisle is left vacant by the recent very sudden death of DR. HARVEY GOODWIN. DR. LIDDELL, Dean of Christ Church at Oxford (the Liddell of "Liddell and Scott") has also resigned. Outside the Church of England, the interest of the Roman hierarchy in labour questions has been marked by an Encyclical thereon from the POPE who, like the EMPEROR WILLIAM, has also issued a rescript in condemnation of duelling.

LORD DUFFERIN.

DR. MAGEE.

"GENERAL" BOOTH has won something more tangible than "golden opinions from all sorts of people" in the Colonies, but the Salvation Army has fallen on troublous times in Eastbourne. The REV. GEORGE ROGERS, oldest Congregationalist minister in Great Britain, is dead. MR. SPURGEON, whose condition during the summer excited great alarm, is warned by his doctors that his disease is still unconquered. On the death of DR. ADLER, Chief Rabbi, his son, DR. HERMAN ADLER, the distinguished scholar, succeeded to that office. MME. BLAVATSKY has thrown the mantle of the Mahatmas, left vacant by her own decease, on the shoulders of MRS. BESANT. On March 30, a thrill of horror ran through the nation at the news of the Manipur massacre, in which MESSRS. GRIMWOOD and QUINTON, English officials, had been slaughtered, and a force of native troops cut to pieces in trying to adjust a local intrigue. MRS. GRIMWOOD, whose heroic conduct and hairbreadth escape have been the talk of all Europe, has published her reminiscences of life in Manipur. In Canada SIR J. MACDONALD, who framed a charge of treason against his political opponents, triumphed at the General Election in March, and, dying on June 6, was succeeded by the HON. J. J. C. ABBOTT. We have had visits from SIR WILLIAM WHITEWAY, who pleaded the cause of the Newfoundland fishermen at the Bar of Parliament, and from the HON. CECIL RHODES, Cape Premier and president of the Chartered Company of South Africa, whose troops had come into conflict with the Portuguese which Mr. Rhodes hastened to Downing Street to justify. Though touchy on the Egyptian question, France has been friendly to us generally, and our welcome to the fleet, already mentioned, created much cordial feeling. EX-PRESIDENT GRÉVY, who died at the great age of 84 on September 9th, was quickly followed to the grave by GEN. BOULANGER, who, consistent to the last, committed suicide in the most approved style of melodrama, on the grave of MME. DE BONNEMAIN at Brussels. THEODORE DE BANVILLE, the great French poet, M. FORTUNÉ DU BOISGOBEY, novelist; OCTAVE FEUILLET, novelist and dramatist, have been lost to the literary circle of Paris during the year. On April 24th, GENERAL VON MOLTKE, the organiser of German military ascendancy, died of sheer old age, loaded with honours and universally lamented. Russia has had her hands full, first with a most anachronistic persecution and expulsion of the Jews, whom BARON HIRSCH hopes to save by becoming the Moses of a new Exodus, and then with the most appalling famine of historic times, both incidents strongly recalling the story of another land of bondage: the arrest of CAPT. YOUNGHUSBAND, and the Pamir incident are still fresh in all minds. A strange *canard* circulated for speculative reasons, on September 14th, affirmed that the island of Mitylene had been occupied by a British man-of-war's crew, an exaggeration of a simple visit by marines for exercising purposes, permitted by the local authorities.



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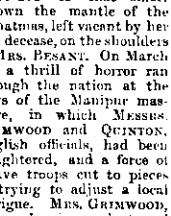

MR. SPURGEON.

MRS. BESANT.

MRS GRIMWOOD.

GEN BOULANGER.

VON MOLTKE.

BARON HIRSCH.

China has been the scene of a dreadful insurrection and atrocities committed on native and European Christians, which commenced with a riot at Wuhu in May last. There have been earthquakes at San Salvador, San Francisco, and, on an appalling scale, in Japan, while a tornado at Martinique in August produced 50 wrecks, besides killing 300 people and injuring upwards of a thousand more. An upheaval of another kind has taken place in Chili, where a revolution had commenced the previous year. The President, GENERAL BALMACEDA, finally overthrown by the Congressional forces, avoided capture and probable execution by suicide. DOM PEDRO, the EX-EMPEROR of BRAZIL, died in exile on December 4th, just when disturbances in Brazil began to look as though he might one day be recalled to the throne.

GEN. BALMACEDA.

MISS LEALE, THE LADY SHOT.

In the Army and Navy no great events have taken place. Bisley, the new Wimbledon, proved very satisfactory shooting ground, and was the scene of remarkable triumphs by a lady marksman, MISS LEALE, of whom a sketch is annexed.

SIR W. HART DYKE.

ADMIRAL WALLIS, the father of the Fleet, has attained his hundredth year: several large vessels have been launched, some of them by THE QUEEN in person, and a Naval Exhibition in London has been a great success, financially and popularly. Probably no better recruiting advertisement for the Fleet could have been devised. The mimic operation shown in the lake, at Chelsea, delighted all visitors.

In home politics 1891 will be set down in history as the year of Free Education, which Act was passed by the House of Commons in a little more than a month, thanks to the skilful management of the measure by SIR W. HART-DYKE. Mr. GOSCHEN'S Budget was satisfactory, if not very brilliant, the surplus of nearly two millions being divided between Free Education, as aforesaid, Barracks, and renewal of defective Gold Coinage.