

back several times to observe if he was watched. Witness was in plain clothes. He followed him up as closely as he could. At the Circus in Oxford-street the ladies were prevented from crossing by some omnibuses passing. The prisoner then went up to the middle of the road, and with his right hand he picked up the first one, and put his hand round her to the middle of her back. He never took anything out, and the ladies moved on at the instant, and he then walked back down Regent-street, as far as Argyl-place, when he went up to two ladies who were looking in at a shop-window, and attempted the pockets of one of them in the same way. He afterwards followed two other ladies, and witness saw her to open their gowns, and he never took anything out. The prisoner resisted, and used very violent and foul language, and attempted to get away.—The prisoner, in answer to the accusation against him, said that nearly the whole of the statement of the police-constable was a fabrication. He was true that he was passing up Regent-street when the constable stopped him, but that he had not attempted to pick any person's pocket, nor had he ever turned back, as the constable stated. He resisted the constable, because, as he was in plain clothes, he did not suppose he had any authority to arrest him.—Wilks, the gaoler, and other officers of the court, said they had known the prisoner as a man of bad character, and that he was a host to a number of the prisoner's friends were in court assisting for the same effect.—Mr. Matty said he should send the case for further investigation before a jury.—The prisoner was accordingly committed to take his trial for the misdemeanour of attempting to pick pockets.—Bail was afterwards offered and accepted for his appearance.

the people of the Land Society.

DIRECTORY.

T. S. Duncombe, M.P., was proposed and elected by acclamation as president.

VICE PRESIDENT.

Mr. William Robson.

DIRECTORS (METROPOLITAN).

Messrs. Gimblet, Wade, Storey, and Arch.

PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS.

Messrs. W. Evans, Potteries; G. White, Bradford; and Roberts, Manchester.

QUORUM.

Three members, exclusive of president and vice-president, shall constitute a quorum.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted : " That all monies received on account of shares in this Association be paid to the Treasurer in the name of the President, until a treasurer be appointed."

Mr. Duncombe having left the chair, and Mr. W. Evans scolded—*That the heartfelt thanks of this Conference are due, and hereby given, to T. S. Duncombe, Esq., for his able and energetic management of the meeting in which he has presided over the deliberations, and for his great services to the working classes generally.*" This motion was seconded by Mr. Frith, supported by Mr. G. White, and carried unanimously amid the loudest applause.

Mr. W. Evans said: " The kind manner in which you have received my note, I receive as another mark *off your confidence*. In return, I can only thank you and those you represent for the kindness I invariably receive at your hands. I can only regret that it has not been in my power to attend your sittings more frequently, but owing to my absence I am pleased to know you have found time to substitute in the person of Mr. Evans. I have looked forward to your sittings with feelings of deep interest and anxiety, because on them depended the success or failure *but should the working classes rally around your Association as its merits deserve, failure is impossible*. On your behalf, and to your several liabilities it will be the duty of each delegate to lay the merits of the two plans before his constituents, and assure them of the ability and efficiency of the directory left behind to carry them into practice. Especially I can only say, that no man on any point shall be regarded as a competitor of our intentions, and should any question affecting your interest arise in Parliament, depend on it, I will be there to support it. (Loud cheers.) We have unfurled a banner *under which the working classes will do well to rally, and which will be the banner of their rights*. I again thank you for the kindness you have shown me since I have had the honour of presiding. I have every confidence in the honour, and integrity, and intelligence of the working classes, and believe they will

offer him the objects they seek. Mr. Duncombe resumed his speech by saying that he had been very much pleased at the vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Evans, who had presided during Mr. Duncombe's absence, and to the Provisional Central Committee.

Mr. Evans responded, and the Conference dissolved.

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SUICIDE IN THE SERPENTINE.—Yesterday (Friday August 1st) afternoon, at half-past three o'clock, a young lady about eighteen years of age, at present unknown, leaped off the bridge fronting Kensington-gardens, into the Serpentine river. Several persons located along the bank saw her jump, and one Society's boat was put off to her rescue, but in vain.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT ON THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN COUNTRIES RAILWAY.—Yesterday morning (Friday, August 1st), when the up-train, which started from Cambridge about eight o'clock to proceed to London along the new branch line which was opened last Wednesday, was passing through Hildisham, a village near Newmarket, England, the passengers were alarmed by the sudden collision of the carriages, upon which the engineer promptly stopped the train. It was then discovered that the tender had got off the me, which had been occasioned by the neglect of the man driving the engine. Fortunately the unfortunate train had just been put in motion, or the consequences would have been serious. No bodily injury was sustained by the passengers.

COLLISION OF STEAMERS.—LOSS OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE LIVES.—Constantinople, July 17.—On the night of the 11th inst., on the Black Sea, a terrible catastrophe took place. Two Turkish steamers, the one coming from, and the other going to Trebizand, came into sudden collision, and one of them went down with the greater part of her crew and passengers. The vessels were the Sentari, commanded by Captain Karaman, and the Medchrai, recently commanded by Mr. Lambert. The shock was tremendous. The vessels parted; the Medchrai Tadjahai dropped about a mile astern, and in the course of less than a quarter of an hour it was found that she was sinking rapidly. The Sentari, which had got but slight damage, then sailed on to Constantinople, where she arrived comparatively, could be saved. The boats of the destroyed vessel were so

overcrowded by those who strove with frantic eagerness to make their escape, that they sunk at once. About seventy, however, by swimming, and by clinging to the spars, reached the shore; but still they were taken in. Captain Lambert and an engineer were picked up by a boat of the Sentari. All the rest, one hundred and thirty-five souls, perished. Their agony was a short one, but it was terrific.

THE PIRATICAL MURDERERS.—The unhappy men, since their condemnation, have conducted themselves with exemplary propriety, and appeared not once to regret their fate. The Spaniards, however, impatient of being alone appears to entertain a hope that powerful influence will be interposed in his favour, which will prevent the sentence from being carried into execution. He is a Spaniard by birth, and is said to be highly conversant with Spanish literature. His conduct has been so good, that he would seem not to affect to be anything more than mere idle tales that do not pretend to know, but it is quite certain, from the prisoner's language and demeanour, at the time of receiving sentence, that he looks with some confidence to the Spanish authorities, to whom he wishes to appeal. His escape from confinement would seem to offer no aid to the conspiracy, and its melancholy result, but they allege that others besides themselves were as deeply implicated in it. There is reason to believe that the execution will take place over the gateway of the County Gaol on Friday next.

CONFESSION TO A MURDER.—The citizens of Lincoln have been startled during the last day or two by the rumour that a man had confessed to having perpetrated a murder. This rumour, however, after being investigated by the superintendent of the Lincoln police, from the chaplain of Salford gaol, requesting him to make inquiries relative to the following matters :—"The rev. gentleman states that in their gaol they have a man named Clapham, a Joiner, 25 years of age, who has been confined there for months upon charges of vagrancy, idleness, and who himself confesses of having pushed a man into the river in May, 1842, and that he was drowned. The man says that at the time in question he was working with Messrs. Arkell and Cooling, joiners, of Lincoln, and that one night a drunken man came to Mr. Arkell's, Waterside, where he lodged, and asked him to go down to the river with him, and throw the man

went away; that he followed him, and they disagreed; and that he pushed him into the river, and he was drowned. After pushing him into the river, he immediately ran back to his lodgings; that an inquest was held upon the body of the man, but that the jury returned a verdict that he had left the city, and began to wander about the country, and took to drinking very hard, as he felt wretched at what he had done, and that he made his present confession because he was tired of his life, and that he might be either sent away or be hung. In queries afterwards made, and the man's statement has been fully corroborated in many particulars.

PROBATION OF PARLIAMENT.—We believe we may now confidently state that Parliament will be prorogued not later than on Saturday next. If by any exertion the business of the session can be completed before the prorogation, it will be postponed till Tuesday next. If, on the contrary, it is expected to run back upon her centinental tour in the evening of the same day, whether the house be dismissed on Thursday or Saturday.—*Times*, Saturday morning, August 26.

LEZUS.—Mr. Clark will lecture here on Monday evening next—subject, "the Land plan."

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CANADA.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM TEXAS.

there is now no avoiding the full consummation of the scheme.

GREAT FIRE AT MATANZAS.—LOSS ESTIMATED AT EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.—*The New York Express* of the evening preceding the Acadia's departure publishes the following:—We have a Havana paper of the 28th ult., which gives us the detail

INDIA AND CHINA.—OVERLAND MAIL.
LONDON, FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1.—Despatches have been received anticipating the arrival of the

MONDAY, JULY 28.

convene the Conference, leaving it to the body when assembled to adjourn for a stated period if it thought such a course desirable, or at all likely to result

the committee accounts:—Messrs. Bush, Carpenter
W. Evans, Potter, and Kenyon, Block-Printers

Constitution.—The Association shall consist of those Trades and other organised bodies of the working classes, having a stated time and place of meeting that subscribe to its funds and conform to its laws.

Qualification of Delegate.—"All delegates to Conference shall be paying members of some or other

Business Paper.—One month previous to the assembly of the annual Conference, the Central Committee shall cause to be prepared and issued a business paper, or programme of the matters intended to be brought under the consideration of the Conference. Such programme shall be laid before the various

Powers.—The Conference shall have power to make and revise the laws of the Association subject to the

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