

- 27.—Beamish, North Ludlow, Esq., K.H., F.R.S., and J.P.  
 28.—Lloyd, Bartholomew Clifford, Esq., LL.D., Q.C., &c.  
 —Terrot, the Right Rev. Charles Hughes, Bishop of Edinburgh.  
 —Peel, John, Esq., of Myddleton Hall, Tamworth, M.P. for the borough.  
 —Kennure, Mary Anne, Viscountess.  
 —Lyon, David, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Goring, Essex.  
 —Short, the Right Rev. Thomas Fowler, D.D., late Bishop of St. Asaph.

MAY.

- 1.—Gladstone, Robert, Esq., of Manchester.  
 4.—Camden, the Most Hon. John Charles Pratt, third Marquis of.  
 7.—Willyams, Humphry, Esq., of Roseworthy, Cornwall, late M.P. for Truro.  
 8.—Dancer, Sir Thomas Bernard, second Baronet, of Modreeny House, Tipperary.  
 8.—Bligh, the Hon. Sir John Duncan, K.C.B., D.C.L.  
 11.—Lever, Charles, Esq., a popular novelist.  
 12.—Corbett, Holland, Esq., of 13.—Gifford, Right Hon. Robert Francis, Baron.  
 16.—Balfour, Lady Blanche Mary Harriet.  
 18.—Carysfort, the Right Hon. Granville-Leveson Proby, fourth Earl of.  
 18.—Price, Sir Charles Dutton, second Baronet, of Tringwainton, Suffolk.  
 26.—Bedford, His Grace William Russell, eighth Duke of.  
 27.—Gooch, Sir Edward Sherlock, seventh Baronet, of Benacre Hall.  
 —Pennefather, General Sir John Lysaght, G.C.B., &c.  
 —Platt, John, Esq., M.P. for Oldham.  
 —Dalling, the Right Hon. Sir Henry Lytton Earle Bulwer, Lord.  
 —Hotham, Charles, fourth Lord.  
 —Bridger, Harry Colvill, Esq., J.P., Sussex.

JUNE.

- 1.—Vandeuleur, Lady Grace.  
 1.—Bouverie, the Hon. Philip Pleydell.  
 6.—Templemore, the Right Hon. Augusta, Dowager Baroness.  
 7.—Hill, Matthew Davenport, Esq., Q.C., Recorder of Birmingham.  
 7.—Lambert, Sir Henry Edwards Francis, Bart.  
 10.—Farquhar, Sir Minto Walter Townsend, second Baronet.  
 11.—Fane, the Rev. Arthur, Prebendary of Salisbury.  
 11.—Jeremie, the Very Rev. James Amiraux, D.D., Dean of Lincoln.  
 13.—Gifford, the Right Hon. Robert Francis, second Lord.  
 15.—Jolliffe, the Rev. Thomas Robert, M.A., of Ammerdown Park.  
 15.—Cox, Sir Richard, Bart.  
 15.—Cox, Sir Michael Francis Hawtrey, eleventh Baronet.  
 16.—Sykes, Colonel William Henry, M.P. for Aberdeen.  
 16.—Macloed, the Rev. Norman, D.D., editor of *Good Words*.  
 16.—Winnington, Sir Thomas Edward fourth Baronet.  
 18.—Price, Sir Charles Sutton, Bart.  
 21.—Ingle, John, Esq., of Sandford Orleigh.

- 24.—Cathcart, Henrietta, Dowager Countess.  
 25.—Chapman, E. T., Esq., a chemist.  
 —Marrable, Frederick, Esq., architect.  
 —Lambert, Sir Henry Edward Francis, sixth Baronet.  
 —Ellis, the Rev. W., missionary.  
 —Stanhope, the Hon. Wm. Henry.

JULY.

- 1.—Selby, John Thomas de, Esq.  
 2.—Preston, Lady Amelia.  
 5.—Gore, Lieut.-Col. Thomas.  
 6.—Bathurst, the Hon. Meriel Lester.  
 7.—Dundas, Joseph, Esq., of Carron Hall, and Fingash, J.P. and D.L.  
 8.—Langton, Henry Michael Faustinus, Esq., of Danganmore.  
 13.—Bracebridge, Charles Holte, Esq.  
 14.—Barrington, Sir Wm. Hartigan, third Baronet, of Limerick.  
 16.—Southampton, the Right Hon. Charles Fitzroy, Lord, third Baron.  
 18.—Cornwallis, Lady Louisa.  
 21.—Tidey, Henry, Esq., painter.  
 22.—Hughes, the Hon. Henry George.  
 22.—Juarez, Don Benito, President of the Republic of Mexico.  
 25.—Guise, Francois Louis Marie Philippe, Duc de.  
 28.—O'Connell, Sir James, Bart., of Lakeview, in the county of Kerry.  
 30.—Hill, Sir John, fourth Baronet, of Brooke Hall, in the county of Londonderry.  
 31.—Dent, William Dent, Esq., of Shortflatt Tower, Northumberland.  
 —Smith, Augustus, Esq., of Tresco Abbey, Isles of Scilly, formerly M.P. for Truro.  
 —Toledo, the Cardinal Archbishop of.

AUGUST.

- 1.—Langdale, the Right Hon. Lady Jane Elizabeth.  
 2.—Walford, Griffiths, Esq., Warwickshire County Court Judge.  
 3.—Rivers, the Right Hon. Lady Eleanor.  
 4.—Adderley, the Rev. George Bowyer, of Fillongley Hall, Warwick.  
 5.—Collier, Admiral Sir Edward, K.C.B., &c.  
 6.—Begbie, Colonel Thomas S.  
 8.—Greene, Thomas, Esq., of Slyne, Lancaster, formerly M.P. for Lancaster.  
 9.—Leeds, the Most Noble Sir George Godolphin Osborne, Duke of, Marquis of Carmarthen, &c.  
 10.—Smith, Sir Andrew, K.C.B., Director-General of the Army Medical Department.  
 12.—Ross, Lady Mary.  
 15.—Skey, Frederick Carpenter, F.R.S., late President of the College of Surgeons, &c.  
 15.—Richards, the Right Hon. John, late a Baron of the Irish Exchequer.  
 18.—Drummond, Lady Mary Eleanor.  
 20.—Hesketh, Sir Thomas George Fernor, second Baronet, of Ruford Hall, Lancaster, M.P. for Preston.  
 24.—Quin, Lady Louisa Mary Isabella.  
 26.—Hammer, William, Esq., of Bodnod Hall, Denbigh, J.P. and D.L.  
 26.—Tomkinson, Lieutenant-Colonel, of Wellington Hall, Chester, an old Peninsula officer.  
 27.—Knox, the Hon. John Henry.  
 28.—Woodd, Basil George, Esq.

The Misses Robertson, an additional £50, in consideration of the eminent literary merits of their late grandfather.

Mrs. Rosa Gray £80, in consideration of the services of her late husband—one of the first projectors of railways.

Mrs. Helen Lemon £100, in consideration of the literary services of her late husband.

Mrs. Mary Ann Thorpe £80, in consideration of her late husband's merits in connection with Anglo-Saxon literature.

Mrs. Emma Meyer £60, in consideration of the services of her late husband, Dr. John Meyer, at Smyrna, and during the Crimean War.

Mr. Thomas Wright £35, in addition to the pension of £60 granted in 1865 in recognition of literary merits.

Miss Sarah Fanny Mayne £90, in consideration of the services of her late father, Sir Richard Mayne.

Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Wood £70, in consideration of the services of her late husband as the inventor of the process of weaving carpets by machinery.

Miss Emily Southwood Smith £30, additional to a former pension of £60, on account of the services to the State of her late father, Dr. Southwood Smith.

THE BALLOT ACT.

AN Act to amend the law relating to Parliamentary and municipal elections received the Royal assent on Aug. 18, 1872. There are thirty-three sections in the statute, divided into four parts, and there are six schedules. The first part relates to the procedure at Parliamentary elections in England, Scotland, and Ireland. In England the nomination of candidates for a county or borough is to be in writing, by two registered electors, as proposer and seconder, and eight other registered electors assenting to the nomination, and it is to be delivered during the time appointed for the election to the returning officer by the candidate himself or his proposer or seconder. If, at the expiration of one hour after the time appointed for the election, no more candidates stand nominated than there are vacancies to be filled up, the returning officer shall forthwith declare the candidates who may stand to be elected, and return their names to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery; but if at the expiration of such hour more candidates stand nominated than there are vacancies to be filled up, the returning officer shall adjourn the election, and shall take a poll in the manner in the Act mentioned. A candidate may, during the time appointed for the election, but not afterwards, withdraw by giving a notice to that effect, signed by him, to the returning officer, provided that the proposer of a candidate nominated in his absence out of the United Kingdom may withdraw such candidate by a written notice, signed by him, and delivered to the returning officer, together with a written declaration of such absence of the candidate. In case of the death of a candidate the returning officer shall countermand notice of the poll. In the case of a poll the votes to be taken by ballot. The ballot-paper to show the names of the candidates, with a number printed on the back, and attached to it a counterfoil with the same number printed on the face. At the time of voting the ballot-paper shall be marked on both sides with an official mark and delivered to the voter within the polling-station, and the number of such voter on the register of voters shall be marked on the counterfoil, and the voter, having secretly marked his vote on the paper, and folded it up so as to conceal his vote, shall place it in a closed box in the presence of the officer presiding at the polling-station after having shown to him the official mark at the back. Any ballot-paper which has not on its back the official mark, or in which votes are given to more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for, or in which anything except the said number on the back is written or marked by which the voter can be identified, shall be void and not counted. After the close of the poll the ballot-boxes shall be sealed up, so as to prevent the introduction of additional ballot-papers, and shall be taken charge of by the returning officer, and that officer shall in the presence of such agents, if any, of the candidates as may be in attendance, open the ballot-boxes, and ascertain the result of the poll by counting the votes given to each candidate, and shall forthwith declare to be elected the candidates or candidate to whom the majority of votes has been given, and return their names or name to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. The decision of the returning officer as to reversal arising in respect to any ballot-paper shall be final, subject to any reversal on petition questioning the election or return. When an equality of votes is found to exist between candidates, and the addition of a vote would entitle any such candidate to be declared elected, the returning officer may give such additional vote, but shall not in any other case be entitled to vote at an election for which he is returning officer. The offences in respect to nomination-papers, ballot-papers, and ballot-boxes are set forth. The law is amended as to the division of counties and boroughs into polling districts. The duties of returning officers and election officers are detailed. The alterations as to Scotland and as to Ireland are set forth. The second part of the statute relates to municipal elections, and the third part to "personation" at Parliamentary and municipal elections. It is to be deemed a felony, and the offender is to be liable to two years' imprisonment, with hard labour. In the fourth part of the Act the schedules and notes are to be deemed part of the Act. The Acts repealed, according to the extent specified in the schedules. The Statute is to be cited as "The Ballot Act, 1872," and to continue in force until Dec. 31, 1880, and no longer, unless Parliament shall otherwise determine. The first schedule contains rules for Parliamentary elections, the poll, county votes, and general provisions.

The second part contains rules for municipal elections. The second schedule contains forms to be used, and the other schedules relate to the various statutes affected by the new law. There are six offences set forth at elections. Every person is guilty of an offence who forges or fraudulently defaces, or fraudulently destroys any nomination-paper, or delivers to the returning officer any nomination-paper knowing the same to be forged, or forged, or counterfeits, or fraudulently defaces, or fraudulently destroys any ballot-paper, or the official mark on any ballot-paper, or without due authority supplies any ballot-paper to any person, or fraudulently puts into any ballot-box any ballot-paper other than the ballot-paper he is authorised by law to put in, or fraudulently takes out of the polling-station any ballot-paper, or without due authority destroys, takes, opens, or otherwise interferes with any ballot-box or packet of ballot-papers then in use for the purposes of the election. Any such offence is to be deemed a misdemeanour, and a returning officer or clerk in attendance at a polling-station is to be liable for it to two years' imprisonment, with or without hard labour, or any other person to six months' imprisonment, with or without hard labour. Any attempt to commit any of the offences specified is to be dealt with in the way of punishment as the offence itself is punishable.

CIVIL LIST PENSIONS

GRANTED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1872.

Sir William Fothergill Cooke £160, in recognition of services in connection with the telegraphic system.

Mrs. Sophia Elizabeth De Morgan £50, in recognition of the merits of her husband as a mathematician.

Miss Marie F. C. D. Corbeaux £30, in consideration of her services in literature and attainments in the learned languages.

The Rev. Frederick H. Ambrose Scrivener £100, in recognition of services in Biblical literature.

Mrs. Caroline Mary Stopford, widow, £150, in consideration of the distinguished military services of her late father.

Miss Selina Henrietta Burgoyne £75, in consideration of the services of her late father, Sir John Burgoyne.

Mr. Joseph Stevenson £100, in consideration of his literary merits.