

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK AND ANNUAL FOR 1888.

the Socialist Demonstration on Lord Mayor's Day.

8. Close of the International Exhibition, Liverpool, 2,682,516 visitors admitted since the opening.

9. Lord Mayor's Show passed off quietly, the Socialist Demonstration proving abortive.

— A new Naval and Military Order, to be styled the Distinguished Service Order, announced by the *London Gazette*.

10. Parliament prorogued to December 9.

— The Indian and Colonial Exhibition closed; 5,550,749 persons visited the place since the opening.

— Prince Waldemar of Denmark elected by the Bulgarian Sobjranje as Prince of Bulgaria. The offer declined.

11. Proclamation of the Eisteddfod (to be held in London in 1887) in the Temple Gardens.

19. Fire at Hampton Court Palace.

23. Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenburg) delivered of a son.

25. Mr. A. J. Balfour elected rector of St. Andrew's University, defeating Sir John Lubbock by 20 votes.

— Libel suit brought by Mr. Adams against his father-in-law Lord Chief Justice Coleridge and Mr. Bernard Coleridge. Verdict for defendants.

26. Commencement of the Divorce Suit of Lord and Lady Colin Campbell.

30. Parliament prorogued to Jan. 13.

DECEMBER, 1886.

3. Resignation of the French Ministry under M. de Freycinet.

6. President Cleveland delivered his message to Congress.

8. Heavy Gale over United Kingdom. Loss of life.

9. The Gale unabated. Barometer in London fell to 28.32, the lowest known for 40 years.

— Opening of Guildhall School of Music on the Embankment.

19. Twenty-seven of the crew of the Southport and St. Ann's Life-boats lost while attempting the rescue of the crew of the barque Mexico on Frimley Sands.

— Formation of a new French Ministry under M. Goblet.

14. Mr. John Dillon ordered to enter into his own recognizances in £1,000, and to find two sureties in a like amount, with the alternative of six months' imprisonment, for incendiary speeches.

15. The Prince and Princess of Wales opened Stion College on the Embankment.

— Merlati completed his fast of 50 days in Paris.

16. Mr. Dillon, M.P., Mr. M. Harris, M.P., Mr. D. Sheehy, M.P., and Mr. W. O'Brien arrested for conspiracy while collecting rents from the tenants of Lord Clanricarde.

17. The Queen held the first investiture of the Distinguished Service Order at Windsor.

— The Plan of Campaign proclaimed an illegal conspiracy in the *Dublin Gazette*.

20. Termination of the divorce suit of Campbell v. Campbell and the Duke of Marlborough, Capt. Shaw, Dr. Bird, and General Sir W. Butler. Both petitions dismissed. The hearing lasted 18 days.

23. Resignation by Lord Randolph Churchill of the post of Chancellor of Exchequer.

21. Great Snowstorm in London and the South and West of England. Telegraph communication completely suspended.

30. Lord Hartington declined to take office under Lord Salisbury's Government, but promised to afford it hearty support.

31. Parliament further prorogued to Jan. 27.

PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED LEAVING FORTUNES OF £100,000 AND UPWARDS.

(From the "Illustrated London News" Weekly Report of Wills and Bequests.

1888.	£
Hedley, George, late of Burnhopside, Durham, Aug. 27	127,000
Little, James, late of Freemont, West Derby, near Liverpool, Sept. 1	225,000
Ferguson, William, late of Elm Bank, Hornsey-lane, Sept. 17	180,000
Ollivant, Elizabeth, Miss, late of Symonstone Hall, near Burnley, Lancaster, Sept. 29	140,000
Knowles, Kaye, late of the Warrington-crescent, Malda Hill West, Oct. 2	247,000
Firbank, Joseph, late of St. Julian's, Newport, Monmouthshire, Oct. 15	208,000
Cheape, George Clerk, late of Strathtryum and Wellfield, Oct. 12	308,000
Savory, Albert, late of Kirkham Hall, Kirkham Abbey, Yorkshire, Oct. 22	114,000
Berners, John, late of Woolverstone Park, Suffolk, Nov. 1	222,000
Kelk, John, Sir, J.P., D.L., M.P., late of Tedworth House, Hants, Nov. 9	408,000
Forster, John, late of Malrerleys, East Woodnay, Southampton, Nov. 4	147,000
Rodewald, Frederick, late of Fe'dheim, Wimbledon Common, Nov. 5	137,000
Don, William Gilbert, of Rothesay-terrace, Edinburgh, Nov. 3	104,000
Langton, Rev. Charles, late of Eastwood, Bournemouth, Hants, Nov. 10	103,000
Dupre, Caledon George, late of Wilton Park, Buckingham	355,000
Boddington, Henry, late of the Cove, Silverdale, Lancashire, Nov. 11	146,000
Mann, Thomas, late of Roseneath House, Winchmore Hill, and the Albion Brewery, Mile End, Nov. 25	410,000
Heathcote, William, late of Moorcroft House, Hillingdon, Dec. 1	201,000
Naylor-Leyland, Col. Tom, J.P., late of Nantelwyd, Dec. 3	241,000
Hannaford, Thomas Charles, late of Dartmoor, Dec. 11	124,000
Brown, George Henry, late of No. 8, White Rock, Hastings, Dec. 11	135,000
Robinson, George, late of No. 11, St. George's-place, Hyde Park-corner, Dec. 22	126,000
Rose, Alderman Thomas, late of 14, Bank-street, Manchester, Dec. 20	191,000
Laverton, Abraham, late of Farleigh Castle, Hungerford, Somersetshire, Dec. 8	647,000

1887.

Coope, Octavius Edward, late of Rochefts, near Brentwood, Jan. 1	542,000
Schillizzi, Stephen Peter, late of Park Point, Higher Broughton, Jan. 12	223,000

Cross, Alfred, late of Grantham, Jan. 15	£170,000
Balfour, Alexander, late of Mount Alyn, Den'ighshire, Jan. 6	132,000
Crampton, Sir John Piennes Twisleton, Bart., Jan. 26	104,080
Stewart, William, late of Wakefield, Jan. 29	175,000
Begg, Mrs. Eliza Macfarlane, late of Edgware, Mi d'essex, Feb. 11	112,000
Oakey, John, late of Surbiton	187,000
Godden, William, late of South Norwood Park, Feb. 24	180,000
Shaw, Thomas, late of No. 8, Hyde Park-square, F. b. 28	102,000
Astell, John Harvey, late of Woodbury Hall, Cambridgeshir, March 1	138,000
Whitworth, Sir Joseph, Bart., March 12	361,311
Cowner, Henry Alexander, late of 23, Fitzwilliam place, Dublin, March 12	150,000
Farr, William Windham, late of Iford, near Otfordchurch, March 9	128,000
Schlusser, Alexander, late of Belvedere, Wimbledon, March 25	269,000
Akrwright, Alfred, late of Wirksworth, Derbyshire, March 28	165,000
Beaumont, Mrs. Eliza Maria, late of Kenwood Park, Shetfield, March 15	116,000
Phillimore, William Brough, late of No. 7, Hyde Park-gardens, April 2	367,000
Bushill, Christopher, late of Hinderton, Chester, April 1	119,750
Barbour, George Freeland, late of Bonskied, Perth, April 6	454,000
Kennard, Stephen Ponder, late of 17, Kensington Palace-gardens	113,000
Rothschild, Baroness Betty de, late of 19, Rue Lafitte, Paris, April 19	377,000
Snook, John, late of Belmont Castle, Hants, April 18	134,000
Andrew, Sir William Patrick, late of 29, Bryanstone-square, April 23	102,000
Lancaster, Benjamin, late of Sunnyside, Bournemouth, April 15	135,000
Meyer, Johann, late of Dresden, April 26	147,000
Eyre, Vincent Anthony, late of Lindley Hall, Lincolnshire, May 5	459,500
Bingley, Charles Bentley, late of Stanhops Park, Greenford, Middlesex, May 13	167,000
Harvey, Sir Robert Bateson, late of Langley Park, Bucks, May 17	147,000
Fraser, Mrs. Emilie, late of Bayswater, May 25	207,000
Gerard, Robert Toher B., late of Garsword, Lancashire, May 25	197,000
Barnard, W., late of Friar Green, Sawbridgeworth, Herts	169,172
Morrison, Mrs. Mary Ann, late of Basildon, Berks, June 1	617,000
Davidson, William, late of Torquay, June 1	103,000
Alexander, William Dollin, late of Tunbridge Wells, June 15	381,000
Cusar, William Hannay, Arbroath, June 4	263,000
De Gex, Sir John Peter, Q. C., late of 20, Hyde Park-square, June 20	115,000
Cousins, Samuel, late of 24, Camden-square, June 20	112,000
Erle-Drax, John Samuel Wanley Sawbrige, late of Holnest Park, Dorsetshire, June 27	139,000
Rigg, Jonathan, late of Wrotham Hill Park, Kent, June 24	110,000
Purves, Charles Hyde Home, late of Purveshall, Berwickshire, June 17	101,000
Crosfield, George, late of 109, Lancaster-gate, July 4	320,000
Henderson, Charles Paton, late of 77, Lancaster-gate, June 13	404,000
Currie, the Rev. Maynard Wodehouse, late of the Rectory, Hingham, Norfolk, July 12	107,000
Geaves, J. R., late of Hatfield House, Twickenham	104,000
Burgoyne, J. C., late of 116, Harley-street, July 15	103,000
Swift, John, late of Eastbourne, July 21	384,000
Gurney, John, late of Sprowston Hall, Norfolk, July 22	204,000
Barnet, John, late of Beckenham, July 26	126,000
Marshall, G. Hibbert, late of Patrington, Yorkshire, July 6	101,000
Watson, Thomas, late of Horse Carrs, Rochdale, July 14	182,000
Case, Charles, late of 23, Lowndes-street, Aug. 22	613,000
Fanning, W., late of Bozodon, Oxford, Aug. 4	136,000
Pearson, John, late of Golborne Park, Newton-le-Willows, Aug. 17	188,866
Winchester, the Most Hon. the Marquis of, Aug. 27	107,000
Stewart, John, late of Cleveland Row, St. James, Aug. 9	295,000
Lygon, the Right Hon. William, Earl of Longford, Aug. 11	130,000

FIRES IN THEATRES.

The following is the list of the Parisian theatres destroyed by fire since 1733, in the order in which they were burnt down.—The Opera, 1763 and 1718; Délassements-Comiques, 1781; Théâtre Lazari, 1798; Le Cirque, 1783; Théâtre-Français, 1799; Théâtre-Français, 1818; Cirque-Olympique, 1826; Gaité, 1837; Théâtre-Italien, 1837; Vaudeville, 1838; Diorama, 1839; Théâtre des Nouveautés, 1866; Théâtre de Belleville, 1866; Hippodrome, 1869; Porte-Saint Martin, 1871; Opera, 1873; Opera Comique, 1887. In the provinces the chief disasters of the kind were the destruction of theatres at Bordeaux in 1855; at Angers, 1865; at Brest, 1866; and Lyons, 1880. In other countries we may recall the following:—Destruction of the Amsterdam Theatre, 1772; Glasgow, 1780; Haymarket, London, 1783; Saragossa, 1788; Manchester, 1789; Falmouth, 1792; Amphitheatre at London, 1794, 1839, 1841; Colombian Museum in America, 1803 and 1804; Surrey, London, 1805; Covent Garden, 1808; Drury Lane, 1809; Saint-Charles at Naples, 1816; Munich, 1823; Lyceum, London, 1831; Grand Theatre, Berlin, 1843; Quebec, 1846; Garrick, 1846; Grand Ducal at Baden, 1847; Park, New York, 1848; Olympic, 1849; Adelphi, Edinburgh, 1853; Covent Garden and Pavilion, London, 1856; Namur, 1860. In 1863, the Grand Theatre at Boston; the theatres at Plymouth, Glasgow (second time); Quai Franz-Josef, Vienna; Al-brisa, Rome; and that in Barcelona were burnt down. In 1865, the Surrey Gardens Theatre, London; the Edinburgh Theatre; the Surrey, Sheffield; Park, Stockholm; Mondini, Verona; and Theatre Royal, Breslau. In 1866, the Cincinnati Opera House; Imperial Theatre, Constantinople; Standard, London; Grand Theatre, New Orleans. In 1867, the Namur Theatre (third time); Bowery and Winter Garden, New York; Varieties, Philadelphia; Her Majesty's, London; Grand Theatre, San Francisco. In 1868 the Nova Theatre, Turin; Butler, New York; Trevisa, Venice. In 1869, Glasgow, Hull, and Cologne Theatres. More recently still occurred the lamentable disaster at the Brooklyn Theatre, when over 200 victims perished, and that at Rouen, when there was also loss of human life. To this list must now be added the disastrous fire at the Exeter Theatre, the details of which are fresh in the public mind.