

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

EUROPE.
BIRTH.
KERR—Jan. 20th, at Churchbank House, Church, Lancashire, the wife of James Kerr, of two boys.

INDIA.
BIRTHS.
BRANFOT—Feb. 7th, at Madras, the wife of Surgeon-Major A. M. Branfoot, I.M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.
THORNTON—St. John's, Feb. 4th, at Trincomalee, Lieut. Hugh Thornton, R.M.A. 7th Regt., to Emily Jane Georgiana, daughter of Lieut.-Col. F. C. St. John, 30th Regt. M. I.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1885.

It is difficult to resist the conviction that General Gordon is dead. Nothing official has yet been received, but the Cairo rumours are, we fear, too circumstantial to be without foundation.

High in the rank of agricultural shows in India stands that of Chinchli, both from the scale of its operations and the quality of its exhibits.

The stirring news from the Sudan is apt to dwarf all matters of local importance, and for this reason it is all the more necessary to call the attention of our native readers to the long account we published on Tuesday of the Chinchli Horse and Cattle Show.

dozens of others that he learns how far his own heart falls short of the mark, and sees, too, to what it can be brought by skill and care.

Agricultural shows, then, having fully established their value in England it is a matter of sincere congratulation for the people of this country that the idea has received a hearty welcome to India.

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The reply which the Bombay Government with commendable promptness have made to the vigorous protest of the local Chamber of Commerce against the proposed abandonment of the Barsee Railway project will be read with great satisfaction by all our commercial readers.

question will be reopened, and we trust the result will be the rescission of the order announced by the Supreme Government in their curt letter of the 12th December.

Egypt is about to obtain the services of another distinguished Anglo-Indian official, Mr. James Westland, C.S., Comptroller-General and Head Commissioner of the Paper Currency Department.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING AT GUBAT.

ALEXANDRIA, JANUARY 29. For nearly a week after the battle and victory of Abou-Klea we had no news of General Stewart's force.

About seven o'clock on the morning of the 19th, when General Stewart was three miles from the river, the enemy appeared in force. A halt was made for breakfast in a strong zereba, where the Mahdi's troops poured in a heavy fire, but did not attack the position.

It was thought the enemy might attack or impede General Earle's progress, but they have done nothing. It is probable that by this time General Earle has reached Birkeh the headquarters of the Monastir tribes.

The hired transport Poonah arrived here on the 24th instant, bringing 820 men of the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, 32 officers, 114 Marines, 50 drafts, 800 tons stores, 200 tons baggage.

The Cotton Exhibition opened on Saturday by H. M. the Khedive, who was received at the building by H. E. Nubar Pasha and Ministers.

As the mail train to Suez does not leave until 9 p.m. I am enabled to send further particulars of the battle at Gubat. The enemy were 7,000 strong with cavalry and rifles.

MILITARY LETTER.

(FROM OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.)

The news of the first great fight reached London on the evening of the 21st, the telegrams having left Abu Klea Wells on the 17th and Korti on the 21st, so that the distance is passed over by swift cables in four days.

late in the afternoon, and General Stewart decided to postpone the advance until the next day. A zereba was therefore constructed and the troops were harassed by an occasional dropping fire.

These tactics were successful. The Arabs who appear to have been well trained and drilled, wheeled to their left, and made one of their characteristic charges, which appears to have been principally on the left and rear of the square.

Yesterday we had the list of killed and wounded officers and to-day that of the men. The officers were:—Killed—Colonel Burnaby, Royal Horse Guards; Major Cornhill, 5th Lancers; Major Atherton, 5th Dragoon Guards; Major Gough, Royal Dragoons; Captain Darley, 4th Dragoon Guards; Lieutenant Law, 4th Dragoon Guards; Lieutenant Wolfe, Scots Greys; Lieutenant Pigott and Delisle, Naval Brigade. Severely wounded—Lord St. Vincent, Major Dickson, Boyal; Lieutenant Lyall and Guthrie, Artillery; Surgeon Magill, Slightly wounded—Lord Airlie, Lieutenant Beech, Life Guards; Lieut. Costello, 5th Lancers, contusion; Major Gough, Mounted Infantry.