

WIG AND GOWN.

Competition for membership of the Bar Council is increasing. There will be forty-four candidates at the ensuing election...

Business in the Courts has been exceptionally dull since they re-opened at Easter. This refers to the character of the cases rather than to their number...

A new ground for granting a new trial has been discovered by a jury, who had been found guilty by a jury, was allowed a re-hearing of his case on account of the incompetency of the counsel who defended him.

The published details of Lord Justice Kay's will show that he was one of the wealthiest men that ever sat on the Bench...

A portion of the expense now borne by the Incorporated Law Society in discharging its disciplinary duties is to be defrayed out of public funds.

Eloquence, though not essential to success at the Bar, is a most powerful weapon in the armoury of advocacy. It is possible to acquire it by teaching.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which resumed its sittings last week, is not overburdened with work. No more than seven cases are in the list.

Some person with strong statistical inclinations has ascertained that during the argument in a recent case before the Privy Council, the Master of the Bench made more than 100 interventions...

During the present term the First Court of Appeal consists of three old Varities cars. Lord Esher and Lord Justice Smith roved for Cambridge.

and Lord Justice Chitty for Oxford? Lord Macnaghten is another appellate judge whose name is enrolled among the Light Blues.

The Rules Committee, of which Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams has been appointed a member, in succession to Mr. Justice Charles, has been exceptionally busy of late.

That the standard of legal education is increasing is shown in the percentage of failures at the latest examinations at the Law Society.

REPRESENTATIONS OF MIDDLE JANE MAY.

The long-promised first appearance of Middle Jane May took place yesterday afternoon at the Royal Theatre, the character selected being that of the heroine in a tract addressed to the candidates at the recent examinations...

This old-fashioned, but ever acceptable, piece, of dimensions of which have shrunk considerably since the days of the "Petticoat Snatch"...

FIRE ON A NEW CRUISER.

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out among some stores beneath the first-class cruiser "Argonaut," which was in the shipyard at Govan, Glasgow...

"THE WILD DUCK."

Ibsen still holds the stage of the Globe Theatre during the afternoons. Last week the attraction was "A Doll's House"; this week it is "The Wild Duck"...

"A DAY IN PARIS."

Such is the new title which the management of the Duke of York's Theatre has bestowed upon the piece presented by it, which takes up under the name of "The Wild Duck"...

MATINEE THEATRE.

Seldom has a feeble piece been presented within range of a West-end audience than that given yesterday by Miss Minnie Palmer's company at the Matinee Theatre, late St. George's Hall.

HIGHWAYMEN IN SPYDENHAM.

A correspondent writes:—It appears that the age of highwaymen is not yet gone by. On Sunday night (about 10.30 p.m., I think) my husband, my five-year-old daughter, and I were being driven by Mr. Merton Park to Spynham, after spending the day with a friend...

Miss Mary Kingsley has arranged to lecture on her "Travels in West Africa" on Thursday, 10th inst., at 8 p.m., at the Lecture Hall, in the present building and Extension Fund of the Working Men's College...

NAVAL NOTES.

In a letter which I have just received from Cania, I hear that on May 11 an interesting football match, the result of which was a draw, was played between the officers of the "Trafalgar" and "Camperdown"...

I am glad to hear from Malta that as the annual Regatta, which is held in the harbour of the island, was carried out by cruisers rather than by battleships, they are not so well fitted for the work.

The most satisfactory item in the despatches received from the Admiralty is the successful conclusion of the expedition against the King of Benin, and the attack and capture of his city...

TRIUMPHS AT THE ZOO.

The death of Mr. A. D. Bartlett, the Superintendent of the Zoological Society's menagerie, gives rise to the motto, "The triumphs of the Zoo."...

THE REMOVALS FOR THE N.S.W.

It will be remembered that three horses belonging to the N.S.W. Mounted Rifles were lost on the voyage from Australia in the s.s. Marlborough, two having died in rough weather for lessening the draught, and one having been lost in the Red Sea.

FATAL PRIZE FIGHT.

John Thomas, 19, one of the principals in the fatal prize fight which took place on Monday in the Rhonda, was, at the Farnside Police-court yesterday, charged with causing the death of Colard, 18, who died two hours after the fight...

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

The anniversary meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Clements Markham, Park, Burlington-gardens. Sir Clements Markham, President, presided over the meeting...

In the evening a large number of the Fellows of the Society and other guests dined together at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole, the President in the chair. Among those present were Lord Esher, Lord Curzon, Mr. G. G. Cameron, Mr. G. G. Monckswell, Lord Colchester, the Bishop of Southwark, the Bishop of Ballarat, the Danish and Swedish Ministers, Mr. G. G. Curzon, Mr. G. G. Cameron, Mr. G. G. Monckswell, Mr. G. G. Cameron, Mr. G. G. Monckswell, Mr. G. G. Cameron, Mr. G. G. Monckswell...

THE EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition, which is now open, is a most interesting one. It contains a large number of valuable specimens of the natural history of the various countries of the world. The collection is most complete and well arranged. The specimens are all carefully preserved and are in the best possible condition. The Exhibition is a most valuable one and is well worth a visit to all who are interested in the natural history of the world.