

without offence or shock, introduced useful modification into an ancient system of Divine worship, to which a large portion of my people are warmly attached.

The Public Health Act, though it does not embrace all the enactments which have been desired, has, by the establishment of efficient and duly organized local authorities, done much both for the enforcement of the present Sanitary Laws and for rendering more easy what yet remains to be accomplished in the way of legislative provision on the subject.

The Act for regulating the custody and management of the large funds held by the Court of Chancery will relieve the numerous class of suitors in that Court from risks and inconveniences to which they may heretofore have been more or less exposed, and will likewise tend to an increased stability of our finance.

I am gratified to find that, by the Acts for the regulation of mines, you have been enabled to supply new securities for the safety and advantage of the large bodies of my subjects engaged in this great branch of industry.

The enactments embodied in the measure for the regulation of the licensing system constitute a sensible improvement of the existing law, and I trust that the several regulations of police which they include will be found conducive to public order.

I am able to speak favourably both of the tranquillity and of the growing prosperity of Ireland.

The revenue is in a flourishing condition.

While I cordially congratulate you on the activity of trade and industry, I hope it will be borne in mind that periods of unusually rapid changes in the prices of commodities and in the value of labour are likewise periods in which there is more than ever a call for the exercise of moderation and forethought.

In bidding you farewell, I ask you to join with me in acknowledging the abundant mercies of the Almighty, and in imploring their continuance.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read; after which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Friday, the twenty-fifth day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday, the twenty-fifth day of October next.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of August, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Parliament be prorogued from Saturday, the tenth day of this instant August, to Friday, the twenty-fifth day of October next; and that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain do cause a Commission to be prepared and issued in the usual manner for proroguing the Parliament accordingly.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of August, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, the Right Honourable George Young, Lord Advocate of Scotland, was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of August, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, the Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, took the oath of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

At the Court at Osborne House, 9th August, 1872.

HER Majesty, having been graciously pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, the oath of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was this day, by Her Majesty's command, administered to him accordingly.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of August, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Lord President of the Council, the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, the Right Honourable Viscount Halifax, the Right Honourable Earl Granville, the Secretaries of State for the Home and War Departments, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the President of the Local Government Board, and the Right Honourable William Edward Forster (Vice-President), to be a Committee of Council on Education.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of August, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Lord President of the Council, the Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education, the First Lord of the Treasury, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Most Noble the Duke of Argyll, the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, and the Right Honourable George Young (Lord Advocate), to be a Committee of Council on Education in Scotland.

Arthur Helps.