

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15th '82.

We print below the letter which came too late for insertion in our issue of last week, it will be found highly interesting.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION—ITS ORIGIN AND THE CURIOUS THINGS TO BE FOUND IN IT.

One of the interesting places of Washington is the Smithsonian Institution and the adjoining National Museum. The former is the legacy of an English chemist and mineralogist, James Smithson, who died in 1829. He bequeathed to the United States \$500,000 with which to establish at Washington an institution to be named after himself and to be devoted to the increase and diffusion of knowledge among his fellow men.

By many, this Institution is believed to be merely a museum of stuffed animals; but the exhibit of animals, though good, and in the case of some of the smaller species exceedingly so, is by no means the only one. In the Anthropological Hall, for example, there is much food for interesting observation and study.

In the course of ten or twenty years, when the collection shall be somewhat approaching fulness, the Museum will be one of the most attractive in the world. The plan mapped out by the originators of the scheme is a gigantic one, but if it is carried on with unflinching zeal and perseverance—and the outlook at present is that such will be the case—the next century will be blessed with the finest and most useful museum ever known.

END OF THE EGYPTIAN WAR.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The following telegrams have been received from Gen. Wolsley:

"Denhia, Sept. 15.—Gen. Lowe occupied Cairo yesterday afternoon. Arabi Pasha and Toulba Pasha have surrendered unconditionally. Ten thousand troops at Cairo have laid down their arms."

"Cairo, Sept. 15.—The war is over. Send no more men from England. Midshipman De Chair is safe. I have been received here with open arms by all classes. The soldiers are glad to return to their homes. Arabi Pasha and Toulba Pasha are both confined in our guard room. I will now change my base from Ismailia to Alexandria. The health and spirits of the troops are excellent."

Notwithstanding the collapse of the Egyptian rebellion preparations in the English arsenals up to last night were unrelaxed. Fresh orders were given for additional supplies for Egypt.

Egyptian troops have been pouring into Alexandria, from Aboukir to surrender. Altogether 23,000 have surrendered at Keir-el-Dwar. The English papers are demanding the death of Arabi.

Zagazig, Sept. 20.—The entire population of this part of the country have returned to their homes and are working in the fields. Every horse and mule floats at white flag. The forbearance of the conquering army has produced a most wholesome effect. All the native property has been illuminated every night since the arrival of the English troops in honor of the Khedive and England.

Gen. Wolsley has issued a general order congratulating and complimenting his army on its brilliant campaign.

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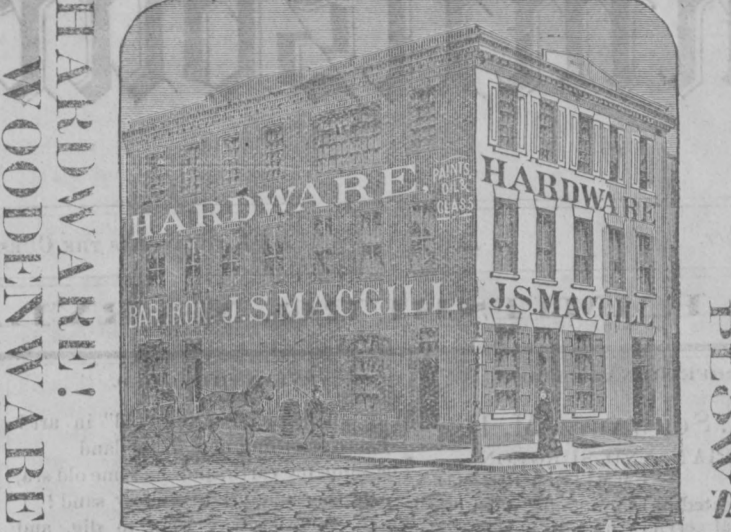
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