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10s. 6d.; Quarterly, £1 12s. 6d. M.C.'s, Herr Deum, Mr. Smith, Geo. de Grand, and Mr. J. Ricketts.

MR. ALBERT SMITH'S MONT BLANC VIA BADEN.
Egyptian-hall, Piccadilly. *1856*

MR. ALBERT SMITH has the honour to announce that his Entertainment will commence for the Season on MONDAY EVENING, the 24th instant. During the recess the room has been entirely redecorated; the area has been divided into separate seats, and several minor alterations made, which it is hoped will contribute to the increased comfort of the audience. The route to Mont Blanc this year will be by the Rhine and Heidelberg to Baden-Baden; thence by Basle and Berne to Chamouni, returning by Chillon and Geneva to Paris and Boulogne. Amongst the New Views, painted by Mr. William Beverley, will be the Alte-Schloss, or Old Castle, at Baden, from the Rocks; the Interior of the Ruins; the Promenade in front of the Conversation-house, by moonlight; the entire Ascent of Mont Blanc, with several new points on the Glaciers, from original sketches and photographs lately taken; and the Grande Rue at Boulogne on Market-day. The other views have also been painted by, or under the direction of Mr. William Beverley, with the exception of the Rhine Panorama, from Cologne to Heidelberg, which is entirely new, by Mr. P. Phillips, from original sketches lately made by him. The entertainment will introduce several new acquaintances; and will be, as before, chiefly devoted to sketches of "The Travelling English" and their autumnal continental peculiarities.

Prices of Admission:—Stalls, Numbered and Reserved, which can be taken in advance from the plan at the Hall, every day from 11 to 4, without any extra charge, 3s. It is respectfully intimated that no bonnets can be allowed in the Stalls or in the Balcony at the Evening Representations. Area of the Hall, 2s; Gallery, 1s. Children—Stalls, 2s.; Area, 1s. A Private Box, to hold three persons, may be had on application, Half-a-Guinea. With an extra chair, 14s. A Private Balcony, for nine persons, £1 2s. 6d. (Separate Seats in the Balcony, 2s. 6d. each).

31st of December, 1855, amounted to 760,910 oz., value £3,038,636, and the estimated nett quantity and value of gold exported from the colonies of Victoria and New South Wales from the 29th of May, 1851, to the 30th of September, 1855, amounted, respectively, to 10,434,744 oz., and £37,947,222. Of the 760,910 oz. exported from Victoria in the last quarter of 1855, 528,637 oz. were shipped for England. The estimated population on the various gold-fields of Victoria, on the 25th of August, 1855, amounted to 150,905 souls, including 100,220 men, 22,843 women, and 27,842 children. Of these, 22,471 were Chinese. The late Governor of the colony, Sir C. Hotham, wrote a dispatch to the Colonial-office on the 21st of November, 1855, in which he gives a very favourable report of the result of the measures by him recently adopted in connexion with the management of the gold-fields, but intimated that the great question of the right of gold on purchased land was yet to be solved, and that the solution must be left to the people themselves, now invested, by the new constitution, with the right of self-government.

THE GREAT WROUGHT-IRON GUN AND THE FLOATING BATTERIES.—A paragraph appeared a few weeks since, stating that this large wrought-iron gun was about to be tried against the bomb-proof floating battery Etna. We are very glad to hear that the Admiralty has decided upon such a test. The experiment