

showed the effect the imprisonment was having upon their constitutions. The prisoners, however, seemed fairly cheerful and took every opportunity afforded them of going into the open air for exercise.

SIGNALLING FROM MARS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STANDARD.

SIR.—In the Article in *The Standard* on my paper in the forthcoming "Fortnightly," you say: "The result in his imaginary case was that, in the course of about three and a-half years, the terrestrial astronomers had been taught a lesson . . ." I said and showed that three and a-half hours would suffice, which makes much difference in the interest of what I endeavoured to explain.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
FRANCIS GALTON.

42, Rutland-gate, S.W., October 28.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.—Commander—William O. Story, to the *Resolution* (to date Oct. 27). Lieutenants.—Spencer D. Forbes, to the *Melita* (to date Oct. 25); Philip W. Dumas, to the *Polyphemus*, as First Lieutenant and for torpedo duties (to date Oct. 26); Henry G. G. Sandeman, to the *Revenge*, as Flag Lieutenant to Vice Admiral Sir J. Hopkins, K.C.B. Fleet Paymaster—Richard B. White, to the *Revenge*, when re-commissioned (to date Nov. 5). Staff Paymasters—John H. G. Chesple, to be Secretary to Vice Admiral Sir John O. Hopkins, K.C.B. (to date Nov. 10); Francis E. G. Dent, to the *Pembroke* (to date Nov. 1). Surgeons—Frederick W. Stericker, B.A., M.B., to the *Victory* (additional), for disposal; Charles J. E. Cook, to the *Impregnable* (to date Nov. 1). Assistant Paymaster—Alfred C. Ransom, to the *Revenge* (to date Nov. 6). Gunner—William Elliott, to the *Wildfire* (additional), for the *Landrail* (to date Oct. 31). Boatswains—John W. J. Savage, to the *Devastation* (additional, for signal duties); Thomas Graham, to the *Wildfire* (to date Oct. 28).

The London Exhibitions (Limited) announce that their next exhibition at Earl's Court will be the Victorian Era Exhibition. It is intended to reproduce, on a grand scale, leading features and scenes in the reign of her Majesty, showing the progress which has been made in the past sixty years in commercial and industrial pursuits, economic and scientific interests, music and the drama, sports, pastimes and recreations, while an important section will be devoted to women's work.

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