THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT AND INTER-NAZIONAL ARBITRATION.

Since Mr. Henry Richard carried, by a majority of 10 (100 to 90), in the British House of Commons a motion in favour of international arbitration as a substitute for the horrors of the sword, similar motions have been success-
fully introduced and carried in both Chambers of the States-General, at the Hague, and the Parliament of Rome (without one dissentient), and in the Lower House of the Swedish Diet, at Stockholm. By the following
letter, just received by Mr. Richard, it will be seen that another Parliament—that of Holland—has also followed
the example of the English House of Commons.

"The Hague, Nov. 27, 1874.

"Dear Sir,—I have the satisfaction to inform you that the States-General of the United Provinces have passed
a motion on international arbitration (of which we gave notice on the 12th of October) by a majority of 35 against
30. The motion is as follows:—"The House asks the Secretary of the States-General to propose to the members of
the Council of State the advisability of a small country like ours ac-
scepting it and so taking an initiative so important.
"I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,
"T. P. BREUKER, M.P."

For Dordrecht (Dort.)

To Henry Richard, Esq., M.P.

LONDON.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER IN FRANCE.—La Moniteur states that M. Sameshima, Japanese Minister in Paris, has returned home, his native island having been visited by the Emperor. The Emperor is said to have received the Emperor of Japan with great respect and consideration.

The Transient of Venice.—Prince Th. Oppolzer of Vienna has declared that the transit of Venus will be visible at Vienna in its very last stage on May 28th. The Prince has a special interest in this matter, being a member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. He has also been appointed to the commission for the observation of the transit at Cairo, Egypt. He is expected to arrive there at the end of April.

Snowballs in Switzerland.—In the Grisons mountains snow attentions are common on this occasion, and cut off a large number of the inhabitants from the world. The mail is often delayed for days at a time, and the peasants are often forced to make their way through the snow alone. The situation is much worse in the Oberland, where the mail is also delayed, and the avalanche danger is great. The situation is much worse in the Oberland, where the mail is also delayed, and the avalanche danger is great. The situation is much worse in the Oberland, where the mail is also delayed, and the avalanche danger is great.

Marriage in Paris.—On Saturday was celebrated at the Madeleine the marriage of the eldest son of the late Mr. J. de J.-J. de Jover, who was a prominent member of the French Senate. The bridegroom was Mr. J. de J., a noted statesman, and the bride was Miss M. de J., a noted philanthropist. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Paris, and was witnessed by many of the leading figures of the French government.

The blessing was pronounced by M. Dupont, and the music was supplied by the famous Chorus of the Opéra.