DR. MONTESSORI HERE WITH NEW RACE PLAN

Will Lecture on Her System of Child Education, Successful in Rome.

BABIES ARE SELF-RELIANT

None Cries and Each Learns by Play in the "Houses of Childhood."

Dr. Maria Montessori, founder of the Case del Bambini, "Houses of Childhood," the system of kindergarten education which trains infants and young children, without corrections, rewards or punishments, to develop their own lives, arrived here yesterday on the steamship Cincinnati.

Dr. Montessori will spend a month in this country lecturing on her methods of teaching. She comes here with the hope that the Montessori method, for which is claimed remarkable results in Rome, will be adopted widely in America. It is her plan to establish in Rome a model laboratory for every branch of psychological research in child development. Such a laboratory, she believes, would be the centre of a revolution in the world's educational ideas.

At the Holland House, where she was entertained yesterday by S. S. McClure, the publisher, and Mrs. McClure, the celebrated Italian teacher described her system of teaching and the success of applying to babies the principle that self-activity is the law of growth. Dr. Montessori—she has a medical degree from the University of Rome—speaks no English and conversed in French and Italian.

New Race Is Aim of the System.

The system, she said, was designed to produce a new race of men and women. In her "Houses of Childhood" she begins by placing the babies in an environment of perfect freedom and happiness. There is nothing that could make a child self-conscious, obstinate or ill tempered. She endeavors, she says, to establish a swift relation between the soul and the senses.

"New born babies are so carefully studied," said Dr. Montessori, "that wants which they are unable to express are anticipated and provided, so that they do not cry. Babies should not cry. It is unnecessary. When they cry it means that they suffer or that they are not comfortable, or that they are hungry, or that their clothing is too tight or too loose. I saw recently in a clinic at Rome sixty babies under observation and there was not a peep from one of them."

Developing a perfect sense of touch is one of the first steps of her system of training, Dr. Montessori explained. She teaches her little pupils to see with their fingers. By her method the delicacy of touch which all children have, and which is usually blunted after the age of 6, is retained for life and greatly developed. The most attention is given to developing the other senses by the use of toys and playthings. Without realizing that they are being taught the children acquire co-ordination in their movements, lose awkwardness, clumsiness and uncouthness and acquire certainty and grace.

"A child's love of play," said Dr. Montessori, "is used for his self-development. He is studying and working without realizing it. He learns to write without copybook tedium. He learns to distinguish between rough and smooth by feeling little boards upon which are fastened alternate strips of rough and smooth paper. Afterward he plays with letters and numbers in rough and smooth paper. He presently finds himself tracing these letters and numbers and presently he can write."

By this method children of 4 years have learned to write in six weeks. After three months most of the little people of the Case dei Bambini write very well. Learning to read is a game that the children play with delight. The prettiest toys of the school are shown to them. The name of every toy is written on a piece of paper, which is folded and placed in a bag. A child draws one of these bits of paper from the bag. If he can correctly pronounce the word written on it he is allowed to play for the rest of the day with the toy that is named. Short phrases are taught by the use of a blackboard and by encouraging the children to carry on a conversation among themselves. By the Montessori methods even defectives and idiots have been taught to read and write.

The discipline and immobility of the ordinary school are banished from the Case dei Bambini. The children, Dr. Montessori said, are permitted as much freedom as is compatible with the rights and comfort of others. Rewards and punishments are unknown because the children are constantly engaged in play, which is really work, that amuses and interests them. They do not complain, Dr. Montessori says, because they are always happy, always satisfied.

The principles of freedom and individual responsibility are carried to such a point that the child must extricate itself from its own mistakes and embarrassments, and is required to solve its own problems and puzzles. Independence and self-reliance are developed from the cradle age. The child is made to realize, through liberty, that whatever offends or annoys others, any sort of coarseness or bad manners, is not "good play."

No Paralysis of Silence.

Dr. Montessori said that in her "Houses of Childhood" the children are permitted to move about freely in a large room. They are not seated in stiff rows. They are not forbidden to talk. There is no paralyzing system of silence and forced study. She has gardens at the schools in which the children play and gradually learn the names of flowers and plants. And in this phase of the work, as in all others, the child is left to select for himself the particular flowers or plants he wishes to understand. The tastes of each mind are respected and encouraged.

Miss Anne E. George, who studied the Montessori system in Rome, met Dr. Montessori at the Holland House yesterday, interpreted for her and talked about the surprising results of the system.

"Children educated by this method progress incredibly faster than children in the ordinary schools," Miss George said. "They acquire at the very start of life a desire for personal cleanliness, good breeding and ambition to know the truth of all things in the world about them. They acquire self-mastery and poise. They learn to discipline themselves. They find out for themselves the difference between good and evil. They have tranquil nerves and perfect coordination between brain and body. We who have worked under Dr. Montessori know that she is a genius and that her system will develop if taken up by the world an ideal race of human beings."

Dr. Montessori will go to Washington this morning and this afternoon she will discuss her work with President Wilson. She has accepted an invitation to visit Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, but her lectures will not permit of her accepting many invitations. She will deliver the first of a series of twelve lectures in Washington on Saturday. On Monday night she will lecture in Carnegie Hall in this city. After several lectures here she will talk in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Boston and cities east of the Mississippi. She said yesterday that she was a suffragist, but she does not sympathize with the militants.

"DER DUNKLE PUNKT" PLEASES.

A Fine Comedy of German Life Admirably Acted.

"Der Dunkle Punkt" (The Dark Spot), which had its first production here last night at the Irving Place Theatre, bids fair to prove a worthy successor to "Kasernenluft," which it supplanted, and to enjoy as long and prosperous run as that piece has had. This comedy of Kadelburg and Presber of present day German life with its scenes laid in and near Berlin and with its rather happy and good natured exploitation of the weaknesses of the old aristocracy, was admirably given by the capable theatre company and was heartily enjoyed by the audience

That there may be some dark spots even in the most aristocratic families and that they may turn up in most unexpected manner is the theme of the piece. The pride of family and rank was so great in the heart of *Gebhardt, Baron von der Duehnen*, that when it came to giving his consent to the marriage of his only son, *Emmerich*, to the daughter of *Ulrich von Kuckrott*, whose rank was not so high and whose family was not so old, he hesitated so much that he came near wrecking the happiness of the two young people.

He had just about consented to take the *von Kuckrotts* for what they were worth, when he found out that the son of the family was engaged to marry the daughter of a most plebeian merchant. All the engagements were at an end. But just then appeared his own son-in-law, who had married his daughter in America and the old baron made the discovery that this man was a negro, who had saved his daughter's life at the time of the San Francisco earthquake and whom she had married out of gratitude. It was truly a dark spot on his family history, and there was nothing for him to do but to give in and let the young persons marry as they had planned.

The company played the roles with the same skill and distinction that they have shown in all the other productions.

MISS FOOS'S WEDDING PLANS.

Ceremony in Church of the Heavenly Rest and Home Reception.

Plans have been completed for the wedding of Miss Gertrude Foos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson W. Foos, to Arthur B. Lawrence in the Church of the Heavenly Rest on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Foos has chosen Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, sister of the bridegroom, as her maid of honor. The other attendants will be the Misses Harriet Lummis, Marjorie Browning, Anetta Weaver of this city and Garetta Reboul of St. James, L. I. Lawrence S. Butler will be best man and the ushers will include Benjamin C. Tower, Philip Boyer, E. Marshall Smith and Alexander Fraser. After the ceremony there will be a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 57 West Fifty-fourth street.

Mr. Lawrence gave his farewell bachelor dinner last night at Delmonico's. His guests included, besides his best man and the ushers, Walter Stokes, William Minot, H. E. Dreyer, H. K. Vingut, Alexander Wetherill, A. B. Gaines, Jr., John B. S. Bloodgood, Clarence Robbins and George Gilden.

H. E. OELRICHS TO WED TO-DAY.

Bride-to-Be Is Miss Esther Moreland of Pittsburg.

Miss Esther Moreland, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Moreland of Pittsburg, will be married to Henry E. Oelrichs to-day at noon in the rectory of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mgr. Lavelle will officiate.

The announcement of the wedding comes as a surprise. The first information that there was an engagement was when Miss Moreland and Mr. Oelrichs obtained their marriage license on Tuesday. Miss Moreland's parents have been for the last two summers in Newport. They had last summer the Thaw villa and for the season previous Mrs. Lee Thomas's villa. Mr. Oelrichs is a nephew of Mrs. William Jay and he has been identified with the life of Newport since childhood.

The wedding ceremony will be followed by a small breakfast at the Ritz-Carlton. Mr. Oelrichs and his bride will sail for Europe on Saturday to remain four months and on their return they will live in Tuxedo.

WITHEROW—DILWORTH.

Eleven Yale Men Are Ushers at Pittsburg Wedding.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3.—Miss Dorothy Dilworth, daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Dilworth, and William P. Witherow, both of this city, were married this afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church by Dr. Maitland Alexander.

The wedding party was unusually large, with Mrs. John Crossan Dilworth as matron of honor, eight bridesmaids and eleven Yale classmates of the bridegroom as ushers.

Cooke—Talbot.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Neltje Talbot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Talbot to Richard Kissam Cooke of this city took place last night at the home of her parents, 225 West 100th street, the Rev. William W. Bellinger, rector of St. Agnes's Chapel, officiating. On account of mourning in both families the wedding was celebrated quietly. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white brocaded satin trimmed with old point lace and a veil of the same lace which was worn by her grandmother when a bride. Mrs. Rodney L. Unz was the only bridal attendant. Her costume was of pale blue satin brocade trimmed with lace, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses. William H. Pond of Washington, D. C., was best man. After the ceremony there was a small reception, and Mr. and Mrs. Cooke left for the South on their wedding journey. They will live in this city

Heyman—Goldsmith.

Miss Birdie Goldsmith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Goldsmith of this city and Paris, was married to Emil Heyman of this city last evening by the Rev. Dr. Blau in the ballroom of the St. Regis. The bride wore a costume of white brocaded crepe de chine trimmed with old point lace. Miss Florence Tannenbaum was the maid of honor, and Miss Ruth Heiman and Arthur Heiman were the flower girl and page. Daniel Poll was best man. After the ceremony there was a dinner. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Kessler, Prof. and Mrs. Henry Heiman, Mrs. Clara Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. William Poll, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Max Tannenbaum, Lipman Tannenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Heyman.

After a Southern trip Mr. and Mrs. Heyman will live in this city.

Newman—Hirsch.

The wedding of Miss Nanette Hirsch, daughter of Mrs. Leon M. Hirsch, to Jacob Newman of this city took place last night in the ballroom of the Gotham, the Rev. Dr. B. A. Tintner officiating. After the ceremony there was a small reception for relatives and intimate friends

Maryland Society's Reception.

The annual reception and dance of the Maryland Society of New York was held last night in the ballroom of the Plaza. Among the members of the reception committee were J. Lynch Pendergast, J. Nevett Steele, William Woodward Baldwin, Philip A. S. Franklin, Richard D. Langford, George B. Covington, Bainbridge Hinckley, Dr. William B. Pritchard, Luther Lay Gadd, William H. Milnor, Lawrence B. Kemp, William H. C. Broughton, James A. Gordy, F. Walter Lawrence and William Benson Davis. There was general dancing, and supper was served in the main restaurant.

The straight path for the crooked

BLANKENBURG IS IMPROVING.

Philadelphia Mayor Enjoys Mountain Air at Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 3.—Tourists from all parts of the country are arriving at Asheville. Among the recent arrivals at the Grove Park Inn were Mrs. H. S. Firestone of Akron, Charles R. Crane of Chicago, ex-City Treasurer Adam Ortsiefen of Chicago and William Bayless, Jr., of New York.

Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia is rapidly improving and still enjoys his daily walks over the mountains. He smoked the first cigar yesterday since his illness.

Twenty of the Manor cottages have been taken for the winter. Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee has taken one.

Dancing at the Battery Park Hotel is a favorite pastime in the evenings, and during the day large crowds go to the golf course and riding parties go to Mountain Meadows Inn and other attractive viewpoints. Among recent arrivals from New York city were E. A. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cahalene.

The Asheville school for young men entertained the parents of the students at Asheville last week.

Notes of the Social World.

Mrs. William Church Osborn will give a dinner this evening at her home, 40 East Thirty-sixth street, and other dinners on December 8 and 25. She will entertain the Thursday Evening Club on December 11.

Mrs. George Gordon King gave a reception last night at her house, 16 East Eighty-fourth street, for her debutante daughter, Miss Dorothy King.

Mrs. William Douglas Sloane will give a reception with dancing on the night of January 6.

Baroness de Ropp will give a reception this afternoon at 112 East Sixty-first street for Mrs. Benjamin Harrison.

The first for this season of Mrs. R. W. Hawkesworth's chansons en crinoline will be given this morning in the ballroom of the Plaza. There will be Oriental songs and dances by Miss Sophie Braslau, Rafael Diaz and Miss Ruth St. Denis.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft will give a dinner this evening at 36 West Forty-eighth street.

Mrs. William M. Fleitmann will give a luncheon to-day at 32 East Sixty-seventh street for her debutante daughter, Miss Lida Louise Fleitmann.

Mrs. Francis Fisher Flagg will give a reception this afternoon at 150 West Seventy-fifth street, when she will introduce to society her youngest daughter, Miss Katharine Flagg.

There will be a meeting of the Drawing Room Club this evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Norton Marvin, 340 Riverside Drive.

Miss Katherine Hungerford, daughter of Mrs. Orville E. Hungerford, will be married to Harold Will this evening in the First Presbyterian Church, Watertown, N. Y.

Mrs. Kenneth Frazier will give a reception this afternoon at 23 East Sixty-fifth street, when she will introduce to society her daughter, Miss Veronica Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Cross have closed their country house in Bernardsville, N. J., and are at 5 West Fifty-second street for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Parker of this city are at the St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans.

The wedding of Miss Frances Folsom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Winthrop Folsom of this city and Lenox, to Cleveland Bigelow of Boston will take place in Trinity Church, Lenox, on December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Reynal have returned from their country place, the Orchards, in White Plains, and are at the Gotham for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Blair, who have been at their country place in Oyster Bay since the early summer, are at the Plaza.

Mrs. Augustus S. Whiton, who returned recently from a three years residence in Paris, has been entertaining for Miss Julia Little of Garden City at the Belmont. Mrs. Whiton gave a theatre party for Miss Little at the Empire Theatre yesterday, afterward taking her guests to Mrs. Sherrill's tea dance at Delmonico's. Among them were the Misses Margaret Smith, Elsinore Quinn of Greenwich, Helen Ingersoll and Dorothy Morris of Philadelphia, Mortimer Wilmerding, Augustus S. Whiton and A. Palmer.

Frederick H. Baldwin will give a the dansant at Sherry's on Monday afternoon.

MISS GOODSON'S RECITAL.

English Pianist Reappears With Programme of Good Music.

Katherine Goodson, the English pianist, has returned to town and yesterday afternoon gave her first recital at Aeolian Hall. Her programme showed that she intended to be taken seriously, for the opening numbers were Schumann's "Kinderscenen" and Brahms's F minor sonata. These were followed by a Chopin group consisting of the "Berceuse," the F minor fantasia, two etudes and the A flat valse, opus 42. The closing group contained Schumann's F sharp minor romance, Gernsheim's "Aeolus" and the flower waltz from Tschaikowsky's "Nut Cracker" suite, prepared for piano consumption by one Grainger, whose first name is probably Percy.

Miss Goodson's piano style is well known to local music lovers. She plays with much spirit, with something like masculinity of style, with an excellent technic, and above all with musical intelligence. She is an earnest artist who deserves the respectful hearing which is always accorded her in this community. Unfortunately this sort of thing seldom satisfies a public performer.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AT THEATRE.

Crowds See Forbes-Robertson in "The Merchant of Venice."

Fifty little girls, members of the Dramatic Club of Public School 15, at 728 Fifth street, saw Forbes-Robertson play "The Merchant of Venice" yesterday at the Shubert Theatre. They were under the supervision of their principal, Miss Margaret Knox, and the director of the club, Mrs. Lutkenhaus. They would have preferred to see "Julius Cæsar," which they are planning to give after successful performances of "Through the Looking Glass" and "Rip Van Winkle," which they adapted to their own needs

Permission was given by Supt. Maxwell to all school children to attend yesterday's matinee and the theatre was crowded by youngsters. "The Merchant of Venice" will be repeated at a special matinee on December 17 and a school matinee of "Hamlet" will be given on December 24 in place of the usual Christmas Day performance.

THE SEAGOERS.

Arrivals From England and the Continent—Departures.

Arrivals by the Hamburg-American liner Cincinnati, from the Mediterranean:

Dr. Maria Montessori.	Dr. and Mrs. Milton Ballin.
Samuel S. McClure.	Mrs. J. C. Ely.
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Story.	Col. and Mrs. Harry Cutler.
Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Whitehouse.	Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Culver.
Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Adams.	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Riggs.
Mrs. L. H. Tiffany.	Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Law.
R. P. Vinton.	
W. E. Fitch.	

Sailing by the White Star liner Baltic, for Queenstown and Liverpool:

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ashmore.	Dr. and Mrs. H. Nelson Jackson.
Mrs. L. C. Cahoon.	Charles Olcott.
Dr. H. L. Connor.	J. H. Palmer.
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Denny.	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips.
William Gillette.	Alan Storey.
Mrs. W. H. Hildreth.	H. L. Withers.

In New York To-day.

City Planning Exhibition, Public Library, Forty-second street and Fifth avenue.

Society of the Sons of the Revolution, meeting, Fraunce's Tavern, 3:30 P. M.

Darrach Home for Crippled Children, Christmas sale, 6 East Seventy-seventh street, 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Manhattan Congregational Church, fair, Broadway and Seventy-sixth street.

New York Anti-Vivisection Society, benefit, Cort Theatre, 2 P. M.

German-American Friendship Club, bachelor's bazaar, Park avenue and Ninety-fifth street, 2 P. M.

National Board Y. W. C. A., reception, 600 Lexington avenue, 3 to 6 P. M.

Academy of Medicine, meeting, 17 West Forty-third street, 8:30 P. M.

Madison House Christmas sale, Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West Sixty-fourth street, 2 P. M.

University of Michigan Club of New York, luncheon, Lawyers Club, 1 P. M.

New York State Hotel Association, dinner, Waldorf-Astoria, 7 P. M.

Columbia Institute of Arts and Sciences, lecture, "Problems of Democracy," Dr. Josef Schumpeter, 8 P. M.

Chamber of Commerce, meeting, 65 Liberty street, 12:30 P. M.

Legislative League, meeting, Waldorf Astoria, 2 P. M.

Natural Ice Association of America, dinner, Hotel Astor, 7 P. M.

GIRLS LEAGUE HAS BAZAAR.

Opens This Afternoon at 162 Madison Ave.—Goes On To-morrow.

The Girls Protective League of the New York Probation and Protective Association will open its bazaar in the league headquarters, 162 Madison avenue, to-day. The doors will remain open from 3 to 10 o'clock to-day and to-morrow, when it is expected a large amount will have been gathered to help the work.

Twenty-two branches of the league, embracing Brooklyn, Manhattan and The Bronx, are engaged in the work. The league has 1,335 members, and they have gathered many gifts for the bazaar.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

MRS. HELEN SYKES, who died at the Hotel Leonori on April 16 last, left an estate of $75,956, of which $75,000 was the value of 500 shares of stock in the Herald Square Realty Company, owner of the building occupied by Saks & Co. She divided the stock between her daughters, Mrs. Sophie Stein, Mrs. Emma Traunstine, Mrs. Belle Buchman and Mrs. Flora Rosenheim, and her sons, Edward and Charles S. Sykes.

COL. ARTHUR C. DUCAT, U. S. A., who was recruiting officer in New York when he died on May 8 last, left $21,888 to his wife, Elise S. Ducat.

SAMUEL LYTELL, who died May 8 last, left $23,916 to his wife and daughter.

MRS. JEANETTE H. BACIGALUPO, who died November 26 last, cut off her husband, Emile B. Bacigalupo of France, and gave $5,000 outright and her residuary estate to her nephew, William M. Hamilton of Pittsburg. She left $1,000 for a bed in the French Hospital.

JAMES H. McCORMICK, who died on April 6, 1912, left an estate appraised at $58,485, the most of which goes to his daughter, Elizabeth Hedges. A nephew and brother get $3,000 each.

WILLIAM LUDDEN—The wishes of the late William Ludden in the matter of the disposal of a residuary estate of $90,000 were interpreted in favor of his 81-year-old widow, Mrs. Mary L. Ludden, by Surrogate Ketcham of Brooklyn yesterday. Mrs. Ludden by the terms of the will has a life interest in as much of the property as the executors consider necessary to her comfortable maintenance, the Young Men's Christian Association and other charitable and semi-social institutions of Brooklyn getting any surplus over this amount, as well as the reversion of the estate. The executors set aside $70,000 for Mrs. Ludden. The charitable institutions sued on the ground that she did not need so much for comfortable maintenance.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Miller Sing.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Miller gave a concert last evening in Aeolian Hall. Mrs. Miller used to be known to music lovers as Nevada Van der Veer, but although she has changed her name she has not changed her style of singing. The programme presented by the two singers had a plentiful variety. Each sang solos and they were heard in two duets, one from the treasure house of Bach and the other, entitled "A Book of Verses," a setting of stanzas from Omar Khayyam by Granville Bantock.

Change in Opera Programme.

Mme. Matzenauer will sing the role of *Brunnhilde* in to-night's performance of "Siegfried" at the Metropolitan Opera House instead of Mme. Fremstad, who will sing in "Tosca" on Saturday evening, replacing Miss Farrar, who has not fully recovered from her attack of the grip.

Plays and Players.

Mrs. William Faversham, known on the stage as Julie Opp, who became ill last spring and spent the summer and fall in Switzerland, has regained her health and will arrive in this country about December 10 to begin rehearsals in Mr. Faversham's productions of "Othello" and "Romeo and Juliet."

Friday night will be Song Writers Night at the Forty-Fourth Street Music Hall. More than a score of well known song writers will sing selections from their own compositions. Harry Von Tilzer will be master of ceremonies.

Ruth Shepley has completed the cast for T. W. Robertson's comedy "School," which will be given at a special performance on December 16 at the Playhouse for the building fund of a new alumni house for St. Elizabeth's College. The cast will include Charles Cherry, Ernest Glendinning, Wallace Erskine, William Phinney, Alice Brady, Olive Harper Thone, Alice Lindahl, Margery Blossom, Jane Grey, Mabel Acker, Becky Gardiner and Ruth Shepley. Seats for "School" are now on sale at the Playhouse.

MISS HEDMAN TO GO TO LONDON.

Swedish Actress Will Appear With Sir George Alexander.

Martha Hedman, the Swedish actress, who recently appeared with John Mason in "Indian Summer," will sail for London next week, where she will support Sir George Alexander, the English actor. She is to appear in a series of leading parts at the St. James Theatre, but her first performance before a London audience will be on January 1, when she will play *Renee* in "The Attack." Charles Frohman brought Miss Hedman here to create the same role when the Bernstein play was produced on September 14, 1912, at the Garrick Theatre.

Miss Hedman was born in Stockholm and when she went to London two years ago she could not speak English. In eight months she had become so proficient in the language that Mr. Frohman engaged her to support John Mason in "The Attack." Since then she has appeared in several productions.

JAMES A. ALEXANDER DEAD.

Was in the Insurance Business Here for 71 Years.

James A. Alexander, who had been in the insurance business in this city for seventy-one years, died early yesterday morning at his home, 319 West Seventy-eighth street. He had been ill since last summer. Mr. Alexander's association with fire insurance began at a time when there were scarcely sixty companies in this State. Only eighteen of those companies now survive and he had seen the passing of more than fifteen hundred companies.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1827. When he was 15 years old he entered the office of his father, Thomas A. Alexander, who was then the New York representative of the Aetna Insurance Company. The elder Alexander was subsequently called to Hartford to the presidency of the company. His son continued the New York agency. He was then but little more than of age.

In 1855 Mr. Alexander married Miss Catherine M. Cornelison of Jersey City. She died in 1901. They had no children. He is survived by a brother, Henry Alexander of Philadelphia.

He was a member of the Academy of Design, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, of the Society of Fine Arts and the Society of Municipal Art. He was also a member of the Carteret Club of Jersey City and of the Republican Lawyers and Authors clubs of New York, and of the Masonic Order.

In business Mr. Alexander was a member of the firm of Scott, Alexander & Talbot of 95 William street and 62 Beaver street.

ALFRED E. DUNCAN.

He Was President of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Alfred E. Duncan, 49 years old, president of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company, died to-day at his home in Overbrook. He had suffered for several weeks from a complication of diseases which began with a carbuncle.

Mr. Duncan leaves a widow and five children. He was born in Boston and entered the insurance business in that city. He went to San Antonio, Tex., in 1884 continuing in the same business, and later lived in Omaha, Ogden and Salt Lake City. In 1890 he came to Philadelphia.

Thomas Gregory Harney.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 3.—Thomas Gregory Harney, who retired from active service as a member of the New York police force on September 4 after forty-five years of service, died at his daughter's home here to-day. He was 66 years old.

For many years Harney was a familiar figure around City Hall Park. He was assigned to duty at the Mayor's office and attended the late Mayor Gaynor. He left the force of his own volition and had an exceptionally clean record. He was the oldest member of the department in length of service.

On the day of his retirement he said to Commissioner Waldo, "I was never healthier in my life." He lived at 309 West 141st street, New York. The funeral will be Friday and he will be buried at Yonkers.

Ord J. Darling.

Ord J. Darling, who was Mayor of West New York from 1906 to 1908, died yesterday at his home, 524 Seventeenth street, that town, of typhoid pneumonia. He was for many years a Democratic leader of the northern part of Hudson county, but of late had been active in Republican circles. He served two terms as a member of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders and was for some years Treasurer of the town. He was 56 years old. His wife and eight children survive him.

William M. Harford.

William H. Harford, State Senator in Michigan for three years, died in the Flushing Hospital in Queens Borough on Tuesday night, aged 71 years. He had lived in Whitestone for five years. He was born in Ohio and was a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan College. He established eight newspapers in various parts of Ohio. He is survived by three sons.

Mrs. W. M. Ostrander.

Mrs. Beatrice M. Ostrander, wife of W. M. Ostrander, real estate operator, died yesterday morning at her home, 245 West Fifty-first street. She was the daughter of Hugh Allen McClintock of Pittsburg and was married to Mr. Ostrander eleven years ago.

Stony Wold Benefit Sale.

There was a sale yesterday at the Hotel Manhattan for the benefit of the Stony Wold Sanatorium. Among those assisting were Mrs. George E. Brewer, Mrs. Benjamin Stern, Mrs. William A. Simonson, Mrs. Thomas H. French, Mrs. James V. B. Curtis, Mrs. Walter L. Woodford, Mrs. Sylvan Bier, Mrs. John D. Walton, Mrs. Pierre Mali, Miss Schuller, Miss Ina McNee, Miss Cora Weir and Miss Ellen L. Adee. Scotch woollens, toys, dolls and fancy articles were sold and luncheon and tea were served. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted to the sanitarium, which is situated in the Adirondacks, and cares for self-supporting women and little girls suffering from incipient tuberculosis.

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SINGERS IN GOOD VOICE

Mme. Duchene Takes the Place of Mme. Matzenauer as Fortune Teller.

The second performance of Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera," which took place at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening, brought with it one change of cast. Mme. Duchene, a conscientious and painstaking singer, whose voice is of pleasing quality, replaced Mme. Matzenauer as *Ulrica*, the witch and fortune teller who infested strangely Neapolitan regions somewhere in the neighborhood of Boston. As they did burn a few witches in Salem and still catch fish in its neighborhood, perhaps that was the place. But it is hard to believe in the costumes.

In fact as the book of the opera now stands little illusion is possible. All well informed operagoers know that the original libretto dealt with *Gustavus*, a Swedish king, but the papal censor found himself unable to pass the work. He commanded Verdi to obliterate the king, to avoid all reference to such dangerous topics as regicide, and to place the scene of action far away from its original locality. So the king became a Governor of Boston and the action was transferred of that usually law abiding city.

Since this opera has held the stage so many years, it seems a pity that the original text has not been restored. To do this now would wound no Italian susceptibilities and the pictorial absurdities of the lyric drama would disappear. There is no reason for retaining the Bostonian pretence. The scenes and the costumes, as well as the action, are not at all suggestive of the Hub of the Universe at any period of its history.

Last evening's performance was attended by a numerous audience and was on the whole a good one. Despite the fact that she had sung in Philadelphia on the previous evening, Mme. Destinn was in full voice, and Mr. Amato showed decided vocal improvement in the role of *Renato*. It is also an essential part of the record that Mr. Caruso was the *Riccardo* and that he sang the music quite as well as he did at the previous performance.

Vincent Astor and his financee, Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington, were in box 7, as was also Mrs. Robert P. Huntington, who wore pales lilac satin combined with jetted black lace and satin. Miss Huntington wore white satin and a scarf of white gauze.

The Countess de Rodellec, who wore rose pink brocade and a tiara of diamonds, and Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, whose gown of white satin was veiled with silver lace, were with Mrs. Louis T. Hoyt.

Mrs. Russell Soley, Gen. Horace Porter and Charles E. Sampson were with Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, Sir Robert and Lady Hadfield being with Mr. and Mrs. E. Reeve Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chapin, who were in the Morgan box, had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Dulany Howland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Tilford had as their guests Mrs. Moses Taylor Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. David Wagstaff.

With Mr. and Mrs. E. Francis Hyde were Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Adams, their daughter, Miss Edith Adams, and Walbridge S. Taft.

Miss Leary's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rutherfurd and Mr. and Mrs. Griswold A. Thompson.

There were also in the audience Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, Miss Hope Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. de Lancey Kountze, Magistrate and Mrs. Francis K. Pendleton, Mrs. Henry S. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew, who were with Gen. and Mrs. Howard Carroll; Mr. and Mrs. S. Stanwood Menken, Shipley Jones, J. De Wolf Cutting, Mrs. W. Seward Webb and Major G. Creighton Webb.

Lord and Lady Decies Coming Here.

Lord and Lady Decies will sail from England on the Lusitania on December 13 to pass the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould at Georgian Court, Lakewood. It is two years since they have been in New York, and their visit here will be brief. Lady Decies was Miss Vivien Gould.

DIED.

ALEXANDER.—On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, James A. Alexander, in his 87th year.
Funeral service at his late residence, 319 West Seventy-eighth street, on Friday, December 5, at 11 A. M. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.

CARLETON.—Suddenly, on December 2, at her residence, 112 West 105th street, Helen S. Carleton, widow of Henry Guy Carleton and daughter of the late William H. and Fanny Garr Hubbard.
Services will be held at her late residence Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Those who may wish to be present are welcome.

FAYE.—On Monday, December 1, Ernest Frederick Faye, husband of Jessie Benedict, in the fifty-first year of his age, and son of the late Thomas and Marion Copland Faye.
Funeral service at St. Agnes Chapel, West Ninety-second street, Thursday, December 4, at 11 o'clock. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers.

GREGORY.—At Montclair, N. J., December 1, as result of accident, William R. Gregory.
Funeral services at his late residence, 183 South Mountain avenue, Montclair, Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Train leaves Hoboken 10:51. Minneapolis papers please copy.

HALL.—At New Canaan, Conn., Monday evening, December 1, 1913, Thomas Wells Hall, in his sixty-ninth year.
Funeral services at the Congregational Church, New Canaan, Conn., on Thursday, December 4, at 3:45 P. M. A car reserved to Stamford will be attached to train leaving Grand Central Depot at 2:04 P. M. Kindly omit flowers. Boston papers please copy.

HEARN.—At his home, 46 East Sixty-ninth street, on Monday, December 1, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, George Arnold Hearn, beloved husband of Laura Hoppock Hearn.
Funeral services will be held at St. James Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street, on Thursday morning, December 4, at half past 10 o'clock.

HURLBUT.—At his residence, Riverside, Conn., on Wednesday, December 3, 1913, Elisha Denison Hurlbut.
Funeral private.

MERRILL.—On December 2, 1913, at his residence, in Pepperell, Mass., William Hutchinson Merrill, M. D., in the 84th year of his age.
Funeral services Friday.

OSTRANDER.—Beatrice M.
Services at "THE FUNERAL CHURCH" 241 West Twenty-third (Frank E. Campbell Building), Friday, 2 o'clock. Automobile cortege.

In Memoriam.

GRISMER.—In loving memory of my beloved wife, Phoebe Davies Grismer, who passed away December 4, 1912.
JOSEPH B. GRISMER

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