GET WRIGHT'S GIFTS UNDER NEW NAMES

Bequests of $100,000 to Library and $580,000 to Hospital Will Be Paid.

MEMORIAL TITLE GONE

A report filed in the Supreme Court by Phoenix Ingraham as referee in a suit growing out of conflicting interpretations of the will of James Hood Wright, the philanthropist, who died in November, 1894, finds that the New York Public Library is entitled to $100,000 from the estate and that the Knickerbocker Hospital, formerly the J. Hood Wright Hospital, at Amsterdam avenue and 131st street, should get $580,000 from the estate.

The chief matter in dispute was the $100,000 bequest to the old Washington Heights Library, which was merged with the New York Public Library after Mr. Wright's death. There was difference of opinion as to whether the New York Public Library when it took over the Washington Heights Library became entitled to the bequest.

The case was referred to Mr. Ingraham, as referee on the application of Mrs. Mary R. Wright, the widow, when the death in June, 1913, of Miss Elizabeth Wright, sister of the philanthropist, made it necessary to distribute the residuary estate, held in trust during her lifetime. Miss Wright's share in the estate consisted of the income for life from one-third of the residuary estate, the whole amounting to $820,000. After her death various legacies, including the $100,000 library bequest, were to be paid, and the remainder turned over to the Knickerbocker Hospital, which was known as the Manhattan Dispensary during Mr. Wright's lifetime, and was called the J. Hood Wright Hospital in his memory. The name was changed again several years ago so as to attract support from other sources, because the income from the Wright estate was insufficient to meet the hospital expenses. The referee's report shows that legacies of $140,000 have been paid and that the trustees hold $680,000 to dispose of under the order of the court.

One of the features of the report is the stipulation between the parties to the action that "the region known as the Washington Heights extends from 135th street to 175th street, and from the west side of Edgecombe avenue to the Hudson River."

BETHLEHEM STEEL BAND HERE

War Munitions Workers Give a Concert in Central Park.

The Bethlehem Steel Company's band of one hundred gave a concert yesterday afternoon in the Mall, Central Park. The band is composed of workmen in the plant at South Bethlehem, Pa., and is under the personal patronage of Charles M. Schwab, the president, and the leadership of A. M. Weingartner. Most of the members are skilled workmen in making munitions of war.

After the concert the band went on a sightseeing trip to Coney Island before returning to South Bethlehem.

MEMORIAL FOR MISS NICOLL.

Stained Glass Window in Her Honor at Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 8.—At the morning service at St. Andrew's Church a beautiful stained glass window, placed in the church during the last week, was dedicated to the memory of Miss Josephine Churchill Nicoll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. De Lancey Nicoll. The Rev. Dr. Carl Reiland of St. George's Church, New York, conducted this service, which was a most impressive one. It was made more impressive by the fact that it was Dr. Reiland who read the burial service at Miss Nicoll's funeral.

Dr. Reiland was called to preach at St. Andrew's to-day, not knowing of the dedication. On learning of the memorial window he did not preach the sermon he had prepared. Instead he took his place by the window, which was decorated with American Beauty roses, and conducted the dedication.

The window was designed and made by the Tiffany Studios through the efforts of Miss Margaret E. Trevor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Trevor, and was the joint gift of the following friends of Miss Nicoll:

Miss Margaret E. Trevor, Miss Louise Trevor, Miss Eleanor Lawrence, Mrs. C. Henry Mellon, Jr., Miss Winifred Chisholm, Mrs. George B. Wagstaff, Miss Jeannie Couthet, Miss Marie Louise Emmet, Miss Nancy Coleman, Mrs. F. Skiddy von Stade, Miss Abby Morrison, Miss Frances Breese, Miss Grace Henry, Miss Frances Henry, Mrs. Harold S. Arnold, Mrs. Gouveneur Carnochan, Mrs. Lydia Hoyt, Mrs. J. Griswold Webb, Mrs. Devereux Milburn, Miss Eleanor Mellon, Mrs. Eric Winston, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Trevor, Miss Lisa Stillman, Bradford B. Locke, Harry Sproul, Jr., T. Gaillard Thomas 2d, Charles H. Marshall, Sheldon E. Hoadley, Harry C. Cushing, James G. K. Lawrence, J. Averell Clark, Richard F. Babcock, Shepard Krech, Barclay H. Farr, Charles C. Miller, William Bruce Brown, C. Henry Mellon, Lester Armour, William C. Bowers 2d, Jerome O. Franks, Howell Forbes, John B. Pitney, Schuyler Parsons, George E. Stevens, Kohn N. Stearns 3d and W. Whitewright Watson.

E. R. Stettinius gave a luncheon today for twenty in honor of his daughter, Miss Isabell Stettinius.

Among the guests at the National today were Frank R. Schoonmaker, Percy Pyne 2d and H. B. Baker.

Mrs. Fairfax S. Landstreet is entertaining her sister, Mrs. F. Downey.

Miss Eleanor Lawson is the guest of Miss Marjorie Curtis, and Mrs. Katherine Porter is visiting Mrs. Goodhue Livingston.

RICE—WEIL.

Wedding Comes as Surprise to Friends of the Couple.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Weil, 202 Riverside Drive, a report of the marriage of their daughter, Beatrice, to Isaac L. Rice, Jr., was confirmed yesterday. The ceremony was performed by an Alderman in the Municipal Building last Monday. Only close friends of the bride and bridegroom were present. Mr. and Mrs. Rice will go on a honeymoon trip to the Canadian Rockies.

The bridegroom's mother is the president of the Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noises. Although it is said that Mr. Rice and Miss Weil have been engaged for three years, their wedding came as a surprise to their friends.

Engagement Announced.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Aug. 8.—Announcement has been made here of the engagement of Miss Frances Marie Clausen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. A. Clausen of Brookline, Mass., and Joseph S. Ely of 208 Walnut street, Montclair. Mr. Ely is a graduate of Williams, class of 1910.

WALKING POPULAR AT LENOX.

Mountain Trails Crowded as Result of Cool Weather.

LENOX, Aug. 8.—Because of the cool weather the trails over the mountains were crowded with pedestrians to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Gay and Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Macy led a party of guests from Heaton Hall, Stockbridge, six miles over Bear Mountain. In the party were Miss Edith Burtis, Miss Charlotte Morey, Miss Amy Miller, Miss Helen Van Voorhis, Miss Florence Fuller, Morton McCutcheon, Charles F. Smith, Horace Calder and Sidney G. Piers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Crowninshield were hosts at luncheon of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds Landis of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woodhaven gave a dinner party in honor of Dr. and Mrs. William Holland Wilmer. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mallery of New York are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. West in Pittsfield. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tuckerman and children of Washington are guests of Miss Emily Tuckerman in Stockbridge.

Mrs. Henry Yates Satterlee of Washington is visiting Mrs. Churchill Satterlee at Cliffwood. Mrs. Thomas H. Rodman has gone to Nantucket. The Misses Katherine and Frances Elder of Bay Shore are visiting the Misses Dahlgren at Belair.

Miss Adele Kneeland has gone to Newport. Miss Heloise Meyer has gone to the north shore. Miss Mary Parsons is at Northeast Harbor, Me. Miss Anne T. Morgan and Miss Elisabeth Marbury arrived at the Red Lion Inn to-day on the way to the White Mountains.

Prince Hohenlohe and Baron Hendri of the Austrian Embassy have entered the Aspinwall tennis tournament. Miss Edna Hilton of New York gave a dinner party at the Hotel Aspinwall last evening. The Rev. Arthur C. Powell of Grace Church, Baltimore, read the service in Trinity Episcopal Church to-day. Dr. and Mrs. Powell are passing the season at the Andrew cottage in Tyringham.

BUSY DAY AT BRETTON WOODS.

Many Tea Parties Attended by Sunday Autoists.

BRETTON WOODS, N. H., Aug. 8.—Motoring to the Mount Washington for luncheon to-day were Mrs. Charles Oelrichs, M. J. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Douglas Boyer, Miss Sylvia Livingston, Miss Maud Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnham Squier, Mrs. Mortimer Flagg, Miss Eleanor F. Dupignac, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lockwood, Mrs. Cord Meyer, Mrs. A. H. Alker and Miss Mabel W. Alker.

In ideal weather the links were well patronized to-day. Playing with E. A. Lord, A. S. Nye holed out on the eighteenth from the tee in 1.

Mrs. Arthur Butler Twombly of the Profile colony entertained at tea at her cottage this afternoon. The Misses Babcock entertained for Fordyce Barker, and Mrs. Charles Stewart Smith invited a few friends to her cottage for tea.

At the Waumbek those entertaining at tea in their cottages included Mrs. Thomas Dimond, Mrs. W. H. Lippincott, Mrs. Mark S. Willing and Mrs. Cabot Jackson Morse.

Mrs. Gardiner Greene Hammond entertained several young people at tea at Maplewood this afternoon.

NEWPORT TO HOLD FANCY BALL

First of the Season Is Being Arranged to Take Place Soon.

NEWPORT, Aug. 8.—The first fancy dress dance to be given by members of the summer colony here is being arranged to take place soon. The warm sun to-day sent many cottagers to the beaches for dips in the surf.

Dinner parties were given to-night by Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, Preston Gibson and Mrs. Fletcher Ryer. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who was here a few days, started for his home at Hamilton to-day. If Mrs. Darlington's health will permit it Bishop and Mrs. James H. Darlington of Harrisburg, Pa., may pass the late season here.

Gov. Beeckman is to be the guest of honor at a dinner to be given by Admiral Fletcher on the flagship Wyoming next Friday night. Mrs. John R. Drexel has announced a luncheon for Thursday and a dinner for the evening of August 17. Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss and family, who went to San Francisco, are expected to return here to-morrow.

The Clam Bake Club will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, the Newport Reading Room on August 19 and the Newport Country Club on the 21st.

SPEDDEN CHILD AUTO VICTIM.

New Yorkers' Son Dies of his Injuries in Bar Harbor.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 8.—Robert Douglas Spedden, aged 9, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic O. Spedden of New York, died to-day at the family's Winter Harbor cottage. An automobile, running fast on the wrong side of the road and not sounding its horn, knocked the boy down last Friday, fracturing his skull.

The body will be taken to-morrow to New York, where the funeral services will be held in the city home of the family.

TOURISTS BY AUTOMOBILE.

LENOX, Aug. 8.—Motor arrivals from New York at the Hotel Aspinwall today included R. M. Masters McDonald (Pierce); Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wood (Pierce-Arrow); Mrs. William Armstrong, Miss Elizabeth S. Kendall (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buck (Locomobile); W. C. Sager, R. C. Bourne (Packard); Major and Mrs. Wahl, Capt. Hughes, Miss Hughes (Cadillac); Mrs. Albert Young, Miss Aunts (Packard); also Mr. and Mrs. E. Bradley, Newport (Cadillac).

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 8.—Arrivals by automobile at the Equinox House included Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Garlish, St. Louis (Marmon); Miss Dearborn, Rye; Mrs. L. P. Lapham, New Canaan (Pierce); William Hester Herbert, F. Gunnison, Brooklyn (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Johnson, New York (Lozier); M. Halff, New York (Thomas); Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Caroellio, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sturhahn, Hartford (Packard).

COOPERSTOWN, Aug. 8.—Automobilists arriving at the O-te-sa-ga to-day were Mrs. J. A. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Leyser, New York (Lozier); Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dow, Jr., Mr. John Dow, Miss Beatrice Dow, New York; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Patterson, Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Carbondale, Pa. (Buick); J. H. Clapp, Washington (Packard); Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jameson, Buffalo (Lozier); Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Mrs. W. H. Otis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Russell, Buffalo (Spellman); Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carpenter, George Barnard, Juliet Barnard, Rome, N. Y. (Pierce-Arrow).

WATERBURY, Aug. 8.—New York automobilists arriving at the Hotel Elton over the Ideal Tour to-day included Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Johnson (Overland); Mr. and Mrs. David L. Korn (Studebaker); Miss Elizabeth Marbury, Miss Anne Morgan, New York (Cadillac); Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Newell (Pierce-Arrow); Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Pease (Cole); Mr. and Mrs. William Young (Buick); Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jewett (Studebaker); Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hart (Mercer); Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott (Overland); Mr. and Mrs. Allan Knapp (Paige); Mr. and Mrs. R. Farley (Chalmers).

At the gate.

CAFE CHANTANT FOR PIER CHURCH BENEFIT

Oriental Dance and New Operetta Also to Be Narragansett Features.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Aug. 8.—Charles F. Dorr and Adrian Schubert of the Metropolitan Opera House orchestra will give here soon an entertainment after the cafe chantant style for the benefit of the Episcopl Church St. Peter's by the Sea. Included in the programme will be the initial performance of the one act operetta "Gay Revillion," as well as a one act skit in three whirls entitled "A Day at Narragansett." Many of the young people at the Pier have consented to appear in the chorus. Miss Dorothy Norris of Philadelphia will give her own interpretation of a new Oriental dance. Roberto and Miss Antonette Bloodgood of New York will introduce dancing features.

The annual Mathewson masquerade dinner dance will be held on Tuesday instead of Friday of this week so as not to conflict with the sportsmen's ball at the Casino on Thursday. The prizes to be awarded for the most suitable costume at the sportsmen's ball are a silver coffee service and loving cup. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Leidy entertained at dinner last evening for several Philadelphia debutantes, including the Misses B. Ingersoll, Hope Beale, Eugenia Cassatt, Cornelia Leidy and Lisa Norris.

Col. and Mrs. Henry Fletcher put in at the Pier in the yacht Flyer, their party including Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Fletcher, having luncheon at the Casino. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Coombs had as luncheon guests at the Casino to-day Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lambert and Miss Antonette Bloodgood.

Miss Hope Beale, Miss Lisa Norris, Emlen Randolph and Jack Bouvier of New York formed one of the luncheon parties at the Casino. Other New Yorkers to register for luncheon were C. M. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. D. Warner, Dudley Warner, P. Gardener, Mrs. Charles Cunard, Jacob Doll, Jr., Miss Alice Ingersoll, A. E. Thompson and Mrs. J. Grant.

A. Muller Uray, who recently completed a portrait of Col. Roosevelt, is the guest of Mrs. Samuel H. Valentine at Valmar on the Rocks. Miss Rosemonde Wyman of New York, who was the guest of Mrs. Irving H. Chase at Miramar on Ocean road, started to-day by motor for Beach Bluff, Mass., where she will attend a house party given in her honor by Royal Wetherall of Boston.

DANCE AT WHITE SULPHUR.

Sacred Concert Is Also Given at West Virginia Resort.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Aug. 8.—D. E. Winants of New Jersey entertained to-night at a dinner day dance in the Tudor room of the Greenbrier. The guests were R. B. Wigglesworth, E. M. Hill, Boston; John Freeand, New York; John M Grant, Atlanta; Weldon M. Bailey, Washington; Wilfred M. Blout, U. S. A.; Miss A. W. Preston, Baltimore; Miss Haldeman, Louisville; the Misses Orme, New Orleans; Miss Hilah French, New York; Miss Edith Grant, Richmond; Miss Pratt, Des Moines.

John H. Byrne of New York entertained at dinner. Mrs. R. N. Warnack was hostess at tea on the Greenbrier terrace.

A sacred concert conducted by Carl Neumann was given in the lobby of the Greenbrier to-night, with 500 guests present. Arrivals to-day included Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miller, John Markle and Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Conway of New York.

SUFFRAGE ACTIVITIES.

8 P. M.—Street meeting Sixty-seventh street and Amsterdam avenue.
8:30 P. M.—Street meeting 125th street and Seventh avenue.
8:30 P. M.—Street meeting 110th street and Broadway. Chairman, Miss Annie Doughty.
1 P. M.—Men's League for Woman Suffrage Conference at Voss for Women Restaurant, 70 Wall street.
3 P. M.—French committee meeting, 48 East Thirty-fourth street.
8 P. M.—Women's Political Union Boxing Shop "Winner," 125th street and Seventh avenue.
8:15 P. M.—Women's Political Union, Sixteenth Senatorial District, Third avenue and Eighty-sixth street.
8:30 P. M.—Women's Political Union, Twentieth Senatorial District, Third avenue and Ninety-eighth street.

CADDIES' TOURNAMENT EXCITES BRIARCLIFF

Winner Gets Purse Filled With Gold—Many Entertainments at Lodge.

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Philip D. Armour and Miss A. S. Gruber of Chicago are at the Briarcliff Lodge, where they will remain until the end of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Butler and Miss A. Butler of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, going to the Berkshires, are at the Lodge for over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leonard are entertaining their son, W. B. Leonard, Jr., of St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bateson and Miss Bateson have joined the all summer colony at the Lodge. Other arrivals are John H. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Best, Miss Helen Best, Miss M. L. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph O'Brien of New York; Mrs. Mary N. Elting and Miss Fannie B. Elting and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Curtis of Brooklyn; Mrs. J. Wilson Poucher and Miss Annie L. Poucher of Poughkeepsie and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Van Voorhis of Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Munoz have returned from a stay at Manhattan Beach and will remain at the Lodge for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rhodes of New Orleans, touring the White Mountains, are making the Lodge their over Sunday stopping place, as are Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sherman of Providence, R. I., en route to Delaware Water Gap; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burpee and Mrs. A. B. Scott of Philadelphia, touring to New England, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burchard of New York, touring northward.

Norman Angel of London is at Briarcliff for a two weeks stay.

Miss M. E. Ross has joined her sister, Mrs. David von Emburg, at the Lodge.

Judge Peter S. Grosscup has returned from his western trip and will pass the remainder of the summer at Briarcliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Albright gave a dinner at the Briarcliff Lodge on Saturday evening, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Parson of Allenhurst, N. J.; C. P. Case and Miss Case of Briarcliff and C. T. Newbury of Chicago.

The annual caddies' tournament was held on the Briarcliff links on Thursday and brought out a large number of guests of Briarcliff Lodge to watch their favorite caddies play. The first prize, a purse filled with gold, given by the guests, was won by Charles Kane, with a score of 83 for the 18 holes.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Reed will entertain with a dinner in honor of Mr. Reed's birthday. The pergola dinner will be followed by a dance. Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barton Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Walter Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. George McNear, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Munson and Mr. and Mrs. H. Edward Manville.

LYN HARDING ARRIVES TO PORTRAY SVENGALI

English Actor Brings Word of Better Conditions in London Theatres.

Lyn Harding, one of the best known of the English actors of to-day, reached New York yesterday by the Lapland. He will appear as *Svengali* in Joseph Brooks's all star production of "Trilby." He was last seen in this city in "The Great Adventure," at the Booth Theatre. Before that he was in David Belasco's production of "Years of Discretion." He recently appeared in London in an all star revival of "A Scrap of Paper," and toured the provinces in a play by J. C. Francis, entitled "For France."

"New York is a haven of peace," said Harding at the Hotel Buckingham last night, "and to arrive on Sunday gives one a feeling of repose. At my home in Hertfordshire the din of big gun firing could be heard for six days in every week for nearly a year.

"The war has had an extraordinary effect upon the taste of the British playgoing public. In the early stages of the war managers were alarmed and pessimistic—and pessimism is an infectious condition of mind; it seems to spread to the public. The first thought of the manager, generally speaking, was to secure a war play. He did this, but in the majority of cases he soon found it was not what the public wanted. The public taste just then was for something cheerful.

"Revues, which early last autumn were on the decline, were again brought to life and soon became the rage. Only actors of the best standing proved attractive on the vaudeville stage. Several actor managers and actors took up the wise course of uniting their efforts and in London and the provinces one can now see two or three stars in one play.

"I may safely say that the average receipts of the places of amusement are higher to-day than they were twelve months ago. Soldiers and sailors come home on leave, and they with their relatives make up parties for the theatre. The result is that toward the end of the week one has trouble in getting seats for the successful plays and revues.

"Some very excellent plays, I know, have not been put on because of the difficulty of casting the juvenile parts. You see, so many actors have joined the army. Only a few days before I sailed I shook hands with many young men who were going away to the front, some to the Dardanelles and some to Flanders. The only brother of Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry, who will play the title role in 'Trilby' with me, was one of them."

TO SHOW OIL PAINTINGS.

Mystic, Conn., Exhibition Will Be Opened on August 19.

The second annual exhibition of oil paintings at Mystic, Conn., will open on August 19. This year a special room will be devoted to sketches. On Saturdays half rates will be charged. The exhibition will close August 28.

Among the exhibitors this season are Henry W. Ranger, N. A.; G. Albert Thompson, Colin Campbell Cooper, N. A.; Emma Lambert Cooper, Frederick Ballard Williams, N. A.; F. Usher De Voll, Carl J. Nordell, Margaret Patterson, Henry B. Selden, Harold Dunbar, Roy E. Bates, J. E. Enneking and Charles H. Davis, N. A.

Brooklyn Pastor Critically Ill.

The Rev. Dr. A. J. Lyman, for many years pastor of South Congregational Church, Brooklyn, is lying at the point of death at a private sanitarium at Greenwich, Conn., where he has been under treatment for for some months. He is past 70 years of age.

DRAMATIC FAMINE RESULT OF THE WAR

American Playwrights Have Unequalled Opportunity to Gain Success.

FROHMANS TO GIVE AID

A comprehensive plan to develop an increasing output of American plays and the encouragement of the American playwright is one of the first steps being taken by Augustus Thomas, who lately accepted the art directorship of the Charles Frohman company. The paralysis of foreign play writing brought on by the war has made it necessary to increase the home supply, Mr. Thomas says, and with this end in view the Frohman company will give every possible encouragement to the American dramatist.

"Since last August play writing has been extinguished in seven nations," said Mr. Thomas yesterday. "The theatres of six countries are closed. Previous to last August 60 per cent. of the dramas, comedies and operettas shown on the American stage came from Europe and England. America, which has always made the greatest demand of all countries for theatre entertainment, must hereafter produce its own supply. Play writing is paralyzed throughout Europe for five or ten years to come. Except the plays we now have from Maugham, Barrie, Pinero, Besier, Chambers and Morton no plays will even come out of England for years."

"A nation of eighty millions must hereafter look exclusively to its own writers for its theatre entertainment. It is the American playwright's golden opportunity. This, therefore, enforces a policy of hastening the development of home products."

Mr. Thomas then outlined what he considers a feasible plan to accomplish this result. The potential dramatist, Mr. Thomas holds, is first a newspaper man. The success of Prof. Baker's classes in playwriting at Harvard in the Dramatists Society and the practicability of this manner of work indicate, he said, that if in the large cities of the country sufficient interest could be awakened among a group of writers many good results would follow.

"I do not think," continued Mr. Thomas, "that this method would necessarily turn out a great play or even a successful one, but I do believe that after it was produced the men who had been instructed by its production would employ the same methods to make plays of their own subjects about which they no doubt feel deeply and are thoroughly informed."

Oliver Morosco has set his plans for the production of five new plays in New York before the Christmas holidays. The first will probably be Louis K. Anspacher's three act comedy drama "The Unchastened Woman." It is scheduled for presentation about the first of October. In the cast will be Emily Stevens, Christine Norman, H. Reeves-Smith, Hassard Short, Louis Bennison and Lillian Elliott.

"So Long Letty," a musical play by Mr. Morosco and Elmer Harris, with music by Earl Carroll, is due for a metropolitan premiere during the same month. Sidney Grant and Charlotte Greenwood are to be seen in the principal roles. Other plays on the Morosco calendar are "Sadie Love," a three act comedy by Avery Hopwood, with Marjorie Rambeau as the star, and "Up Stairs and Down," for which Mr. Morosco has engaged a prominent man star whose name will be announced later.

Two companies will be sent on tour in "Peg o' My Heart," one headed by Florence Martin and the other by Dorothy MacKaye. A new play is being selected for Peggy O'Neil, who recently closed a long engagement in "Peg o' My Heart," and "The Bird of Paradise" will go on tour the end of this month.

It was with some regret that New York theatregoers learned last spring that Granville Barker and Lillah McCarthy would not be actively associated in America next season. Mr. Barker, it was said, would return only for a short lecture tour and Miss McCarthy might or might not act again here.

It now appears that both of them have decided to return to America in the fall. Miss McCarthy will appear in her original roles of *Lavinia* in George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion" and in the Anatole France piece "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife." Both these plays will be given in an extensive fall and winter tour of the country under the direction of Percy Burton, who is also manager for Forbes-Robertson. Almost the original casts for the last New York appearance have been reengaged for the countrywide tour.

"I shall always consider August 4 the luckiest day in my life," remarked Marie Dressler on her return to town yesterday, "because on that day I not only won every point in my suit to prove half ownership in the picture of 'Tillie's Punctured Romance,' but also completed a new picture, 'Tillie's Tomato Surprise.'

"I pride myself on the fact that in spite of 'Tillie's Tomato Surprise' being a six reel comedy you will not find in it either a policeman, a siphon, a telephone or a revolver, and any one who has ever seen a comic picture will realize that in avoiding these features we have accomplished at least some feat and are going to give the public something new in the line of vegetables, if not in photo plays.

The Winter Garden is to be enlarged. Structural alterations will be made in some parts of the house and a new gallery is to be added, it is announced. The main orchestra is one of the largest in the city, but there is little space in the upper part of the house. Plans have been filed with the building department for the addition of another story, to accommodate more seats of the 50 and 75 cent variety.

NIGHT BATHING AT ATLANTIC.

Authorities May Put After Dark Beach Patrol at Work.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 8.—Visitors here cannot seem to get enough of the surf while the sun shines, and scores lately have been taking their dip after nightfall. The after dark bathers are growing in number daily, and the authorities are contemplating keeping a beach patrol at work until midnight.

The usual Sunday crowd swarmed the Boardwalk and the sand to-day, and once more the amusement men showed their defiance to the ministers and others who have assailed the law permitting movie theatres and other quiet pastimes to do business on the Sabbath.

Dr. Porter's Funeral To-day.

Funeral services for Dr. P. Brynberg Porter, who died Friday in St. Mark's Hospital, will be held in Christ Church, Seventy-first street and Broadway, this morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Porter was in his seventieth year. He was born in Wilmington, Del., where he practised for forty years. For many years after he came to this city he was the recording secretary of the County Medical Society in New York. Dr. Porter was unmarried.

GRACE GEORGE TO MANAGE PLAYHOUSE

Actress to Direct Her Own Company in a Number of Productions.

MAY APPEAR HERSELF

Grace George, who off the stage is Mrs. William A. Brady, wife of the theatrical producer, is to realize a long cherished ambition to become a manager on her own account. With the consent of her husband, Miss George will assume the artistic direction of the Playhouse beginning in September, putting in force her own policy, selecting her own plays, choosing the players who will be associated with her and making all the productions under her own personal direction.

It has been nearly three years since Miss George has been seen on the New York stage. She has been in practical retirement for about two years. The history of American theatricals shows very few actress-managers. In England several prominent women players have become their own managers, but Miss George is the first woman of the American stage of prominence since Margaret Anglin took up this form of activity, to become associated with the directing end of the theatre.

Miss George and Mr. Brady talked with a SUN reporter yesterday on the plans for the new venture. A number of plays have already been selected for the season's series. Of these several are new, while the programme is also to embrace a number of revivals. No production, they said, will receive more than four weeks consecutive performances and those most in demand will be repeated on single nights during the season.

Plays to Be Produced.

"The offerings which I have decided upon at this time," said Miss George, "include a Moliere comedy, a play by John Galsworthy, another by George Bernard Shaw, a comedy by Pinero, Sheridan's 'The School for Scandal,' two recent successes from the Comedie Francais and one classical play, in addition to two works by American authors."

"When I built the Playhouse," said Mr. Brady, "I had in mind the formation of a permanent acting company upon the lines adopted by the late Augustin Daly at Daly's Theatre and subsequently by

Grace George.

Daniel Frohman at the old Lyceum. This organization was to have been led by Miss George, but a combination of circumstances prevented its immediate execution.

"The present outcome, however, has its compensating feature, since it has enabled the final placing of the undertaking upon a foundation of financial security, eliminating all possible anxiety on that score and enabling Miss George to have complete freedom in carrying out her ideas unhampered."

Subscription Basis Plan.

Several members of the repertoire company to be managed by Miss George, who will herself appear in several representations, it is understood, have been chosen. It is hoped that a number of well established stars will be associated with her for short engagements. The performances will be placed on a subscription basis, similar to that used by the New Theatre some years ago. With no outside capital solicited Miss George will have absolute charge and her decision on matters will be in every case final.

Grace George, who now earns the new title of actress-manager, has had an exentful stage career for over twenty years. She made her first appearance in a minor role in "The New Boy" at the Standard Theatre in 1894. The plays with which she has been most prominently identified are "The Turtle," "Mlle. Fifi," "The Two Orphans," "The Marriage of William Ashe," "Divorcons," "Sylvia," "A Woman's Way," "The School for Scandal," "Sauce for the Goose," "Just to Get Married," "Carnival," "Clothes," "Pretty Peggy" and "Under Southern Skies."

Of late she has received many flattering offers to enter the motion pictures, but has steadfastly refused, preferring to maintain her allegiance to the speaking stage. She is very enthusiastic about her new venture, looking forward with interest to taking over the directorate of the Playhouse as her own manager.

Plays and Players.

"Under Fire," a new war play by Roi Cooper Megrue, instead of opening at the Hudson Theatre Wednesday evening has been postponed until Thursday.

The Lyric Theatre will open this evening with "The Girl Who Smiles," a musical comedy.

Julia Sanderson, Donald Brian and Joseph Cawthorn come to the Knickerbocker Theatre to-night in a return engagement of "The Girl From Utah," presented by the Charles Frohman company.

Joe Weber and Lew Fields begin their first engagement together in vaudeville since 1897 at the Palace Theatre this afternoon. Houdini has been held over for a second week as another feature.

Hubert Wilke has been engaged to portray the role of the Kaiser in the "Ziegfeld Follies" at the New Amsterdam Theatre, succeeding Melville Stewart, who died Thursday.

"Home Again," a three act farce by Thomas Louden, goes into rehearsal today at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre under the direction of B. Iden Payne. It will be produced at the Cort Theatre, Atlantic City, on August 30, with James J. Corbett as the star.

The funeral services of Melville Stewart, who died last week at his home in Sea Gate, were conducted yesterday by St. Cecile Lodge of Masons at the Masonic Temple, Sixth avenue and Twenty-fourth street. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Irene Franklin and Burton Green are writing a new song to be put in "Hands Up" at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre.

OBITUARY.

DR. DELANO S. FITZGERALD.

Baltimore Yachtsman Girdled the Globe Four Times.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 8.—Dr. Delano S. Fitzgerald, 62 years of age, one of the best known members of the Maryland Club, who spent many years in travel in out of the way places in the world, died at his country seat near here today.

While born in America, Dr. Fitzgerald was graduated from the University of France in Paris in 1880. Returning here he became interested in yachting and had built a model of a famous old clipper ship belonging to a fleet owned by his father. Four times he girdled the globe.

Dr. Fitzgerald returned to New York on May 15, 1911, after a six months rest on the rim of the Egyptian desert. It was Dr. Fitzgerald's fourth visit to Egypt. With him he had four tents and a great number of waiters, donkey boys and a cook who had a Paris reputation.

THE REV. DR. JOHN SCRIMGER.

Was Principal of McGill Presbyterian College in Canada.

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—The sudden death occurred yesterday of the Rev. Dr. John Scrimger, 66 years old, principal of McGill Presbyterian College, educator, writer and lecturer, at his summer home at L'Islet au Massacre, Quebec. Dr. Scrimger was the father of Capt. Francis Scrimger, who recently received the Victoria Cross for gallantry at the front in France.

Dr. Scrimger was of Scottish descent and was born in Galt, Ontario. He was graduated with high honors from Toronto University in 1869 and devoted himself to educational work. He was Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and for five years was the editor of the *Presbyterian Review* of Toronto.

Richard J. Lyons.

Richard J. Lyons, head of the tailoring firm which bears his name at 338 Fifth avenue, died yesterday at his summer home in Brewster, N. Y., of a complication of diseases. He was 72 years old. He was born in Ireland and came to this country in 1866.

Among the organizations of which Mr. Lyons was a member are the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Knights of Columbus, the Irish-American Historical Society and the Catholic Club of New York. His city residence was at 201 West 104th street. He is survived by his sons, David J. and Richard J. Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. John Goodwin.

Dr. Arthur T. Hills.

As a result of an attack of Bright's disease while visiting his brother, Dr. Alfred K. Hills, at Hudson, N. Y., Dr. Arthur T. Hills of this city died Saturday in a hospital in Nashua, N. H. Dr. Hills was 65 years old. He leaves a wife and daughter. He was born in Hudson, N. Y. When he was graduated from college he became a student in the New York Homoeopathic College and later practised in this city. He lived at Bretton Hall. Dr. Hills was a member of the Mendelssohn Glee Club, the Lotos and Republican clubs.

August C. Wegner.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 8.—August C. Wegner, for fifty years a cigar manufacturer here, died in his Park avenue home last night from injuries received Wednesday when run down by a street car in front of his residence. He was 75 years old. Born in Germany, he was 2 years old when his parents settled in this country. He joined the Confederates in the civil war, was taken prisoner at Galveston and at New Orleans swore allegiance to the Union. He leaves a wife and son.

Van Vorst Wells.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Aug. 8.—Van Vorst Wells, secretary of the Bergen County Tax Board and secretary of the Union League Club of Hackensack, died last night at his home on Park street. He was 44 years old and was a Spanish war veteran. He was active in Republican politics.

Mrs. Henrietta C. Peck.

ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 8.—Ignorant of the death on Friday of her son, William C. Peck, at 124 Kingston avenue, Brooklyn, Mrs. Henrietta C. Peck died last night at the home of her only surviving child, Mrs. Frank A. Dayton, 78 Prospect street, East Orange. Mrs. Peck was 82 years old and the widow of William H. Peck of Brooklyn.

James T. Hutchison.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Aug. 8.—James T. Hutchison, a former member of the Hackensack Improvement Commission, died last night at his home on Camden street. He was a member of the Hackensack lodge of Elks and belonged to other societies. He leaves a wife and three daughters. He was 46 years old.

THE SEAGOERS.

Arrivals yesterday by the American liner St. Paul, from Liverpool:

Mrs. Harry Blake.
Mrs. William H. Bradford.
Charles N. Burlingame.
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conrad.
Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Fairfax.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Sayerwather.
Prof. and Mrs. Charles Mills Gayley.
Miss Edna Goodrich.
Victor M. de la Guardia.