DR. AND MRS. TAYLOR.

CAUSE OF THE CHINA ISLAND MISSION PRESENTED HERE.

THE SERVICES ATTRACT CROWDS

The Missionary a Firm Believer in the Efficacy of Prayer—Remarkable Service at Broad-Street Methodist Church Sunday Morning—Mrs. Taylor at Centenary and Elsewhere—Other Meetings Scheduled.

Despite the rain and disagreeable weather a large congregation gathered at the Broad-Street Methodist church on Sunday morning to listen to the first address of Dr. Howard Taylor, who spoke in the interest of the China Inland Mission. It is conceded by all who heard the address that it was one of the most remarkable ever heard in Richmond. Dr. Taylor's story of the immense good being done by the missionary effort which he represents opened the eyes of his auditors to the great work and to the greater possibilities for the future.

Dr. Taylor is a firm believer in the efficacy of prayer, and he told of the many instances where the prayers of the missionary workers have been answered. Indeed, he declared that he has yet to see a prayer that has not been answered.

"After thirty-five years of labor in missions," said Dr. Taylor, "I cannot recall one instance in which the promises of God have not been absolutely fulfilled in answer to specific prayer." He declared that prayer is the most essential element which enters into missionary work—the prayer by the Church at home for the workers in the field, and the prayer of the workers for themselves.

The China Inland work itself had been started, he said, thirty-five years ago, with eight workers in the field. Now there are 800 missionaries there and 800 native workers. The mission is conducted at an expense of about $400,000. Up to this time, Dr. Taylor declared, there has been no public appeal, no personal appeal, and no collection of any sort. They carry the system of faith and prayer to the utmost. They simply pray for what they need, and they get it. There is an office in Philadelphia and another in London, where contributions are left or sent voluntarily.

Mr. Taylor told of an incident as illustrating the efficacy of prayer. The mission wished to send more workers to the field, and it was thought best to pray for volunteers. Then it was found that $25,000 would be needed, and some of the directors thought that it would be a long time coming, in the light of previous experience, but the money was prayed for, and, at a meeting held soon after that in England, a gentleman gave his check for £5,000, or $25,000, without being asked for it.

MRS. TAYLOR.

Mrs. Taylor spoke at the morning service at Laurel-Street Methodist church and at night at Centenary.

In a bright and charming manner Mrs. Taylor told of the hardships the missionaries encounter on reaching China. She told how the Gospel is received among the heathen, and drew a vivid picture of China. "We don't begin to realize until we arrive there the forces that are arrayed against the Gospel," said she. "When you land in some city like Shanghai, you find people proud in their culture and content with their cities. You learn of four of the most wonderful religions in the world. The religion of State is the oldest regilion in the world except Judaism."

Mrs. Taylor then told of how these people worshipped; have their own law, poetry, and philosophy, and their belief that what Confucius teaches is true and what he does not teach is unnecessary and superfluous.

Buddism and idolatry were two of the degraded religions. Mrs. Taylor told of how those who worshipped idols held their public seances and profess to move things by the power of evil spirits.

"An opium smoker," said Mrs. Taylor "is morally more degraded than a habitual drunkard in this country," and the habit is the great evil of China.

Her leading thought was that power is measured by what it can overcome. She spoke of the opposition in China to all foreign teaching and how the Gospel is overcoming all this prejudice and scepticism. She showed conclusively how the Gospel is overcoming all the obstacles in its way—the agnosticism of Confucian scholars, the worship of demons, immorality, gambling, and opium smoking. Remarkable instances of the reform of noted gamblers and opium smokers were given.

Mrs. Taylor closed with an appeal for the unconverted of the congregation to come under the influence of Christian teaching.

THIS AFTERNOON.

By the unanimous invitation of the Episcopal clergy of the city, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor will address a meeting at Grace Episcopal church at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The clergy invites all members of their churches, who can make it convenient to be present. They hope that the officers and members of the women's auxiliaries will make this meeting widely known and endeavor to secure a full attendance.

AT UNION-STATION TO-NIGHT.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor will speak at Union-Station Methodist church tonight at 8 o'clock. No collection will be taken This will be their only meeting on Church Hill, and all the churches are invited to rally and make it a great service. No one can afford to miss hearing Dr. and Mrs. Taylor.

SERVICES YESTERDAY.

Mrs. Taylor delighted a large audience yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Baptist church, and last night Dr. Taylor spoke to a crowded house at the Second Presbyterian church.

DEY-TREHY CONTEST TO-DAY.

Committeemen and Interested Parties Assembling in the City.

The Democratic State Central Committee, a body composed of five members from each congressional district, will meet to-night at 8 o'clock at Murphy's Hotel, pursuant to call of State-Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson, for the purpose of hearing and deciding the long-continued and bitter contest between two factions in the party in the city of Norfolk as to regularity. Already several members of the committee or those holding proxies of members are here preparatory to the fight in the committee to-night, for it is conceded that it will be a stubbornly fought and somewhat acrimonious contest, with the result very much in doubt.

Among those in the city who are here to attend this meeting is Mr. James V. Trehy, of Norfolk, Clerk of the courts of that city and head of one of the factions. He is at Murphy's Hotel. Senator W. P. Barksdale, who will be present with a proxy; Hon. D. Q. Eggleston, a member of the committee; Hon. Claggett B. Jones, another member, and several others.

Both sides are endeavoring to secure proxies from those who cannot come, and it is safe to say that every one of the fifty committeemen will be present or represented at the meeting. Among those in the city to attend the meeting are Senator W. W. Sale, Messrs. Thomas J. Randolph, A. T. Stroud, and L. D. Thornton.

Large delegations from Norfolk representing both the Dey and Trehy factions will be present to-night, and a battle royal is anticipated.

THE C. & O. EMPLOYES.

Arbitration Committees in Conference With Officials Here.

The arbitration committees of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen are still in the city, and will be here the greater part of the week in conference with General-Manager Doyle and other officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway relative to certain grievances which the members of those two organizations are endeavoring to adjust. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the Chesapeake and Ohio system are expected to have a committee here to-day or to-morrow, presumably to co-operate with the two kindred orders in their position in this matter. The members of the committees are quietly at work, but are not airing their grievances in the newspapers. It is anticipated that the matters at issue will be amicably adjusted.

A Wig

You don't see very many wigs nowadays. People have been educated how to care for the hair. That's one reason. Another is, Ayer's Hair Vigor makes wigs unnecessary. Nothing its equal for feeding the hair.

"For many years my hair has come out so fast every winter that I had to wear a wig. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped the falling, and made my hair grow so that last winter I did not use my wig at all."

Sarah F. Lewis, Pittsburg, Pa.

$1. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

TOBACCO WAR IN ENGLAND.

Prospectus of the Imperial Company Expected by Next Mail.

From English newspapers published by the tobacco trade of the United Kingdom it may be seen that the Britishers are fully alive to the situation popularly known as the American conflict now agitating all classes across the seas. The prospectus of the $75,000,000 corporation, known as the Imperial Tobacco Company, is being prepared, and will be issued the next mail, and its appearance is awaited with interest. The Imperial is a combination of British manufacturers, formed in order more successfully to meet American competition, due to the invasion of the foreign markets by the Yankee. Henry Wills is the head of the powerful British syndicate, which will oppose that headed by Mr. Duke, and is said to be a wonderful financier and organizer. He is the head of one of the largest cigarette manufacturing firms in the kingdom, employing nearly 5,000 hands.

AT THE HOTELS.

Some of Yesterday's Arrivals—Where They Are Staying.

Among the arrivals at Murphy's Hotel yesterday were Hon. D. Gardiner Tyler, of Charles City county, and Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler, of Williamsburg, who come to Richmond to meet the remains of Mr. Tyler's brother, who died yesterday, and will be buried here.

Messrs. A. T. Stroud, Thomas J. Randolph, and W. W. Sale, of Norfolk, are all at Murphy's, having come here to be present at the meeting of the Democratic State Committee to-night.

Captain C. E. Vawter, principal of the Miller Manual Labor School, one of the finest technological institutions in this country, is in the city stopping at Murphy's. Captain Vawter is well known in the educational world.

Among the other Virginians registered at Murphy's yesterday are F. B. Hubbell, of Alexandria; Hugh McPhee, of Crewe; Dr. L. A. Slater, of New Kent, and A. R. Stansbury, of Norfolk.

Mr. James Hancock, a well-known business man, and formerly one of the leading leaf-tobacco dealers of Lynchburg, is in the city, stopping at Murphy's.

Mr. S. Gordon Cumming, member of the House of Delegates for Elizabeth City and Accomac, was in the city yesterday for a short time.

Among the Virginians registered at the New Ford's yesterday are: H. S. Davis, of Danville; H. J. Clark, of Ivy Depot, and Eldridge Turner, of Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bailey, of Norfolk, arrived in the city last night, and are at the Lexington. Mr. Bailey is a well-known newspaper-writer of Norfolk.

Dr. John W. Lawson, member of the convention for Isle of Wight, returned to the city last night from his home, where he spent Sunday. He is at the Lexington.

Thes Virginians are at the Lexington: A. W. Pittman; E. M. Lee, of Williamsburg; B. G. Smith, of Newport News, and T. M. Hewitt, of Weyanoke.

Briefs and Personals.

Professor S. T. Pendlton, principal of Central Public School, is confined to his bed by grip.

The Craig Art Company has presented the Firemen's Relief Association with a check for $50, as a token of appreciation for services at the recent fire at the Art Company's store.

Judge H. E. Blair, of Salem, is in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. John Claiborne.

Mr. Barbour Thompson, one of the vice-presidents of the Southern railway, is in the city on business connected with the road. He lives in Atlanta.

The Rockett's Democratic Club will meet at Hogan's Hall to-night to reorganize.

Superintendent Helm, of the penitentiary, has about recovered from an attack of pleurisy.

"Romance of a Poor Young Man."

The benefit to be given at the Academy of Music to-morrow night for the Home of Needy Confederate Women is one that should appeal to every charitable person. A brilliant array of talent is promised. Five of Richmond's charming young ladies are to make their first appearance on the dramatic stage. They are Mrs. Jennie Yeamens, Mrs. Coghill, Miss Pattie McGee, Miss Mary James, Miss Mattie Pegram, and Miss Ethel Yeamans. The piece to be given is "The Romance of a Poor Young Man," adapted from the French of Octave Feuillet by Pierrepont Morgan and Lester Wallack. The beautiful music of the piece will be sung by the Imperial Quartette, and the Richmond Light-Infantry Blues' Band will be in attendance.

Mr. Pierson, a veteran actor, who has given many creditable productions here for charity, says this will excell all his former efforts in Richmond.

Everything has been given free, and as the home is much in need of funds, it is hoped the public will respond handsomely. Tickets have been placed at the small sum of 50 cents, with reserved seat, and are on sale at the Academy of Music, music stores, Branch R. Allen's, and at Mrs. A. J. Pyle's.

Henry Noyes Dead in Texas.

The following telegram was received in Richmond yesterday:

Sabine, Tex.

T. A. Luck & Brother, Richmond, Va.:

Henry Noyes died this morning. Can you communicate with his mother. Embalmed. J. J. SHAWN.

Messrs. Luck & Co. do not know the person referred to, but are making an effort to locate the dead man's family.

Clerk Walford Ill.

Mr. Charles P. Walford, clerk of the City School Board, has been unwell for a week or more. He has been ill with a form of malarial-fever which has very persistently resisted treatment, and in the last few days has given indications of developing into typhoid-fever.

THE MINE WORKERS TAKE IMPORTANT ACTION.

An Assessment is Levied Sufficient to Carry to Successful Termination All Existing Strikes.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 27.—The United Mine-Workers took to-day what is regarded by many of the delegates as the most important action of the convention. A resolution providing that the convention should levy an assessment on all the members of the organization, sufficient for the purpose of carrying to speedy and successful termination all strikes now engaged in by the entire organization, was adopted, after considerable debate.

President Mitchell had an understanding with the convention that the levy is to cover only such strikes as have the endorsement of the National Board.

It is the announced purpose of the miners to fight the operators to the end in all these strikes, as the principle of whether or not the organization is to be recognized is at stake.

A resolution calling on national organizers to unionize the miners of West Virginia and Virgina for the good of the order, was referred to the Executive Committee.

GORMAN NOTIFIED OF HIS ELECTION.

He Asks Honorable Opponents to Confer With Him as Freely as Democrats.

BALTIMORE, MD., January 27.—United States Senator-elect Arthur P. Gorman was officially notified of his election here to-day. A joint committee from the House and Senate conveyed the information, which was officially announced in brief addresses. Mr. Gorman responded briefly. He said in part:

"Governed always by the cardinal principles of the party to which I belong, it will be a pleasure, as well as a duty, for me, on all occasions, to represent the whole people; and our honorable opponents in party contests must always feel that they have the right to come to me as freely as if we were members of the same party, and they will find in the future, as in the past, an earnest desire on my part to give them as cordial a reception, and accord their suggestions as careful consideration, as those coming from members of my own policital household."

THREAT OF PANIC ON CHICAGO BOARD.

Bottom Apparently Out of Oats—Support, However, Soon Appears—Raid on Patten.

CHICAGO, January 27.—Panic started Board of Trade speculators in the face when business opened to-day, for the bottom had seemingly fallen out of oats. It all came about by reason of a campaign begun by liquidation in May oats. For some time traders had been predicting that something would happen in oats, and as soon as the stream of May oats began to flow into the pit, prices dropped steadily. At once gossip had it that James Patten, Mayor of Evanston, who is credited with a corner of 10,000,000 bushels of May oats, was unloading. Weak holders of margined oats had to let go everything they had. Exuberant bears immediately began to sell short in great quantities, and everything went by the board. Millions of bushels were liquidated, and in less than half an hour May oats fell 5 cents. Support, however, soon appeared, in a marked degree. The talk changed from Patten liquidation to the other view of it—that an attempt had been made again to squeeze Patten. When it was found that Patten was buying, and other longs came to the support, the early short sellers became frightened, hurried to cover, and prices as quickly began to ascend again. In fifteen minutes May had recovered nearly all its losses. The usual weather and crop conditions had practically nothing to do with the onslaught. It was a case of speculative manipulation.

Later developments show that the bears had taken advantage of Patten's absence from the pit to raid the market. Mr. Patten made this statement: "I have not sold a 'five' of oats this morning. It is a deliberate raid. I have no doubt it was started to raid me. The tallers are out, but the people who planned to raid me did not get what they were after."

WILLS REAPPOINTED AS POSTMASTER.

But He is Cautioned Against Violations of the Civil Service Law in His Office.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 27.—The President to-day decided on the reappointment of Postmaster A. F. Wills, of Nashville, Tenn, but wrote the postmaster a letter cautioning him against any violation of the civil-service law in his office. This action follows a report which the Civil-Service Commission made to the President of an investigation of charges against the postmaster of a political nature. The report holds that Postmaster Wills committed a technical violation of the civil-service law, in giving $150 to another officer for political purpose, and in causing the collection of certain sums from subordinates to reimburse him. The report says that there was no correction.

"TO ENFORCE ELECTION LAWS."

Measure Agreed On by Southern Republicans in Congress—Crumpacker Bill Without Support.

WASHINGTON, January 27.—At a caucus to-night of Southern Republicans steps were taken looking to the preparation of a measure to be introduced in both houses, comprising an amalgamation of the best features of the bills already presented in the House by Messrs. Bartholdt, of Missouri, and Gibson, of Tennessee, for the enforcement of the election laws. Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, presided, and after the matter had been thoroughly discussed, he designated Mr. Gibson to prepare the proposed measure, whose features were tentatively agreed upon. These, Senator Pritchard says, provide for the honest enforcement of the State election laws, giving the right of minority representation, and means by which the aggrieved party contesting an election case may be heard by the State Canvassing Board. If he is disappointed with the result, he is to have the right of appeal to the district judge, who is clothed with power to hear and try questions of law and fact de novo raised before the Canvassing Board, and to issue the certificate of election to the person having the highest number of votes. This is to constitute prima facie evidence of his election, upon which he may be sworn in by the House.

There was some discussion of the Crumpacker bill, which reduces the congressional representation in the South on the basis of the vote cast at elections, but the sentiment of nearly all the members present was against it. In its stead the southern Republicans will offer the measure agreed on to-night. There were present at the meeting, in addition to Senator Pritchard, Senator Elkins, and Representatives Bartholdt; Gibson, of Tennessee; Boreing, of Kentucky; Moody, of North Carolina; Gaines, of West Virginia; Dovener, of West Virginia, and Ball, of Delaware.

EXTREME COLD IN NORTHWEST

Drop of 46 Degress in 24 Hours—One Death from Freezing—Blizzard in the South.

CHICAGO, January 27.—Chicago is struggling under the biting blasts of a cold wave that arrived last night, the offshoot of the blizzard that has been raging in the Northwest. In the last twenty-four hours the temperature has fallen 46 degrees, having touched 8 degrees below zero at dawn. One death from freezing is reported.

All the Northwest is suffering from the extremely cold weather, which covers all the Upper Lake region and the region of the Mississippi Valley with zero temperatures. In the far Northwestern States the range of temperature is from 10 to 24 degrees below zero. Traffic has been generally impeded, and trains are reported late on all roads.

FOUR BELOW, AND FALLING.

To-night the wind, which had blown a half gale all day, died away. To-night the temperature was 4 below, and falling slowly. Cold weather is promised for to-morrow, and slowly moderating temperature for Wednesday.

The most severe conditions to-night existed in the Lake Superior region, where the temperature ranged from 8 below to 12 below, and the wind blew a gale.

FREEZING WEATHER SOUTH.

The blizzard is also felt in the South. At Huntington, W. Va., twenty-four hours of heavy rain has been followed to-day by the fiercest snow-storm of the season, which prevails throughout Southwestern Virginia. Traffic is delayed on all railroads. Freezing temperature is reported as far South as Galveston, Tex.

A drop of nearly 50 degrees is reported at Nashville and Memphis, Tenn. Louisville, Ky., was visited by a severe sleet-storm last night, and the thermometer there to-day registered 13 above zero.

NEELY'S SHORTAGE PLACED AT $131,413.

That is the Estimate Made by Inspector Gregory, of the Post-Office Department.

HAVANA, January 27.—The chief witness to-day in the trial of the charges growing out of the Cuban postal frauds was Inspector Gregory, who hald that the accounts of C. F. W. Neely were examined from three different standpoints, and that, even with a credit to Neely of the $392,000 stamps destroyed, there was a shorage in his accouns of $30,600, while with the exact amount debited against him by Washington, and shown by the auditor's books, there was a shortage of $100,813. Gregory said the cash account showed a shortage of $110,278, and he estimated the total shortage at $131,413.

THE TRIAL OF PATRICK.

First Witness on Subject of Cause of Rice's Death.

NEW YORK, January 27.—The second day of the tral of Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, accused of the murder of William Marsh Rice, brought it up to the point where the cause of the death of the millionaire is sought to be determined. The first witness along this line of inquiry introduced by the prosecution was Dr. Hamilton Williams, one of the physicians attached to the Coroner's staff, who attended the autopsy. He testified that Rice's lungs were congested. Williams said, in reply to a question, that "nothing else than a gaseous irritant could produce the condition of the lungs. I may say that, instead of believing, I know from experience this to be a fact." Pneumonia could not produce the conditions he found in Mr. Rice's lungs. He found all of Rice's organs normal, except for the lung congestion.

The only admission the defence secured from the witness was that many of the ordinary indications of death from chloroform were absent in the case of Mr. Rice.

Charles Plowright, the undertaker, who was called in by Patrick to prepare the body of Rice for cremation, testified that he had said to Patrick that it would require twenty-four hours to prepare for cremation, and suggesting embalming; to which Patrick consented. John S. Plowright's assistant testified that Patrick had shown him a letter signed by Rice, expressing the wish that after death his body should be cremated. The morning after the day set for cremating, he had been called to the telephone by Patrick, and told by Patrick that the cremation must be called off, in consequence of a telegram he (Patrick) had just received from Texas, but that it would probably be held two days later. The letter to which the witness alluded was dated August 3, 1900. It was admitted as evidence.

KERN IN NEW YORK.

He Will Not Reveal Hiding Place of $15,000 Pearl.

NEW YORK, January 27.—Edward Kern, the valet of Paul G. Thebaud, who is accused of having robbed his employer of $50,000 worth of jewelry, reached this city to-day, in custody.

Kern told Captain Titus of places in this city where he has pawned small pieces of jewelry, but when asked if he would reveal the hiding place of a $15,000 pearl, he said he was not ready, and that whether he would or not depended upon the advice of his lawyer.

Extension of Georgia Railroad.

ATLANTA, GA., January 27.—The Secretary of State to-day granted an amendment to the charter of the Wadley and Mount Vernon railroad, permitting an extension of the road from Ricksville, Ga., to Valdosta, Ga., a distance of 200 miles. The proposed extension will run through the counties of Emanuel, Montgomery, Laurens, Dodge, Telfair, Wilcox, Coffee, Irwin, Berry, Clinch, and Lowndes.

To Look Into Philippine Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 27.—Senator Lodge, chairman of the Philippine Committee, to-day favorably reported a resolution authorizing that committee to make an investigation of the Philippine question, and for that purpose to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

Lumberman Commits Suicide.

APALACHICOLA, FLA., January 27.—S. M. Kimball, of this city, committed suicide to-day, using a gun. Mr. Kimball was president of the Apalachicola Lumber Company, one of the largest concerns here, an extensive shipper of lumber, and owning a number of lighters and tow-boats plying between Apalachicola and Carrabelle. He was about 60 years old. It is believed that his suicide was induced by business troubles. His health was thought to be good.

Coming Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Prosser have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Mr. William Brandon Rudd, of Hampton, Va., the ceremony to occur at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of February 6th at St. John's church.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bowman have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Alice May, to Mr. William Manson Grubbs, of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Tuesday evening, February 11th, at 6 o'clock, at their residence, on Fourth avenue, Chestnut Hill.

PAST MASTERS MEET.

VETERAN MASONS ASSEMBLE ABOUT THE BANQUET BOARD.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Solomon W. Fleishman, President—Past-Master J. Thompson Brown Made an Eloquent Address, and There Were a Number of Informal Toasts—Caterer Krause's Spread Highly Enjoyed.

The Past-Masters' Association of Richmond, an organization of veteran Masons, held their annual meeting and banquet at the Temple last night and elected officers for the ensuing year. There were nearly one hundred past-masters present, and the meeting was, perhaps, the most enjoyable ever held.

Past-Master N. R. Savage, the retiring president, was in the chair, and there were present many of the most prominent members of the craft in the city.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of the following, to serve for one year: Solomon W. Fleishman, president; John F. Mayer, vice-president, and Isadore Lovenstein, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lovenstein was re-elected for the fourth or fifth term.

President Savage introduced the president-elect, Mr. Fleishman, who delivered an address in the nature of an inaugural. It was an excellent address and was warmly applauded.

Past-Master J. Thompson Brown, one of the most enthusiastic members of the order, delivered an eloquent address on the tenets of Masonry. This address was greatly enjoyed, and the speaker was warmly congratulated on his exposition of a theme dear to all hearts.

AT THE BOARD.

After the addresses the association adjourned to the banquet-hall, where Caterer William Krause had, with his accustomed skill, spread a feast worthy of the occasion. There were nearly a hundred at the tables. Each table was decorated with roses. The following menu was served in elegant style:

Huitres.
Celery. Buzzard Bays. Olives.
Potage.
Consomme en Tasse.
Poisson.
Sheepshead, a la Creme au Gratin.
Salted Almonds. Cheese Straws.
Entrees.
Lobster Cutlets, Victoria.
Sorbet.
A la Savage.
Rotis.
Braised Quail. Mushroom Sauce.
Dessert.
Meringue a la Cream.
Fromage.
Roquefort en Edam.
Cafe. Cigars—Havanas.
Champagne Punch, Sauterne, Amontillads
Creme de Menthe.

SEVERAL INFORMAL TOASTS.

While there were no set toasts, several informal ones were proposed and drunk, the responses being made by Messrs. J. W. Anderson, J. H. Capers, F. W. Cunningham, J. C. Clift, Julius Straus, and others.

After the banquet, and just before midnight, the fraters, in chorus, led by Past-Master Frank W. Cunningham, sang "Auld Lang Syne," the beautiful production composed by Burns, himself a Mason, and for use in Masonic gatherings. There was a touch of pathos in the rendition of the old hymn, for many of those who sang it are old, and ere another annual meeting of the association it is not improbable that some of those present last night may be missing from the banquet-hall.

OLDEST IN THE COUNTRY.

Attention was called by Past-Master Frank P. Brent to the fact that Richmond has the oldest Masonic lodge temple in the United States, the old hall near the corner of Eighteenth and Franklin streets, still occupied as a lodge-room by Richmond Randolph Lodge. It was in this old hall that Lafayette, when a visitor to this country in 1824, presided over the meeting of the lodge, and here John Marshall, Edmund Randolph, Robert Brooke, and other eminent Virginians were wont to assemble. The records of the lodge are still carefully preserved there, and the minutes are signed by Lafayette.

CITY TO SUPPORT ONE NURSE.

Ladies Interested in the Poor Appear Before Committee.

The work of the Nurses' Settlement, an organization whose purpose it is to provide trained nursing without charge in cases of illness among the poor of the city, was presented to the Council Committee on the Relief of the Poor last night. Mrs. George Wayne Anderson, the president of the Board of Managers of the Visiting Nurses' Association, recently formed, was present. Colonel George Wayne Anderson addressed the committee. Three young ladies, graduate nurses of skill and experience, among them Miss Cabaniss, for somei time head nurse of the Old Dominion Hospital, have enlisted in this work. During the past two months more than three hundred visits have been made. A vast amount of suffering has been relieved. In cases of comparatively minor importance a visit of an hour has left advice and counsel of the largest value. In critical cases a longer stay of the nurse has been a welcome help in an hour of sore need. The young ladies engaged in this work offer their services to the society without charge other than what is necessary for their support.

For the prosecution of the work, with incidental expenses, about $450 a year for each nurse engaged is necessary. The society requests that the city support one nurse. The churches and individuals interested in the work will support two or three. The work is non-sectarian and for both races. The nurses engaged in it will from time to time visit the City Hospital and assist those doing similar work there, with counsel and instruction. Colonel Anderson made a strong appeal for this work as one of the most noble charities which presents itself to the attention of the city. The committee unanimously recommended that the Finance Committee be asked to include in the budget an appropriation of $500 for the support of a nurse.

The committee also received a report of a sub-committee on the crowded condition of the colored almshouse. It set forth that both the male and female departments were much overcrowded, and recommended that the female department be removed to the frame annex of the colored almshouse, and that the present hospital building be used for males. The present condition of affairs was described as "almost inhuman," and one that should be relieved at once. The sum of $1,000, to be appropriated for necessary repairs and changes incidental to this change, was recommended, and the whole report adopted.

The Claims and Salaries and Accounts and Printing committees failed to secure quorums.

The committees on Streets and Third Market will meet to-day at 5 o'clock.

Other committees meeting this week are:

For Thursday—Second Market, at 7:30 o'clock; Schools, at 7:45; Water, at 8:15.

For Friday—Police, at 4:30 o'clock; St. John's Burying-Ground, at 8.

MR. RICHARD MANSFIELD.

A Brilliant Audience Witnessed Beaucaire Last Night—The Bijou.

By far the most brilliant audience the Academy has held, either this season or last, gathered at that playhouse last evening to witness Mr. Richard Mansfield in his production of "Beaucaire." As it was the distinguished actor whom the public wished to see, rather than the play, the production may be said to have been a notable success. For certainly Mr. Mansfield, in this comedy, is the centre of attraction, while all of the other thirty-odd characters are mere puppets, whose object seems to be chiefly to dress the stage. And that they do in a superb manner. Such an elaborate production has not been seen here in years. "Beaucaire" is simply a "one-man" piece, but as Mr. Mansfield is that man, the result is entirely satisfactory. After all, it is Mr. Mansfield who is the magnet, and it is probably but fair that he be given the entire task of entertaining those who have been drawn thither by his magic name. It must, however, be anything but a satisfaction to the score and a half of players to furnish both background and frame for the picture of which Mr. Mansfield is the centre.

"Beaucaire" is a role which fits Mr. Mansfield to a nicety. In this creation may be found the elegance of manner of a courtier, the sentiment of a poet, the gallantry of a knight, and the bravado of a swashbuckler. In all of these Mr. Mansfield excells. Then, too, add to this a charming French accent, and we have Monsieur Beaucaire. The reception accorded the actor could not have been more cordial. It was even enthusiastic, for there were several curtain calls after the second, third, and fourth acts. The company had so little part in the production that it is useless to mention them. Miss Lettice Fairfax was satisfactory as Lady Carlisle, though there cannot be much honor in that. Miss Ethel Knight Mollison renewed her acquaintance with Richmond theatregoers, who gave her a most hearty reception. She has by no means been forgotten since last summer. She was altogether charming as Mrs. Mabsby, a part which, like the others, afforded no opportunity, save the display of magnificent costumes.

A hundred more seats and standing room for a hundred more might have about filled the demand for the call made on the Bijou last night to accommodate the audience that gathered to again welcome the Bijou Musical Comedy Company.

And it can be announced with positiveness that "The Man from Mexico" the musical comedy presented is one of the most successful pieces the popular company has yet produced. The audience that filled every bit of room in the house laughed long and loud, and the bits of artistic dramatic work by some of the principals called for frequent outbursts of applause that demonstrated that the gathering liked what was being done.

And the music was in keeping with what Max Hoffman always does. One week it is a "Ching-a-Ling Loo," or a "Love Me Lize," or "M-o-n-e-y," and then he comes out with something else that the people say is better than the other. This week the star musical number is a cute little thing he has called "Howde, My Petty Zulu Lu," and with Mary Marble and Little Chip blacked up like two little "nigs," the new song was launched with a hit that completely eclipsed the best of them all.

"The Man from Mexico" is not altogether different from the Hoyt plays. It is full of the brightest and wittiest lines one could imagine, and it tells a story that is full of those little bits of expression that are soon turned into common every-day expressions of wit in the clubs, the drawing-room ,and the parlors. And with a company like the Wells troupe, how they did play it!

In stage mountings Manager Wells has never done better. The first act represented the reception-room of a well-to-do man, and the second the warden's office at a prison. In this act modern ideas in stagecraft prevailed, and perfection added to the success of the production. The usual performances all the week, including matinee this afternoon.

Herrmann the Great, who ranks to-day as the leading magician of the world, having performed in all the civilized countries on the globe and established a reputation that is solid as the "Rock of Gibraltar" itself, appears here on Thursday afternoon and evening at the Academy. Herrmann's ledgerdemain is bewildering, amusing, and sensational. There is no doubt that he is to-day the only representative of the black art who pays special attention to sleight of hand He is accompanied by McWatters & Tyson & Co., who present during the evening their latest New York vaudeville success, entitled "Scenes in the Dressing-Room," introducing all the latest songs, etc. Seats are now on sale.

"Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines" and Ethel Barrymore have taken the fancy of theatre-goers as no other attraction has done for years. Everybody old enough will recall the fact that the tune of the fantastic name was immensely popular thirty years ago, and equal vogue has come to the play of the same title. It is a deliciously funny comedy, with a pretty love story. Miss Barrymore in the role of the heroine has aided wonderfully the original merit of the play, and through her work in it has attained rank among the leading actresses of the country in shorter order than has been the fortune of any of the others. The play ran for 200 nights at the Garrick Theatre, New York, last season, the longest run made by any attraction. Miss Barrymore in "Captain Jinks" will be at the Academy of Music on Saturday, February 1st.

ACCIDENT TO ARTILLERY.

Three Men Injured, One, It is Feared, Fatally.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., January 27.—Three men of the Second Field Artillery were badly injured, one fatally, on the drill ground at Fort Sam Houston, while at drill to-day. The gun-carriage was overturned while making an "into-line" movement, and the three men were caught beneath.

George Warnslee, of Los Angeles, Cal., had the scalp torn almost from his head, and his right thigh broken, besides sustaining other severe injuries. It is feared he cannot recover. Albert Davidson, of Mobile, Ala., and Albert Brown, of McKinney, Tex., were also seriously injured, but it is thought they will recover. The accident was caused by the pole's dropping from the yoke.

Dashing Exploit of Hamilton's.

PRETORIA, January 27.—General Bruce Hamilton, by a clever night march, surprised a laager between Ermelo and Bethel, in the Transvaal Colony, and charged the Boers, who fled in all directions, and were pursued many miles. As a result of this expedition eighty-two Boers and a quantity of stores were captured. The casualties were small.

More Coal-Cars for N. & W. Road.

ROANOKE, VA., January 27.—The Norfolk and Western Railway Company, which recently placed an order at Huntington, W. Va., for 1,000 gondolas, to be used in handling its coal traffic, has increased the order to 2,000 gondolas.

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GOOD STATE ROADS

PROBABLY BE THE BURDEN OF THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

HE MAY VISIT NORTHERN STATES.

The Executive's Attitude is Believed to Have the Backing of Press and People of the Commonwealth—Governor Hears the Plea of a Mother Who Seeks to Regain Possession of Her Child.

Nobody but Governor Montague knows what he will say to the Legislature when it reconvenes on the 19th of February, but it is understood that his message will pay special attention to the subject of better roads for the Commonwealth. Indeed, this was the feature of his inaugural address, and the people who know nothing about the matter, and those who ought to have some slight knowledge, say that the message will be along the general lines of the address.

When the Governor said in his campaign for the nomination that he was in favor of straining every effort to have better roads in Virginia, the declaration was taken up by the press of the State, and there can be no doubt that it had the effect of making votes for the Red Fox. They have not forgotten that declaration, nor has it been forgotten by Governor Montague. It is reported that he has in mind visiting some of the States of the North in which the roads are especially fine, and study the methods by which they have been gotten to such a high stage of perfection. After the close of the campaign last year Governor Montague and his family spent a week or ten days in Pennsylvania, and when he returned to Richmond he had a great deal to say regarding the roads of the Keystone State. There can be no question that the Governor will receive the hearty support of the people in the efforts which he will make for better highways, and that if he be able to suggest to the General Assembly a plan by which they may be obtained, he will add immeasurably to his great popularity in Virginia.

There was nothing about the Capitol of more than usual interest yesterday. Private-Secretary Ritchie hammered the typewriter, Clerk Bigger received the visitors, and in the big executive office his Excellency delved away on applications for pardons and other matters requiring attention. He granted a rendition warrant for a negro, Henry Briggs, who was wanted by Officer Frank Virtue, agent for Essex county, N. J. The negro was held here. He was wanted for murder.

But in his routine the Governor found more than the ordinary dull matters which have to be gotten through with and which entail only work—forgotten as soon as the day is over. He came across a letter which moved him as nothing has done since he assumed the duties of his office, and he at once took steps to relieve the sorrow of a poor woman, though in doing so he was not acting, as he well knew, in an official capacity. The Governor received a letter from a lady of this city asking him to help her to regain her little girl, who has been committed to an institution for homeless children in this city. The letter says that the father of the child "recently told our little darling that he could no longer support us, and that he would place her in the home referred to, and that he would go to the Little Sisters of the Poor." According to the letter, the next day the little child, against the wishes of the mother and of the child, was taken to the home; it is not stated in the letter whether the father went to the Little Sisters of the Poor. The writer of the letter says she has to write with her left hand, owing to her having received a paralytic shock resulting from the forcible removal of the child. The lady thinks her husband's mind is unbalanced, and asked the Governor to help her recover her little girl. Governor Montague has no connection with the institution in question, but he will, or has, taken up the matter with a view to learning if he can do anything to help the mother.

Secretary-of-the-Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston is still dividing his time between his duties in the convention and his office upstairs in the Capitol, but he is neglecting neither. Of course, it keeps him busy, but he manages to put in full time in both offices. These charters were filed for record in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth yesterday: The Olympian Club of Portsmouth; the Columbia Liquid-Air Company, and the Washington Driving Club, of Alexandria.

Secretary Eggleston has received a