WHAT IS NEW ON THE BOOKSHELVES.

THE RISE OF THE EMPIRE.
FOUR DOGS.
MEIR EZOFOVICH.
ALWEWSKA.
THE OPEN BOAT.

"THE Rise of the Empire," by Walter Besant, is the first of a series of small books to be devoted to the glorification of Britain as a whole. Parts to follow are "The Story of India," that of Australasia, of South Africa, and of Canada.

Modern history made palatable, and administered in small doses, this book of Besant's is. There are probably 35,000 words in it. It is told in an unpretentious style, does full justice to the greatness of England, and though not anxious to see faults in the British system, does not hesitate to point them out and mildly to condemn them.

Besant's pen picture of the average Englishman is a very good one. "He is, to begin with, more readily attracted by things practical than by things theoretical; he prefers a feat of arms to any intellectual achievement; he would rather hear of things done than of things attempted; he worships success in everything, because success means battle and victory; he is combative and aggressive; he likes fighting as much as his ancestors. * * * He is subject to restlessness, he cannot be always sitting still; he will throw up his situation and go roaming about the world; he likes trade, especially trade across the seas, because it demands enterprise and courage—it is a great mistake to suppose that the love of trade denotes a mean and money grubbing spirit. He is profoundly religious, but he will not endure the domination of priests; he is tender and chivalrous toward women. He demands freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of faith. He insists on self-government as his inheritance; he enters into combinations and associations with readiness, and understands what is meant by give and take. He is not the most courteous person in the civilized world; he is well satisfied with himself; * * * he is a strong, big and hearty animal."

What this strong, big and healthy animal has done in the world Besant dwells upon with pride. His picture of the early inhabitant of Britain and the circumstances that led to his becoming the strong, big and healthy animal English authors delight in is a good piece of work. Besant admits that England's dealings with Ireland have not been entirely satisfactory. "Have we absorbed the Irish race? Go, ask the millions of Irishmen in America what sort of extension of empire is that where, after 600 years, the people are so anxious to shake off the English yoke as they were at the outset. * * * It is not my business to explain, or to defend, or to accuse in the matter of Ireland. I would only remind you that, after all these years, though the whole of the empire, with all its countless offices, distinctions, honors, chances of wealth, belongs to the Irish as much as to ourselves, though Irishmen are found in the highest places; though by their services and their pluck they know how to climb, and do climb, the country must still be kept down by a garrison, and the Irish in America never cease abusing us, conspiring against us, embittering the Americans against us."

It is not upon such extensions as this that England should pride herself.

The book is an excellent mental birdseye view of the great English empire, and it closes with a strong plea for united federation of the English-speaking states. "I can see no boundary or limit to the power that will be possessed by such a federation. * * * It is possible to hope that the time is nigh when the orator (in the United States) will cease to misrepresent us; when the school books will cease to teach the children perversions of our history; when the greatness and glory of the United States of America will not re-

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quire, even on Independence day, to be inflated with froth and gas about the wickedness of Britain; when it will be understood that it is beneath the dignity of a great power to rail at one equally great * * when at last the great reconciliation shall take place, and we may be proud of each other, as we ought to be and as we deserve to be."

The last sentence in the book is one that in itself is testimony of the kind of history Besant aims to write: "The six Anglo-Saxon nations are already, and will always remain, republics."

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IT doesn't make any difference what Stephen Crane writes or how he writes it. There'll be readers for his books as long as they are marked by that unique Cranelike quality of surprise. In Craneland it is always the unexpected that happens. When the author begins a simile it's pure joy to shut your eyes and fancy what the end will be.

"The long revolvers in his hands were as easy as—"

As what? Guess.

"—as straws."

"The men rowed like—"

Like what?

"—seamstresses," of course.

"The ship swashed through the seas as genially as—"

—"an old wooden clock."

"He was as astonished as—"

(This is a craniacal gem. "—as if his hat had turned into a dog."

You can appreciate the possibilities of this last. It may be changed to read: "She was as amazed as though her bonnet had turned into a cat; as though her skirt had become an elephant"; in fact, all through the infinite combinations and permutations of all articles of clothing and all species of animals.

Successful writers are of three kinds—Those who are bound by the ordinary laws of literary civilization; those who avail themselves of poetic license (and pay for it in a higher degree of capacity); and—Crane. He's in a class by himself. And he stands first in it, unapproachable, peerless. You may search through all the flood of books that pour in a deluge from the publishing houses, and nowhere will you meet expressions like these.

"Riding a lame sheep is bliss to it."

—"and his knees turned to bread."

"From a dark corner of the room there came the sound of two or three snores twining together."

"He leaned a little way to one side and swore softly into the sea."

"They have no friends or other credulous furniture."

"Was I brought here merely to have my nose dragged away as I was about to nibble the sacred cheese of life?"

"Canton flannel gulls flew far and near."

"He yelled some sudden language at the deck."

"—— the ant of desire to-see-what-it's-like."

"A man could beat carpet with a voice like that."

Then there are the "blip" and the "plop" constructions.

"A shot," Mr. Crane tells us, "whined

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softly into the air and blipped into the sea." And later, "The Foundling plopped and foundered." Here's an extract from the new Crane grammar: Infinitive, to blip. Present, blip; past, blipped or blop; participle, blippen or blap. The principal parts of "plop" are the same.

Only once does Mr. Crane apologize for his licentious use of words, and then, strangely enough, it is for a comparatively small offense.

"The Foundling steamed toward Cuba with its crew in a sling, if one may be allowed to speak in that way."

Surely "one may be allowed" a trifle like this after he has blipped and plopped.

Nevertheless, and in spite of it all, whether the picture it paints be true or not, "The Open Boat" is well worth reading. By degrees that—

"'Billie!—Billie, will you spell me?'

"'Sure,' said the oiler."

becomes fixed upon one's mental retina till he can feel the utter exhaustion, the horrible sense of exertion that pervades this epic of effort. The book leaves you with a sort of impressionist sketch, drawn with bold, quick strokes, of the peril of the sea, and, however you may condemn the means, you'll acknowledge the force of the end and agree that when the "wind brought the sound of the great sea's voice to the men on shore, they felt that they could then be interpreters."

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EVERY story written about the Jews is bound to remind one of Zangwill. According to the degree in which this resemblance is marked may be measured the ability of the author. Not that it is necessary to imitate the artist whose strength lies in his treatment of Jewish history and fiction to attain success; but that the field has been so covered by the author of "Dreamers of the Ghetto" as to almost preclude the possibility of finding new material.

"Meir Ezofovitch" is not a new story. It is merely another phase of the Messiah movement Zangwill has shown us in so many phases. An earthly Messiah is Meir Ezofovitch, who dreams of leading his people only to earthly peace and happiness and freedom of thought and of action. It's an old story, but every original mind has power to renew the world's interest in the old. This Polish author, whose book is translated by Iza Young, has written a very interesting story. The characters are well drawn, and some of them glow with life. The Rabbi Todros might pose for intolerance and bigotry and asceticism and unselfishness personified, of such contradictory yet thoroughly human materials is he made. The great family of the Ezofovitches is a fine picture of the patriarchal old Israelite surrounded by all his descendants. There's a pathetically artistic touch in the old grandmother—despite the species of miracle in the last speech of the centenarian when she reveals the hiding place of the writings of Meir's great ancestor—in the beautiful reverence paid to her and in her silence broken only to murmur lovingly to her favorite great-grandchild, the intellectual heir of her husband and also of her ancestor, the original great iconoclast. Excellent dramatic incidents there are in this book, and capital situations, which would fit it for the stage. The love story of Meir and Golda is a truly tragic idyl.

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It depends upon how you read "Walewska." If it is to be judged as grown-up literature, you're apt to smile at its pathos and sigh at the funny picture Napoleon presents as the villain still pursuing the Polish heroine. But if you know that the author is a girl of eighteen, whose youthful chivalry has been stirred by the accounts of the beautiful Polish woman whom Napoleon loved and who desires to re-establish the fair fame of the Countess Walewska, it may make you look upon the book as the author herself is likely to, in time to come—should she develop the capacity she shows and overcome her delight in descriptions of personal beauty, among other things—as a crude but not unpromising beginning.

Lina Bartlett Ditson is a relative of that Washington Bartlett who was once Mayor of San Francisco. The book is dedicated to Henry Clay Barnabee of the Bostonians.

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There's something sane and simple and quietly old-fashioned about Tourgee's short stories, of which the first and longest gives title to his latest book; a good, attractive title, too. There's nothing startling in the stories Tourgee has to tell, but they're wholesome and, though not exciting, are interesting and well told. "The Man Who Outlived Himself" is the man who disappears from the world after an unsuccessful business operation. His own account of his awakening to his identity years later in an insane asylum and of the gradual growing back to mental health makes a good story.

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The peculiar thing about Laurence Hutton's "Four Dogs" is that it's charming to both the man who leads "a dog-less life" and to him whose days are overflowingly dog-ful. Your anti-dog prejudices melt away—at least for the time—while you listen to this easy, merry talk about Whiskie, "who was so honest, so ingenious and so square, who had the sense of shame and the sense of honor," and who came back from his encounter with the cat "with a muttered curse" and the sense of having made himself ridiculous. About Punch, whose love for the world was so all embracing that "he was as cordial to a beggar as he would have been to a King; and if thieves had come to break through and steal, Punch, in his unfailing hospitable amiability, would have escorted them through the house and shown them where the treasures were kept." About Mop, who had the same long, lithe body as his predecessor, "the same, short legs (the forelegs shaped like a capital S), the same short tail, the same hair dragging the ground, the same beautiful head, the same wistful, expressive eye, the same cool, insinuating nose" and who soothed the feelings of the dog-bereft boy by "the longed-for touch of a vanished paw, the lick of a tongue that was still." And then about Roy, who looks like Thomas Carlyle and "Professor John Weir declares that his body is all out of drawing."

There isn't a cleverer word picture, a better acquaintance and a purer philosophy shown in the biographies of four of the world's greatest men than in the story of these dogs. Isn't it well that there aren't old letters, old friends, and old frumps, to rise up and contradict their biographer?

Hutton's own childhood's biography of a boy, who was "not a very good boy, or a very bad boy, or a very bright boy, or an unusual boy in any way—but just a boy," is one of those boy stories like Tom Sawyer and Sentimental Tommy—bound to be read and loved and cherished by boys of all ages and both sexes.

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The Scribners are about to round out their series of "Stories by American Authors" and "Stories by English Authors" with a similar set of ten volumes devoted to continental writers. "Stories by Foreign Authors" will consist of ten

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volumes devoted to the masterpieces of short-story writing from modern European authors. They will be divided as follows: Three French volumes, two German, one Spanish, one Russian, one Scandinavian, one Italian and one miscellaneous—Polish, Greek, Belgian and Hungarian. The contents of the first and second volumes are "The Siege of Berlin,"

One of the most interesting restaurants of London is the Cafe Paganini. It holds about the same position in the art and letters of the British metropolis that the Chat Noir held in Paris. The walls of the place are decorated with the autographs of the famous artists and others who have dined there. Paderewski, Sarasate, Mascagni, Mlle. Chaminade and Melba. Among the habitues are Henry James, Val Prinsep, Daumier and Phil May, the English Caron d'Ache. The place is noted for its spaghetti and Italian wines and good music.

"When first this piece of news is read,
Which Literature diffuses,
The reader his remark thereon
With difficulty chooses;
Ought he to 'Happy Standard!' cry,
Or moan 'Alas! poor Muses?'"

by Alphonse Daudet; "The Juggler of Notre Dame," by Anatole France; "Uncle and Nephew," by Edmond About; "An-

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other Gambler," by Paul Bourget; "The Necklace," by Guy de Maupassant; "The Black Pearl," by Victorien Sardou; "The Substitute," by Francois Coppee; "The Attack on the Mill," by Emile Zola; "The Virgin's Godchild," by Emile Souvestre; "The Sempstress' Story," by Gustave Droz; "The Venus of Ille," by Prosper Merimee.

"Let him who is not interested in brawl and battle," says the author of "Four for a Fortune," "in the smell of the sea, in treasure hunting and the staking of human life for gold; in treachery and hate; in perseverance and daring—let him, I say, put this book aside."

Which is good advice, for this is a good, strong story of its kind; the kind that one swallows at a single reading, and forgets pleasantly forever after.

Fifteen works on Cuba have been issued recently. Among them are Richard Harding Davis' "A Year From a Reporter's Note Book," "Marching With Gomez," by Grover Flint, and "Facts and Fakes About Cuba," by George Bronson Rea.

Two popular weeklies of Scotland instituted a literary competition in which the competitors were asked to name the greatest six living authors. Those who know Scotch loyalty will not be surprised to learn that a fair percentage of the six claim Scotland as their country. First, James Barrie; next, Miss Annie M. Swan. Then come Hall Caine, Conan Doyle, Walter Besant and Ian MacLaren.

The following lists contain the best selling books of the day, in the order of the selling qualities, as noted in the leading book stores in the cities named:

Philadelphia:
"Quo Vadis," by Henryk Sienkiewicz.
"Hugh Wynne," by S. Weir Mitchell.
"Alfred Lord Tennyson," by his son.
"The Story of an Untold Love," by Paul Leicester Ford.
"The Jessamy Bride," by F. Frankfort Moore.
"Corleone," by F. Marion Crawford.
"The Gadfly," by E. L. Voynich.
"Captains Courageous," by Rudyard Kipling.

New York:
"Quo Vadis," by Henryk Sienkiewicz.
"The Choir Invisible," by James Lane Allen.
"Hugh Wynne," by S. Weir Mitchell.
"Captains Courageous," by Rudyard Kipling.
"The Gadfly," by E. L. Voynich.
"The Honorable Peter Sterling," by Paul Leicester Ford.
"Corleone," by F. Marion Crawford.

Boston:
"Quo Vadis," by Henryk Sienkiewicz.
"St. Ives," by Robert Louis Stevenson.
"Farthest North," by Fridtjof Nansen.
"Hugh Wynne," by S. Weir Mitchell.
"Andronike," by Stephanos T. Xenos.
"Gondola Days," by F. Hopkinson Smith.

It is worthy of note that "Quo Vadis" continues the best selling book on the market, and that Hall Caine's "The Christian," which had a large sale when published last year, is not in the lists.

C. D. Gibson is making for Scribner's Magazine a series of drawings under the general title of "A New York Day." He will undertake to represent therein the typical scenes of a typical twenty-four hours in that city. The June number will contain his observations of the life of the worker and of the leisure person during the morning hours. They include scenes on the ferries, on the elevated roads and in clubs and homes.

The announcement made last week that Mr. W. D. Howells will contribute a series of letters to literature will be taken as an indication that the management has decided to consult the tastes of readers on this side of the Atlantic, in devoting more space thaan formerly to American books and American literary topics.

At a late reception at the French Academy the speech of the day was delivered by the Comte d'Haussonville. It contained an unfriendly reference to Zola's "Debacle," which was tumultuously applauded.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Open Boat and Other Stories"—Stephen Crane. Doubleday & McClure, publishers. Price, $1.

"A Boy I Knew and Four Dogs"—Laurence Hutton. Harper & Brothers.

"Four for a Fortune"—Albert Lee. J. S. Ogilvie. Price, $1 25.

"The Man Who Outlived Himself"—Albion W. Tourgee. Fords, Howard & Hurlbert, publishers. Price, 75 cents.

"Walewska, a Tale of the First Empire"—Lina Bartlett Ditson. F. Tennyson Nealy, publisher.

"The Rise of the Empire"—Walter Besant. M. F. Mansfield, publisher, New York. Price, 50 cents.

"Meir Ezofovitch"—From the Polish of Eliza Orzeszko. For sale by William Doxey. Price, $1 50.

"Hassan, a Fellah"—Henry Gillman. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

"Aunt Elvira Abroad"—William Burt Harlow. J. S. Ogilvie, publisher.

"Christ in the Daily Meal"—Norman Fox. Fords, Howard & Hurlbert, publishers.

"Advanced Rules"—Henrietta Shattuck. Lee & Shepard. Price, 50 cents.

"Brockenbourne"—Virginia Frazer Boyle. For sale by Doxey. Price, $1 50.

"Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"—Gibbon. For sale by William Doxey. Price, $2 a volume.

"Two Prisoners"—Thomas Nelson Page. R. H. Russel, publisher.

"Coal Catechism"—William Jasper Nicolls. J. B. Lippincott Company. Price, $1 50.

"The Earnest Communicant"—Most Rev. Ashton Oxenden. For sale by Doxey. Price, 35 cents.

FRATERNAL NEWS

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.

The district meeting last Tuesday night in the hall of Ivy Chapter was a very pleasant one, and it was attended not only by almost the entire membership but by a great number from all the local chapters and many from across the bay. Mrs. Dell C. Savage, D. D., found herself ushered into one of the most beautifully decorated chapter halls she ever entered, for there was a profusion of the choicest of flowers, and the patriotism of the membership was made manifest in the liberal display of the American colors. As an earnest of the desire to advance the chapter and to show how well the officers could perform the work of initiation, the membership presented for initiation Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKay, Mrs. Emma Hendry, Marion Hill, Alma von Tillow, Otto Hall and Edwin Reiser, and the work of conferring the degree was performed in the perfect manner for which this chapter is noted, and it was highly commended by the grand officers and visitors. Among the visitors were Grand Patron Rowe, Past Grand Matron Mrs. Mary A. Flint, Grand Secretary Mrs. Willats, Worthy Matrons Mrs. Willats of Golden Gate, Mrs. Wetjen of Harmony, Mrs. Brown of Beulah, Mrs. Schmidt of King Solomon, Patrons Fletcher of Oakland and Greenwood of Beulah and many past officers. During the evening the subject of assisting the Red Cross movement was brought up, and it was decided that the ladies should help. At the close of the meeting there was an adjournment to the banquet-hall, where covers were set for 200, and every seat was occupied. On each plate was a lace paper napkin, on one corner of which there was affixed an ivy leaf, and in the center of the napkin was a small loaf, in which was planted a small American flag, the napkin and flag to be retained as souvenirs of the occasion. At the close of the repast Worthy Patron Charles L. Patton requested the assemblage to sing the "Star-Spangled Banner," and all joined in the chorus. The music for the evening was furnished by Mrs. Alvina Heuer Wilson.

During the week the ladies of Ivy Chapter have been busy sewing for the Red Cross Society, and will continue the work for some time. They have been making abdominal bandages and comfort bags.

District Deputy Mrs. Dell C. Savage paid her official visit at the district meeting of King Solomon Chapter, held last Thursday night in Franklin Hall, on Fillmore street. There was a very large attendance in the beautiful hall, which was a dream of patriotic display and flowers, particularly in the east, where there was an immense canopy formed of two very large American flags falling in graceful folds over the chairs of the worthy matron and patron. The effect was extremely pretty. The work was exemplified, after which there was a flow of oratory, and it was half-past 11 o'clock before the meeting closed, and all present were invited into the main hall, where there was a repetition of the patriotic display of American colors, only a little more so. There was set a table for the grand officers and officers of the chapters, five tables in the form of a star, and then additional tables to accommodate the large number who attended the meeting. Nearly two hundred occupied seats to enjoy a fine collation that had been spread in the midst of flowers, ferns and daintily arranged covers. Among the visitors there were the worthy grand patron, Past Grand Matron Mrs. Flint, Grand Secretary Mrs. Willats, Grand Esther Mrs. Helen May Patterson, the matrons of all the local chapters; Mrs. Roberts, past matron of the San Jose Chapter; Past Grand Treasurer Mrs. S. I. Hubbard, and a great number of the members of the local chapters and of those in Oakland and Alameda.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

A new Rebekah lodge was instituted at Covena on the 20th inst. by Past Grand President Miss Fannie Benjamin with ten charter members. Thirty-two were admitted by initiation. The instituting officer was assisted in the work by members of Heliotrope Rebekah Lodge of Pomona.

A new subordinate lodge will be instituted within the next two weeks at Loreta.

A remarkable fact is that during the past three months there have been but very few suspensions in the order in this jurisdiction. The various reports received show that there is much activity in the membership.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge will meet in Boston, Mass., on the third Tuesday in September.

Templar Lodge, which has been doing remarkably well in the matter of taking in new members of late, will have another initiation at its next meeting.

Tuesday, June 14, will be memorial day in the order.

ANCIENT ORDER WORKMEN.

The following district deputies for San Francisco have been named by Deputy Grand Master Workman Danforth: District 1—Bernal, Excelsior, Alta and Liberty lodges, William Hansen of Excelsior Lodge; District 2—Bay View, Fairmount, Eureka Valley and Crocker Lodges, J. Van Alen of Croker Lodge; District 3—Burns, Memorial, Friendship and Triumph lodges, F. J. Maguire of Friendship Lodge; District 4—San Francisco, Unity, Spartan and Magnolia lodges, J. Bowman of Magnolia Lodge; District 5—Golden Gate Valley, Golden West and Prosperity lodges, M. J. Blackman of Valley Lodge; District 6—Harmony, Yerba Buena, Myrtle and Noe Valley lodges, A. Wigmore of Yerba Buena Lodge; District 7—Appointment not yet announced; District 8—Hercules, Washington, Richmond and Park lodges, R. G. Nunan of Park Lodge.

Grand Master Workman Bahrs attended a large meeting of Santa Cruz Lodge last Monday night.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of Oak Leaf Lodge last week, on which occasion O. B. Smith delivered an illustrated lecture. This lodge will celebrate its anniversary in the early part of next month.

The lodges of Sonoma County will picnic next month at Guerneville. A new lodge organized by Deputy Saunders will be instituted at that place June 1.

Gold Ridge Lodge gave an entertainment and ball at Sebastopol last Friday. The grand master workman delivered an eloquent address.

The next session of the Supreme Lodge will be held at Asbury Park, N. J., June 21. Past Grand Master W. H. Barnes will leave next Wednesday to attend the session of the Supreme Lodge. On the way there he will address a meeting in Chicago to be held under the auspices of the Fraternal Union, and one at Milwaukee, to be held under the auspices of the Degree of Honor.

Past Supreme Master Workman J. G. Tate has gone to the front with the regiment of the National Guard of which he was for five years the chaplain.

Valley and Spartan Lodges have resolved to pay the dues and assessments of their members who have volunteered or shall volunteer for the war.

THE NATIVE SONS.

It is the intention of Grand President Conley to increase the number of city deputies from seven to eleven, and to have them visit the parlors of the bay counties and to make the bay county deputies visit the local parlors.

Arrangements are being made for the organization of a new parlor in the Richmond District.

The annual picnic of the Sequoia Club, composed of members of Sequoia Parlor, has been postponed until the 12th of June.

The following additional donations to the Red Cross fund have been announced: Golden Gate Parlor, $25 from the general fund and $35 from individual members; library and reading room, $10, and Yerba Buena Parlor, $25.

THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS.

On the evening of the 21st inst. the members of La Estrella Parlor gave an "at home" in Sierra Hall, Native Sons' building, to their friends, who responded in large numbers to the invitations extended, for all know that when they attend these gatherings they are assured of a pleasant evening's entertainment. There was presented a short programme that included "Remember the Maine," an original song, to the air of "Then You'll Remember Me," by Mrs. Lillian A. Carlie; "The Veteran," a recitation, Miss G. Bello; "When the Snow Begins to Fall," vocal solo, Mrs. Margo; specialties by the children artists, Claire Fox and Jack Robinson; "Come Back, My Love," vocal solo, Miss Landell; fancy dance in Japanese costume, Miss Turpin, and then a cake walk by four members of the parlor, who each concealed her identity behind a black mask. So excellent was the action of each that the judges divided the cake among their share and share alike. This was followed by the serving of icecream and cakes, and then a dance. Previous to the "at home" the parlor was entertained with remarks by Miss Kervan and Miss Eliza D. Keith on behalf of the Red Cross Society received four applications and elected Mrs. A. Aigeltinger and Emma Thierbach as delegates to the Grand Parlor.

BUENA VISTA'S PATRIOTISM.

The entertainment that is to be given on the evening of the 1st of June in Native Sons' Hall in aid of the Red Cross fund of the Native Daughters will be a very patriotic one. There will be an address by Mrs. Genevieve Baker, one of the most eloquent and patriotic speakers in the order; a flag drill by twenty ladies of the parlor, patriotic songs, recitations and patriotic tableaux. As this entertainment is in behalf of a cause that appeals to all who are imbued with the spirit of patriotism and humanity, it will no doubt be well patronized.

THE NATIONAL UNION.

Golden Gate Council at its meeting last Tuesday night received two applications. There was read a circular from W. M. Bayne, president of the senate, calling particular attention to the fact that there is nothing in the laws of the order, the constitution or contracts of the National Union which might in any manner invalidate the beneficiary certificates of the members who might die in the military service of the United States. The council will have several candidates to initiate at its next meeting. After the routine business there were short talks and the singing of patriotic songs by the membership.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

Court Golden West was the first of the local courts to give substantial aid to the Red Cross Society. At its meeting last week it donated to that organization the sum of $10, and the hope was expressed that each court would do at least as well in aid of the good cause. At the same meeting the court presented to Captain Rethers of the corps of surgeons of the First California Volunteers, who for some time was the court's physician, a set of engrossed resolutions in pamphlet form, expressive of the court's high opinion of him.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., Court Inter Nos gave a social in the Social Hall of the Alcazar, and there was present a large number of the members of the court, their friends and members of Inter Nos Circle of the Companions of the Forest. There was a good programme of dances and during the evening there was introduced the midget reciter, Baby Lillian Spillver, who, under the direction of Miss M. F. Dreyfuss, her teacher, recited a selection in fine style and then danced a fancy dance. After that J. W. Sparrow, past chief ranger, was presented a certificate and beautiful emblematic badge, and L. H. Wiggins, also a past chief, was presented a certificate. All present were treated to a fine collation in the banquet hall.

On the evening of the 19th inst. Court Golden West gave a banquet to Jacob Samuels, the grand chief ranger. There were a number of the members present, and during the evening the members of the court presented their guest with a beautiful set of diamond studs. Those who responded to the toasts of the evening were the guest of honor, J. J. Cordy, Hugo K. Asher, J. C. Heenan, F. Conklin, E. W. Levy, Sol Peiser, D. Cohan, J. Calman, Dr. M. Regensburger, D. A. Sullivan, S. Waller, P. Gray, E. Behm, E. S. Isaacs, G. W. Alexander, C. W. Stern and J. H. Newbauer.

COURT SUTRO HEIGHTS.

The entertainment that was given last Thursday night in Odd Fellows' Hall by Court Sutro Heights of the Foresters of America, the third by this court, was one of the most pleasing of the kind that has been offered by any of the fraternal organizations of this city. All of the talent was of the best, and the several numbers were presented in a manner that elicited well-deserved applause. Under the direction of Leo Cooper there was presented a farce entitled "A Pair of Lunatics," the parts being taken by Reginald Travers and Miss Vergie Goodsell. Miss Cordie Wetjen entertained with whistling solos in birdlike notes that were most artistic performances; Thomas Hickey gave a recitation; J. R. Simpson as a swell colored dude gave coon songs; Miss Mollie Brown gave a monologue, "The Window Curtain," an admirable piece of acting; Miss E. Ruth Cohen sang ballads; Miss Pearl Noble gave a cornet solo, and for an encore played the bugle calls and the "Star-spangled Banner." "Henrietta," a short comedy, in which Miss Etta Butler and Louis Butler took part, closed the programme. Miss Butler's rendition of the part proved that she is a natural-born actress, and the audience did not fail to recognize her merit. A grand ball followed, and the choice programme was greatly enjoyed by all. The committee that got up the fine entertainment was: I. Gross, L. N. Boukofsky, E. S. Harding, E. N. Boukofsky and George K. Small.

COMPANIONS OF THE F. OF A.

The entertainment or picnic social given by the convention of 1898, Companions of the Forest of America, in Alcazar Social Hall on the evening of the 23d inst. was a very pleasant affair, and all who attended spent an enjoyable evening. There were games, dancing and a cake walk, which proved one of the most amusing features of the evening. J. W. Sparrow, H. Ruppple, George Morrison and Jacob Label, who were the judges, were so undecided as to the performance of two of the lady walkers that it was a long time before they could reach a conclusion, and when it was reached it was that each should have one-half of the cake, which was donated by Mrs. L. Atwood, the president of the convention. In one half there was concealed a fine gold ring, the gift of Mrs. J. Wishman, and that was secured by Miss Lulu Laederich, one of the winners. The other was Miss Annie Wold. A number of gate prizes were distributed and the affair reflected credit on the committee, of which Dr. A. W. Atwood was the chairman.

THE AMERICAN GUILD.

J. H. Grove of Watsonville Chapter died in Mariposa on the 21st inst. and his remains were taken to Watsonville for interment.

The chapters at Watsonville, Mill Valley, Tomales and other places are reported as doing well.

San Francisco Chapter at its meeting last Wednesday night initiated several candidates, and there are several more to go through the ceremony at the next meeting.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF HONOR.

Aurora Lodge will tender a reception to the grand officers on the evening of the 6th of June, to which all members of the order will be welcome.

Golden Rule Lodge has arranged for a complimentary social to be given on the evening of the 9th of June.

Last Tuesday Empire Lodge consolidated with Pacific Lodge, and in the future the two will be known by the name of the latter. This was done in the presence of a number of members of the order and of the grand officers. Grand Protector Mrs. L. J. Wheelock commended the consolidation as a move in the right direction, and she said there was no doubt in her mind that the increased membership of the Pacific would instill new life into the lodge and arouse the members to renewed activity. Grand Secretary H. W. Quitzow followed in a very interesting address and expressed the opinion that the consolidation, which illustrated that in union there is strength, would result in the upbuilding of the lodge, which is part of, as he said, "one of the best of all fraternal orders." Mrs. Francis Clodi, the retiring protector of Empire Lodge, was, by the grand protector, on behalf of the members of Empire Council, presented a fine jewel expressive of their admiration of her. At the close of the meeting all present were treated to a fine luncheon at the Zinkand.

GARFIELD RELIEF CORPS.

There was a large attendance last Tuesday night in Seven Pines Hall, in the Alcazar building, on the occasion of the entertainment given by James A. Garfield Relief Corps, under the direction of Mrs. May J. Souders, president of the corps, Mrs. M. Van Horn, Mrs. Dora Wilkins, Mrs. Caroline Diblee, Mrs. Cathrine Gilbert, Mrs. Margaret Jones and Mrs. Ehle. The hall was tastefully decorated with patriotic emblems, and the fire of patriotism that was kindled thirty-seven years ago burned with as much brightness as it did then. The programme included a vocal solo by Miss Minnie Powell; recitation, Milton Long; mandolin selections, Miss Minnie Hoffman; "The American Flag," recited by Miss Ada Gilbert; vocal solo, Miss Addie Ehle; recitation, Dr. Crawford; song, Miss Hazel MacKenzie; piano selections, Miss Louise Ehle, and vocal solo, Miss M. Oakes. There were present a number of the veterans of the Civil War and also a number of the young volunteers for the present war. The old gave the young a hearty handshake and wished them success in the defense of the flag and the country's honor. After the programme there was a dance in the social hall, and the party, as it broke up, sang a patriotic song.

GOLDEN GATE HIVE, L. O. T. M.

There was a large gathering of the members and friends of Golden Gate Hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees in St. George's Hall last Thursday night, on the occasion of the social and dance given by that organization. Under the direction of Lady Commander Mary E. Salmond, Past Commander Gertie Wastler, Libby Diel, Frankie Harris and Florence Avery there was offered for the entertainment of all a programme, the features of which were piano selections, Mrs. Jennings; vocal solo, rendered with fine artistic effect, by Mrs. George Lerol; violin solo, Phoebe Gibson; cornet solo, I. M. Coggins; selections by the Mandolin Club, and a patriotic address by Deputy Supreme Lady Commander Mrs. Eudoria Moffit, who has a son on the Baltimore. At the close of the programme there was dancing and a collation was served.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

At the meeting of Golden Camp No. 64 last Monday night twenty applications were presented and referred to committees. There were nominations for camp officers and thirty-two candidates were named for the office of representatives to the district convention to be held June 15. At 9 o'clock the committee on entertainment took charge and an enjoyable programme was presented to the members and 150 visitors from the several camps in this city and Alameda County. There was orchestral music by Prof. Charles Weisel's band; "The Dandy Fifth," recited by W. B. Currier; tenor solo, J. H. Desmond, and selections by J. C. Flood, J. C. O'Donnell, F. A. Griffing and S. J. Daly, composing the Columbia quartet. An hour later all present, numbering about 500, left the hall in the upper part of the Native Sons' building and went to the banquet hall in the basement, where a fine collation was served. During the evening the orchestra played patriotic airs and there were three-minute speeches by I. I. Boak, head manager; Lieutenant Daltenberg, Colorado Regiment of Volunteers; Dr. G. W. Daywalt, John W. Lewis, W. L. Schell, W. N. Brown, W. W. Brackett, J. L. Geary Jr., M. S. De Roco, James Petty, M. B. Estes and D. Oliver Jr., clerk of the camp. There was manifested a great deal of enthusiasm and much patriotism was displayed. There were present twelve members of the order who wore the uniform of Uncle Sam, and at one time, during the singing of the "Red, White and Blue," one of the guests arose and waved a small silk American flag, keeping time with the music. As he did so the twelve soldiers arose and saluted the flag, showing that they do not forget the colors when displayed. The committee on entertainment was highly commended for what it presented.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

On the evening of the 21st inst. Sherwood Circle had a social, at which there was a large attendance and a very pleasant time was had by all participants.

Last Monday the supreme chief companion, the grand right and left guide and the grand inside guardian paid a fraternal visit to Pride of the Forest Circle in Oakland and were well pleased with the reception they received.

On Tuesday night Mrs. F. N. Morrow, supreme grand secretary, and the grand left guide and inside sentinel paid a visit to Washington Circle, of which Mrs. Minnie Asher, P. G. C. C., is a member. It being the silver anniversary of the wedding of Mrs. Asher the visitors and the members of the circle were made her guests after the close of the meeting.

Supreme Grand Chief Companion Mrs. Beverson and Mrs. Morrow, S. G. S., visited Liberty Circle on last Wednesday and were delighted with the manner in which the circle transacted its business.

The Past Chiefs' Association has increased its membership since the adjournment of the Grand Circle.

A list of official visitations is being prepared.

THE DRUIDS.

Grand Secretary Graves returned last Tuesday, after a two weeks' visit in the southern part of the State filling appointments which J. H. Goller, N. G. A., was unable to keep on account of illness. He visited Salinas Grove and installed the officers, after which there was a banquet, at which there were a number of ladies. He then visited Mission Grove at San Luis Obispo, in company with members from Cayucos and Guadaloupe Groves, and the visitors were well entertained. He then visited Guadaloupe Grove and installed its officers and then returned to San Luis Obispo, and from there drove twenty-five miles to Cayucos to visit the grove there to initiate a candidate and make the official visit. He then visited Morton, Mazzini and Los Angeles Groves in joint session; then he visited Sumner Grove and performed the work of initiation. On the 19th inst. he was joined by the noble grand arch at Merced and the grove there was visited. There was a good meeting and the third degree was conferred on four candidates. At all places the grand secretary was cordially welcomed and shown every courtesy.

Reports from all parts of the State show an increase in the order.

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

A new tribe was recently instituted at St. Helena by Great Chief of Records Burgman, Great Junior Sagamore Collins and a team from Otonka Tribe. It is called Mayacamas Tribe No. 97. There were thirty-eight charter members, of which twenty-seven were adopted on the night of institution. Dr. Samuel McCurdy is the sachem and Frank Mixon chief of records.

Deputy Herbert H. Cole has presented a box of fine tomahawks as a prize to be competed for by the several councils of the degree of Pocahontas.

A number of members of the order who come from the Northwest are in the regiment from that section of the country, and there are also a number who are attached to the Eleventh United States regulars who have gone to the front. Many of the Fourteenth Infantry regulars are members of Kumtux Tribe.

A great deal of interest is felt in the celebration by the order on next Fourth of July in this city. The great chief of records has asked for 100 volunteers for mounted service for that day. These will be furnished with appropriate costumes. The committee of arrangements has decided on three floats—one to represent the Northern Indians, another the Southern and the third the hunter's period.

B'NE B'RITH.

The committee on entertainment of the Constitution Grand Lodge, that is to meet in this city in June, 1900, held a special meeting last Monday and increased itself by adding five ex-presidents. It appeared that while the lodges have responded to the call for a fund to entertain the highest body of the order, there is still—outside of what there is in sight—considerable needed, and to the end of securing the necessary amount the committee will arrange a series of first-class entertainments, at which only the best talent obtainable will participate.

The grand president paid an official visit to Ophir Lodge last Wednesday, and the large membership and visitors greeted him cordially. There were a number of short talks, and the evening passed off in a pleasant manner.

Encouraging reports from all parts of the jurisdiction are being received at the office of the grand secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Unity Lodge of the Knights of Pythias had a very pleasant social in Crystal