

Local News.

LITERARY NOTES.

DR. PAUL B. W. SLADE, of The Auditorium, has taken up his residence in New York.

By the *Free Press* for December Archibald Farrer fills several pages with a eulogistic review of "In Darkest England."

Mrs. MARIE J. SHIPLEY, the English novelist and Christian Socialist, has arrived on this continent to lecture upon the subject of Nationalism and Socialism.

As early with Mr. S. W. Hodgson, Burnett in the death of her son Louis in Paris December 7th, will be as extended as the reading of her books. He was the origin of Little Lord Fauntleroy. Mrs. Burnett always in search of "material," found her choicest suggestions in her own children and grandchildren.

MISS LILY A. LONN, author of the strong and bright novel, "A Squire of the Degree," is a Western woman whose years are under sixty. She was born in St. Paul, and is of Swedish descent. The early years of her life were spent in various occupations, "settlements" in Minnesota and Iowa, broken up by a year in Oregon. Since 1874 she has lived in St. Paul, with the exception of her student life at the University of Wisconsin.

THIS occasion set by Dickens and Thackeray writing stories specially suited to Christmas reading is not now so extensively followed as it was. No one in the first rank comes forward with such seasonable productions as "A Christmas Carol," "The Christmas Tree," and "The Man." Mr. Walter Besant is about the only novelist of standing who writes Christmas stories apart from those which appear in the Christmas numbers.

A FOREIGN correspondent says of Quilich, "This cynical, yellow woman in lilac dress, who smokes and smokes cigarettes, is the world to her in a hollow as a sucked egg, better as green nuts; but there are certain points in the alums of Europe who could tell the worst stories of her generosity and kindness; she smokes black cigarettes, and says nothing of her own ideas." "No one expects your good deeds," she remarks, "some one may find out your motto."

A critic thus writes, the *Independent*, about the recent novel over which we have just reported to their hands of publishers is that it arose over *A Life of a Lady*. "The dispute would have done better to be taken the other side of the Red. Newman Hall when he proposed to publish a very angry pamphlet against one who had injured him. He read it to Thomas Bunney, who believe it was, who said it was admirable, and advised him to publish it under the title of "To Ho, by the author of 'Come to Jesus.'" He saw the point, and suppressed it.

FRAGMENTS of the American Economic Association, have been published.

Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, No. 47, appointing B. O. McKean, Toronto Type Union No. 99, appointing George Devin, Jas. Davesy, G. F. Timms, J. A. Meyerhoffer and Henry Webb as delegates to the league. After the regular order of business the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—T. W. Banton, president; Geo. Devin, vice-president; G. F. Timms secretary-treasurer. The league is in a healthy condition, and its membership is rapidly increasing. The league meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Richmond Hall.

AT the regular meeting of the Single Tax Association, on the evening of Friday the 2nd inst., President S. T. Wood in the chair, a number of replies from alternate candidates to the questions addressed then by the Association were read for the guidance of voters. Prof. A. F. Chamberlain spoke on the question of free school books. He pointed out that free education could not be said to exist so long as the parents of pupils were obliged to pay for the text books required. The price of these was a heavy tax upon the poor man having a large family of children to bring up. In many cases this was impossible for parents to meet this expense without denying their families the actual necessities of life. The consequence was that the children were kept away from school. The evil of truancy which had grown to such proportions was largely due to the inability of parents to supply their children with books. There was no use in proposing compulsory education as a remedy, unless the pupils were furnished with text books at the public expense. On the 16th inst., Mr. Samuel Jones, assisted by other friends of the Association, will give an entertainment in Richmond Hall, entitled "An Evening with Tom Hood," consisting of readings, sketches and vocal and instrumental music.

A BARE Socialist expects to realize its dream only through the slow evolution of society. The co-operative State is to be the flower of the process of integration that is now going on in the public eye. Government's necessitated or nullification of the association which is developed voluntarily among the people on an increasingly large scale; the ultimate generalization from co-operative trade and industrial organizations; the body of public property; the co-operative spirit; the spirit of self-sacrifice in the reign of "the Commons"; the republic which is to be a commonwealth governing itself.—Dr. R. Heller-Norton.

DECEIVING WORKMEN.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Oregon in *The Detroit Free Press* calls attention to an outrage which seems to be a part of the stock in trade with the rover class during the decade the labor organizations of the west have felt called upon to issue warnings against the misrepresentation of real estate speculators, notwithstanding which came from Southern California about three years ago. The letter in *The Free Press* says:

"There are thousands of unemployed and homeless people in Washington and Oregon, caused by the false lights issued by the emigration board of Portland, Ore., and a new scheme is now being set on foot to induce laboring men to come here to work on the railroad at low wages and reduced fare. It is nothing but a scheme to get men to pay railroad fares, as there are thousands more men here than can possibly get work. Hundreds are arriving daily from Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Texas and Utah, and many other places, who are hired there by the bureau stewards for the railroad companies, and as 'no security gets an hour's work.' They are being lured by three short lines of railroad on the coast, but there were more men than were needed for all before they began to rush in here from the east, and it is rumored many times daily: 'What are these poor fellows going to do here this long, rainy winter? Many of them have not a dollar to their name, and no work in the cause of humanity it should be stopped.'"

A TELEGRAM from Medicine Hat, Winnipeg, says: Superintendent Nilsback has just finished ploughing his gardens. The weather is so warm as June, and having it still in progress on many places. A cricket match and other sports are arranged for Christmas day. They are playing lawn tennis at Souris.

ANARCHY DENIED.—It must be a source of gratification to Anarchists that over to know that their principles, so long misunderstood, have at last found recognition in what will soon be deemed the highest authoritative lexicon in America, published in the world, namely, the "Century Dictionary," now being published by the Century Company of New York. It is a definition of Anarchy given in that work: "A social theory which regards the union of order with the absence of all direct government of man by man as the highest and absolute individual liberty." Substitute the words *socialist* for "political ideal," and the definition would be perfect. Even as it now stands, however, it cannot fail to win for Anarchists the respect of intelligent people, and for Anarchy that study and investigation which its adherents have so long vainly solicited.—*Wm. Holmes in Twentieth Century*.

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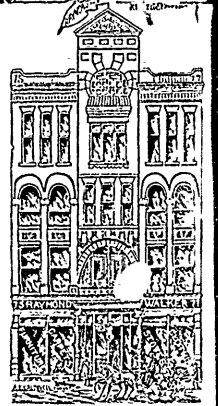
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