

Men and Women.

Mrs. Helen Allingham, a London artist and a niece of Rev. Brooke Horford, of Boston, is the first woman to be elected a member of the Royal Society of Water-color Painters.

Mrs. Hattie Green, of Brooklyn, who is worth about \$30,000,000, has endowed over one hundred churches and established fifty schools. She says that benevolent objects absorb a large portion of her income, and that her son will continue the good work after she is gone.

An American paper thus describes Lord Stanley: "Lord Stanley of Preston, the governor general of Canada, is broad shouldered, patrician mannered, and 49 years of age. He wears a closely cropped black beard, is devoted to a cold tub, and has taken kindly to tobogganing."

Miss Lydia M. Von Finkelstein is the most popular lecturer now living. She is attracting great gatherings in Australia. She made in three seasons in Britain over £3,000 and has already cleared upward of £5,000 in Australia with her tableaux entertainments illustrative of Eastern and Biblical life.

Mrs. U. S. Grant leads a quiet life, partly on account of delicate health, and partly from preferences. Her eyesight has become poor, and she is seldom seen outside the family circle, except when she drives in the park in her well-appointed brougham. One of her most frequent and welcome visitors is General Sherman.

A sister-in-law of Frank Stockton, who is a missionary to India, was called upon to fill a position temporarily vacated by an English teacher in a female school in Siam. In some way the Siamese girls heard of her connection with the novelist, and were electrified by the information. Surrounding her en masse they exclaimed, "Now we shall find out whether it was the lady or the tiger!"

Professor Huxley will no longer attend public meetings, alleging that he is not able to do so, owing partly to growing deafness and partly to a curious liability to become rapidly fatigued and voiceless by talking. This statement surprises his friends, as his great industry, range and activity led them to hope for many more years of good work from him, especially as he is not yet 65 years of age.

Henry Irving has been nominated for Parliament, and has declined in a letter in which he says: "It would not be possible for any actor in the actual discharge of his calling to aspire to parliamentary honors, as not only do the circumstances of his work forbid such a possibility, but that work itself needs a calmer atmosphere than is to be found in the strife of public needs and personal schemes in a lofty kind."

Life Insurance.

Policy holders correspondents were not notified of the news of Bismarck's death when it first became known. Their despatches so as to be sent to the authorities. Then the correspondents, saying, "The authorities had been notified," and sent it.

dred and fifty years old. His story, as handed down by the Franciscan missionaries, shows that when Father Junipero arrived in Monterey in 1769, Gabriel was already a grandfather. His long life was greatly due to his habits of personal cleanliness, which were strict, and the regularity with which he ate his simple meals. The other Indians, however, attributed his longevity to the fact that he was the first of their number to be baptized by the priest. Up to five or six years ago Gabriel's faculties were well preserved, but later on they failed rapidly.

African Exhibition in London.

Most people would probably prefer to take their glimpses of tropical Africa in the latitude of London, particularly when so fine an exhibition of African objects may be seen as that which has just been opened in that city. It is certain that no other African exposition ever began to equal this remarkable show. Most of the African travellers now in Europe have contributed to its success, and many curious and interesting relics of the great explorers from Mungo Park and Clapperton to Livingstone are now gathered together for the first time. For years great collections have been growing in England, Belgium, and France, to which scores of explorers and missionaries have contributed, and many of the best things in these collections may now be seen in London, the whole comprising an epitome of the history of exploration and the present condition of things in tropical Africa.

All classes of visitors, from earnest students to mere curiosity hunters, may here find entertainment. While some will be deeply interested in Ravenstein's fine series of historical maps, showing the progress of our knowledge of Africa from the earliest period to the present day, others will dismiss them with a glance and turn at once to Livingstone's battered old cap, sword, and camp stool, to Mungo Park's famous letter in which he said he would find the sources of the Niger or perish in the attempt, to the originals of the last telegrams Gordon sent from Khartoum and to hundreds of other exhibits which have a peculiar interest, though they may be less instructive.

It is, however, as a panorama of the peoples of equatorial Africa, as a picture of their lives and occupations, of their arts, generally rude but sometimes surprisingly developed, considering their place in the scale of being, that the show far surpasses anything of the kind ever seen before; and while the many hundreds of weapons in the show may convey the impression that war is the chief end of the African man, he is also exhibited in many less brutal phases of his character. There is a great array of his musical instruments, of his grass fabrics, many of them of tasteful patterns and as soft and rich as plush; of his ornaments of gold, copper, and brass, and a bewildering variety of other specimens of his handiwork.

A day spent in such an exhibition with a first rate catalogue in hand, would give one a more comprehensive idea of exploration and tropical Africa than he could derive from a long course of reading. London seems to be the best place just now for stay at home travellers to study the Dark Continent.

A Railway Seized.

The Shore Line railway, which runs from St. John, N. B., to St. Stephen in the same province, has been seized by the Dominion Government for smuggling. This is perhaps the first instance of its kind in the history of railroading, and has created a sensation in the lower part of the country and will probably be heard from in the United States, as Russell Sage, the New York millionaire, is the principal owner of the road. It is given out that certain subordinates in charge of the railway have been indicted in smuggling in rolling stock, wire, rails and indeed all the important material which it requires, the duty on which amounts to many thousands of dollars at the termini of the line.

The seizure just across the border from the States has been a recent case. A recent case showed that had been among the prizes, 20c; Knitting Machines, \$1.00; Family Bibles, 50c; Dickens' and Elton's Works, 50c; Tea and Dinner Sets, \$1.00.

THE FLOGGING OF MME. SIGIDA.

Dr. Gurvich's Protest Against the Cruelty That Caused Her Death.

The well-known English medical journal, the *Lancet*, in last week's number presents at some length such details of the atrocities to which political prisoners at Kara, in eastern Siberia, were subjected last November as are of especial interest to the medical profession. Most attention is devoted to the famous case of Mme. Sigida who died from the effects of flogging.

Dr. Gurvich, the prison physician, was strongly opposed to the flogging. He furnished the Governor of the prison with a certificate setting forth that Mme. Sigida was receiving treatment at his hands for heart disease. It had long been customary for prison officials to accept such a certificate as sufficient warrant for suspending the infliction of corporal punishment. But under the order of Baron Korf, Governor-General of the province of the Amoor, directing that the prison rules should be rigidly enforced in the case of political prisoners, the Governor of the prison decided that the flogging should be administered in spite of the physician. Dr. Gurvich thereupon remonstrated strenuously and refused to be present at the flogging. Despite these remonstrances, the lady was rudely seized, her clothes were stripped from her in the presence of soldiers, and she was thrown upon a bench and held down while a hundred blows fell upon her bare back.

The *Lancet* applauds Dr. Gurvich for his refusal to be a party to this frightful barbarity. If he is persecuted for the stand he took, the *Lancet* thinks that the physicians of England ought to unite in some action to effect his rescue.

THE FRIEND OF HELPLESS SAVAGES.

Steps the Congo State is Taking to Prevent Wanton Destruction of Human Life.

For a long time the Congo State has maintained only three stations, Equator, Bangala, and Stanley Falls, along the hundreds of miles of the great northern bend of the Congo. It is now, however, establishing fourteen secondary posts along the river between Equator and the mouth of the Aruwimi, where with the consent already secured of native chiefs, small forces will be maintained. The purpose is as soon as possible to strengthen these posts so that they may be able to exert an influence for the suppression of conflicts among the natives, human sacrifices, cannibalism, and the slave trade.

Instructions have just been issued to the posts that have been established near Equator to capture all canoes loaded with slaves that come from the Lulongo, Mobangi, and other rivers. The purpose is to break up the practice of ascending these rivers to procure slaves for cannibal banquets among the Congo tribes. Several slave-laden canoes have already been seized and their cargoes liberated.

According to *Le Mouvement Geographique* the slaves all through this region are beginning to learn that if they can reach the stations where the blue flag of the Congo State floats they at once become free men.

At Bangala there is a village of the liberated slaves, and the State officers are training them to make brick and perform other labor.

Notice to Prize-Winners.

Successful competitors in applying for their prizes, must in every case state the number of the competition in which they have been successful, and also the number and nature of the prize won. Attention to these particulars will facilitate matters, and save a good deal of time and trouble. Prize winners must invariably apply in the same hand-writing in which the original answer was sent, so that the letter and application may be compared before the prize is given out. The following sums must accompany applications for prizes, whether called for at the office or delivered by express or freight:—Pianos, \$20; Cabinet Organs, \$5; Sewing Machines, \$2; Tea Service, \$1.50; Gold Watches, Silk Presses \$1; Other Dress Goods, 50c; Cane Baskets, 50c; Rings, 30c. Books, Spoons, Brooches and other small prizes, 20c; Knitting Machines, \$1.00; Family Bibles, 50c; Dickens' and Elton's Works, 50c; Tea and Dinner Sets, \$1.00.

Music and Drama.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—The enthusiasm at the Grand on Monday evening at the first presentation in this city of "The Still Alarm," was quite extraordinary. The piece had come with a good deal to be expected from it, and it certainly realized all expectations. There are some exceptionally fine realistic and sensational parts, especially when the gong sounds and the firemen, roused from their slumbers, slide down to the hall beneath, attach the horses, and draw the engine out with the sparks flying from it. At this the spectators were all silent with a deep interest, and as the curtain fell on the exciting scene, many of them rose to their feet and cheered long and vociferously. "The Still Alarm" will run all week with the usual matinees. Next week the Juch Opera Company.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Little Nugget" is having a good run this week at the Academy. The company is well suited for the play, which abounds in songs, dances, concertina solos, choruses, quartettes, and other specialties, all of which were very well received and numerous encores called for. A facial contortion of H. S. Cawthorn as Barney O'Brady kept the audience in roars of laughter. J. Cawthorn as Jakey Kumper, a musical German, was also good. The concertina duet by these two was much appreciated, and they had to respond to enthusiastic encores. The character of Old Grinder, the villain of the play, was fairly well taken by F. N. Meader, whose deep bass voice added considerably to the effect of the choruses in the last act. Miss Jennie Goldthwaite, as Little Nugget, Grinder's ward, has a very pleasing appearance, and her impersonation of the school-girl was a very free rendition of that character. Miss Susie Forrester has a good voice, and as Mrs. Simpkins, a bashful widow, who finally gets married to Barney O'Brady after an amusing courtship, she contributed very largely to the fun of the evening.

WITH A CHILD ON THE ROOFS.

A Drunken Man's Blood-Chilling Feats of Agility in Newark.

A scene that for nearly an hour chilled the blood of those who witnessed it was presented at Newark the other day. One of the occupants of a certain tenement is George Arbuthnot, an ice man. While he was crazed with drink he went up on the roof with a two-year-old child in his arms. He then began apparently to show what he dared to do. He sprang from roof to roof of adjoining houses over the narrow alleyways like a cat. His friends tried in vain to coax him down, while some of the neighbors ran for the police.

Several policemen arrived soon. At their first appearance Arbuthnot rushed to the edge of a roof, and, with a wild look, threatened to jump off. He changed his mind, however, and renewed his perilous feat of springing from roof to roof. A policeman went up to the roof, and putting his head through the scuttle, tried to coax the man down. While he was thus engaged two other policemen got to the roof of an adjoining house, and stealthily approaching Arbuthnot from behind, were upon him before he was aware of their presence.

After a struggle he was overpowered. The child was taken from him unharmed, and he was conducted down to terra firma and to the police station, where he was locked up. In his flight over the roofs before the arrival of the police he tripped once and fell on a large skylight, crashing in the glass. He clasped the child safe, however, and neither was hurt.

He Has the Drop on Them.

A Chinese mandarin has power to order a subject's head lopped off at a moment's notice, but within three months he must forward to the Emperor an affidavit from two citizens that such execution was in the interest of religion and good government. He has no trouble in procuring these affidavits, as the man who refused to make one would also lose his head.