

Peerages in Abeyance.

One often sees paragraphs in the newspapers about "peerages in abeyance," but very few people understand the exact meaning of the term. This is explained in the following interesting manner by A. C. Fas Davies.

The colloquial use of the word "abeyance" in everyday matters misleads many people who are inclined to use it about any Peerage which is not actually in enjoyment.

There are Peerages by Patent with all sorts of remainders. The usual one nowadays is to the heirs male of the body of the grantee, but of those presently existing the remainder to the Barony of Lucas, the Dukedom of Marlborough (which would take half a column to recite), and the Earldom of Cromarty are the most remarkable exceptions.

An ordinary English Peerage by Patent can never fall into abeyance. It may be that it is not used because there is dispute as to the heirship or doubt as to the existence of heirs, as for example, the Barony of Gardner, the Earldom of Milltown, or the Peerage of "Earl Eife." These titles are now "dormant." They are not in abeyance.

But there is another kind of English Peerage which is a Peerage "in fee." That means it is heritable by female heirs devolving in precisely the same way as freehold land now does in England. These Peerages are usually Baronies "by writ," which means that they were not created by Patent, but exist merely by proof of the issue of a Writ of Summons to Parliament as a Peer and a sitting in Parliament as conformity with the writ. The two together create a heritable Peerage "in fee."

So long as son succeeds father there is no difficulty about the succession. But there always comes a time when there is no son, but only a daughter. If she is an only daughter, she succeeds to the Peerage and transmits it to her eldest son.

No Seniority Among Daughters.
An only daughter of an elder son is the heir general in preference to her father's younger brother. But when there are two or more daughters and no son at any point in the pedigree, then a curious position arises, because in English law there is no seniority among daughters. They all rank equally as "coparceners" (i.e., having equal rights) to use the old-fashioned legal term.

The right of the eldest born, sometimes called the "droit d'aînesse," is only the shadowy fiction of the supposed right to have first choice after the division into portions of the land and other things partible. But a Peerage is not divisible, and consequently "falls into abeyance" and so remains until one or other of two things happen.

If all the sisters except one die, or if in later generations all the issue

of all the sisters except one die out, then the heir of that one sister succeeds of right because he or she can then prove that he or she is "sole heir general" of the person to whom the first writ of summons was issued.

But at any time while a Peerage is in abeyance between two or more co-heirs, the Sovereign may "determine the abeyance" in favor of any one of the co-heirs by giving the Peerage to that one.

That right determination is a prerogative of Sovereignty. It produces no injustice or hardship, because if the line of the favored heir dies out the rights of the others have not been affected, while if it be the others who die out first, the right of the fortunate one has simply been accelerated.

In Scottish law there is no coparcenary, so there is never an abeyance of a Scottish Peerage. In Scotland the eldest daughter is the heir falling a son, and, to use the Scottish term, she is the "heir of line."

Negro at Annapolis.

(New York Times.)

The appointment of Emile Treville, a negro student in the College of the City of New York, to be a midshipman at Annapolis, calls up again one of those seemingly insoluble problems of which there is always at least one to answer "present" when poor harassed humanity calls the roll of its troubles. But let no false hopes spring in the minds of your readers that this letter will furnish an answer to the question. Let me confess at once that I am as much, perhaps even more, puzzled by it than the average person. And the cause of my bewilderment is the comparison which I am compelled to make between the handling of the question here and the treatment accorded it in at least one other land.

I spent some weeks in the Spring of 1921 in one of the British Colonies where there are 800,000 colored people and 200,000 whites; where there is no defined "colored question," either political or economic; where even the social side of the question is almost non-existent; where there is no governmental discrimination against colored people; where white women are safe to wander abroad where and when they will, and where lynchings are unknown. I made my own observations during the time of my sojourn there, and checked them up afterwards by the observations of others and by reference to a published study of the subject made by a cultured Englishman who had been Governor General of the Colony for five years. I refer to the Island of Jamaica in the West Indies.

When I read the interview in a recent issue of the Sunday Times with an unnamed naval officer who predicts absolute ostracism for young Holley and describes the slow torture which

was the lot of another colored midshipman at Annapolis in 1873, I recalled with a feeling of pleasurable relief the entire absence of color taboo in Jamaica, at least in the domain of education and all public functions. There are many highly educated and refined colored families there, and the natural and unconscious way in which the two races mingled together in the daily affairs of life was quite amazing to an American.

For example, I attended the yearly good games in Kingston, when the seven advanced schools which the island boasts enjoyed the annual week of sports and games. The competing students were both colored and white, as were the "masters," who moved busily about the athletic field preparing for each event as it came off. Any suggestion of a color line appeared to be absolutely lacking. The audience was composed, I should say, of about half white and half colored, neither race, as far as I could see, having any advantage in manners or dress over the other. While I was in Kingston a friend of mine attended a football game between two teams made up of white British soldiers stationed on the island. The game was umpired by a black man, assisted by three white umpires! My friend was a Canadian and felt less prejudice than most residents of the United States; but he confessed his utter amazement at the fact that not a protest was made, or apparently felt, by anyone regarding the color of the umpire, and his decisions were accepted with the same finality as if he were white.

Remembering these things, and remembering that I myself had not been in Jamaica a week before I almost forgot whether the people I met were black or white, but knew only that they were agreeable or otherwise—I find myself wondering whether the white midshipmen at Annapolis are really of a different breed from the whites of Jamaica (descendants mostly of English and Scotch), or whether the blacks themselves are different, or whether it is just a different way of looking at the question?

I wish that the naval officer who discussed with the Times correspondent the entrance of a colored boy into Annapolis had not treated the feeling of the midshipman against it as if it were a thing inherent to human nature, originated of God and unchangeable. Before my visit to Jamaica I might have believed it, but not now. I have seen what I have seen, and the contrast between that and the picture of one lonely boy, cultured and refined as we are told he is, averted faces of other cultured and refined young companions for a glance of sympathy or a word of comradeship, leaves me bewildered, and wondering, why here and not there?

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RED CROSS TOURIST GUIDE.

"The Line to the North" is the title of a neatly arranged folder just issued by the Red Cross Steamship management, in announcing the resumption of a weekly service between this port and the neighboring continent. The folder is well printed and contains many fine views of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia scenes. Prominent on the front page is a view of Signal Hill showing Cabot Tower as it stands on the extreme height, and the Battery nestling at the foot. Amongst other cuts are scenes from Middle Cove, Topsail, St. John's Harbor, Chester, N. S., and Northwest Arm, Halifax. The folder is designed to principally illustrate to American tourists the attractions which a twelve days' vacation travelling by the Red Cross boats has to offer. To this end a write-up is given of a trip by either the popular ship Rosalind or the new liner Sylvia. Beginning at East River, the different sights are pointed out and elucidated, the passage down the coast, the stop off at Halifax and the 550 mile sea voyage until St. John's is reached, is pictured in a manner bound to attract anyone planning a holiday. The management is to be congratulated on its well-designed tourist guide. That their efforts to encourage holiday traffic from the neighboring continent will meet with the success which their enterprise deserves, is certain, as the natural attractions which we have to offer has only to be made known to ensure a constant stream of visitors during the summer and fall.

Prisoners Arrive.

WILL SERVE TWELVE MONTHS EACH.

Twelve months each is the time which Moses and Angel Young, two brothers who were convicted before Magistrate McDonnell, of St. George's of a series of larcenies, will have to serve in the Penitentiary. They were brought to town by the express which arrived yesterday. The prisoners were in the custody of Constable Dempsey. Five larcenies were committed by the two Youngs in the course of ten days. The scenes of their depredations were varied and extended from Stephenville Crossing to Port au Port. Moses Young has already served a year for larceny.

Lovers of music will hear some good vocal and instrumental talent at George St. Church on Tuesday, at 8.30 p.m.—jue5,21

Spencer Club.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following are the officers of Spencer Club for the ensuing year:—President—Mrs. Geo. R. Williams, re-elected.

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The Club has rendered valuable assistance to both Spencer and Feild Colleges during the past year. It

equipped a Science Room for the former and furnished a class room for the latter. Socially, the Club has also been very active.

There is a big Sale of Women's Shoes on at BISHOP'S this week at prices from three dollars and twenty to four dollars and ninety a pair. The values offered are without doubt the best obtainable.

Personal.

Mrs. H. A. Lavell, B. A., of Kingston, Ont., President of the Board of Managers of the Women's Missionary Society, was a passenger by the incoming express last evening. During her stay in the city she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Leamon, Monkstown Road.

Layers of mauve and green mouse-line are combined with lace tricot to match in a charming evening gown

Early Morning Fire.

HAMILTON AVENUE STORE GUTTED.

At 2 o'clock this morning, the Central and East End Fire Companies were called to the store of Mr. Robert Forbes, Hamilton Avenue, where a blaze was in progress. On arriving at the scene the inside of the store was found to be a mass of flame and it looked as if the whole building would be destroyed. Several streams of water were quickly put into play and after about twenty minutes the fire was under control. How the fire originated is not known, but it is believed to have started amongst some loose paper that was piled in a corner near the office. Mr. Forbes has been selling off for some weeks past as he contemplates going out of business, and there was very little stock in the store.

Elva Blanche

a Total Wreck.

CREW AT TREPASSEY.

On Sunday night during a fog, the schooner Elva, with a cargo of coal from Newey, went ashore on the rocks of Cape Pine, where she was a total wreck. The news was spread in a message received by the Deputy Minister of Marine from the Sub-Collector at Trepassay. The vessel was commanded by O. Bursay, and was bound for St. John's. She is about 100 tons, and it is understood that the cargo was insured. The crew landed at Trepassay yesterday noon in their boat having seen the scene of the wreck.

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