

CARNEGIE AND SHAKESPEARE.

Stratford-on-Avon is Now "Threatened With a Public Library."

(English Paper.)

Stratford-on-Avon is now threatened with a free library. This seems very appropriate for a town associated in so impressive a manner with the literature of the world. No one objects to the library, but some protest has been raised as to the manner in which it is proposed to have it housed. The intention at present is to erect the new building on the same street as Shakespeare's birthplace and only about twenty-five yards from the famous cottage. Mr. Carnegie is the donor of the library, and he bought and presented to the trustees of the birthplace part of the site which, according to the present plan, is to be utilized. Miss Mary Correll, who presides over Stratford as a sort of guardian angel, has made a public protest against the scheme, and several others, among whom are Miss Ellen Terry and Sidney Colvin, have endeavored to stop the movement. Towards what, it is contended, would be a grievous desecration. It is pointed out that the library, however carefully it may be designed, must become the dominant object in the street, and thus dwarf the shrine to which so many literary pilgrims find themselves drawn year after year. There is, of course, no reason why the new building should be of a modern type, but compared with the fine old English look of the Shakespeare cottage it would inevitably stand out in rather disturbing contrast. Stratford has changed much in appearance since the days when the bard of Avon ramboled about its streets, but it would be well if the old-time appearance of the place could be retained as far as possible. The poet spent some twenty years in the town or in the neighborhood, and the impression which "Wickshire" made upon his impressionable mind is reflected in many parts of his work, which seems to retain for us the flavor of old England. The aspect of the country, the old hand, may not have altered a great deal; it is still

With shadowy forests and with champagne rich,
With plenteous rivers and wide-skirted meads.

The influence on the present of seeing things as they were must be educational and stimulating. For this reason any further modernizing of the ancient town should be avoided. There is an alternative plan to that already mentioned, and it suggests that Mr. Carnegie's gift should be housed in the newer part of the town on a site adjoining the Memorial Theatre. This seems a way out of the difficulty which it would be highly desirable to adopt. It would at any rate be a very great pity if the old English flavor of Henley street, where the birthplace cottage stands, were in any way destroyed by contrast with an imposing modern structure, whether or not in an antique style of architecture.

To Advertisers

COPY must be got in early, the day before if possible, to ensure insertion. Some advertisements have to be omitted daily because the copy comes to hand too late.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., April 7.—William F. Belden, one of the leading journalists and republican politicians of Mohawk Valley, died suddenly this morning in Albany, where for several years he had been deputy senate clerk. He was 47 years old.

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Easter Monday, April 13th,
Special Engagement of the Romantic Actor,

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
At the earnest request of a number of the ratepayers I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for Alderman of Guy's ward on the 14th inst., and would most respectfully solicit your support.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. D. BASKIN.

A STUPID EARL.

Who is Under Secretary of State For War.

(Liverpool Courier.)

The Marquis of Salisbury, in a generous moment, made the young Earl of Hardwicke a minister of the crown. There was no earthly reason why he should at a bound become an officer of state, except that he was in some way connected with the Saturday Review. Tonight the Earl of Hardwicke in the house of lords was asked by Lord Denman to state the chest measurement required of recruits for the army. The under secretary of state for war, with a blue-book in his hand, gave the notion that he had only just arrived from Throgmorton street, for he is a member of the Stock Exchange, and that he had not had time to master the salient features of the blue-book. But he had to explain that as regards the chest measurement of the recruit two inches had to be allowed for the inflation of the chest. He could not, however, remember the word "inflation." He hesitated when he said: "We must take into account that the chest has to be—?" What? The Earl of Rosebery, with left hand to ear, listened for the word. So did the lord chancellor, Lord Hardwicke repeated the word: "We must take into account that the chest has to be—?" Again he stopped. Then he scratched his head. He next turned over the blue-book. Once more he repeated the unfinished sentence. "We struck his chest, and exclaimed: 'I have it—blown out.' After this he revelled in the fact that account was taken of the difference of a recruit's normal chest measurement and when the chest was 'blown out.' The difference, according to the blue-book, is two inches, and every peer smiled.

THE C. P. R.'s SUCCESS.

In Reducing Insurance on the Beaver Line Steamers.

In reference to the reduced rates at which London underwriters have accepted risks on the vessels of the Beaver Line, a correspondent of the London Times says:

The terms under which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have succeeded in replacing in London the insurance on the fleet of steamers which the Elder-Dempster Company have excited much comment. The fourteen Elder-Dempster steamers in the Canadian trade were insured at eight guineas per cent. for twelve months; and, with the transfer of ownership, the Canadian Pacific Railway has effected new insurances also for twelve months at four guineas per cent. It has been suggested in some quarters that this great change was made by mistake; but I am able to say that it was deliberately undertaken, after due consideration, by some of the leading underwriters in London. One may perhaps, hint at some of the reasons which have enabled the Canadian Pacific Railway to effect so large a saving in insurance premiums. In the first place, the railway company enjoys a much wider market than its predecessors. Those who had written the company's "Empress" boats and had found them to "go very well" were willing to continue business with such satisfactory clients; and so it happened that the Canadian Pacific's newly-acquired North American fleet was cheerfully written by many underwriters and marine companies who had not previously taken lines on the Elder-Dempster fleet. This change in the market is estimated to be worth fully two guineas per cent. per annum off the premiums. Then the boats have been insured at considerably higher values than was the case while they belonged to Elder-Dempster, and the greater revenue through increased values represents nearly another guinea per cent. The underwriters have further been assured by the Canadian Pacific Railway that, although exceptional measures will be taken to insure safe navigation and efficient pilotage in the St. Lawrence. The net result is that the Canadian Pacific Railway saves about \$28,000 a year in premiums. The running of the boats under their new ownership will be watched with much interest during the coming St. Lawrence season.

WELL LOOKED AFTER.

Aid For the Poor Widows and Orphans.

The London Standard's Johannesburg correspondent understands that negotiations are proceeding in Pretoria between the Dutch pastors and representatives of the government with a view of making provision for the poor widows and orphans. The intention of the government is to augment the funds already in the possession of the ex-generals for the purpose of establishing agricultural and technical schools at which fatherless boys can be trained in a useful industry. The widows will be placed on ground near the land settlements. Each will be allowed two acres of irrigated ground and a sufficient quantity of dry ground on which to rear a small stock of sheep, poultry or goats, and to keep a cow. The ex-generals, Delarey and Botha, and Mr. Schalk-Burger, will shortly meet to consider what portion of the funds collected in Europe shall be allocated to the benefit of the widows and orphans. It is hoped that the government, the generals, and the Predikants will between them devise a satisfactory and workable scheme.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

Signor Pansa, Italian engineer, whose name is associated with the question of wireless telephones, has made an interesting statement as to the prospects of this new science, which he declares is certain to develop in the near future. Failures hitherto are to be accounted for by the experimenters not having taken accurate note of solar radiation and of the electric state of the atmosphere. His own apparatus, he claims, is perfectly capable of registering sounds. He expects to give convincing demonstrations in a short time.

Chronic constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 5 cents. At drugists.

CHICAGO, April 7.—John R. Wilson, former publisher of the Chicago "Journal" from typhoid fever, aged 51 years, died at Lake Geneva, Wis., to-day.

Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Creosote Tablets, ten cents per box. All drugists.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 7.—P. E. Ayer, for 25 years past general counsel for the Illinois Central, is dead from pneumonia. He was a native of New Hampshire and came to Chicago in 1857.

Wilcox Bros.' Easter Clothing For Men and Boys.

Men's Suits.

Neat stripes. English worsteds. Best makes. Latest styles, \$10.50, 12.00 and 15.00.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

The regular quarterly meeting of the local Women's Council was held at the King's Daughters Guild yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Ellis in her report on the immigration committee of the council stated that it was too late to do much this season, and strongly advised that committee be appointed to begin work early next year.

Miss Peters moved that the name of the vigilance committee be changed to that of committee on city improvement, she also read a circular calling the attention of the ladies to the necessity of education along the line of improvements.

On motion the discussion of the matter was left over to another meeting.

Officers were nominated for the National Council. The delegates elected to attend the National Council in Toronto are: Mrs. C. Allen, Mrs. John Thomson, Mrs. R. Skinner, Mrs. David McLellan and Mrs. H. E. Austin. Substitutes: Mrs. Burpee and Mrs. Geo. F. Smith.

Miss Christie read a paper on domestic science, giving special attention to the school in St. John.

A vote of thanks moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Lady Tilley, was tendered to Miss Christie for her valuable paper.

Miss Mabel Peters read a paper on Citizenship, prepared to be read at the National Council in May. An interesting discussion followed, taken part in by Miss Murphy and Miss Leavins.

Miss Murphy brought before the meeting the petition which is being circulated by the teachers of the public schools for an increase of salaries. It was approved by the council.

Among those who were present were Lady Tilley, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Peters. At a meeting of the Union Club Co. last night, Mr. Justice Barker presiding, it was decided to adopt the by-law of the company authorizing the erection of an addition to the club house. The work will be proceeded with at once.

There was a Hallelujah wedding in the Indian Salvation Army barracks last night when Major Howell united in marriage Chas. Gilmore of Bangor, Me., and Miss Mercer. A large number of guests attended a pleasant supper afterwards.

RYAN SPEAKS TO ST. JOHN.

I am bringing to your city this season, opening at the Opera House on Easter Monday night, the strongest stock organization, the best selections of wholesome plays, completely staged with thoroughly appropriate light effects and costumes, that has ever been given in St. John. It is doubly expensive as my last year's organization, and I am confident that if you patronize my efforts once you will be sure to do so again. If it is not every-thing that I have said in general excellence, I ask you to refrain from giving my then palpable misrepresentation your encouragement.

Yours respectfully,
DANIEL R. RYAN.

The sale of seats opens for the first week today. A big production of "An Enemy to the King" will be presented on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

McCLARY CO. ENTERTAIN.

The McClary Mfg. Co. gave a dinner to its employees at the Union Club last evening. After an excellent dinner served in the admirable way characteristic of the Union Club, many speeches were made and many songs were sung.

J. J. Foot, the representative of the McClary Co., was chairman, and Col. Markham was vice-chairman. C. B. Allan, John McAvity, H. H. Stanbury, J. J. Barry, F. Barr and Allan Schofield were guests. A telegram was read from Colonel Garbhorn, the general manager of the company at London, Ont., wishing a pleasant time to the party. The good wishes of the general manager were fully realized and at the close Mr. Foot intimated that it was the intention of the company to repeat the dinner annually.

AT THE CHALET.

Three new cottages are about completed at the Chalet and a fourth will be ready for occupation in the beginning of the summer. R. Morton Smith's summer residence, situated above the road, was commenced last autumn and will soon be finished. Between the road and the lake Mr. Fleetwood is building west of F. A. Dykeman's summer residence. East of the Chalet building and close to the water side are the new house and barn of Mr. Herriott. Captain E. C. Elkin, whose lot is a few hundred yards east of R. Morton Smith, has contracted for the completion of his cottage about the first of July or earlier.

THISTLE CURLING CLUB BUSINESS.

The adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of the Thistle Curling Rink Co., Ltd., was held at the clubhouse, Golding street, last evening. The board of directors presented the second annual report, showing the finances to be in excellent condition. The old board were re-elected, viz.:—A. B. Holly, J. H. Thomson, A. W. Sharp, E. W. Paul, W. M. Rivers, W. Robinson, and D. McClelland. A meeting of the directors will be held in a few days to elect officers for the year.

SALE AND TEA.

The tea and sale given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Carmarthen Street Methodist Church at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Hutchings last evening passed off most satisfactorily. Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Kain were in charge of the fancy table, Mrs. Calhoun of the handkerchief table, Mrs. Brown of the candy table, Mrs. Carless and Mrs. Hutchings of the ice cream table, and Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Kinney of the tea table. The names of others who took part are Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Heffer and Mrs. Calhoun.

THE GOWER.

Tug Lillie left yesterday afternoon for Musquash to tow off the rocks the sch. Sower, which was driven ashore there the other day. After getting her aloft, and it is not anticipated there will be any difficulty in accomplishing that feat, the tug will bring the damaged vessel to St. John. The Sower is very badly damaged, but the cargo of deals owned by Stetson, Cutler & Co., is reported to be all right.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENNETT'S Lament to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

Men's Clothing For Easter!

MEN'S FINE TAILORING.

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Prices, \$10, \$11, \$12.50 to \$20.

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Special selling of suits at clearing out prices. If you see the goods you can hardly credit the prices. They were made to retail at \$12 and \$14; but we bought a large quantity, clearing out some lines, and are enabled to sell them at \$8.50.

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PRINCE ALBERT COATS AND VESTS.

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Unfinished Worsteds and Cheviot, \$12 and \$20 the Coat and Vest.

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OUR CUSTOM TAILORING

Is in a class by itself. It took us some time to get our tailoring department up to the present standard, but our past hopes have been realized and today we have a custom department without a peer. Many of St. John's most particular men have already ordered their spring clothing—the best work takes time. It's not too early, but a word to those who have never tried our tailoring. Let us make you a suit, if you are not satisfied with the workmanship or fit you do not have to pay for it. Get acquainted with our tailoring and it will be an agreeable acquaintance not soon forgotten.

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THREE LATE ALLAN LINERS.

HALIFAX, April 9.—Three Allan liners, the Numidian, Laurentian and Sicilian, left for Montreal last week in March for Halifax, and the Laurentian, which got in this morning, made the best trip of the trio. The Numidian left Montreal at 1 p. m. Friday, the Sicilian left Liverpool Saturday morning, and the Laurentian left Glasgow at 1 p. m. Saturday. She was thus 24 hours behind the Numidian with the mails, and the latter arrived at 9 o'clock this evening. She has 369 passengers.

The Laurentian had 28 first class passengers, 123 second class, and 24 third class passengers for Halifax and 32 for New York. There was not a foreigner among them, all a splendid class of Britishers bound for the Northwest, except 50 for Sydney, C. B. There were 418 adults and children. A sad death occurred on the passage, three days after leaving Glasgow. Mrs. Margaret Young of Scotland was coming out with her two children, Nellie, aged 15, and William, 12, and her sister-in-law, bound to Shod Lake, Manitoba, where the latter's husband has a splendid farm and home. Mrs. Young during the passage had been completely of her head, but on Saturday she was the life of her party. She was of a cheery disposition, and while others were suffering from seasickness she was about singing and telling stories. Sunday evening she retired apparently as well as ever, but still complaining of the pains in her head. In the night her little boy woke her, saying, "Mamma won't wake up." She said she tried to rouse her, but could not, and the others on going to her room found her dead. Dr. Lees, the ship's surgeon, was summoned, who said she died of apoplexy. The remains were buried at sea.

NO BUCKET SHOPS FOR HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, April 9.—F. B. McCurdy, R. F. Mettler, Joseph Muirhead, James C. Mackintosh, B. M. Beckwith, E. F. Smith, E. E. Beck, H. S. Rombrough and E. J. Pauley were indicted by the grand jury on a charge of keeping common gambling houses. This was done on the strength of a charge made to the grand jury and on evidence submitted to that body. Judge Weatherbe informed the jury that he felt they were convinced that the law had been violated, that a prima facie case had been made out and that the accused should be put upon their trial. The findings of the jury were strong. The findings of the public. The jurors had done their duty, and it would be the duty of the judge to find them guilty. The trials would be given every publicity, so that the public might ascertain the exact value of the business conducted by the brokers in Halifax. Applications were made by the crown for warrants for those against whom indictments had been found, returnable April 14. The grand jury recommended that stringent laws be passed as to the licensing of stock brokers, so that the law prohibiting gambling might be the more easily enforced.

EARLE-MORRISON.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Rev. G. R. B. Macdonald, curate of Trinity Church, on Wednesday evening. The contracting parties were Wm. D. Earle of this city and Miss Lella Morrison of Economy, N. B. Rev. Mr. Macdonald officiated, and only a few immediate relatives and friends were present. The happy couple will reside in St. John. Mr. Earle is employed at the York cotton mill.

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