

THE DAPPER SLACKER'S PRAYER.

(By James Lawler.)

O give us vict'ry, gracious Lord,
 O let the Allies win,
 O may our glorious armies soon
 Go marching to Berlin.
 O may our men care naught for death,
 Care naught for fire and sword,—
 I, too, do sacrifices make,
 I do, upon my word.

I do not leave the primrose path
 (Thou would'st not ask that, sure),
 But barring that, one scarce can name
 A toil I don't endure.
 Of course, I cannot go to war
 (I fear my dainty skin),
 But if the floor and music's good
 I dance against Berlin.

Five nights a week I go to balls
 To help the Belgians, poor,
 (I think they're Belgians, though, of course,
 I really can't be sure),
 And then I often risk my health
 At divers times and dates,
 To aid the suffering Serbians,
 By eating chocolates.
 (\$1 per box at the stall nearest the door.)

And when the brazen gong doth call
 To dine for causes true,
 I challenge Indigestion's worst,
 And chew, and chew, and chew.
 I vote our generals stupid fools,
 Their tactics, old and thin;
 I'd lay a waxen dancing floor,
 And dance into Berlin.

AN ACTUARY'S "NOTES."

"Notes on the Calculation of Tables of Policy Values" is the title of a monograph by A. D. Watson, of the Department of Insurance, reprinted from the Transactions of the Actuarial Society of America. Mr. Watson takes up a subject of imminent importance in the insurance world and handles it with a technical thoroughness and dexterity that is bewildering to the layman but a delight

to the actuary. His "Notes" will attract wide attention among men of his profession.

TO RAILWAY BOARD.

Major Graham A. Bell, financial comptroller and assistant to the Minister in the Department of Railways and Canals, has been appointed one of the Government directors on the Canadian Northern Railway Board.