HOME NURSING. SOCRETY. Report of the Sceretary-Treasurer Presented at Saturday's Meeting.

At the last meeting of the Home Nursing Society held on Saturday, the president, Mrs. D. W. Higgins, presiding, the following report was received from the secretary-treasurer: ToH

In presenting our report we have to note a change, not only in name, but method of work. On respening the maternity home December last it was decided to make a further trial of the work for six months. At the end of that period it was found that there had been an expenditure in actual cash of \$349.42. In addition to the moneys expended, donations in kind were ilso received. The receipts from patients during the half year were \$96. It will readily be seen that had there not been a surplus on hand in response to an appeal made in November last, in order to free the institution from its financial embarrassments, there would have been a deficit. On the 12th of April of the present year, a meeting of the subscribers was held in the city hall, the advisability of closing the me discussed and a scheme laid before them for formation of a home nursing society. It was finally decided to close the home and adopt the scher laid before the meeting .. From the old society was formed then the Victoria Home Nursing Society, the object of which is to provide good nursing for ma-

ternity cases free of charge. Miss Ellingson, who had been in charge of the home, was engaged at a alary of \$35 per monta; sufficient fucniture was kept to furnish a room for her, some of it was sold and the remainder given to the Friendly Help society. The last named society has co-operated with us by bringing to our notice, cases needing the nurse's care. Since adopting the present plan of work, eight maternity cases have been cared for: The society s to be congratulated upon securing th ervices of Miss Ellingson, who is highly spoken of everywhere her services have been in demand; letters too, of grateful acknowledgement have been received from patients, testifying to her efficiency and acceptability. In addition to the cases already mentioned, aged and infirm cases have been and are still being cared

The mrried circle of the King's Daugh ters is also wiling to assist us by providing what is known as a maternity bag or any specially destitute cases. The resent is a more economical method than the former and farther reaching in its sphere of usefulness. For maintaining the Maternity Home, the minimum ost was \$900 per annum; the present method requires \$500.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Friendly Help Association for the use of their rooms and their co-operations generally; also the subscribers for their support, and beg for a continuance of the same to aid in carrying out the good

work already begun. MARGT. JENKINS. Victoria, December 11, 1897.

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| - | December 1, 1896, to May 3, 1897. Receipts. |
| | Balance \$136 74 Grant City Council 25 00 Patients' fees 96 00 Angels, Sewing Society 15 00 Subscriptions and Donations 225 80 |
| Annual Property lies | Total |
| | Rent \$ 96 00 Matron salary and help 103 75 Provisions 106 67 Albion Iron Works (stove) 17 50 Water rate 15 00 |
| | Telephone 7 50 Printing 9 00 Balance 152 12 |
| | Total\$501.54 |
| | HOME NURSING SOCIETY. June 1 to November 30, 1897. |
| | Cash on hand \$152 12 Subscriptions \$4 55 Sale furniture 32 00 Donations 15 00 |
| 2500 | Total |
| | Matron salary \$210 00 Telephone 15 00 Affiliation fees to L.C.W. 2 00 Cash on hand 56 67 |
| | Total\$283 67 |
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Pain From Deep Burns Ectinguished by the Use of Orthoform.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW ANESTHE-

TIC.

A new step forward is believed to have een taken in that successful war with pain which many observers believe will be the prominent feature during the next century of the advance in physics, says the Spectator. Two scientific men in Munich, named Eichhorn and Heinz, who are devoted to medical research, think they have discovered a new anes thetic of singular power. It is a prepar ation of "benzomethylic ether," for which they publish the formula and to which they give the name of "ortho-They maintain as a result of careful experiment that it will, if used in the form of a powder, in a lew minutes extinguish the pain of deep burns, and resent the despair of surgeons. The ief lasts for many hours, and the cation can be renewed with safety time to time, orthoform being so little onous that when a patient suffering, rom a terrible form of ulcer had been sprinkled for a week and pain for that ime suspended no evil result could be obrved. Indeed, it has been adminis large doses to arrest the frightful in of cancer in the stomach without njury to the patient. So puny of these naesthetics are now written ab is well to be suspicious, but there is good evidence for the truth of this story, and the discoverers, it will be noticed, d ot claim for the new drug, as qu always do, any curative effect except uch as must always follow a cessation f nervous disturbance. It is the pain of a large burn, not the actual ininey.

Care of the Complexion

It is a well-known fact that a torp liver produces a sallow hue and a dall yellow complexion. You need not ex-pect a clear beautiful complexion if the pect a clear, beautiful complexion if the blood is rendered impure by a sluggish action of the liver, which cannot properly perform its function of purifying and filtering all impurities of the blood, Ladies, Dr. Chase's Kidney Pills is anyinvaluable renedy, for by their action, or the liver and blood they promote; stue beauty by rendering the blood pure. This is the secret

BIG DEAL IN COPPER MINES

Six Promising Claims on Jarvis Inlet | region. Bonded for \$50,000-Blewitt Home From the East.

Texada Island Properties Are Showing Up Well, and the Values Increase With Depth.

from Texada Island, returned yesterday of some very promising mining properties on Jarvis Inlet, British Columbia.

The deal was consummated and the property was bonded for \$50,000. Develop-but it would be supplied with power direct from the company's pipes. No announcement is as yet made of the price at which the company would furnish air, but it would evidently be at a very conhoist. A rich body of ore has been struck, assaying from \$50 to \$60 per ton, and the capacity of the mine is about to

The increased the North Pacific coast," said Mr. Blewett. "They regard this section of the continent as the coming country. There is no doubt of that. Of course I heard a second doubt of talk about the Klondika. and being from the Northwest, it was natural that New Yorkers should seek get away from the fact that the Klon-dike is regarded as a big affair in the horse-power and air will be distributed. About 1,400 officers and men either kill-Bast. Plenty of people are preparing to from it by pipelines to the neighboring ed and wounded and 3,000,000 rupees come west and join in the grand rush in the spring. In one little town of 5,000 people in New York state, eighty resilents of the place have formed a Klondike company, and each contributed \$500. This makes \$40,000 that will be sent out from one small city. It is my belief that the estimate of 100,000 people who will come West next year, drawn by the Klondike excitement, is

"I am thoroughly satisfied that the fu-"ture will show a tremendous development of the mineral wealth of the North Pacific coast, including the various mining districts of British Columbia. The capital to bring to the surface the stores of wealth in this section of the country is ready for investment. It can be had for legitimate propositions. The Eastern men with money to invest in mining enterprises in this section of the course of the fall the bubbles try must, of course, be assured of the of air contained in the water are commerit of the undertaking in which they pressed in a measure proportionate to are asked to invest their money. One the height of the fall. Arriving at the property that I know of was recently bottom of the tube, the compressed ar examined by an expert for a group of is caught in the drum , while the water wealthy Eastern capitalists. The man allowed to escape. The drum acts as a who offered it for sale was asked to pay main pipe line leads, while branch pipes the expenses of the expert if the pro-perty was not as represented. The re-lt is estimated that in such a prant as

is \$50,000. The money is available for transpired. development work on the claims, and a work on the property. The claims lie on tide water, and the property can be gun at once and pushed. From a num- this city. So far he has had no trouble, ber of samples, take 1 at random, as-says were obtained running from 13 to the surface rights with them have cheer-26 per cent. copper, eight to sixteen fully donated the company enough land ounces of silver and from \$1 to \$5.80 per for a right of way. ton in gold. The vein, running from six to 150 feet in width, is continuous

throughout the six claims." America. Each of the shipments was of 200 tons.

MRS. McKINLEY DEAD. 'Aged Wife of the President At Last

Quits This Life. Canton, Dec. 12.-Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley passed from life at a few minutes past 2 o'clock, with all her children and other immediate relatives at her bedside. She did not suffer any in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep, palsied sleep in which she has rested almost constantly for the past ten days into the sleep of death. No word could be secured from the house for some hours before the dissolution. The end was most beautiful in its quiet peacefulness. She seemed to sleep so soundly that it was difficult to tell whether she had yet breathed her last. This condition continued for half an hour. president and all of the family were by her side. There were no recognitions, however. Her last consciousness was hours before her final taking away.

STEAMER FOR THE YUKON.

will be shipped across the continent by railroad or else sent around the Horn by one of the many steamers going to participate in the Klondike trade.

MARTIN AT OTTAWA Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Hon. Joseph Mar-tin, of Vancouver, arrived here to-day, and had an interview with Hon. David

ANOTHER KLONDIKE EXPEDI-

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 11.-The schooner Concord sailed from this port to-day bound for Alaska with a party of gold seekers. Captain McLeod, in command, expects to reach Alaska in April, and will at once proceed to the Klondike

WILL SELL THE AIR. It Will Be in Compressed Form For Power Purposes.

Rosaland Miner: A project is now under consideration for supplying the mines of the camp with compressed air from pipe lines radiating out of a big central compressor. The promoters of Edward Blewett, the copper king, the enterprise propose doing away with the local compressing plants now in operfrom Texada Island, returned yesterday the local compressing plants now in oper-from a protracted business trip to New York, Chicago, and other Eastern cities. The business that took Mr. Blewett east drills, the pumps and the hoists, each of was in connection with the development which would be supplied with power diment work will be commenced at once. siderable reduction over the present went work will be commenced at once. Siderable reduction over the present cost, since the plant, if installed, would be in direct competition with the West cared for by his son, Radph Blewett. Kootenay Electric Power & Light Co., Work on the Raven mine, which adjoins which contemplates furnishing motive the famous Wananda, has progressed fa- force at 50 per cent of the present rates. vorably, and now the company is taking With the two rival companies in the field out 100 tons of ore per day by a steam against each other, a big reduction over

pression, which has received practical The men with lots of money in the tests in the east, and has proven highly satisfactory and exceedingly economimate mining and other enterprises of cal. The patents are controlled by a after information from me. You can't to the one which it may erect here. The mines.

> cation of its plant, further than to say that it will be on one of the streams within nine miles of Rossland. It is conjectured that the site will be at the junction of Big Sheep and Little Sheep creeks.

> The Taylor system of air compression is altogether unique. It utilizes the fall of water, but dispenses with any moving parts. The plant consists of a cistern, down the centre of which passes a vertical tube, widening out at the bottom into a large drum. At the top of the vertcal tube, and connected with it, is a horizontal supply pipe. The water, which is automatically mixed with air, flows through the supply pipe down the vertical tube to the bottom of the eistern.

They wer located a year ago by a pros- here last Monday looking over the field, pector named Fitzsimmons. The price but the object of their visit has just

force of nine men has been ordered to WILL USE THE SAME TRACKS. J. L. G. Abbott, who is the local solicireached by an ocean going steamship. tor for the C.P.R., is just now securing Work on three of the claims will be be-

been entered into with D. C. Corbin, by hroughout the six claims."

which the C.P.R. is to have the right of way over the grant of the Red Monnshipments of ore from Texada were in ballast to Swansea, Wales, where a higher price was realized for copper than in acter possible. It is evidently the intention of the C.P.R., when its connection with Rossland is completed, to run a daily train to Spokane over the tracks of the Red Mountain railway and the Spokane & Northern in much the same as it runs a train into and out of Seattle daily over the Seattle & International

railway. object of this is to compete The greater advantage with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways, that have for a long time been seriously cutting into the business of the C.P.R. by reason of the greater expedition with changes which they handle the business and the chipse. deep cuts that have sometimes been Prof. made by those lines in the freight

rates. It is also said by some that the C.P. R. regards the Kootenay country as a part of its exclusive territory, and is determined, if possible, to drive all its com-petitors here out of the field at any cost. -Rossland Miner.

STUNG BY CACTUS PLANTS.

Several men employed about Hortleul-tural hall, in Fairmount Park, are nursing yery sore hands, and one of them is just STEAMER FOR THE YUKON.
One of Special Design to Be Built by Philadelphia Partles.

New York, Dec. 11.—Lewis Noxon, of Elizabethport, N. J., is to build a stern wheel steamboat of special design for use on the Yukon river for the Philaphia Exploration and Mining Company, which is about to send an expedition under Prof. Andrew Heilprin, of Philadelphia.

The new boat will be 80 feet long over all, 15 feet beam and 13 feet 10 inches in depth, and will carry 35 tons in 18 inches of water.

The contract calls for the completion of the boat within sixty 11ys, when she will be shipped across the confinent, by relimed to the case and of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just yery sore hands, and one of them is just that he is out of danger from blood poisoning from stings received in handing prickly perceived in handing prickly pe

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

France and England Still Dispute in Africa-No Sign of an Agreement.

> Russia Jealous Over the Extension anof a German Influence in old the Orient.

London, Dec. 11 .- Four cabinet councils in a week are calculated to arouse not altogether unpalatable.

The National Liberal Federation at its comment, but it must be admitted that the Marquis of Salisbury and his col-leagues have a multiplicity of matters more or less urgently calling for a settiement. With France trying to filch Britain is in the habit of calling her China, while Great Britain herself is trying to grab a little more country at various other points and with the preparation of the legislative programme, the ministry has no lack of worries.

The announcement which the St. James Gazette made on Wednesday last "authoritatively" that the British government does not expect any further trouble with France regarding the upper Nile region. France agreeing to accept the situation, is unconfirmed and probably unfounded, as there it no lack of are annoyed at the fact that the platevidence that France is deliberately pursuing the task of seizing the upper waters of the Nile above Khartoum, thus cutting the British line of communication between Capetown and Suez, and the powerful colonial party in France threatit recede from this enterprise.

All the forces of Gen. William Lockhart, the British commander on the Ina great deal of talk about the Klondike, instituting plants in this country. The dian frontier, have been withdrawn to compnay is now putting up a plant at the Bara valley for the winter. Thus Ainsworth, similar, except in capacity, the largest and best force ever assembled in India has failed, and the whole work and that he had been successful in pro- numbers of men who had started for from it by pipelines to the neighboring sed and wounded and 3,000,000 rupees mines.

The company has not disclosed the lecture, are the debits, ened on the frontier, are the debits, against which a few much huts and sangth and the chemist's command—temperatures which approach those at present in this success was som. He received letters from E. W. Son. He received letters from E. W. Pullin, of Seattle, who recently went into the interior. Perhaps Pulling is looking on the blue side, but he speaks ers blown up and probably several thous-and natives killed are the only apparent

credits.

for military reform.

plorer, has taken the town by storm, found in nature.
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in his plans."

On Tuesday Lieut, Peary and Mrs. Peary dined at the Harmsworths, and on Wednesday the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, and Mrs. Hay gave Observations Which First Suggested His dinner in their honor. The lieutenant ectured at Newcastle on Thursday and on Friday at Edinburgh. There he met

wastes. He has secured a good collec-

On Friday afternoon Co. Hay had a

GOSSIP OF LONDON whatever nationality, could buy his way among those who are described as 'the best and proudest in the land,' but who worship the golden calf." Continuing, Lord Beresford said:

"Our old empire will soon be going down grade, when a man in the so-called best society commits any dishonorable act and society bands togther to screen Lim instead of hanging him to the first

The popular rear admiral also urged return to the old "love of chivalry and patriotism, the abhorrence of everything kordid and selfish."

The Vagabonds were at first aghast at A

this plain speaking, but the subsequent

cheers showed that outspoken truths are

annual meeting at Derby on Tuesday last constructed a new platform which, it is hoped, will be broad enough to hold all the factions. It includes abolition of the lices off African territory which Great | peers, right of veto, woman suffrage, the payment of members of the house of con own, and Germany loosening the "cinch" mons, the enfranchisement of paupers Albion has always claimed to have on and the defraying of election expenses mons, the enfranchisement of paupers from public funds. John Morley has "kicked" at the platform. He says he has doffed his coat and waistcoat on behalf of home rule and cannot spare any more apparel for the purpose of fighting for the abolition of the house of lords, while it is easy to imagine the feelings of Sir William Vernop Harcourt, who has so consistently voted against woman suffrage. Sir Lawson will argue against the dropping form contains no mention of home rule.

M. MOISAN'S DIAMONDS.

In the year 1892 a celebrated French of the Kloadike to salt water. chemist, named Moissan, commenced to all fleeing from starvation, which is now ens to upset the Meline cabinet should experiment upon this subject; and, with more threatening than ever. From the a clue to nature's methods of manufac- Indian himself not much information ture, given by the discovery of some min-ute diamonds in some specimens of menounce to the French Academie des far northern country feel anxious for Sciences that this problem was solved, them, and were the means of making ducing diamonds in his laboratory in

peratures which approach those at present existing in our sun. The electric as though he might not see his friends are light is now so commonly used that again. In his letter Pullin says that Rumors, too precise to be guesswork, are current to the effect that the Earl lamp being cleaned, and have not seen the are after the government officials had posted are current to the effect that the Earl of Elgin early next year will retire from served the two carbon pencils, between the vice-royalty of India and be succeed- the points of which the arc is formed. lives, many of the men pooled what proed by Lord George Hamilton, whose In- The electric current, in passing across dian secretaryship will be filled by Lord the air gap between the carbon points, Lansdowne, the present secretary of develops a most intense heat; and if the state for war. This will be a good party carbon pensils be enclosed in a suitably move, as it would enable the Marquis of shaped firecay box to guard against the Salisbury to place at the head of the loss of heat by radiation, the modern elin some cases a lining of the materials It is intimated that Joseph Chamber- which are to be heated is used as well. lain may be transferred from the colonial one in such a furnace, using large curto the war office, his place being given frents of electricity, temperatures of beas a sop to the Marquis of Londonderry, whose "kicking" qualities are not appreciated by the ministry.

Lieut, R. E. Peary, the American exhibitors of that only been and shicon with the metals that were liftherto unknown or that only been

Nansen and have the utmost confidence | anced being one twenty-fifth of an inch in diameter. Chambers' Journal.

DARWIN'S AWAKENING.

Theory of Evolution. As long ago as July 1, 1837, young Dar-

on Friday at Edinburgh. There he met with an enthusiastic reception from the Koyal British Geographical Society and was presented with its medal.

Sir Clement Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, will give as banquet in Lieut Peary's honor on December 14.

C. J. D. Gold, of Cambridge, who rowed for Leander in the race for the grand challenge cup at the Henley regat a this year, and W. J. Férnis, who was stroke for Trinity Hall (Cambridge) crew in the face for the grand challenge crew in the face of the grand challe with an enthusiastic reception from the win, then 28 years of age, had opened a

FROM DAWSON

Mail Carrier Auk Arrived at Juneau With Late Interior Advices.

Thousand or More Men Are Fighting Their Way Over the Trails.

Buidtan, ise

Men Drew Lots to Decide Who Should Remain and Who Should Come Out.

The distress at Dawson City, caused by the shortage of provisions and every-thing else, with the exception of gold, was not relieved to an appreciable extent by the arrival in October of the steamers Bella and Weare. The conditions there were just as bad, in fact, far worse, a month after the arrival of the steamers, as they were before they put in an appearance with their scanty car-Just before the departure from Juneau of the steamer City of Topeka, which acrived here early this morning, the old Indian mail carrief, Auk, arrived from Dawson. He reports that fully one thousand men, if not more, are strung along the trail from the metropolis teoric fron, he was soon able to an- who have friends in the interior of the

Dawson turn their faces southward. Paris.
One of these was Rene Lepreux, of Kelly
The chief agent in this success was & Co., druggists, of Skagway and Dawout of the country if they valued their visions they had and drew lots to decide who were to remain for the winter and who were to attempt the trip to Fort Yukon or to the coast. It was a question who were taking the greatest risks, those who remained and set their minds on war office a skilled man of business, liedtric furnace is obtained. The fireclay spending several months on short rations or those who faced a hard thirty days' who would satisfy the taxpayers as well as the army, and materially smooth the path for the intended popular demand from the intense heat of the arc; while them, if they did not take too long for the intense heat of the arc; while those to whose lot it fell to leave the country were grub-staked for the trip. In this way the population was thinned out, some who had to go starting for Fort Yukon and others for the Others again started out for Fort Yukon. hoping to get back to Dawson with supplies. Of course all this will relieve the conditions, but even at the best there will be much suffering, for in that cold climate men have to be well fed. Pullin gives same prices which provisions now demand in Dawson, but he does not say that they can be bought even at the fabulously high prices quoted. Flour is worth from seventy-five to one hundred dollars for fifty pound sacks; beans, \$1.50 provided and the same prices would wary few. hoping to get back to Dawson with supthe expenses of the expert if the property was not as represented. The reperty was not as represented. The reperty was more than satisfactory. So it
goes.

"Judge Shoup, of Chicago, and myself
have bonded the Fitzsimmons group of
six claims on Jarvis Inlet. The mines
six claims on Jarvis Inlet. The mines
are situated across from Texada Island.

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demand in Dawson of the manufactur pound; candles, \$1.50 each and very few of them at that, and fresh fish, \$1.25 round and very scarce. Cooking utensils, too, are none too plentiful, men satisfying themselves with pieces of tin for frying pans and old tin cans for other cooking purposes. It is all this discomfort and prospective misery that is driv-

ing the men out of the country, which one thousand men following up old Auk are fleeing from. He does not contemplate that the men will have much difficulty in getting out, but he has made the trip so often that he would probably take no notice of hardships that other men could not survive. The next boat

those already there, but there is a long winter ahead and it is hard to say what it will bring forth. One thing is certain, this stampede from Dawson will grently lessen the output of the mines this

WAS LUCKY TO GET OUT ALIVE. Patients in a Chinese Hospital Have Little

wester. He has secured a good collection.

The control of the phal a four conference with the Marquis of Scilabury at the foreign office on the subject of Behring San. The interview was calleable on both sides, but nothing define was arrived at. Later in the after included the second of the subject of Behring San. The interview was calleable on both sides, but nothing define was arrived at. Later in the after included the second of the subject of Behring San. The interview was calleable on both sides, but nothing define was arrived at. Later in the after included the second of the subject of Behring San. A faller to meet on the day of opening the room of all and like was arrived at. Later in the after included in the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the supreme court of the state of the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the conference with the second of a fundament of the supreme court of the state of the second of a fundament of the supreme court of the state of the second of a fundament of the supreme court of the state of the second of a fundament of the suprement of the second of a fundament of the suprement of the second of a fundament of the suprement of the second of a fundament of the suprement of the suprement of the state of the suprement of the suprement of the state of the suprement of the suprement of the state of the suprement of the state of the suprement of the suprement of the state of the suprement of the state of the suprement of the state of the suprement of t

after a long run. You are not mistaken. It is a man breathing heavily in his race with death. He is still alive, and you wonder why. Groping your way, you reach some stationary object and light a match. It just gives enough light to enable you to see a candle on a bench and you light that. Then you feel that an electric are light would scarcely be sufficient to enable you to pierce that Stygian darkness.

It is well, perhaps, that you have an obscured vision. It is possible that if you could see all that is in the room at once you, too, would be a sick man. It is a moisesome den, where vermin abound; where rats make their home; where the flying and the dead humanity lie side by side, the one waiting for, its coffin and the other for the cessation of the struggle for breath.

SONG WAS INAPPROPRIATE. Choir Sang a Hymn at Variance With Pas-tor's Sermon.

In one of our largest churches last even ing the pastor, one of the ablest and most eloquent preachers in the United States, delivered a sermon based on the following delivered a sermon based on the following text: "How precious are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with Thee."—Psalm exxix, 17-18. The sermon seemed to make a deep impression upon the attentive congregation, and the closing words of the speaker were peculiarly solemn, having reference to the uninterrupted presence of God, even through sleep and at waking in the morning. The musical director, who regards himself as a large quantity on the philosophy and dramatic effect of music, instead of improvising a selection suited to the spirit of the sermon, simple and with unintelligence, accorded to his programme and the quartette sang in excellent style: "How long, O Lord, wilt Thou forget me?" This inquisitive sentence, varied with the more solicitous inquiry: "How long wilt Thou hide Thyself from me?" was the musical wail that followed the profound pastoral assurance of God's omnipotence, goodness, omnipresence, omniscience and perfect holiness, attributes that are ever goodness, omnipresence, omniscience and perfect holiness, attributes that are ever active and at no time nor under any circumstances beyond the vision of man. And yet if that pastor would hint at such a ludicrous picture he might be accused of meddling.—Brooklyn Eagle.

DEGENERATE FAMILIES.

There is a paper on "The Causes of Poverty," by the late Francis A. Walker, in the December Century. General Walker

in the December. Century. General Walker says:

The true predominant causes of pauperism, as of crime, have been strikingly and painfally brought out in tracing the history of a few families. Three cases will suffice. The reader remembers the investigation of the Jukes family in New York state. Mr. Dugdale estimated that the members of this family, descendants of one worthless woman or intermarried with her descendants, have in 75 years cost the state, as criminals and paupers, a million and a quarter of dollars. The history of a Kentucky family founded in 1790 has been traced to include the character and conduct of a host of its members by descent or by sexual alliance, legitimate or illegitimate. Among these have been 121 prostitutes. Theyeling and beggary have made up the lives of most of the remainder.

Those who try to do something better for themselves prove unable to perform hard labor or to endure severe weather. They break down early and go easily to the poor house or the hospital. From Berlin we have the history of another criminal and pauper family, the descendants of two sisters who lived in the last century. The enumerated posterity number \$34. Of these the history of 709 has been traced with tolerable accuracy. They embrace 106 Hightimate children, 164 prostitutes, 17 pimps, 142 beggars, 64 inmates of poor houses, and 76 who have been gullty of serious crimes, Still other instructive cases are given, in one of which nearly all the inmates of a county poor house have been found to be related in blood.

RAISING THE WIND IN FRANCE.

high, and that a conversion scheme would respond to the present state of France's national credit. That the latter should stand so high is surprising, when it is remembered that, although in the last 26 years France's population has only increased by 298,000 inhabitants, or at the rate of about 11,500 a year (England having doubled hers in the last forty years), the consolidated national debt of France has grown from \$3,000,000,000 to \$7,000,000,000, while the taxation, both direct and indirect, has more than doubled.—New York Tribune.

CHAMPAGNE FROM APPLE PARINGS. Refuse From Missouri Orchards Exported of France.

take no notice of hardships that other men could not survive. The next boat from the north should bring the advance grard of this army of men, many of whom a few weeks ago thought they were favored because they had succeeded in getting to Dawson, when so many had failed.

But despite all this bad news which had been circulated around Skagway and Dyen and along the trails leading to the lakes, where many men are camped waiting for Lake Bennett to completely freeze over, it was not sufficient to deterable of them from giving up the trip. Most of the men would listen to the news and then go on with their preparations. Of course they are taking in lots of provisions and perhaps this may help those already there, but there is a long of France.

IF A MAN DIE.

Man born of woman is of few days and Sorrow
The measure of his lot—
A flower to-day, he is cut down to-morrow—
A shadow—and is not.

Fixed are his troubled years-his months are numbered— Counted his final breath. Set are his bounds—his plans and ventures By horizon of death!

A tree hath hope even in the hour of falling
That it may live again—
Its roots will sprout, new life from moist
earth calling;
Its throat still drinks the rain.

Nay, though the roots wax old—the dry heart perish— Beneath the earth. The scent of water sweet will new hopes And buds and boughs break forth.

But a man dies and as a dead thing wasteth—
Decays—and where is he?
As the flood sinking, from the parched drouth hasteth,
Or water fail the sea.

Man lieth down-the endless slumber tak-Ing—
Silent and soon forgot —
Until the stars fall there shall be no Man dies and rises not!

Oh, hide me in the grave-my body keep-Until Thy wrath be past; Then at some time wake me from my long

Remember me at last! If a man die, shall be again be living?
Is there a better place?
All my appointed days will I be striving
To look upon Thy face?

Then, in the hour of change I'll hear
The waking
My burded; soul and me!
Through wood and clay, from my tired
body breaking
Oh, God! I'll answer Thee!
—Henry Walker, from the English of John