

An Eisteddfod was held at Aberdale in aid of the Reservist fund. A large and enthusiastic audience assembled, and the fund is richer by more than £100.

The British Colony in the City of Mexico has subscribed \$9,500 for the fund for the widows and orphans of soldiers killed in South Africa.

The freehold and market right of Smithfield Market were recently acquired by the London County Council for a sum which is not to exceed £177,500.

A hospital train of seven corridor carriages for the British Red Cross Society has been sent to South Africa. It will be used at the rear of the British lines.

Sir George White has now placed Boer prisoners near his hospital as the only effective means of stopping the Boers from firing on the Red Cross.

The City of Cork is not wholly pro-Boer, for Messrs. Burke, Brothers & Co., have sent fifty cases of tinned butter for the use of the Munster Fusiliers.

On the way out to the Cape the Scots Guards had a cricket match with St. Vincent on a matting wicket, and ran up the respectable total of 132, against 52 made by the local team.

The native chiefs of Ceylon have started a Transvaal war fund. One chief headed a list with £100, so a rival chief headed another with £150.

The Transvaal Fund is being largely contributed to throughout India. Calcutta has subscribed 70,000 rupees and Hyderabad 3,000.

The Nizam of Hyderabad, replying to a toast proposed by Lord Curzon, the Viceroy, at a banquet in Calcutta, said the proudest title he possessed was that of being the Queen's faithful ally, adding that his purse, his army and his sword were ever at her disposal. The Maharajah of Gwalier has asked permission to serve on General Roberts' staff, and has offered to send troops, horses and a transport to South Africa.

Lord Cromer has sent the Lord Mayor a draft for £1,298 18s. 4d., being the first installment of the subscriptions collected in Egypt for the fund. Many of the subscribers are not British subjects.

The subscription started in the British colony in the City of Mexico, in behalf of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the war with the Transvaal, has already reached the sum of \$12,000.

#### "THE STATUS OF MONARCHY."

The above is the heading of an article which appeared in one of the republican newspapers across the St. Lawrence. The article is profuse with the idea that it is only the occupant of the Throne of England at the present time that the people of the greatest democracy on the face of the earth respect. This is just what you might expect from papers that know no better, but from a leading republican like the Syracuse STANDARD it can only be placed down to wilful and intentional ignorance, the kind that is intentional and determined. The article says "Let the monarchists imagine in Victoria's place, which may happen before very many years, a profligate prince or princess, or a frivolous and foolish Sovereign. Do they think that the strength of the institution in that case save it from attack?" That time cannot come again. The British Monarchy is the most democratic, the most liberal, the most Conservative in its acts, and what is more, is a government which is

more governed "by the people, for the people and of the people," than that of the United States. It is not necessary to state particular instances to prove this. A limited monarchy is, and passing events, if any one will take the trouble to study them, the only form of government which gives the people the greatest freedom. The monarchy in Great Britain has not the power that it has in other countries, because the people of Great Britain, through their representatives have "limited" the powers, and thanks to Her Most Gracious Majesty, who has assisted to curtail the prerogative of the Crown to a minimum. The popularity of monarchy in Great Britain resides largely in the fact that in a measure monarchy has been almost abolished. The more it has effaced itself, except as a pageant, the more the people have admired it. To retain it they find more convenient than to create a new executive institution; and under this disguise they have perfected a liberal and flexible republican government. Radicalism is able to bring about in England many things from which a nation more frankly democratic would shrink. The glitter and pomp of royal show draw attention away from the progress of democracy, and no Englishman to-day, or in fact, any other person within the British Empire would dare to even suggest any change in the present Status of her Monarchy.

#### *The Sons of England.*

Come forth, ye sons of England,  
Ye loyal to the Queen,  
Come forward, show your colors,  
And let your strength be seen,  
That they who dare to trample  
On English soil may know  
That they by such a folly  
Awake an awful foe.

England, our brave protector,  
Needs but to ask, and lo,  
Behold the mighty armies  
That will rise up and go  
Wherever they are needed,  
Her standard to uphold,  
It may be in the tropics  
Or in the Arctic cold.

Is there a British kinsman  
Who would not dare to die  
Beneath Old England's banner  
That has for years gone by  
Waved in defiant glory,  
The envy of the world,  
And will wave on forever,  
The greatest flag unfurled?

The very earth would tremble,  
Did England's legions rise  
In one vast army, greater  
Than any 'neath the skies.  
Why should the British worry,  
When but a word alone  
Would bring the Sons of England  
Around the flag they own?

LINDEN CARTER.