

NEW HAVEN, CONN., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1905.

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS

ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Interesting Report of the Secretary of the Institution—Officers Elected for the ensuing year.

The annual meeting of the Home for the Friendless was held at the Church of the Redeemer yesterday.

The report of the secretary, Miss Ellen Strong Bartlett, was a lengthy and interesting document, and was passed as read.

In the closing days of the old year we pause to look over the path that we have trod since that year was young.

Institutions, like individuals, are fortunate when they have only peaceful annals to record.

Some of our fellow beings who were in trouble. We have escaped disasters of fire and accident, have been blessed with general health, and have been enabled to relieve, in our appointed way, some of our fellow beings who were in trouble.

Few changes have occurred. Our beloved president, Mrs. Charles E. Graves, who has for years unostentatiously devoted time and strength to the welfare of the home, has been called away during the autumn on account of illness in her family, but has kindly consented to retain her place and interest in our work.

Our first vice president, Mrs. J. Mason Hopkin, has also been absent on account of illness, from which she has been most fortunately restored.

Our efficient second vice president, Mrs. Thomas A. Bostwick, has resigned her duties. Arthur C. Graves has continued to act as our auditor.

Mrs. David Harris was unable to visit the home for Bible teaching any longer and we esteem ourselves fortunate that we were able to follow the work of one faithful, sympathetic teacher with that of another experienced worker in the field, Miss Penfield.

Death has laid its finger on us during the year. The inmates have passed away quietly and peacefully—Mrs. Dencie Anthony, aged 73, on October 21, 1905, and Mrs. Mary Fairchild, aged 79, on December 2, 1905.

Mrs. Anthony had interested herself in making silk bedquits, and was very much pleased to be able to contribute the amount received for one to the home on our last donation day.

Of Mrs. Fairchild, it is pleasant to remember that the last time she was in the dining room was for the Thanksgiving dinner, which, on account of the generosity of several ladies and gentlemen, was especially bountiful this year.

And from our executive board we have lost two valued members—Miss Elizabeth Hall and Miss Jane B. Terry, the latter, our former vice president.

Both of these women by their sincere interest, efficient assistance and Christian personal influence were very valuable friends. The report further goes on to thank the many friends who have contributed in various ways to support the home; of the great good that had been done through its agency and of the helping hand that has been offered and accepted by many poor and helpless women.

From forty to fifty inmates of all ages are generally domiciled within its walls, one of which has reached the great age of eighty-eight years.

The inmates delight in trying to help and make each other happy. Their health is extremely good and there was no occasion to call a doctor between December, 1904, and March, 1905. Many of the inmates contribute towards the support of the home by making articles which are sold.

The table of the house is well spoken of and Miss Pray, the matron, is highly complimented for her excellent housekeeping, and the attractive manner in which the home is kept.

The work of the various committees and the board of managers is also referred to and highly complimented. A much needed bed in Grace hospital has been endowed by Mrs. Mary P. Wade. Many bequests, including a large one from Miss Hillhouse, is acknowledged, and the faithful services of Dr. A. N. Alling and Dr. Ring are highly praised.

The election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. Charles E. Graves; vice presidents, Mrs. J. Mason Hopkin, Jr., Mrs. Leslie Moulthrop; treasurer, Mrs. Timothy Cowles; recording secretary, Miss Ellen Strong Bartlett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fred J. Kingsbury, Jr.; auditor, Mrs. Arthur E. Graves.

THIRD SANITARY CONFERENCE.

Important Meeting of Health Officials to be Held Here.

The third annual sanitary conference of the health officials of the state will be held in the Chamber of Commerce hall to-day and Friday under the auspices of the state board of health.

Many prominent speakers are on the programme of addresses and their papers are looked forward to with great interest among those connected with the work. Among those who are to read papers are: H. E. Britton, state entomologist of this city; Charles V. Chapin, M. D., superintendent of the state board of health of this city; Prof. William H. Brewer, president of the state board of health of this city; Dr. Charles B. Dudley, chief of the Pennsylvania railroad, of Altoona, Pa.; E. H. Jenkins, Ph. D., director of agricultural experiment station, of this city; Dr. George A. Beardsley of Derby, Dr. Edward K. Root of Hartford, and Dr. J. P. C. Foster, director of the Gaylord institute. The public are cordially invited and urged to attend.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Hyperion Theater.

Minstrelry at its best, with all the genuine flavor of the southern plantation, and with music and comedy as the dominant features, will be the attraction at the Hyperion theater to-night, when George Primrose and his company of black face minstrels, open an engagement.

ALEXANDRA VIARDA.

Alexandra Viarda's personal representative and private secretary has been in town to make arrangements for the harboring of that famous artist and her retinue during the time of her playing at the Hyperion theater on Friday and Saturday.

He has traveled with her in Europe and had many an interesting story to tell about the artist, who is as peculiar and original, but also just as frilly and pretty as her noted equals at the histrionic and operatic culmen as known to be. Viarda also is an example and her life and attainments demonstrate again that an artist's life means a tremendous struggle and that domestic unhappiness and misery have always been not to say a consequence but an accompanying feature of or, still better, the lever to the greatest achievements in art.

"MISS DOLLY DOLLARS."

"Miss Dolly Dollars," according to a metropolitan critic, was copied in the mind of merit and is above par. Miss Lulu Glaser enacts the role of Dolly Dollars. The part was written especially for her by Harry B. Smith. It is in his happiest vein and gives to Miss Glaser wonderful opportunities to display her inexhaustible fund of infectious humor. "Miss Dolly Dollars" will come to New Haven almost direct from her New York runs at the Knickerbocker and New Amsterdam theaters to the Hyperion theater Wednesday, December 13.

P. S.: The music of "Miss Dolly Dollars" is by Victor Herbert.

New Haven Theater.

The "Fays" again succeeded in delighting the audiences which went to both the matinee and evening performances yesterday. Mrs. Fay repeated her previous successful work. She made several important prophecies, gave a clue to missing articles and answered other questions which appeared well nigh impossible. Who will be Yale's next football captain? was asked. Mrs. Fay replied by saying that she saw the name of "Forbes," which was received with applause. When will the next war be and with whom? Mrs. Fay answered that our next war would be with Germany, but that it was very far distant. Will I sell all the autos I am about to order? Mrs. Fay replied that he would sell twenty before April 1. What is the number on my watch? Mrs. Fay correctly answered 518,749. Where was I Thanksgiving day? Correctly answered by Mrs. Fay, in Maryland. Who broke into my desk and at what club? Mrs. Fay correctly replied, giving party and St. John's club as the place. These were only a few of the many questions which Mrs. Fay read and answered. There will be another matinee for ladies only this afternoon and the regular evening performance. For Friday and Saturday the advance sale of seats is already large and early application is advised.

In "Wedded and Parted" Theodore Kremer, the "Teddy" of straight and strenuous melodrama—seems to have struck a big bonanza for both himself and the box office. The play has scored a record of success in New York city and other places, and will be presented at the New Haven theater for three nights and Wednesday matinee, commencing on Monday night, December 11, with a strong company and strikingly novel and realistic scenic accessories.

There are four acts, eleven scenes and a number of strong situations and sensational climaxes. A notable feature of the production will be the appearance of the well known Terry McGovern at every performance.

Bison Theater.

The Bison Stock company is this week entertaining with "The Man From Mexico," which is an enlivening comedy in three acts. It was made famous by Willie Collier and Walter Perkins. The original scenery and costumes of the big production are used by the Bison Stock company.

Next week Hall Caine's big play, "The Christian," will be presented. The scenery and costumes used by Viola Allen when she presented the play here at dollar and a half scale of prices will be used by the Bison Stock company in presenting this presentation of the famous play.

Popular scale of prices prevail. Reserved seats, thirty cents for the evening, can be secured in advance at the box office for any performance during the week. Ladies admitted to the matinee to any part of the house for ten cents.

WILLIAM IVERSON.

Died at New Haven Hospital Last Night.

The death of William Iverson, eighty-one years old, of Derby, occurred last night at 9:20 o'clock at the New Haven hospital. Iverson went to the hospital on October 20. His death was due to old age. He gave as the address of his friends, 265 Elizabeth street, Derby, but it was learned last night that there is no such place in Derby.

Mrs. Belle Sigourney Schmeelock has been engaged to play several solos at a large concert in Bridgeport Friday night. Mrs. Schmeelock, who is one of the best violinists in the state, comes up from New York every Saturday to meet her New Haven pupils.

LATEST FAIR HAVEN NEWS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

Held at Grand Avenue Congregational Church Yesterday—Mrs. Downs of Bethany Chosen President—Dolings of the Convention—Other News.

At the annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union for New Haven county, held in the Grand Avenue Baptist church yesterday, officers were elected as follows: President—Mrs. Alta H. Downs, of Bethany.

Vice-presidents—Mrs. Christina A. Holmes and Mrs. Laura N. Steele. Secretary—Miss Mary Wyllys Elliott, of North Haven.

Treasurer—Mrs. Frank E. Fowler, of Meriden. Mrs. Anna G. Ekmark, who had served as secretary for ten years, declined re-election.

The following was adopted: Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Fair Haven union No. 2 for its hospitality; to the pastors for their presence and helpful talk; to Harry Brinley and Miss Pansy Graves for music, and to Mrs. Buell and Mr. Spooner for their addresses.

Sessions were held at 9:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. and the following unions were represented by delegates: Ansonia, Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Meriden, Milford, New Haven No. 1, Fair Haven No. 2, Lucy Webb Hayes of New Haven, North Haven, Waterbury, Wallingford, West Haven and Westville.

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. Alta H. Downs, of Bethany, and Mrs. Anna G. Ekmark was the secretary. The pastor of the church, Rev. Charles G. Smith, welcomed the delegates, and response was made by Mrs. Martha McBride, of Fair Haven, for the convention. Remarks were also made commendatory of the work of the unions by Rev. Dr. Sneath, Rev. George A. Alcott and Rev. R. E. Brown, of Fair Haven; Rev. D. J. Clark, of East Haven, and Rev. Mr. Denton.

There was a devotional meeting, roll call, appointment of committees, reports of the secretary and treasury and singing of the hymn "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Then came the introduction of state officers and visitors and the department hour, with reports from the various departments of work. These reports included the following:

Evangelistic—Mrs. Leete, of Wallingford. Bands of mercy—Mrs. R. Y. Downs, of Ansonia. Sunday school—Miss Ida M. Adams, of New Haven.

Scientific temperance work—Mrs. Laura Steele, of Westville. Press department—Mrs. Griffin, of New Haven.

Franchise—Mrs. Frances Hammond, of Meriden. Parlor meetings—Mrs. Josephine Downs, of Bethany. Soldiers and sailors—Miss Mary Wyllys Elliott, of North Haven.

Flower—Mrs. G. A. Newell, of Meriden. Hospital—Mrs. C. G. Goss, of New Haven. Prison and jail—Mrs. Hutchinson, of New Haven.

Non-alcoholic medication—Miss Barnes, of New Haven. At 12:30 p. m. luncheon was served by the ladies of the Grand Avenue Baptist church.

At the afternoon session addresses were made by H. H. Spooner, secretary of the Connecticut Temperance convention, and Mrs. C. B. Buell, president of the Connecticut W. C. T. U. This was followed by exercises by the children of the Loyal Temperance Legion.

There are eighteen unions, with a membership of about six hundred, in the county. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock took place the wedding of Miss Anna C. Farnham and Albert H. Waterbury at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Corraline K. Farnham, 238 Grand avenue. Rev. Dr. E. N. Packard, of Stratford, performed the ceremony. A reception followed, to which only relatives and a few immediate friends had been bidden. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury left on an afternoon train for a wedding tour of several weeks in the south. On their return they will reside at No. 178 Blatchley avenue.

Three candidates have been initiated by Adelphi lodge, F. and A. M., and four candidates by Quinnipiac convclave of Heptasops.

This evening, the occasion of the regular fortnightly supper of the Parish Aid society, the ladies of St. James' church on East Grand avenue will have a display and sale of fancy articles. Those who have not already completed their purchases for Christmas will do well to be present on this occasion, as the list of those contributing articles of their handiwork is an assurance that the display will be both extensive and pleasing. Supper will be served promptly at 6:30.

AT UNITED CHURCH CHAPEL.

Pleasant Occasion for Tuesday Afternoon.

A sale of choice fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be held at the chapel of the United Church Friday afternoon and evening, December 8, from 3 to 8:30. Also useful articles as well as home made cake, candy, preserves and pickles. Everything at a reasonable price. No admittance fee. A baby elephant will delight the little people.

"Why don't you do something philanthropic?" "I'm afraid to," answered Senator Sorghum. "If I show that I have any money beyond my actual needs, somebody will be asking where I got it."—Washington Star.

SOLOIST AND HARPIST HERE.

All Ready for Grand Production of St. Christopher To-night.

The soloists for the production of Dr. Horatio Parker's "St. Christopher" in Woolsey hall this evening by the New Haven Oratorio society will reach New Haven quite early this forenoon and will go for luncheon to the New Haven home, where they are to stay until after the concert. They are Ericson Bushnell, the great basso, who is to sing the title part and to whom falls some magnificent solos; Mrs. Alice Merritt-Cockran, the soprano, who is to sing the parts of Queen and Angel; Nicholas Douy, of Philadelphia, the tenor, and Harold Luckstone, the baritone, who sings the Satan music in "St. Christopher."

A noted harpist of New York, Mr. Schutze, will be here for the concert, having been especially engaged by the society, as "St. Christopher" is scored richly for the harp, both in the solo parts and in the orchestral pictures.

A dress rehearsal is called for 2 o'clock in Woolsey hall for soloists and chorus, together with the New Haven Symphony orchestra and the grand organ.

No one will be admitted to this rehearsal aside from those who are to take part in the evening.

While a large audience is assured for the production, many good seats at 50 cents and 75 cents are still to be had. Woolsey hall box office will be open all day to-day for the selling of tickets, and seats may also be secured at Steinert's from 10 until 1 and from 3 until 6 p. m.

STILL GROWING.

The Fund for the Persecuted Jews in Russia.

Contributions received to date by Judge Jacob B. Ullman amount to \$3,613.31.

Previously reported \$3,563.31. John E. Groves, 50. John H. Dillon, 10.00. Dr. H. F. Klenke, 5.00. Rev. John F. Corcoran, 5.00.

The fund bids fair to receive a decided increase within the next few days. Mr. Harry Hyman, of this city, has agreed to give ten per cent. of every cash purchase made at his stores on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week to the Russian relief fund. The local committee will have representatives there and in order that the sale will be greatly increased Mr. Hyman has made a reduction in price of all the articles to be sold. It is rather a novel way of increasing the fund, but it is quite apparent that if other department stores would follow this idea the amount raised in New Haven would be very gratifying to those representing this city.

It is not known whether this way of raising money has been used in other cities or not, but it is quite possible that it may be taken up. The local committee will notify headquarters in New York of the offer of Mr. Hyman. All of the money received will be sent directly by the local committee to Jacob H. Schiff, the national treasurer of the fund.

Poll's New Theater.

With reference to the attractions at his theatre next week Manager Poll makes the following personal statement:

"It affords me great pleasure to announce that appearance at my new theatre during the week of December 11th of Eph. Thompson's trained elephants. This act, which was brought to America about two weeks ago by myself and several New York managers, is without exception the most expensive animal act ever imported, and it is as costly the most expensive act of any kind ever shown at the popular scale of prices prevailing on my circuit. The act is of such a character that it can only be put on where the stages are on the ground floor, and it is so high priced that only in theatres of large seating capacity, such as my new one, can it be put on with any expectation of realizing a small profit.

It can be shown only for a single week because of the limited number of engagements that Mr. Thompson can accept in America previous to opening again in London next March. There are four of the elephants, genuine African ones, all of them captured and trained in Africa by Mr. Thompson himself, who is a genuine African prince of great wealth and recognized social standing in London, where his white wife has one of the most magnificent houses with gorgeously liveried servants in the great metropolis. She has the most costly selection of jewels possessed by any woman in England outside the royal circles, and these have been purchased mainly through the great earnings of her husband's wonderful elephants. I can distinctly promise the New Haven public a grand treat in the exhibition of these wonderful animals, and I advise people to secure their seats well in advance during the engagement.

S. Z. POLL.

A JEWELER'S MISTAKE.

A young lady went to a West End shop to buy a necklace of imitation pearls. She gave \$5 for one and wore it the same evening at dinner. The gentleman beside her admired the necklace, and the conversation induced her to return next day to the shop to make inquiries.

She was received with joy, for the necklace was of real pearls, and had been sold as imitation by mistake. The shopkeeper's gratitude, it is added, went the length of offering his customer the choice of \$100 worth of jewelry from his shop.—The Gentlewoman.

Things that might have been expressed differently.—Uncle George—"So glad you are much better, Amy, my dear." Amy—"Yes, thank you, Uncle George. Since Dr. Pillum took me in hand my recovery has been simply miraculous!"—Punch.

A ROAD TO HAPPINESS.

WAY TO HAVE PURE, WHOLESOME COFFEE IS FOUND.

Interesting Demonstrations Daily at The John E. Bassett & Company's Store—Also Cake and Breadmakers.

"When in the course of human events" it becomes necessary to indulge in a cup of coffee do not imbibe this beverage made in the ordinary way, which is hotted and pervaded with the acid and unpalatable taste of the rind of the berry—the tannic acid property—but get at the John E. Bassett & Co's famous historic store one of those "Universal Coffee Percolators" made by Landers, Frary & Clark, New Britain, which makes perfect coffee, free from the bitter taste which boiling the coffee brings and which retains all the delicious aroma of the coffee bean. The making of the beverage by means of these percolators is perfectly simple and easy. The servant girl can't make the coffee wrong because this coffee pot will not let her. This coffee pot steams the coffee and in a minute after the steam arises from the water into the upper part of the pot, where in a perceptible it is ground coffee and permeates it and can be seen dancing around in gleeful fashion doing its whole duty, through the glass cap which crowns the pot. So successful is this coffee pot in making pure, wholesome coffee that New York physicians of note have, unsolicited, prescribed coffee thus made to patients who before, if they drank coffee made in the usual way, suffered for it. The result was that the patients drank coffee as made by these percolators and enjoyed it better than ever they had enjoyed coffee before, and found no harm from it. One great coffee firm in New York requests buyers of its coffees to use these percolators in order to get the most enjoyable coffee beverage to be found. Another thing is that these coffee pots; also no steam or aroma escapes from rust while they will last four or five times as long as the ordinary coffee pot; also no steam or aroma escapes in operating the Universal Percolator. Go to Bassett & Co's and the lady who presides over the sale, Miss Sadie J. Howard, representing Landers, Frary & Clark, New Britain, will demonstrate its value and healthfulness in a clear, pleasing and most intelligent manner.

Another demonstration which Miss Howard makes is with the Universal cake maker, which saves untold time and labor in cake making and insures better results. It heats very rapidly as there are five revolutions of the mixing flyer at every revolution of the handle. Every housekeeper knows that good cake depends upon beating air into the batter, keeping constant the same motion. This cake maker can be firmly clamped to the table leaving both hands free, which will appeal to housekeepers. Also the lightness of the pan is such that it is much more easily handled than a heavy earthen bowl. The cake maker pan is so constructed that it does not rust or darken the batter. It is very simple in construction and easily cleaned. Its capacity is one gallon. It will also be found very useful to whip cream or beat eggs, and is splendid also for making in considerable quantities mayonnaise and other salad dressing; for mixing batter for fritters and for sauces that require beating. A little booklet will be given you with directions for using this cake maker and it has many practical receipts for cake making of various kinds.

Demonstrations are given of the working of the cake makers, as also of the Universal bread maker, which has been hitherto described here and which mixes and kneads bread thoroughly in three minutes, the hands not touching the dough. Also demonstrations of the working of the Universal Food Chopper, hitherto described, and which does away with the drudgery of the chopping bowl and chops all kinds of food, coarse or fine, as wanted, rapidly and easily.

All these articles are highly commended for use in every household. They will more than pay for themselves in a little while in labor saving, vexation saving and in giving better satisfaction to the palate. The articles will be shown and demonstrations made with pleasure.

SALVATION.

Why do we not ourselves improve— Rise to nobler thought and action? Away from what is common, move. To things of higher attraction? 'Tis because we have no desire. And of such things we easy tire.

Why is it that so few are great. And the many are so common? That daily life has little weight, And few lives are like a sermon? It is because most men are weak, And do not such true greatness seek.

The things that bring development. Are in the moral atmosphere. Which, breathing, a new element Flows in, with helpfulness to cheer— And we are glad to be and do. Whatever is noblest, best and true.

Men do no know, and its not preached That right, that truth, that justice are As sweet down here, as when we've reached.

The beautiful Land; near or far— As God is here, or far away— (But He is there and here always).

The things that are to be in Heaven— And here, and there are everywhere; The spirit now is fully given; Faith, hope, love, joy and peace are here.

Breathe anew their inspiration, And have a taste of salvation. CHARLES W. DRAKE.

STEINERTONE PIANOFORTE.

Splendid Yuletide Gift at Manufacturers' Prices.

The Yuletide days are at hand, when one's mind is crowded and puzzled with thoughts of presents. There are many who would like a piano if they could get one at a reasonable price. This condition is met by the Steinertone Piano company, whose factory is at 106 Park street, this city, where the marvelous Steinertone pianofortes are sold at manufacturers' prices. The surpassing qualities of these great instruments are stated in an advertisement on another page of this paper, and it is a pleasure to call the attention of readers to it. It shows where the best piano on the market to-day can be had at a price more reasonable than can be offered elsewhere. This is due to the fact that the Steinertone is sold only at the factory and the great cost and burden of extravagant salesrooms is thus saved to the purchaser.

THE PRESIDENT AND FOOTBALL.

If the president should inject some of his own good backbone into the umpires, or if our college authorities would employ only umpires who have backbone, the question of brutality in football would be quickly eliminated.

Yes, it is all right to get the coaches together and to have them send through the press signed promises to teach a decent, white man's game, but I'm afraid the practical result will not be noteworthy this season. It's too late for one thing, and it does not touch the "higher up" influence which is as insistent and powerful in college sport as it is in New-York politics.

Seriously, and very seriously, too, I see but one thing that will place American college sport where it belongs, and that is the establishment of an honor system. If President Roosevelt will invite to a conference the presidents of our leading universities and a few of the trustees with a pull (especially from Princeton and Yale), for the purpose of considering such a departure, I feel, and I believe nine thinking sportsmen out of ten will agree with me, that he will do for American college sport an inestimable and the greatest service it has ever received—Casper Whitney, in The Outing Magazine.

LIST OF PATENTS.

Issued from the United States Patent Office, Tuesday, November 28, 1905, for the State of Connecticut, furnished us from the office of Seymour & Barie, New Haven, Conn.

F. H. Eppart, assignor to Corbin Motor Vehicle Corporation, New Britain. Automobile-engine suspension.

E. H. Cottrell, assignor to C. B. Cottrell & Sons Co. Sheet-assembling device for folding machines.

L. E. Davidson and J. M. Logan, Hartford. Non-puncturable tire.

U. Facette, Hartford. Staging-clamp. R. G. Henry and D. M. Wright, Hartford. Drill-spindle-driving mechanism.

E. E. Lathrop, Hartford. Combination-lock. C. Mettler, assignor of one-half to R. S. Woodruff, New Haven. Folding-chair.

F. Hinch, Danbury. Wrench and pipe-cutter. L. M. Morden, Waterbury. Book ring with locking-sleeve.

J. Neal, assignor to Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., Southington. Ceiling-plate. I. E. Palmer, Middletown. Netting-canopy.

Same. Hammock and hammock-support. Same. Hammock. J. Roche, assignor to Eagle Lock Co., Terryville. Cylinder night-latch.

J. Sullivan and A. Mack, New London. Boa-hook. SAWDUST PILE 30 YEARS ACCUMULATING.

Probably the largest sawdust pile in the world is the only at Sheboygan, Mich. This is the product of one mill. The mill being run by water power, had no way of disposing of its sawdust. The company was not permitted to dump it into the river, and for a few years an attempt was made to burn it.

There was so much smoke that the village passed an ordinance prohibiting that form of destruction. As a consequence it was simply hauled out into a vacant field, and during the thirty years of its growth has acquired monstrous proportions. It is a hill, 1,080 feet long, 815 feet wide and ranges from 20 to 50 feet in height.

The hill covers some twelve acres. It is almost entirely white and Norway pine sawdust, because this mill did not cut hemlock except for the last two or three years before it was closed down. The pile is undoubtedly rotting a little at the bottom, but it is well preserved and bright when it is dug into, the top and sides being crusted over, forming a protection for the sawdust underneath. In its present state it contains rather too much moisture to admit of being used for fuel without treatment by some process of drying.

A number of chemists have examined it with a view to extracting the chemicals which it contains, but as yet nothing has been done in this direction. There is no question that it has a considerable chemical value, and probably the time will come when some one will find a way of working it up profitably.—From Woodcraft.

THE NEW PUBLICATIONS

SOME OF THE LATEST BOOKS OF THE SEASON.

"Rambles in Normandy," by Francis Miltoun—"Among French Inns," by Charles Gibson—"The Farce of Master Pierre Patelin," Englished by Richard Holbrook.

Meers, L. C. Page and Company, Boston, have just issued a beautiful holiday book that will be no doubt among the "best sellers." It is "Rambles in Normandy," by Francis Miltoun, author of "Cathedrals of Northern France," etc., with admirable illustrations and decorations by Blanche McManus.

Mr. Miltoun is a motor enthusiast, with a strong liking for bypaths and out-of-the-way corners, so that his car has traversed most of the paths not laid out in Baedeker. These "Rambles in Normandy" led to picturesque places where quaint folkore and bits of unwritten history were to be gathered and preserved. The book is extraordinarily written and possesses much interest for those who have not been abroad, and also for those who intend to travel in the old world. The illustrations are also a fine feature, of which there are nearly one hundred reproductions from drawings done on the spot, and the work of Miss McManus is always admirable. The illustrations convey moods and characteristics which best show Normandy's contrast to the other French provinces. "Rambles in Normandy," in decorated cover, boxed, \$2.00; for sale by the Pease-Lewis Co.

"Among French Inns" is another specially attractive book, especially so for the holiday season. It is by Charles Gibson, and the publishers are L. C. Page and Company, Boston. This book, like "Rambles in Normandy," is very handsomely gotten up, daintily attired, "all gray and silvery patterned." It is decked out with all the elements necessary for success—an automobile, an indulgent American papa, a managing American mamma, a double love match, and an enviable collection of French, English and Italian types. Moreover, there is real information about the inns, their table d'hotes, their relative expensiveness and a plenty of historical data. Mr. Gibson's field of investigation includes widely scattered rural hamlets of France. Of the Boston Advertiser well says: "Between Havre and Rouen, among the inns of Brittany and Touraine; in and out of the Department of Orne, and in old Provence, he wanders with an Englishman who loafs and a Frenchman loaded with information of a sort retailed by learned guides. He examined into some of the history and legends of the country, samples the inns, and endeavors to put himself into a frame of mind suitable for absorption of atmosphere.

On the practical side Mr. Gibson's book is strong. Good points, and points otherwise, of the cuisine; pointers on traveling, such as the lay of the land and rules for use with porters, landlords, etc.; points of interest here and there, he gives with detailed fullness valuable to any one contemplating such a trip for the first time. He is long on experience, but short on atmosphere. Through introducing a New York belle, who gives to some chapters almost the aspect of fiction, and by distributing his impressions among several traveling companions, he loses that individuality of view which is the all-important charm in a book of this character. The volume is illustrated with some thirty excellent photographic reproductions.

"Among French Inns," price \$1.60; for sale by the Pease-Lewis Co.

"The Farce of Master Pierre Patelin," composed by an unknown author about 1489; Englished by Richard Holbrook. Illustrated with fac-similes of seven woodcuts in the only known copy of the edition published by Pierre Levet, Paris, about 1488.

Patelin