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Professor Hadley has been painfully surprised by false reports which have found their way from Berlin across the water. Some American newspaper correspondents here were asked by their home offices, by cable, whether it was true that Professor Hadley had suddenly died, as was reported in New York. Of course, this is not only untrue, but Professor Hadley is, fortunately, very much alive and in the best of health. Let us hope that the old saying will hold good in his case that people who have been falsely reported to have died, live long and happily.

Dr. Dickie has consented to remain Pastor of the American Church till October 1. The church committee met last Wednesday evening, endorsed the action of the newly appointed committee and took steps to ascertain Dr. Dickie's opinion. As a change in the pastorate just now would be rather inconvenient for all concerned, and as Dr. Dickie will have finished his fourteenth year as the spiritual head of the American Church in Berlin just on October first 1908, he accepted the proposition agreed upon by both committees.

This does not change his decision to give up active church work when this term is over, for Dr. Dickie stated that he would not remain in his present position any longer than till the first of next October. His remaining is only temporary in order to give the church committee and the congregation time to select a successor, and to give the new man time to make himself acquainted with the complex conditions of the American Colony in Berlin. Then Dr. Dickie will devote himself exclusively to literary work as was indicated in these columns some time ago.

Dr. and Mrs. Dickie will sail for America, for a three month's stay, about the middle of March.

The fifth regiment of Prussian Hussars, whose honorary colonel King Edward is, has received the following telegram from Windsor, in German: "Your kind congratulations on my regimental jubilee have touched me deeply. I am very proud to be your honorary colonel since twenty-five years and I wish to my brave and esteemed regiment happiness and blessing. Edward." This was the answer to a congratulatory telegram sent by the regiment on the jubilee day when the King entertained a delegation of officers of the regiment at dinner in Windsor. This delegation witnessed the opening of Parliament in London from the diplomatic box.

An interesting gathering had assembled last Thursday evening in the large hall of the *Kriegervereinshaus* on Chaussee Strasse, mostly students and professors, with a fair sprinkling of ladies among them. The *Verein deutscher Studenten* had issued invitations to attend a lecture by Professor Hadley and a "commerz" after the lecture. Mrs. Hadley was also present and watched the audience with great interest from a gallery box.

Professor Hadley had selected for his lecture the subject of "American University Life". He described to his eagerly attentive young hearers the differences between American, English and German student life and pictured how the young American lives, works and enjoys life during his university time. He pointed out that the American students' life is to be divided into two periods, the first one, undergraduate, being more similar to English university life, and the second one, the professional student, resembling more that of the German student. The undergraduates enter the University without selecting a special curriculum. They simply frequent the University for the sake of acquiring some general knowledge and culture and leave then to enter business life. The others study their future profession, as jurists, medical men &c., just like the German students.

Of special interest to his German hearers was Professor Hadley's description of the American students' club life, of their aims and how they accept members. Finally he told his audience that sports of all kinds occupy a large portion of the American students' time, which occasionally has

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GENERAL NEWS.

ENGLISH NEWS.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS. EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT.

An extraordinary incident occurred at the opening of Parliament. An apparent Peer, duly robed in scarlet and ermine, had his right and title challenged by the Garter King at Arms, and the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod. The gentleman in question had taken his seat early on a front bench, and when called upon by these functionaries, he produced a document of official appearance, but this did not suffice, and the robed gentleman was escorted from the House before their Majesties arrived. Later information shows that the gentleman calls himself Lord de Morley, but the peerage in question has been extinct since the 18th century. The claimant figures in *Debrett's Peerage* as a householder and civil engineer. His claim rests solely on his own declaration, but this, so far, has remained unchallenged.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The debate on the Speech from the Throne was resumed on Thursday by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (*Lab. Leicester*), who proposed an amendment expressing regret at the absence of any proposal for legislative measures to cope with the unemployed problem. The speaker declared that the problem, which was pressing and admitted of no delay, was the consequence of a lack of social organisation.

Dr. Macnamara (*Rad. Camberwell*) replied that the Socialist remedy for the unemployed problem, viz. absolute public ownership of property, was an absurdity. He also said that tariff reform did not constitute a remedy, either. Generally surveyed, the condition of the working classes in England was better than in other countries which has set up protective tariffs. During the debate the economic condition of Germany was mentioned several times, both in favour of and against the argument that tariff reform would prevent a scarcity of employment. Mr. John Burns (President

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Song recital of Fräulein Melanie Diétel. A year or two have passed since Fräulein Melanie Diétel, a talented Kotzebue pupil, introduced herself with great success to the Dresden public as a concert-singer, and made many friends—not only on account of her rich and beautiful soprano voice, but still more by the musicianly promptitude and ability which she evinced about a year ago in undertaking at the last moment and without rehearsal, and very creditably performing, the by no means easy soprano part in Mendelssohn's oratorio "Paulus" which Fräulein Staegemann had been obliged to relinquish. At the concert that Fräulein Diétel gave on Thursday in the crowded hall of the Palmengarten, she fully confirmed all previous favourable impressions, and won a real success by her singing of songs by Schubert and Schumann. At times the artistic effect of Fräulein Diétel's performance was marred by a throatiness in the tone quality, and particularly by a want of clear resonance in the middle register. But the wealth of sound voice material which this amiable artist possesses, together with her industry and intelligence, afford sure ground of hope that she will rid herself of all defects. The "Schlichte Weisen" of Max Reger, and particularly the refined compositions of Hans Pfitzner which further adorned the programme, were very well suited to the maidenly characteristics of the artist, so that the excellent impression made upon us by Fräulein Diétel's previous performances was deepened by these difficult tests of her talent.

Herr Arthur Zenker, teacher of the violoncello at the *Dresdner Musikschule*, with Herr Richard Schmidt—who had already, in his accompaniments to the songs, shown that he is a refined musician as well as an accomplished pianist—played Ludwig Thuille's Sonata in D-minor in first-class style, and may claim a well-merited share in the success of the concert. M. N.

The programme of the music to be performed at the Vespers service in the Kreuzkirche at 2 o'clock this afternoon will be as follows:—(1) Prelude and Fugue in G-minor, by J. S. Bach (Peters Ed. vol. III). (2) "Christus auf dem Meere," Meistersingerlied A. D. 1500, from MS. in the Royal Library, Berlin. (3) "So lass herein nun brechen die Brandung," for choir. (4) "Vesper zur See," general hymn, by H. Schütz. (5) "Der Einsiedler am Meer," sacred song for soprano voice, solo violin, and organ, op. 89 No. 2 of H. v. Herzogenberg. (6) "Wenn auf des Meeres Wellen sich Abendschatten senkt," for 6-part choir, op. 67 No. 1 of Georg Vierling. The Church Choir, conducted by Herr Otto Richter, Kantor and Kgl. Musikdirektor, will be assisted by the following soloists: Fräulein Elizabeth Förster, soprano; Herr Kurt Hartwig, bass; Herr Julius Voss, violin; Dr. Schnorr v. Carolsfeld, organ.

The performance of sacred music in the Martin Luther Kirche tomorrow the 2nd instant, for the benefit of the sick and poor in the parish, will begin punctually at 3.30 p.m. in view of the evening service in the church afterwards. This concert may be strongly commended to music lovers, as well for its benevolent object as for the interesting programme—, in which Frau Nast, Frau Bauer-Ziech, Herr Wiggert, Herr Enderlein, Herr R. Schmidt, and the Lehmann-Osten Choir will take part. Tickets may be obtained from F. Ries, Kaufhaus; from Ad. Brauer, Haupt Strasse 2; from the parochial office, Martin Luther Platz 5; or at the Ehrlich School of Music, Walpurgis Strasse 18, I.

THE MONONGAH (VA.) RELIEF FUND.

With reference to this fund we are requested to state that it is now closed, a total amount of 440 marks having been contributed. The promoters desire to thank all who responded to the appeal in this deserving cause.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 1st Grenadier Regiment No. 100. The band plays about 12.30 p.m. in the Schloss Platz.

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