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BERLIN

The American Womens Club will hold their bi-monthly Tea next Saturday, February 15th, Miss Crandell being hostess.

Lincoln's birthday was celebrated on Wednesday night in the American Church by an entertainment. Doctor Stevenson of Ohio addressed the audience and gave a fine picture of the martyred President's life and work. For his admirable speech he was loudly applauded.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated by the American colony of Berlin, as already announced in these columns, on February 22nd, by a Dinner and Dance, to be held in the Zoological Garden.

Among the performers of the American Minstrel Show there is just now great bustle and expectation, as word has been received from Dresden that their visit there is definitely fixed for February 25th. The performance will take place in the Vereinshaus on that date.

An eminent American dentist in Berlin, Doctor Roy K. Belden of San Francisco, died a few days ago in his home on Bendler Strasse. The body was cremated on Wednesday last in Hamburg.

Apropos of his resignation as pastor of the American Church in Berlin, Doctor Dickie has received a magnificent letter from Mr. Andrew D. White, Mr. Tower's predecessor as American Ambassador in Berlin. Mr. White, who is now living a quiet life as professor of Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y., says in the letter that no man knows better than himself what the American congregation of Berlin owes Rev. Dr. Dickie. He witnessed all the troubles and difficulties connected with the building of the church and is of the opinion that the church is to be considered as a lasting monument to the perseverance, endurance and ability of Dr. Dickie. It is needless to say that this letter has given Dr. Dickie great satisfaction.

Mr. Putnam Griswold has just signed a contract to sing in London, at Covent Garden, his parts in Wagner operas during the season from May 26th to June 25th of this year.

An interesting American society has just been organized in Berlin. It consists of men engaged in the study of ancient American history, customs, religion and folk-lore of the American aborigines &c. We will give further details of this interesting association at a later date.

It is intended to organize, under the leadership of the composer and conductor Herr D. Salins, an association for fostering the connection between American and German musicians. The new club, the name of which is proposed as the *Deutsch-amerikanischer Verein zur Pflege der Musik*, will arrange regular meetings, at which compositions of modern American and German musicians are to be reproduced.

After a stay of two years and a half Mr. Alexander v. Fielitz has returned from Chicago, and it is his intention to resume his work as teacher at the Stern Conservatory here next autumn. Mr. v. Fielitz has been giving music lessons at the Chicago Conservatory, and last year undertook a concert tour, with the Chicago orchestra, covering practically the whole Western area and giving about 120 concerts.

The 169th parish school, situated at Tempelhofer Ufer 2, has been closed on the advice of the sanitary authorities. On Tuesday morning two classes were suspended on account of extensive illness among the scholars, but during the day many more pupils became ill, the epidemic evidently being scarlet fever or measles. On Wednesday morning, therefore, Geh. Medizinalrat Dr. Granier, the district physician, held a consultation with the school doctor, Sanitätsrat Dr. P. Meyer, to decide upon

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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday the Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, moved a resolution limiting the debate on the two Land Bills for Scotland to six days. Both these bills were thrown out by the House of Lords last Session, but have been re-introduced this Session in the Lower House. The Prime Minister now said that a feeling had arisen in favour of an alteration in these Bills on which the House had already recorded its opinion, and they had been brought in again thus early in the Session in order that the House of Lords might have sufficient time to reconsider them. This proceeding on the part of the Government was in accordance with the plan which he had explained last Session in regard to the relations between the two Houses; it would save time and maintain the dignity of the Lower House.

Mr. Balfour remarked that the object of the Government was, not to carry out a legislative policy or to confer a benefit on any class in Scotland, but to use these Bills as a means of attack on the House of Lords. The late bye-elections had shown that the Government was not in a position to carry out a great revolution.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Asquith, energetically repudiated Mr. Balfour's innuendoes as to the intentions of the Government in re-introducing the Bills, and said that the Bills were ardently supported in Scotland.

BATTLESHIP COALING RECORD.

The "King Edward VII," battleship, Capt. H. B. Pelly, flagship of the Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet, coaling at Portsmouth from a collier alongside took in 1,180 tons in four hours five minutes—an average of 288.9 tons per hour.

MORE SUFFRAGETTES GO TO PRISON.

The women who were arrested on Wednesday in connexion with the riot at Westminster were brought up at the district court and sentenced to pay fines or undergo six weeks' imprisonment. Forty-eight of the suffragettes elected to go to prison, the remainder taking advantage of the fine option.

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DRESDEN

A project is on foot to arrange a Smoking Concert on Washington's birthday, February 22nd, for the Anglo-American colony in Dresden on a strictly co-operative basis. The idea was first mooted on the occasion of the Thanksgiving Ball at the Hotel Bristol on November 28th last, and since then it has been steadily growing in favour. The items on the programme, of course, will be given by Colony members, but it has been suggested that three genuine American "coons," who at present are giving nightly entertainments at the Café Speyer, Berlin, should be brought to Dresden for this occasion in order to enliven the proceedings.

It must be distinctly understood that the financial arrangements will be only made with a view to meeting actual expenses, but, should any surplus result, it will be disbursed among local charities.

All male members of the Anglo-American colony are invited to at once communicate with Mr. Victor Ha Clark, Moszczinsky Strasse 1, so that some idea may be obtained of the support likely to be rendered the proposal.

Further details will be announced in these columns, and meanwhile it is to be hoped that the plan will receive the hearty support of all anxious to participate in the fun.

The Committee of arrangements for the Minstrel Show, to take place on Tuesday, February 25, in the Vereinshaus, Zinzendorf Strasse, desire us to state that all seats for the performance will be unreserved, and no distinction will be made between holders of 10 mark and 5 mark tickets. The 10 mark tickets, however, entitle holders to participate in the dance and supper subsequent to the Show, while the 5 mark tickets are good for the performance only. It may interest our readers to hear that nearly all of the charming melodies in the first part of the programme are to be sung by prominent musical students from Berlin.

The Rev. Dr. Paul, Minister of the Robertson Memorial Parish, Edinburgh, will conduct Divine Service at the Church of Scotland, Bernhard Strasse 2, until further notice, in place of the Rev. Professor Simon, DD., who has hitherto kindly conducted the services in the absence of a regular minister.

On Saturday last the representatives of foreign Powers at Chemnitz paid a visit of congratulation to the two newly appointed municipal officers, Herr Oberbürgermeister Dr. Sturm and Herr Bürgermeister Dr. Hübschmann. The Consuls were received in the large reception hall of the Rathaus, and Mr. F. H. Feikin, director of the Nottingham Manufacturing Company and British Vice-Consul, congratulated Dr. Sturm upon his appointment and emphasised the good relations existing between Great Britain and the city of Chemnitz. He was followed by Dr. (phil.) Thomas H. Norton, the American Consul, who hoped that the election to office of Dr. Sturm would result in the furtherance of the already excellent commercial relations between the United States and Chemnitz. The Argentine and Portuguese consuls also spoke in a similar strain, and the delegation subsequently paid its respects to Dr. Hübschmann.

This unusual and courteous act on the part of the Consular corps was warmly appreciated by the Chemnitz municipal authorities.

The II. Liederabend of Elena Gerhardt. Whenever Fräulein Elena Gerhardt comes to Dresden, the musical Dresdeners keep holiday. Such emotion and so much elevation of soul as a Liederabend of this kind calls forth are experienced none too often. But where do we at present find in a concert singer radiant merits in such abundance and such lavish splendour as in Elena Gerhardt? The soft voice, of wonderful timbre, has been most carefully trained by Fräulein Hedmond, of Leipzig, and now commands with ease all the phases of expression in perfect gradation from the lightest *pianissimo* to triumphant *fortissimo*. Moreover, Fräul. Gerhardt's abundant musical feeling and eminent

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