

BERLIN

Surmounted by the Union Jack, and handsomely framed in dark-stained oak, the portraits of the King and Queen of England were formally presented to the American Church Library at noon on Wednesday, a number of British members of the Church as well as Americans being in attendance. The British note predominated throughout the little ceremony. A young Welsh theologian, Jones Parry, B.D., opened with a short prayer for King Edward and Queen Alexandra, after which Mrs. Dickie said a few happily-chosen words congratulating the British members of the Church on the possession of the photographs, and stating that it would always be a pleasure to the Americans of the Church, as well as to the British members themselves, "to look upon your good King and Queen." Mrs. Dickie repeated most cordially the invitation which has always been extended to British members of the Church to make free use of the library and all its privileges, and then read a congratulatory note from Lady Goschen, the wife of the British Ambassador, who had expected to be present but was detained owing to the unexpected arrival of friends from Dresden for the day.

After this a stanza from "God Save the King" was sung, Rev. Dr. Crosser then pronouncing the benediction.

Rev. Dr. Dickie in the course of the ceremony made an interesting explanation of how the British element came to be introduced into the American Church. This was in the days of the Church's first beginnings, when the British "Colony" in Berlin far outnumbered the American. At that time, about 1860, there was a small Scotch Church in the Königgrätzer Strasse, while the American services were held in a building in the Jäger Strasse. The Scotch Church, seeing that its congregation was far too small to warrant individual existence, suggested union with the American Church, a suggestion which was duly put into effect. Hence the Church's secondary name, "American and British Union Church," and hence the provision in the Church's constitution that two British subjects should always be elected to serve upon the Church Committee.

The reception held by Mrs. David Jayne Hill, the wife of the American Ambassador, on Wednesday afternoon, was a very enjoyable function, attended by all the leading ladies of the Colony, as well as Consul-General Thakara, Rev. J. F. Dickie, Mr. Reynolds Hitt, First Secretary of the American Embassy, and others. The reception rooms were just pleasantly filled, so that Mrs. Hill had an opportunity which she apparently greatly appreciated of chatting extendedly with all her guests. The flower decorations were lovely La France roses, azaleas, and hyacinths; all gifts of friends in the "Colony," who seem to have formed a habit of making Mrs. Hill's drawing-rooms fragrant with flowers on her receiving-days. Mrs. J. P. Wisser and Mrs. Reginald Belknap, the wives of the American Military and Naval Attachés, presided at the tea-table.

Mr. Henry White, the American Ambassador in Paris, has notified the impending marriage of his daughter Muriel, with Count Hermann Seherr-Thoss.

Dr. Sven Hedin, who is to lecture at the Neues Kgl. Opernhaus this evening, arrived in Berlin from Paris yesterday morning and is staying at the Hotel Kaiserhof.

Miss Josie Bloomingdale, of San Francisco, who has been spending the winter at the American Pension, Bamberger Strasse 38, has left for Vienna and Constantinople.

Many Americans are at present registered at Pension Ludwig, Markgrafen Strasse 39-40, which is, without exaggeration, one of the most refined, cultured and comfortable German homes in the city, within a few moments' walk of Unter den Linden.

Amongst the American guests of the Pension are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reining, of Palo Alto, Cal., who have been in Berlin since October and leave at the end of the week for Nürnberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stower, of New York, who have come up from Dresden to remain until May. In April they will be joined in Berlin by Mrs. Stower's parents.

Mrs. Miriam Trovillo and Miss Bessie Trovillo, of Ebbington, Ill., who leave at the end of the week for a trip to Dresden, Jena, and Weimar before sailing for the States.

Miss Helen Carter and Miss Harriet Marcy, of Boston, who are at present spending a fortnight in Dresden, but return to Berlin on March 18. At the end of March Miss Carter's parents will join her in Berlin.

Mr. Anderw Baird, of Hellensburgh, Scotland, who stayed at Pension Ludwig throughout the winter while studying at Berlin University, left on Sunday to spend the vacation in Scotland. At the beginning of May he will return to resume his studies here.

The At Homes which have been held at Pension Ludwig throughout the winter on every 3rd Thursday in the month have now been abandoned, but

Mrs. Bennett's American Home, Bellevue Str. 12a, BERLIN.

"open house" is still kept every Sunday afternoon, when the guests of the Pension receive their friends freely and informally at four o'clock tea.

A recent German Court case in which six young English girls, stopping temporarily in Berlin, were the plaintiffs, affords a good example of the helpfulness, directness and simplicity of the German law touching suits by persons, even foreigners, without means. The case was based upon the familiar trouble of confiscation of luggage by a boarding-house proprietor.

A certain amount of interest attaches to the story as a whole. The six young girls, five of them mere children,—Eileen Esler (aged 7); Dorothy Hodgson (11); Hermione Lester (11); Sunshine May (15); Shela Courtenay (16); and Elsie Bosanquet (19);—were engaged to come over to Berlin from London by Miss Loie Fuller, the farfamed "Serpentine" dancer. The children were to appear with Miss Fuller at the "Komische Oper," opening on December 28, in an entr'acte consisting of an original ensemble "dance phantasy," "Midsummer Night's Dream." Difficulties, however, ensued with the German police authorities, as many of the children were under the age for stage appearance in Germany, and Miss Fuller's engagement had to be cancelled entirely.

Miss Fuller proceeded to Paris, and at this point the troubles of the children began. The proprietor of the "Marienhof," the so-called "American boarding-house" at Marien Strasse 30, in which they had been placed, refused point-blank to give the children possession of their trunks, claiming that he had received no payment for their board and residence. The confiscated trunks contained the entire wardrobe of the children, even to their winter wraps and necessary articles of warm clothing. The children found a friend in need in the person of Frau Sheridan-Hoeltzl, an Irishwoman married to a German, in whose Pension, at Potsdamer Str. 28, they took up residence after leaving the "Marienhof." Frau Hoeltzl, without hope of remuneration, provided the children with warm clothing, which they were quite without funds to purchase for themselves, having received no professional "fees" since arriving in Berlin.

A German lawyer, Dr. A. Assmann, who happened some time later to call at the Pension, heard of the children's quandary, and immediately declared that the action of the boarding-house proprietor was illegal, since the children could not be held responsible for the payment of lodgings engaged for them by Miss Fuller.

Every German lawyer is obliged by the parental German Government to take charge, without compensation, of a certain number of legal cases for the poor, and Dr. Assmann at once took steps to make this affair of the six English children one of his charity cases. He had himself appointed legal guardian of the children's interests, and immediately served a writ upon the owner of the "American boarding-house" to hand out their belongings. Refusal was followed by the threat of a fine. Herr Reinhardt then asserted that the trunks were no longer in his possession, but when called before the court to take oath to this effect he failed to appear, whereupon an order was issued for his arrest. A sudden attack of illness saved the proprietor of the "Marienhof" from this indignity, but his wife was compelled to appear, and finally confessed that the trunks had been pawned for £10, stating their place of concealment. After this the children's belongings were obtained without further difficulty.

This story goes to show that if Berlin boarding-house keepers are apt to be a little hasty in laying hands upon other people's possessions, the German law is at least quick to redress the trouble. The six young English girls, being without means, were immediately provided by the State, free of charge, with a lawyer, and the Court gave its attention to the matter free of costs, even supplying a bailiff gratuitously. A well-known English lawyer in Berlin, who is familiar with the provisions of the German law in such cases, admits that it might well be copied in England, which would bring legal remedies considerably more within the reach of the poor and needy. This, he points out, is a direction in which the parental side of the English Government might well be extended, without infringing in any way on the sacred "liberty of the subject."

BRITISH AND AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND: Ambassador the Rt. Hon. Sir E. Goschen, G.C.V.O. Embassy, 70 Wilhelm Strasse. Office hours 11-1.—Consul-General Dr. Paul v. Schwabach. Consulate, Behrens Strasse 63. Office hours 10-12 and 4-5.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Ambassador, Dr. David Jayne Hill, Embassy, Unter den Linden 68. Reception hours 10-1.—Consul-General: Alexander M. Thakara, Esq. Consulate, Friedrich Strasse 59/60. Office hours 10-3.

LECTURE-RECITAL AT THE AMERICAN WOMAN'S CLUB.

(From a Berlin correspondent.)

Last Thursday, following a series of recitals given by students from his advanced class, a lecture-recital was given by Mr. Spencer himself. Mr. Spencer was assisted by Mr. Charles Mott, Baritone, of Covent Garden Opera London, whose artistic singing of some of Mr. Spencer's songs was one of the features of the afternoon; and Mrs. Helen H. Lemmel, of Seattle, Wash., who also interpreted four songs of Mr. Spencer's, in a most musicianly and refined manner and with great effect.

A large audience had assembled to hear Mr. Spencer, who had chosen as his subject "The principles of modern piano pedagogy." At the close of the lecture three pupils of Mr. Spencer's, Miss Violette Gladston, of Paris, who is studying at the Willard School, Miss Viola Craw, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Miss Clara Frances Windagle, of Lincoln, Nebr., gave a remarkable exhibition of memorising music according to Mr. Spencer's method, he having, in his lecture, laid great stress on abundant and systematic memorising, as it cultivates the powers of observation and analysis and develops great concentration, and mental effort.

In May a second series of recitals will be given, when Mr. Spencer will introduce three young concert pianists from his class who have not yet been heard in Berlin.

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This evening:	
Royal Opera House	Iphigenie in Aulis. Versegelt at 7.30
Royal Theatre	Mrs. Dot at 7.30
Deutsches Theatre	Revolution in Krähwinkel at 7.30
" "	(Kammerspiele) Der Arzt am Scheidewege at 8
Lessing Theatre	Der Bund der Jugend at 8
Berliner Theatre	Einer von unsere Leut. at 8
New Schauspielhaus	Alt Heidelberg at 7.30
Kleines Theater	Moral at 8
Hebbel Theatre	Die junge Welt at 8
Comic Opera	Hoffmanns Erzählungen at 8
Residenz Theatre	Kümmere dich um Amelie at 8
Lustspielhaus	Im Klubessel at 8
Schiller Theatre O.	Das Erbe at 8
" " Charlottenburg	Rechts herum at 8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre	Kean at 8
Luisen Theatre	Dorf und Stadt at 8
Bernhard Rose Theatre	Das Warenhausfräulein. at 8
Trianon Theatre	Liebesgewitter at 8
Thalia Theatre	Wo wohnt sie denn? at 8
Urania Theatre	Auf den Trümmern Messias at 8
Theatre des Westens	Der tapfere Soldat at 8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus	Schlagwetter at 8.15
Every evening until further notice.	
Metropol Theatre	Donnerwetter — tadello. at 8
New Operetta Theatre	Die Dollarprinzessin at 8
Wintergarten	Spezialitäten at 8
Berl. Operetten Theatre	Das Himmelbett at 8.30
Passage Theatre	Spezialitäten at 8
Walhalla Theatre	Spezialitäten at 8
Folies Caprice	Ein lediger Ehemann at 8.15
Carl Haverland Theatre	Spezialitäten at 8
Apollo Theatre	Der junge Papa (Spezialitäten) at 8
Casino Theatre	Russland at 8
Gastspieltheatre	Sherlock Holmes at 8.30
New Theatre	Die fremde Frau at 8
Gebr. Herrenfeld Theatre	Die heiden Bindelbands at 8

FAMOUS MOTORIST DEAD.

Paris, March 9.

The *Journal*, announces the death in Paris, yesterday evening, at the early age of 30, of M. Leon Thery, the celebrated racing motorist, who won the Gordon Bennett Cup in 1904 and 1906.

M. Thery was one of the most famous drivers in the history of motor racing. He accomplished the extraordinary performance of winning the French eliminating contest and the Gordon Bennett race in two successive years, viz., 1904 and 1905. This means that he twice met the pick of France, and by winning became first string in the team of three to represent that country against the best trios of the other nations, and twice succeeded in beating all comers in the deciding race.