

ARTICLES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

Mr. Funch. MY DEAR SIR—You didn't get a instructive article from my pen last week on account of my nervous system having undergone a dreary illness...

I allude outside with the calm man. I am of humble parentage, but I have (if you will permit me to say so) a spirit of the eagle, which chafes when shut up in a feather...

I played myself very much looking at the Egyptian mummies, the Greek vase, etc. I found there was rather too many "Roman antiquities" and too few "modern ones"...

with pane that a benevolent person was urging the staff elephant to accept of a cold maul, but I did not feel called to remonstrate with him...

TRUOLY YOURS, ANTONIUS WARD.

Dedication of the Soldiers' Orphan's Home at Gettysburg. GETTYSBURG, Pa., Nov. 20. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the National Orphan's Homestead was dedicated to its future use...

The building was formerly a large and commodious residence, which was purchased by the Homestead Commission, and altered and improved that it now presents a very handsome and attractive appearance...

Twenty-four of the orphans are from Pennsylvania, but ultimately, it is expected that all the States of the Union will be represented.

The humble costermonger, who traverses the busy streets with a cart containing all kinds of vegetables, such as carrots, turnips, etc., and drawn by a spirited jackass—how can he get the Museum?

I first visited the stuffed animals, of which gorillas interested me most. These simian primates are not only lively and intelligent, but they are also very useful.

The Committee having the Homestead in charge have received the bulk of the funds in their possession thus far from the different Sunday Schools throughout the country...

Shortly before two o'clock a procession for the dedication of the building, consisting of the President, Faculty and students of the College here, all the Sunday School children, a number of associations, and a great many invited guests.

The exercises took place on the porch of the building, the audience being assembled in the open air on the lawn of the Homestead, which was a very beautiful sight.

him to have his frigate ready for yesterday at five o'clock, P. M., at which time Maximilian expected to be here and wanted to sail at once. As soon as the Austrian commander received this despatch, he called on M. Feyron, the French commander, to take notice of him, commenting to him the despatch he had received and asking of him orders for Trieste, M. Feyron said at once this information to General Bazailles, who separated instructions by telegraph to the French commanders at Orizaba, Cordova, and Vera Cruz, not to allow Maximilian to escape, and addressed himself to the Archon, stating that he knew his plan to fly to Mexico, but that he could not be permitted to do so unless he should formally abdicate.

The reason of this conduct is that, should Maximilian leave without a formal abdication, the position of the French would be very difficult and ridiculous; while if he abdicated in their favor, they will be released from their engagements towards him. It is thought that Maximilian will be obliged to return to the city of Mexico, and submit to Bazailles's terms.

The Baltimore Masonic Ceremonies. BALTIMORE, Nov. 20.—The procession was for the first time a grand and magnificent. Among the lodges from other cities were subordinate lodges from Washington, Alexandria, Norfolk, Petersburg, Lynchburg, and other cities in Virginia, and among the prominent members of the Knights Templars were those from Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, and other States.

As soon as the procession and gathered around the site of the new temple, and the positions assigned to the various lodges had been taken during the great and magnificent service, the Grand Master, J. W. Hamilton, made a most impressive and touching address. He addressed the members of the Order, and exhorted them to adhere to the principles of the Order, and to be true to the laws of their country, professing to fear God and to confer benefits on mankind.

The organization of the Homestead is as follows: President—Rev. Bishop Simpson, D. D., of New York; Vice President—Rev. Charles P. McVane, D. D., of Ohio; Right Worshipful—Lee, D. D., of Delaware; Rev. Robert Breckinridge, D. D., of Kentucky; Rev. George Duffield, D. D., of Michigan; Rev. George Sprague, of Rhode Island; Rev. John G. Mercey, of New York; Matthias W. Baldwin, Esq., of New York; Executive Committee—Rev. Richard Newton, D. D., chairman; Rev. John W. Mearns, J. F. Bourne, M. D., P. S. Simons, A. Marchant, and Alexander Brown, George W. Fahnestock.

The ceremony was then concluded by prayer, and the Grand Master making a solemn invocation at each of the lodges, and concluding as follows: "May your corn, vine and oil, and all the necessities of life abound among you throughout the world, and may the blessing of Almighty God be upon this undertaking, and may the fruits of it be preserved to the latest posterity, that it may promote the humane purposes for which it is designed."

The Grand Master then presented the implements to the architect, and pronounced the following: "To you, brother architect, are committed the implements of operative masonry, which are the tools of a noble and generous craft, and which will add new lustre to our honored State. May it endure for many ages as a monument of your fidelity and benevolence of its founders."

The gavel used by the Grand Master at the ceremony was the same used by Washington when he laid the corner-stone of the Capitol at Washington, in 1793. It is made of stone and capped with gold.

South American Affairs. Rear Admiral Godon, commanding the South Atlantic Squadron, under the date of Rio Janeiro, Oct. 3, reports to the Navy Department that the latest advices from the seat of war in South America are altogether unfavorable to the Allies.

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