

THE NATIONAL

EISTEDDFOF

Charge of Paganism Made Against the Institution.

JUDAISM AND MAHOMMEDANISM
There Still Clings to the Eisteddfod Some Pagan Rites Which Should Be Abolished--How Can a Christian Minister Accept Eisteddfod Honors?

Mr. John Jones, chairman, presided recently over a meeting of the Llandudno eisteddfod committee...

The Gorsedd was opened daily with an invocation to a heathen trinity--Plenydd, Alawn, and Gron--for which the minister would substitute the Christian trinity...

WELSH MEMBERS IN PARLIAMENT

The members and the magnitude of the divisions that have taken place up to Walsuille--which is exactly the middle of an ordinary session--has surpassed all previous years...

WELSH PREACHERS IN ENGLAND
A Welshman, in speaking of Welsh preachers, has the following to say: "Travelling in Yorkshire the other day began kindling within us as we listened to an eloquent Scotchman eulogizing our kith and kin..."

WORLD OF LETTERS.

FICTION.

That Stephen Crane has great possibilities for the future is generally admitted. It must also be said that just now he is engaged in squandering them. The Crane novelettes that appear from day to day in the syndicated newspapers are for the most part poor stuff--mere pot boilers thrown off because at the moment there happens to be a market for them...

"Maggie" is a girl of a tenements, who between the drunken spree of her mother and father and the eye-blackening of a scabby brother works in a cigar factory and learns to view life as a continuous misery...

Mrs. Stannard, or, as she still signs herself, John Stannard Winter, has written "The Turth-tellers" (Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Co.), a pleasant and humorous story of the complications which befall the five children of a Fynland squire who, having been reared into the habit of always telling the literal and exact truth under any and all circumstances, are by the death of their parents put under the care of a wealthy aunt...

Although Justin McCarthy cannot manage the Irish parliamentary party, he can and does write charming novels. The latest of these, "The Puzzle Ring" (New York, D. Appleton & Co.) gives us an interesting study of the modern woman, who while persistently talking down love and marriage, herself precipitately falls in love and because she does not succeed in eliciting favorable responses from the male object of her adoration (who, it may be interesting to remark, is at that moment himself madly in love with her) she goes madly to America and becomes a noted woman's rights advocate...

POETRY.

Miss Florence L. Snow, a Kansas lady, who is, we believe, the professor of literature and belles lettres in one of the educational institutions of that state, offers through Messrs. Way & Williams, Chicago, a poem of merit entitled "The Lamp of God." It is cast in the lample pentameter form, with alternating rhymes, and is an evolution of the following theme: The life that holdeth love a thing apart...

LITERARY GOSSIP.

The mask which Stephen Crane has selected to wear in his Philadelphia Times, that of a daring colorist. Since the stories about life in the alleys are popular, it is not an objection to "George's Mother" that the subject is unpleasant. It is a story of a young workman whose environment made him a rowdy and of the devotion of his poor old mother. It is told with penetration and precision...

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The Strange Affliction of Little Wilbur Robinson.

He Stopped Growing--Limbs Became Useless and He was Unable to Walk--His Cure Brought About in a Singular Manner.

Hearing that a child near Iron Station, Lincoln County, had been greatly benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, a representative of the Observer went thither to see and ascertain the extent of the benefit the child had received.

The mother, Carrie L. Robinson, told a remarkable story of the cure her little boy from the effects of the gripe. Her aged, white-haired mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Handy, saw near and emphasized every word of the daughter's story...

Wilbur was born August 8, 1893. He was a stout, healthy boy till he was nearly five months old. In the Christmas and New Year's he took the gripe. A physician at Iron Station attended him, and he was supposed to have recovered. But the after effects of the mauling lingered with disastrous results.

In many states in this Union women cannot be appointed trustees of public institutions, because such trustees must be electors. There have been men, who kept their names on the board of trustees of the young man's school, but they were not allowed to vote.

On the 18th of the month of August, 1895, he was taken to the hospital at Iron Station, and he was supposed to have recovered. But the after effects of the mauling lingered with disastrous results. In March, 1894, his parents noticed that he could not stand upon his feet, although before his taking the gripe he could walk as easily.

Steve O'Donnell writes to a friend in New York that he will not return to America for some time. It is his intention to take a trip to Australia.

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