

KING RICHARD THE THIRD.

Mr. John Griffith, in the leading role, presents a very well balanced company—Little Gloria Moore, as Duke of York, Fine. Mr. John Griffith, as King Richard the Third, in Shakespeare's immortal tragedy was the attraction at the Lyceum Theatre last night. Usually the production of the master plays are heavy. Much time is required to adequately stage the many acts which must necessarily be presented. The action is largely confined to the stage and there is but little appeal to the eye or ear. Hence many care little for the Shakespearean plays. "King Richard the Third" was the exception last night. A fair house gathered to witness the lifting of the curtain and quite a number came in later. Mr. Griffith had visited both the Lyceum and the Lyceum Theatre, where he spoke of Shakespeare and his work. Parties of the students from the two institutions were present to see the manner in which he acted the part of the tyrant. He is the star of the Lyceum Theatre. Mr. Griffith is no stranger to Charlotte theatre goers. He appeared in Macbeth in the last play house last year and was accorded a very warm welcome. Much was expected last night and it is enough to say that no one was disappointed. Mr. Griffith makes up well as Richard and he never forgets even under the stress of great action, the part which he has to play. The picture of the ambitious and unscrupulous monarch resorting to the most barbaric deeds in order to accomplish his selfish ends, was as fine as ever witnessed in the city. Especially was this true in that scene where, with the blood of the murdered King Henry the Sixth still on his hands, he woos and wins the widowed Lady Anne, only to cast her aside a short time after. The last act was admirable. In the scene in Richard's tent, on Bosworth Field, where the ghosts of those whom he had murdered visit him, he was fine. The duel scene with the Duke of Richmond and Duke of Buckingham, Claude Rains, as King Henry the Sixth, and George C. Gunter, as Lord Stanley were all good. Little Miss Gloria Moore, as the child Duke of York was excellent. She made a charming picture and was heartily applauded. Mabel Standish as Lady Anne, Anna Boyse-Moore, as Queen Elizabeth, Mary Haswell, as the Duchess of York and Helene Wesley as Edward, Prince of Wales, were far above the average. "King Richard the Third" is a play that is essentially instructive from which one may derive great profit. The whole was well staged, admirably produced and worthy of hearty support.

THE CLANSMAN IN NEW YORK.

What the New York Papers Had to Say About Mr. Dixon's Play—The Herald Declared: "The Sensation Falls"—The Sun and World Had Nothing to Say in the Editions That Came Here Yesterday. North Carolina people who know Mr. Thomas Dixon will be interested in the attitude of the New York papers toward The Clansman, which made its first appearance at the Liberty Theatre Monday night. The Sun and The World that came here last night had nothing to say of the play but the Herald wrote as follows: "Boisterous but harmless was the ebullition of sentiment aroused last night by the production of Mr. Thomas Dixon's dramatization of his novel, 'The Clansman,' at the Liberty Theatre. "From the cautious and enthusiastic, though staccato, applause with which it was greeted, it was evident that a majority of the large audience gathered to hear it was composed of New Yorkers of Southern birth or sympathies. But this majority was entirely good natured and it met with no responsive antagonism. "The play itself, in a course and crude way, presents the story of the post bellum period, when the negro, through the agency of the ' Carpet-bag' adventurers from the North obtained temporary ascendancy over the South. That period is, happily, over, and one rather regrets this appeal to sectional prejudice and bigotry. The fact, happily, the appeal has so little force that it can do no permanent harm. Indeed, as presented last night the dominant features were simply those of a negro minstrel show. It was the historical exploitation of the old time comic-strip of darkeydom that kept the audience into a kinship of applause. "At the close of the second act, Mr. Dixon, in answer to the applause, appeared before the curtain and made a short speech. "For many years," he said, "in substance I have been a public speaker and I have learned to hate the sound of my own voice. I have been told that my play was all right in the South, but that it would excite antagonism in the North. Its reception to-night proves that there is no North and no South, but that the language of passion, condition and romance is intelligible to both sections of our common country and acknowledges no geographical limits. "The company is fairly good, though the Clansman himself, Mr. Sydney Ayres, is unduly spectacular. Next, the 'old fashioned' negro, and his wife Eve, are well portrayed on the traditional 'minstrel' lines by Mr. DeWitt C. Jennings and Miss Jeffrey Lewis respectively. The Silas Lynch of Mr. Austin Webb is an impressive portrayal of the mulatto who has won his way to political power through machivellian means. An important part in the cast, that of Flora, the thirteen-year-old sister of the Clansman, was acted with remarkable ability by Miss Frances Shannon."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

At the Meeting Last Night a Program for the Month Was Arranged. The Knight of Columbus met last night and installed their newly elected officers. It was decided to initiate new candidates on Monday night, in the first degree of the order. Sunday, the 21st, a special train will go from here to Wilmington, where a council will be instituted, the first degree to be given by the rector of the council, the second by Charlotte and the third by Mr. J. W. Conway, territorial deputy. There will be about 150 knights present and a class of 40 will be initiated.

On the 20th a benefit show, the Sign of the Cross, will be given at the Academy of Music for the Charlotte Council and Mercy Hospital.

Fire Alarm Turned In by School Boys.

An alarm was turned in from box No. 23 at 1:16 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the fire department responded at once. The horses made the run from the station house out to the old South graded school to find that the alarm was a false one, having been turned in by one of the mischievous school boys who "wanted to see the fire horses run." Prof. Graham has the matter in hand and summary punishment will be meted out to the guilty persons.

Death of Mrs. E. Jones.

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A CHURCH RECEPTION.

Delightful Social Events in Honor of Rev. Mr. E. K. Boyer at Tryon Street Methodist Church—Many Guests Present. The Sunday school rooms of Tryon street Methodist church were the scene of a delightful reception last night in honor of Rev. Mr. E. K. Boyer, the new pastor of the church and his wife. The rooms were brilliantly lighted and prettily decorated for the occasion and the hours were spent most pleasantly in the social intercourse of the pastor and his wife with their congregation. During the short time that Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have won many friends, and a large number of persons were glad of the opportunity last night for meeting them and the reception was sufficient evidence that Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are valuable additions not only to the religious life of the city, but to the social life as well. The reception was given under the auspices of the church improvement society and the ladies of this society. Mr. W. F. Cullon, of Lattimore, was among the guests at the Central last night. Mr. E. E. Teague, of Burlington, is spending to-day in the city, at the Central. Mr. Charles A. Dava, of Bessinger City, was among the visitors in Charlotte last night. Mr. J. B. Dunagan, of Asheville, is among the out-of-town people in the city to-day. Mr. E. L. Ebbert is spending a few days with relatives in Wadesboro. Mr. John Miller spent yesterday in Gastonia on business.

DEATH OF MRS. HARRISON.

Was Formerly a Resident of This City, but Has Recently Lived in Greensboro. Mrs. John A. Harrison, a former resident of this city, died at her home, 216 Maidenhall street, Greensboro, at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the ripe old age of 78 years. She was married to a husband and five children, John A. Harrison, of Stanford, Tex.; James Harrison, of Charlotte, and Mrs. M. R. Fills, Miss Bettie D. Harrison and Mr. E. V. Harrison of Greensboro. Mrs. Harrison was a consistent member of the First Presbyterian church of this city. She is well known here as a good, Christian woman. The funeral will take place at Greensboro to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Hodgin conducting it.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday, North Carolina, fair and cloudy, with a cold wave Thursday; light variable winds, becoming south.

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E. HYLAND, City Plumbing Inspector. Jan. 8, 1906.

BUY ORTON HOTEL.

Well-Known Wilmington Hostelry Purchased by Joseph H. Hinton—Extensive Improvements to be Made. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Jan. 9.—Negotiations that have been pending for some time between the heirs of the late Col. R. M. Murchison and Joseph H. Hinton, the latter were concluded to-day, by the terms of which Mr. Hinton acquires the valuable Orton Hotel property. The consideration is not given but it is understood to be \$100,000. Mr. Hinton will considerably improve and enlarge the building and propose to make of the Orton one of the best hotels in the South. The improvements will begin right away.

PERSONAL.

The Movement of a Number of People, Visitors and Others. Mr. W. T. Povey, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city, staying at the Lyceum. Mr. F. A. Dillo, of Wilmington, was among the out-of-town people in Charlotte yesterday. Mr. L. E. Rockett, of Thomasville, was among the guests at the Central yesterday. Mr. J. E. Stewart, of Monroe, spent yesterday in the city. Among the out-of-town people here yesterday was Mr. W. F. Lattimore, of Lattimore, who was a guest at the Lyceum. Mr. H. C. Evans, of Statesville, is spending to-day in the city, staying at the Lyceum. Mr. F. F. Smith, of Salisbury, was among the guests at the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday. Mr. W. F. Cullon, of Lattimore, was among the guests at the Central last night. Mr. E. E. Teague, of Burlington, is spending to-day in the city, at the Central. Mr. Charles A. Dava, of Bessinger City, was among the visitors in Charlotte last night. Mr. J. B. Dunagan, of Asheville, is among the out-of-town people in the city to-day. Mr. E. L. Ebbert is spending a few days with relatives in Wadesboro. Mr. John Miller spent yesterday in Gastonia on business.

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