

SOCIETY

OVERSEAS
While Flanders fields grow greener
O'er faithful lads and true
Who sit and knit at endless grey
Seems a poor thing to do.

Now France has had my lover
Since April war a year
While I roll strips of linen
And choke back many a tear.
To march with drum and banner,
To dig, to shoot, to kill—
'T would seem to me a Heaven
To sit in Hell of sitting still.

By Anne Higginson Spicer of The Vigilantes.

Mrs. N. H. Harwell has returned to her home here after a visit of some time in Charlotte.

Bishop Thomas C. Darst left last night for Richmond, for a short visit, returning home tomorrow.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. H. Shepherd, No. 11 South Eighth street. Important matters will come up and all members are urged to be present.

Mrs. J. B. Fenley has opened a studio for the teaching of voice culture at her apartment in the Cape Fear apartment house.

Meetings of home demonstration clubs, under the direction of Miss Mary Clifford Bennett, city demonstration agent, will be postponed until further notice is given.

St. Mary's Parochial School, corner Fifth and Ann streets, will re-open on Wednesday morning for the spring term.

All members of the executive committee and each circle leader of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church are requested to meet in the Philathia room tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock.

There will be prayer services in the lecture room of the First Baptist church every night this week at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Misses Noma Kathleen and Genelle Green, who spent several days in Lamerton recently, are visiting Miss Lois Boone for a short time before returning to their home at Spartanburg, S. C.

The Ladies Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church is invited to meet with its president, Mrs. R. W. Hicks, No. 16 Cape Fear Apartments, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. As this is the first meeting of the year, all members are urged to be present.

DR. ANNA SHAW WRITES.
Mrs. John S. Cunningham, president of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association, just back from the National Suffrage Convention at Washington, is filled with enthusiasm and confidence in the final triumph of woman suffrage and world democracy. She writes a letter to the Publicity chairman giving her New Year greet-

ings to the women of the State, especially to suffrage workers. The spirit of her message is one of high purpose and true patriotism. She also encloses an autograph letter from Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, handed her just as she was leaving Washington, and in which the veteran suffrage leader sends a message of love and inspiration to the women of this commonwealth, her interest in whom she has proven in many ways. The letter reads:

"Dear Mrs. Cunningham:
Please convey to the dear friends of suffrage in North Carolina. Tell them they have the finest lot of young women in the country who will make their State proud of their service in society, the home and the State. I am glad to have met so many of the young women and of the mothers whose splendid character is reflected in their daughters, who have had a larger environment in which to grow and a nobler attitude of society toward woman and her services to mankind.

"Please give to old and young alike my dear love and tell them I am looking forward to the time when I may again meet them face to face.

"Thanks for being with us in our convention.
"My sincere affection is yours,
"ANNA H. SHAW."

J. ROBERT BRANCH DEAD.
Passed Away at Parents' Home Yesterday Afternoon.

Mr. J. Robert Branch, son of Captain and Mrs. C. R. Branch, died at the residence of his parents, No. 1610 Market street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after a long illness, extending over two years.

Mr. Branch was about 80 years old and had lived in this city all his life, with the exception of the time he had gone elsewhere in search of health. He received his license to practice law, but was engaged in the banking business in a clerical capacity, he was employed by the Southern Express Company.

He possessed a fine sense of honor and was intelligent to a high degree. He was popular and well liked by all who knew him.

Surviving him are his wife, and parents, Captain and Mrs. C. R. Branch, and one sister, Mrs. Morris Carpenter, all of this city.

The funeral was conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the late residence and interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

"WHITE GIFT" SERVICE.
The "White Gift" service of St. Matthews' Lutheran church was held last night after having been postponed several times on account of the weather conditions. The church was beautifully decorated in white and green and the exercises were most impressive. A large attendance made the service an unqualified success.

It is not a normal human being who, having any idea of the food situation in the world today, refuses to substitute other products for those which are most suitable for export—wheat, beef and pork products, fats and sugar.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Benjamin Bell, Jr., formerly of this city, has been visiting home folks here for several days and left Saturday night for Richmond, Va., where he will assume the duties of telegraph editor of the Richmond News-Leader. Mr. Bell has for several years been connected with the editorial staff of The Richmond Times-Dispatch, but recently severed his relations with that paper to take up the post mentioned.



A Scene From Lois Weber's Sensational Allegorical Cinema Spectacle, "Even As You and I," Coming to the Grand in the Near Future.

A HAPPY MEDIUM.

Allen Richards in the Dolly Varden Girls company, coming to the Royal for all of this week, has undoubtedly secured the happy measures in presenting a show that measures up well from every angle, as there is real comedy work, real classy chorus numbers and dancing girls, some sure enough vaudeville acts and special scenery to top the whole off. It is a show that is good all the way through, unlike some which are strong on scenery and weak everywhere else, or great on chorus work with absolutely no comedy. It is a show that measures up from every angle and will undoubtedly so impress Royal patrons today.

Five big specialty acts are carried by this show, each one of which stands out as something out of the ordinary, and of high vaudeville standard. First comes "Aline," the famous juggling girl, who will furnish an act brimful of novelty and fascinating to everyone. The Pearl Trio, a singing and dancing trio in a great novelty surprise act, will come next in the favor of patrons of the Royal. Will and Effie Johnson, eccentric singers and dancers, is another high standard vaudeville act and then Frank J. Butler, singing and dancing comedian, and Edward Hughes—"He's another funny guy," will fulfill all expectations in the comedy end.

The show carries elaborate special scenery and singing and dancing chorus of real Broadway beauties,

with the most gorgeous costumes of the season.

A PATRIOTIC FEATURE.

"Draft 258" Metro's sensationally patriotic successor to "The Slacker" is the attraction at the Grand today and tomorrow.

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William Christy Cabanne directed "Draft 258," and he and June Mathis wrote it. Mr. Cabanne is the man who wrote and directed Metro's great patriotic production, "The Slacker," and "Draft 258" is even greater than "The Slacker" if such a thing is possible. "Draft 258" will carry a message straight into the heart of every person in the audience. Delightful Mabel Taliaferro, the star, has long been a favorite in Metro wonderplays, and she has never been greater than in her role of the girl patriot in "Draft 258."

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The Ninth Company, North Carolina Militia Reserves, locally known as the Home Guard, will have its first drill at the W. L. I. armory tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. On Thursday night at the same hour, the men will drill again. Two drills will be held each week, as the company has been divided into divisions, and a member will not be required to attend both drills.

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