

# THE SCANDINAVIAN FATHERLAND.

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## SWEDEN.

One tenth of the population of Ystad consists of goodtemplars.

King Oscar has donated 2,500 kronor to the Sailor's Home of Stockholm.

Alderman Per Cartberg, one of the most prominent citizens of Skofde, died at the age of 62 years.

The large Jungfrusund steam saw mill near Stockholm was burned to the ground.

During 1893, 202 people, committed suicide in Sweden. One hundred and fifty-six were men, and 46 women.

A railroad will be built between Skofde and Svensbro in Vestergothland.

Princes Carl and Eugen pay every day for the meals of 100 poor school children.

The Salvation army of Sweden has been incorporated with a capital stock of 300,000 kronor.

A large number of "moonshiners" is still doing business in the forests of Jemtland and Medelpad.

Colonel J. A. R. Svedenstierna, ex-commander of the famous Dragoon Regiment of Skone, died at the advanced age of 93 years.

The import of Sweden amounted to \$110,000,000 in round numbers in 1893, while the export is estimated at \$98,000,000.

Ex-governor, Count Gustaf Lagerbjelke is reported to be dangerously ill, and his death is expected at any moment.

The government has asked the riksdag for an appropriation of 4000 kronor for the publication of periodical pamphlets on temperance.

Only one person was present when the pastor of the Aerila parish entered his church to preach the gospel the other day. Nevertheless the sermon was held.

When Crown Princess Victoria left Stockholm for the southern part of Europe, she was so ill, that she had to be carried on a stretcher down to the railroad station.

The newly completed harbor at Helsingborg, which is considered from a Swedish point of view to be a grand piece of work, has a water area of about 21 acres, a depth of water of 23 feet and a length of quays of about 5000 feet.

The Royal Academy of Literature, of History, and Antiquities is an institution which has fame all over Europe. The academy has its headquarters in Stockholm, was founded in 1753 and has at the most ten honorary, twenty-five active, and not more than twenty foreign members.

Lieutenant Liljenstolpe, of the Swedish army, will some time in February leave his native country for Omaha, Nebraska, where he intends to found a gymnastic-orthopedical institute. Lieutenant Liljenstolpe has a brother in Omaha, who is connected with one of the railroad companies in that city.

The consumption of spirituous liquors of all kinds (not including wine or beer) is gradually decreasing, and may be calculated for the year 1892 as 8,114,000 gallons of 50 per cent. The mean consumption per individual was per annum between 1871-1875 3.12 gallons. In 1891 it was only 1.72 gallons, and last year not more than 1.58 and has thus considerably decreased since 1875.

The mission work of the Salvation Army, begun in England, was introduced into Sweden in 1882 by Miss Hanna Ouchterlony. Depots are at present established in 149 towns, boroughs, and 50 outposts in villages. Of these 145 depots, 115 are opened by women. Amongst the officers are 316 women, 194 men, soldiers and recruits are 9,400 men and women. The "slum" work of the Salvation Army, established by Mrs. Lagercrantz in 1860, with the purpose of providing practical help and nursing in sickness to the poor, is at present introduced into 9 towns.

Elise Hvasser, nee Jacobson, the greatest actress Sweden has ever produced, is dead. She was born in 1831, and left the stage in 1888, when she was granted a large pension for the rest of her life. Her parts amount to nearly a couple of hundred. The types she created were of various kinds, and the greater number of splendid effect. Amongst classical pieces may be mentioned; Mary Stuart, Ophelia, Desdemona, Clara, the Marquise of Villemere, etc. In Ibsen's plays she has created the female parts, especially as Nora in "A Doll's House" she achieved great success.

The Society in Memoriam of King Oscar and Queen Josephine was established in 1873 by the Dowager Queen Josephine for the purpose of reforming boys of a bad character. The society founded in 1876 the agricultural colony of Hall at Sodertelge. Boys between 10-15 years of age, who either have committed offences or on account of bad moral character have to be brought up at reformatories, are received from all parts of the country. The number of boys is at present not far from 250. Satisfying informations have been received of 83½ per cent. of the whole number of the boys, who have finished their course at this institution.

## NORWAY.

The state debt of Norway amounts to 125,000,000 kronor.

Hundreds of people are without work in Christiania.

Consul Lysholm, of Throndhjem, died at the age of 64 years.

Several people were drowned at Aalesund.

The Conservatives are getting all the offices in the storting.

An association of seamstresses has been organized in Christiania.

The number of Methodists in Norway increased considerably during 1893.

More Norwegian ships were wrecked in 1893 than during any year before.

The Norwegian ship Norbygd was

lost near Farsund, and the whole crew has probably been drowned.

A famine is threatening many fishermen's families in Vardo and Herred.

Congressman Kaxrud from the Akershus district died at the age of 71 years.

A German paper styles the Throndhjem cathedral as the finest in Europe.

Wahl, a stone-cutter, has been elected president of the labor unions of Christiania.

Dr. Schreiner, of Drammen, has been appointed rector of the Christiania Cathedral School.

The bark Anna was wrecked near Lofoten. The bark was owned by a merchant of Christianssand.

Of the total imports of the country about 60 per cent falls on Christiania, Christianssand and Bergen.

The steamer Izaro from Christiania was wrecked in the North Sea. The crew was picked up by a fishing-smack.

Many American tourists have made arrangements with a tourist bureau in Paris for the purpose of visiting Norway next summer.

Their diamond-wedding was celebrated by L. N. Christensen, a well-known pilot of Kragero, and his wife. The old couple is in the best of health.

Thomas Olsen and Ole Kristensen Sandy, two prominent citizens of Trondhjem, were drowned while fishing near Hoibakken.

Women take a prominent part in the temperance work amongst children, both in the Good Templar Orders and in the Blue Band Societies.

Several Norwegian letter carriers have emigrated to Cape Town in southern Africa, where they have succeeded in getting employment at the post offices in that city.

During 1893 27,023 people emigrated to the United States from Norway. Of these 3000 were Swedes. Only 300 persons left Norway for the special purpose of visiting the World's Fair.

It goes without saying that it has been the women of the people who have in Norway first taken up the struggle against the vicious habit of drinking, and devoted their few spare hours to the work, as well as a portion of their hardly saved earnings.

## DENMARK.

A sugar refinery will be built at Vejle.

Several fishermen were drowned off Kjertermind.

The number of Swedish residents in Copenhagen has considerably increased during the last six months.

Building master J. Kohler, a prominent citizen of Copenhagen, died at the age of 58 years.

The emigration from Denmark has been unusually small during the month of January.

The Althing of Iceland has passed a bill making women eligible to a number of offices.

Court Chamberlain R. Gravenhors Lovenstjerne died at Vegeholm at the age of 53 years.

Ex-postmaster general Count O. S. Danneskjold-Samsøe died at Copenhagen at the age of 90 years.

Two English barks were wrecked off the northern part of Jutland; but whether