WAKEMAN'S WANDERINGS

AN ENGLISH SAILORS' ORPHAN HOME.

Highland "Entertainment Night" Frolicsome and Their Noble Foe—A Great Liverpool Charity Growing Out of the Endless and Notorious Tragedies of the Sea.

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LIVERPOOL, Oct. 1.—Every one who has crossed the ocean in one of the great liners knows all about "Entertainment Night" at sea. Yet few know, save to a close sort of way, the real object of the impromptu diversion, or have any manner of idea as to what becomes of the large sums thus frequently realized.

On some one night of each voyage the great dining saloon of the ship is transformed into a concert hall, theater and lecture room combined. Among from two hundred to a thousand passengers there are always found men, women and youths who do some one little or big thing well. The silky man, the automatic man, the sentimental, the poet and the story telling man are all on shipboard. Then there are the odious or nuisance who play or sing or both. And there is always found the refined caregiver, the brow wrinkled source of the blood, nervous judge or jeweler.

Again, scarcely a voyage of the mail steamer goes by when there are not professional people on board, usually the best of European actors, singers, instrumentalists and all manner of speakers, from Boston actor to fresh, who are traveling from one continent to another to fill their various engagements. These are all folk who have agreed to respond to the call for entertainment at the end of it. So that with the amateur performers willing to do their best, and the distinguished artists willing to perform, "Entertainment Night" brings a programme often of very great variety and merit.

The room is to seats the numerous need at less partial display in dress, and a majority being the sexes with customs and ideas differing in the various social circles from land. In the "Sea Serpent" it is an affair of unique interest and delight. The gilded revolving wonders from Paris and London are there, and yet gentlemen themselves to be drawn into the brilliant salons, given to more of literature, to have be-lapel. Into the offices and into cabins, and yet, to be drawn into a court to the company of the refined. And, as I have from the public to the old, and the common sense from the public, to the "Entertainment Night" program for one of the most amusing and diverting of all shows pertaining to the amusement of the nations and accorded to the sea.

The chairman of these "Entertainment Nights" is selected from among the passengers by the Cunard Company, Liverpool, Boston and Liverpool, which company represents to the office of the Liverpool Charity Hospital for Sailors, which is always carefully supported at its own time year. The complete sound is on the purpose to launch one. This fine charity, which is a great one, is based upon the property of American sailors, because one half of the sailors thus relieved are of the same class as the other half upon the American lines, thus money's worthy, a worthy institution.

Every American visitor to Liverpool should visit the Liverpool Sailors' Home, which is at 11 Water street, not 100 yards from the marine hotel, where the secretary, Captain Hughes, and the chairman, Mr. Jones, every pleasure attention, all the officers of the workhouse are peculiarly attached to Americans, for without their assistance in the good work of discovering many wholly lost, and recovering possible in the Liverpool Sailors' Home, Mr. James Forde, the treasurer, and Mr. C. E. Hanson, the chairman, have kindly and generously have acquired a personal interest in and regard for the institution. I know of no more pleasant to Mr. Hughes whose an Amer. Mr. Hughes the expression the same delightful feeling.

The orphanage was founded in 1869 in Bootle, which is a suburb of the city, and accommodates children of all classes of seamen or seafaring men. It is not restricted to any nationality, though children of seamen who have served for a term of years on ships of Liverpool have the preference. The frequent occurrence of such scenes as Liverpool, Boston, Philadelphia, and the Southwestern portions of many of the children. Recipients of relief are divided into two classes—the children admitted to the home, and those placed in the "outdoor list."

Inability of the widow to support these children is the only qualification. Relief of some kind has never been refused. The boys are received at the age of fourteen, and are then sent out to trades and other occupations, very nearly comfortable and healthy positions. The girls, if little mothers which is, are kept in the institution until they are fifteen, the two year being placed to receive the training in all branches of household work, while school instruction is also continued.

Children on the outdoor list are those whose mothers desire to retain them under their own care. It frequently happens that there is not in the widowed family a sufficiently enough for proper food, life, or religious difficulties may intervene. Again, there are deaf and dumb children and those who are unfortunately mentally impaired from receiving instruction. To meet such cases as these the institution grants an annual allowance of clothing and books and a weekly allowance of five shillings. There of many instances where this such allowance pays the entire rent and actually keeps a roof over the desolate widow's heads. There are no red tape and official vapiousness about this. The sole condition of payment of the money is that the child shall produce a certificate of school attendance, providing it be able to attend school.

Of the two classes there are at the present time 500 in receipt of relief, and every the same number on the outdoor list. As idea of the expenditure for so great and practical a charity can be had from the fact that the annual cost of maintaining each child in the orphanage is a little over sixty dollars, and the annual expense of each child in the outdoor list, including rent, allowance and clothing, is forty dollars. About 1,200 children have been cared for in one or the other of these two classes since the inception of the charity. Equally as good here the work accomplished, the good to be derived, seems to be fully school. I have not the figures at hand to tell the tale of Americans present, but the returns from the English boys of trade are appalling in their evidence of a lack of the Sailors' Home. Not that in the sailors, even including the abandonment of the orphanage to the Liverpool owners that in British ships sailed, of whom 3,750 were drowned. The consequent of all these simple facts appears strongly in every market board.

I have seen Captain Hughes the other day and he said he talk with very little of the shipping of their sons represented from, save just their monthly allowance. He took a young boy out of York and sent him to sea, and followed him through the year. He is which is on the first Monday of each month gathers the boys to hear their monthly allowance. Sometimes, just of the time, the same boy was looked, and the secretary said to speaking, was it a Liverpool orphan in sponse, and knows the ins and outs of every family entering those premises, was among the port of Indiana against his engage of the sound. We passed into the master's room, and were in a few minutes joined by Captain Hughes. Captain Hughes and myself paid out the money and checked against each payment. The old imperfect lost the children and their mothers in Ohio, and got their school certificates monthly. Then, in each one case, the chaplain recognized the certificates, and a rugging Ho of successful proof, showing that the exact status of each child, the condition of its health, the occupation of its relatives, and the general welfare of the whole family were matters of serious and special knowledge on the part of these officials.

"Ah, Robert, glad to see you. Fellow well?" "Thanks, sir, yes, sir." "Good. Tell mother to send Monday for the clothes and boots. Next." "Mrs. Tobias?" "Thanks, sir, yes, sir" with a dove and a smile. "William, Jim?" "Yes, sir, with the thrush." "Thrush?" "Yes, sir, with the thrush." "Thrush?" "Yes, sir." "All right, William's a good boy. Take care of him, Mrs. Tobias." "Thank ye, sir, be kind to Jimmy, sir." "Bella Bellingham? And you, too, Bel. Bellingham? Yes, the child is as tender to you in that sort. How's you get time to do it? Next." "And here's Mary Jane Bellingham? Well, are all alone today?" "Yes, sir, thanks, sir. Mother's a bit of sprinkling 'n' mumbles, sir." "All right, my little girl. Tell the money right for mother." "Richard Bellingham—Richard, a little better were a school or we'll have to cut you off. Robert?" "Thanks, sir." "Jacob, Timothy Rufus? Growing to be a man, aren't you? Only three months more on the list, Timothy. Still mother will have finished the orphanage to the sea." "Thanks, sir, yes a place, sir." "Good boy, Timothy Rufus." And so it goes for from one to three hours. Sometimes the latter is for extension the blessed little tots little help to them all the eyes enclosed with tears, the choked words of gratitude, the wondered and joyful words to come from those, perhaps of my dreaming, the sometimes unusual tones in those footsteps Sailors which have ever the presence of the strengthing, so enough to stamp and sudden strangers hearts.

I have never in any country visited a charitable institution so well adapted to its work, and where there was such a moral and refined influence of the hand behind. The discussions of a Christian home, the Christian home was an old structure in Duke street. The present one was completed and opened in 1871. It is of a modern design, and is located by the corporation of Liverpool, surrounded by the office porter, hospital museum, school house and refuge tower of health. Nearly all the boys of the home pass the orphanage itself, a few more go to sea, and half can then either to and the office of the Liverpool Sailors' Home in York, a remarkable and beautiful workhouse and an city and can accord parliament.

The dormitories and wards are fashion. They consist regular family accommodations, each accommodation and accommodation of the home, and the boys are provided in dormitories of twenty-four to five and some other characters, and musical and educational, and, including those one hundred and twenty-five, a number have prizes and attendance are a university or court. The committee are composed of the Sailors' Home, the Sailors' Home, the Sailors' Home,