KING LEAR.

A Grand Performance at the Theater by the Wards Company.

If Mr. Wards has been looking for ward to his first appearance before the public as King Lear with some degree of anxiety, the enthusiastic manner in which Shakespeare's grand tragedy was received at the Theater last night must have been exceedingly gratifying to him. Mr. Wards has many warm friends in this city and he is the object of that general esteem and respect which, on his own authority, is dearer to him than patronage, wealth, but the ovation accorded him last night was a tribute first of all to the artist. When the curtain fell after the first act there was a simultaneous outburst of applause from all parts of the house. Results then followed every act, even the last one, though midnight was drawing near. Considering the fact that it was a first performance, the success was marvelous.

A casual reader of the Shakespearean drama would probably picture to himself King Lear as a kind, old father, mentally and physically weak and on that account desirous of retaining rest from the labors and troubles of public life. His idea of dividing the kingdom between his daughters, and his shortsightedness when called upon to discern between hypocrisy and honest protestations of filial affection would seem to suggest this supposition, no less than the allusion by his daughters to his dotage and the ensuing derangement of his mind. Mr. Wards, however, seems to take another view of the character. His King Lear enters the stage "every inch a king." There is nothing suggestive of the senility of the step he is about to take. Its remains vigorous, majestic, ready to grapple even with the thunderbolts of heaven and the raging tempestuous. It is first towards the end of the play that human nature gives way and continues to do so, until the heart breaks by the corpse of his murdered child.

Whether this is what the great dramatist really intended, or not, Mr. Wards's impersonation was a most finished one in every detail. The scene in which the curse is pronounced upon Goneril is dramatic enough in itself, but it is bloodcurdling as done by Mr. Wards when he uncovers his head, bends his knees and max with frenzy attacks high heaven as if to force from its almighty rulers a curse upon his offspring. The same realism was maintained throughout.

Of the support Mr. Herman's Edgar was undoubtedly the most successful. His "poor tom" particularly was an artistic piece of work. Mr. Hickey as the Bastard succeeded very well, but if we mistake not, he will be able to make still more out of that part in the future. At times his lines could not be clearly heard by the audience. Mr. Sutton as Edmund handled his role well. Miss Gillette was a sweet Cordelia, while Miss Walton looked and acted the part of Goneril acceptably. Not to enter into further detail, the support all through gave ample evidence of the pains taken by the entire company to do justice to the production, and so far as can be judged from the first production, inevitably lacking the final polish, King Lear will speedily become the great piece in Mr. Wards's repertoire.

Mr. Wards, after the fourth act, delivered a brief address to the audience. It was a gem of eloquence.

Monday and Tuesday next Effie Elisler will appear at the Salt Lake Theater. Miss Elisler is meeting with great success in her performance of Camille and As You Like It. She is supported by her father, John Elisler, Messrs. Frank Weston, James and other Shakespearean actors.

Niobe is drawing crowded houses at the Grand. Last night every seat downstairs was occupied. The sale of seats for tonight and tomorrow evening also is at a rate that indicates booming business.

The Lyceum is also doing well. The Fringe of Society will be presented tonight and tomorrow matinee and evening.

In the European Mission.

[Millennial Star, Jan. 23.]

Releases and appointment. — The following named brethren have been honorably released to return home January 31, 1896:

Ira Bennion, traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference;

Nathan Reeves, traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference;

George F. Wright and George B. Hunt, traveling Elders in the London conference;

A. P. Kesler and James C. Woods, traveling Elders in the London conference;

Edgar M. Lindsay, traveling Elder in the Irish conference;

John W. MacDuff, traveling Elder in the Manchester conference;

Jos. S. Mousley, traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference; and

John W. Old (now presiding over the Nottingham conference.

Elder H. A. Tuckett has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the London conference, and has been appointed to preside over the Nottingham conference.

Was Not Joseph T.

Joseph T. Richards, late assistant United States attorney, who by his vigorous prosecutions became a terror to evil doers, and who is known among his professional brethren by the familiar name of "Joe Richards," was taken considerably by his friends at the appearance of his sobriquet in the list of persons captured in the raid. It is needless to say that the offender was not that "Joe."

Brief Court Business.

The following cases came before Judge Street today:

W. W. Shelby vs Bruce Johnson; motion to dismiss case and suit granted.

S. F. Walker vs James Dedrick; hearing on demurrer set for tomorrow.

Addison et al vs F. E. Wells et al; stipulation judgment $263; answer withdrawn.

Wheel Club Meeting.

The Triangle cyclers held their regular monthly meeting in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms last evening, and transacted considerable business of importance in connection with the coming cycle exposition, of which they are the promoters, and which will be held the third week in February. All of the city bicycle dealers will make exhibits of their 1896 models, and a musical program will be given each evening during the show. Last night the Triangles received twelve or fifteen new members, several of them being business and professional men, who have joined for the benefits to be derived from the social summer evening rides planned by the club, and be taught as soon as the roads are in condition for pleasure riding.

Supreme Court.

The Supreme court met at 10 a. m. today, Chief Justice Zane presiding. On motion of Attorney C. F. Loofbourow, Charles S. Patterson, of Iowa, was admitted to the Supreme court bar of this State.

Wm. H. Culmer, appellant, vs R. G. Wilson et al. In this case Judge Bartch being disqualified Judge Jacob Johnson took his place. The case was argued by Attorney J. G. Sutherland for the appellant, and by Attorney C. S. Varian in reply, and was submitted and taken under advisement.

Of Diphtheria.

The Millennial Star brings the information that the late Elder Joseph Alma Ock, of Tropic, Garfield county, whose death occurred three weeks ago, while on a mission to Germany, died in Dresden, from diphtheria.

Personal Paragraphs.

W. E. Bartholomew, of New York, is at the Templeton.

M. M. O'Mally and George A. Greene, of Pocatello, are guests at the Cullen.

C. D. Jacobs, of St. Paul, and H. Martin, of Fort Angelos, are registered at the Walker.

D. W. Simpson, a prominent Chicago business man, can be found at the Templeton.

E. C. Lewis and W. A. Wentworth, two well known citizens of St. Louis, are sojourning at the Templeton.

B. H. Joces, a merchant of Brigham city, has his name on the Walker register.

J. Meyerstein, of San Francisco, P. L. Guertin, J. H. Bradshaw and M. L. Newman, of Chicago, were among the arrivals at the Knutsford this morning.

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Poisoned.

J. C. Childs's 17-year-old daughter, of Riverdale, was unfortunately poisoned with strychnine yesterday. The doctor succeeded in restoring her and putting her beyond danger.

Notes.

An unusually large number of poor people are seeking relief from Mayor Spencer.

The Crittenton meeting last night at the Grand opera house had a big crowd, as did also the one held in the afternoon in the Methodist church.

LITERARY NOTES.

The notable features of the February Progress of the World are the announce of some recent marvelous discoveries, such as the device of Dr. A. Graham Bell, by which he transmits sounds and ordinary conversation along a wireless, in the same way that we now use a telephone wire; also the new light accidentally produced by Prof. Roentgen, that penetrates solid substances, and can photograph the skeleton of a living man.

LETTER LIST.

Remaining unclaimed in the Postoffice at Salt Lake City, Utah, for February 5, 1896. In ordering any of these letters the applicant must call for "Advertised letters," and give the date of the list. If not called for within two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D.C.

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PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH will instruct and interest our readers with some articles descriptive of

Early Days in the Valley,

Which will contain reminiscences of his valuable though oftimes trying experiences as a boy and man in Utah.

My First Mission,

Will be the title of some articles from the pen of APOSTLE FRANCIS M. LYMAN, wherein he will give an account of his interesting experience of traveling "without purse or scrip," and many marvelous incidents connected with his ministry abroad.

APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT will narrate in a series of illustrated articles the incidents of a

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Made by himself and APOSTLE BRIGHAM YOUNG. The papers will portray in a remarkable manner the care and power of God which accompanied these Elders. The customs of this Indian tribe will also receive attention.

Salem Witchcraft.

A succinct historical account of this remarkable feature of New England colonial history; theories and explanations of its phenomena, offered by leading writers; treatment of the subject from the standpoint of a Latter-day Saint, by B. F. CUMMINGS, JR.

ELDER MARVIN E. PACK will prepare a series of illustrated and highly interesting papers on

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Twelve papers will be furnished by ELDER JAMES H. WALLIS, on

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These will be most ably written, and are designed to furnish arguments in favor of the truth for our missionaries and those who are called to defend our religion.

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Ideal Manhood: Some Suggestions About It.

This will be the title of some articles containing valuable suggestions to our young men who have an ambition to be or be something in the world. The author is a leading resident of Utah, but desires his identity concealed and will consequently write under the *nom de plume* of SIMPLEX.

College Department.

The Latter-day Saints' College in Salt Lake City, will be represented by a department which will be supplied with essays and other articles from students and others. These productions will represent, as far as possible, the actual work of the college, and will pass through the hands of the Principal, who will see that everything used is of a high order.

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