

LONDON'S WATER SUPPLY.

E. R. Barnard, chairman of the Metropolitan water board of London, England, in an address on the work of that body at the sanitary inspectors' conference in London recently is reported by the London Daily Mail to have said that the population which the board was supplying with water was nearly equal to that of the two kingdoms of Norway and Sweden, about the same as the Dominion of Canada, 2,000,000 more than Australia and New Zealand together and larger than the whole population of Scotland and Wales by about 1,000,000.

If they could build a tank the size of Trafalgar square (two and a half acres) and the height of Nelson's column London would empty such a tank twice in every twenty four hours. The water mains alone would reach from Liverpool to New York and back again and it would take the Mauretania ten days to race along the whole length.—Ex.

THE LAST RESOURCE.

The fat gentleman, like many other misguided members of the portly brigade, decided to try golf as a weight reducer. Armed with four sticks, a ball and a caddie, he marched off to the links.

The caddie placed the ball upon the tee. Then with a terrific swing the fat man whirled his club through the air. But the little white ball still stayed smiling on its tee, while the club, meeting Mother Earth, broke into splinters.

"Give me another club, boy!" said the fat man.

Alas, club No. 2 shared the fate of club No. 1, club No. 3 emulated the evolutions of club No. 2, and club No. 4 flew into a hedge.

And still the little white ball smiled on.

"What would you do now?" asked the sadder and wiser golfer, wiping his forehead as he turned in desperation to the caddie.

Holding out the empty bag, the urchin replied:

Don't give in guy'nor! Give it a swipe with this!"

LOCAL

Mr Fickle's smile has failed to wear off—that smile of the day after the Reliance-Excelsior debate.

Robert Jake and Marion Rube took a trip to Albany this week. Jake says that the scenery was most pleasing.

The farmers have finished unloading four carloads of slab wood which arrived at the school last week from the Silver-ton lumber mills.

Mr. Larsen, baseball team manager, went to Salem last Friday and returned with some baseball supplies, including bats, balls and gloves.

The seniors are busy reviewing and doing outside study this week. The final exam is to start next Monday for this class, hence the extra efforts of this week.

The band has received some new music and is very anxious to learn it. The members are beginning to look forward to their annual outing at Gladstone Park in July.

In the last issue of the American we printed an item about Sallie Boswell organizing a quartette. This was a mistake. It should have been trio, as she will act as leader. The readers may be interested to know that the girls of the trio are progressing very nicely and will appear in public very shortly.