(Correspondence of the Union.)

RECORDS OF A SEASON AT THE FAUQUIER WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, VIRGINIA.—No. 8.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1857.

"Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight," so, kind readers, we resume our pen. Since you have heard from us "the last rose of summer" has bloomed and scattered its delicate petals to the breeze, and the autumn has stolen upon us with such noiseless footsteps that we should hardly dream of its presence were it not for the drowsy humming of the insects, the denser mists rising along the valley at nightfall, and the changing hue of the more delicate foliage. We have just descended from the house-top, whither we had gone to view the setting sun, and would that we had power to do justice to the scene! The Blue Ridge before us, stretched in its gracefully-peaked line across the western horizon; snatches of woodland lay among the cultivated fields; country homes sent up the curling smoke above the branches of sheltering trees; sheep and cattle were wandering over the undulating ground between the valley of the springs and the distant mountains; the park beneath appeared more lovely than we had ever seen it, as the light of the yellow sky tinged it with golden hues; and the heavens themselves were a pure expanse of burnished gold, for the sun was sinking behind the violet-tinted ridge, without the slightest cloud to obscure his brightness. The landscape was overspread with an indescribable beauty, and it was with unwilling steps and lingering looks that we left our elevated position.

As the shadows fall, the tree-frog sends forth his shrill, tremulous note, now swelling to almost painful intensity of tone, then nearly lulling to silence; and breaking in from time to time, with fine effect, upon this natural concert, is heard the shot of the distant gun, as the youths try their skill in bringing down the bats that are flitting through the air. The grounds are alive with visitors wending their way before the evening meal to take the accustomed draught of water, "crystal clear," and little children are gathered from different parts of the grounds by their nurses, and hasten to their mothers' arms, "like birds returning from their flight." Our favorite deer are nearing the cabins for the nightly-expected morsels, and we have regarded them of late with even more than usual interest, as they have been undergoing the natural, but apparently painful, process of losing the "velvet" from their antlers. It will perhaps be remembered that in our first number we spoke of the antlers as being *soft*, and our readers may not all be aware of the fact that the deer annually sheds his horns in April or May, and that the new ones shoot out rapidly, protected by a thick but delicate membrane covered with short fur, giving it a velvety appearance, and traversed by large blood vessels which supply nutriment to the growing horn; any wound in this membrane produces the knots so often seen in buck-horn.

In about three months the horn comes to its full size, and then the deer tears the covering against the trunks of the trees, and it hangs, for a day or more, in bleeding shreds about his head, then dies and falls off, leaving the antler much diminished in size. The age of the deer, under five years, may be readily known by the form and size of the antlers. But there is the sound of the bell calling to supper, and we shall be interrupted in our writing for a time. Two hours later: we are again alone in our cabin. The tree our

——— ——— "lattice before,
Large-drawn in the moon, lieth calm on the floor."

And we are forced to exclaim—

"How beautiful is night!
A dewy freshness fills the silent air;
No mist obscures, nor cloud, nor speck, nor stain,
Breaks the serene of heaven;
In full-orbed glory yonder moon divine
Rolls through the dark blue depths.
* * *
How beautiful is night!"

Now the sound of the "viol" is heard from the ball-room, and the mazy dance is there. The young people delight in the "poetry of motion;" their parents prefer the poetry of sight and sound. Were we with them, we should enjoy ourselves much, among many new acquaintances. The wife and daughters of Mr. S., of Norfolk, (late M. C., and now filling an important office in the city,) are exceedingly agreeable. Mrs. S. is a woman of unusual conversational talent, graceful vivacity of manner, and an ease and self-possession that marks her, at once, as *au fait* in all the usages of society, and throws a charm over all she does and says. Her daughters are very lovely girls, and receive the appreciation due their worth, wit, and modesty.

Colonel Harrison, of Loudoun, formerly an esteemed member of the State legislature, takes his place in the ball-room, but refuses to dance at present, on the plea of slight indisposition; yet, if one might judge from appearances, it is only an indisposition of the *will*, from which his friends hope he may soon recover, as he is said, notwithstanding his weight, to move upon the floor with remarkable ease and grace. His wife and daughter are with him. Miss H. is spoken of as one of the most interesting girls at the springs.

Commander Boutwell (United States navy) and lady are also among the guests. Captain Boutwell will long be honorably remembered for the brave services rendered by him at San Francisco, and for which he has deservedly received public testimonials of gratitude from the citizens of that place.

The other day we saw a blooming girl come bounding down the steps of the hotel, breathlessly exclaiming, "Oh! Father, of all persons upon earth, who do you think has arrived?" "I am sure I cannot tell, my daughter," replied the gentleman; "you must tell me whose coming has given you such delight." "Oh! Father, it is General Gonzales!" And the brave Cuban may well be gratified at receiving so warm a welcome from so interesting a girl, whom he had known since she was a little child. It was a sweet tribute to his kindliness of heart and agreeable social qualities; and we are sure, so long as he is thus kindly remembered by old friends, he will never have occasion to recite Hood's pathetic lament—"I'm not a single man."

Miss E., of Fauquier, is a stylish-looking girl, and seems to have a fund of good humor, and to be ever ready to enter into any social pleasure going forward. Miss M., also, of Fauquier, is blithe as a bird, yet, possessing a continual buoyancy of spirits, she is always gentle and lady-like in manner.

The widow G., from Caroline, is a warm-hearted, delightful companion, full of animation, and enjoying with zest the pleasure of the moment, but possessing a readiness of sympathy with others that soon converts acquaintances into admiring friends.

The tournament of the season, which will take place on the 9th of the present month, is causing a great deal of excitement among the knights, who are already looking about for fine horses and handsome equipments. The proprietors are also making every exertion in their power to cause it to come off with *éclat*; and we have no doubt, from the well-known taste and judgment of those interested in it, that it will be a brilliant spectacle. We hope all our friends who can steal a day from business will be here, both to share and add to the general enjoyment. We will also take this occasion to mention that the reports which we have recently heard have been in circulation this summer in regard to epidemic and contagious sicknesses at these springs are entirely without foundation, and that a more healthful retreat cannot be found among the mountains. LA CHRISTIE.

FOR RENT.—A rare chance.—Now under construction, 12 large and airy rooms, with all the conveniences of water and lights. The location is in the principal business square of the city, and the rooms are well adapted for dentists, daguerreotypists, offices, &c. Also, a convenient and airy basement, suitable for any light business. The whole finished and well lighted in the most improved manner, after the New York styles.
WALL & STEPHENS,
No. 322 Pennsylvania avenue,
between 9th and 10th streets, entrance on D street.
Aug 19—1w*

FOR SALE, very valuable real estate on Pennsylvania avenue.—The property adjoining on the east, the vacant lot at corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 15th street. It fronts 52 feet on the avenue, and contains 2,322 square feet, running back to a 20-feet alley.
Further particulars, terms, &c., made known on application to
KELLER & McKENNEY,
15th street, opposite Treasury Department.
June 20—tf

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution has been printed and prepared for circulation. It forms a comely volume of nearly 470 octavo pages, and, as usual, will be esteemed a valuable acquisition to private and public libraries. In his own special report as secretary, Professor Henry commences by recurring to the fact that the institution has just completed its first decade of organized existence. He reviews the circumstances of the original bequest, and recites the history of the acts of Congress and of the Board of Regents appointed under them, and sketches the proportions of the institution as it stands in comparison with other establishments of the same general character in the civilized world. In original inquiries and investigations it has published seventy-one papers, embracing the leading subjects in physical and natural science, tending more especially to that leading branch of the testator's purpose, the "increase" of knowledge among men, and filling eight large quarto volumes. That important branch of affairs, the financial, is very hopeful and encouraging. The building has been fully paid for, with $125,000 over the original bequest for profitable investment.

The last or eighth annual volume of the "Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge" contains six memoirs on subjects of popular as well as recondite interest. Additional papers are summarized in the report, all of them making considerable advances upon the heretofore unappropriated domains of science.

The delicate and elaborate arrangements for the determination of problems in terrestrial magnetism are regularly maintained. The chemical laboratory is also in operation, and results of experiments that have been making with a view to judgment on the relative strength of building materials will be published when completed.

The library has been augmented in volumes, parts of volumes, and other articles to the extent of 5,361 in number. But the museum has been the principal object of increase during the year. Besides nearly eleven thousand dry specimens, there have been added two thousand mammals in alcohol, and at least one thousand two hundred skins of birds not yet entered on the museum registers. The gallery of art is still chiefly composed of Mr. Stanley's very complete and valuable collection of Indian portraits, paintings of scenery, customs, &c., which Congress is warmly urged to purchase for the country. Some engravings and medals have been added.

The lectures delivered during the past winter are recapitulated, and in the appendix several of the most popular are presented in full. Of these we may specially refer to Mr. J. G. Kohl's very elaborate and learned discussions on the subject of early American discovery and chartography, for which the whole country is put under real obligation. Then follow Dr. D. B. Reid's, at first supposed dry and uninteresting, but progressively popular, instructive and vitally-important lectures on ventilation, as applicable in every species of architecture, public and private, ashore and afloat. This is succeeded by a paper entitled a "Syllabus of a Course of Lectures on Physics," which, to our mind, is the completest *vade mecum* to a true scientific investigator we have ever seen. The part published is part one of this great work, which, when finished, will not fail, in our judgment, to cause the professor's name to be pronounced with gratitude by the inquiring student for at least an age to come. The next paper is by the same author, and is a learned and elaborate compendium of architectural acoustics, and is perhaps the fullest, if not the first investigation of this important subject in our language. Professor S. F. Baird, assistant secretary of the institution, contributes an article consisting of "directions for collecting, preserving, and transporting specimens of natural history." So complete and minute a series of instructions ought to have the widest circulation. An article on the fishes of New York, by Theodore Gill, esq., comes next, and then an article on certain Indian remains in Canada West, by Mr. W. E. Guest. "Phonography" is recommended warmly in a paper by Messrs. Sharpless & Patterson, of Philadelphia. Numerous papers follow, all of deep and abiding interest, of which two of prominence are worthy of special reference, viz: that "on the relative intensity of the heat and light of the sun upon different latitudes of the earth," by Mr. L. W. Meech, and the report by Dr. J. Muller on recent progress in electricity.—*Intelligencer.*

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Sep 2—dtf

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June 17—dtf

Washington Insurance Company.
CHARTERED BY CONGRESS.
Capital.....$200,000!
THIS Company is now prepared to receive applications for insurance on buildings, merchandise, &c., at the usual city rates, without any charge for policy, at their office, corner of Tenth street and Penn. avenue, over the Washington City Savings Bank.
DIRECTORS.
Wm. F. Bayly, Robert Farnham, Wm. Ormé, Francis Mohun, Samuel Bacon, James F. Halliday, Hudson Taylor, M. W. Galt, Benj. Beall.
JAMES C. McGUIRE, President.
G. D. HANSON, Secretary.
May 29—d1y

Mutual Life Insurance Company of Connecticut,
INCORPORATED IN 1846.
Capital, $2,454,000. Annual dividend on life policies, 40 per cent.
Ninety-eight families were relieved during 1846 by paying $214,995.
Statements of the company's operations furnished. Those who insured at other agencies, and have removed to this city, can have their policies renewed through
MICH. NOURSE, Agent,
June 13—d1y No. 461 13th street.

DR. C. H. VAN PATTEN, Dentist, expects to reach his home by the 8th September proximo, when, with renewed vigor and energy, he will resume his professional duties.
With abundant reason for believing that his efforts in Washington during the past eighteen years have proved generally satisfactory, he is determined yet more and more to merit the public confidence and patronage, which he again respectfully solicits.
Office (as heretofore) at his residence, Cedar Hill Villa, Pennsylvania avenue, near Georgetown.
Sep 2—d7t

Collector's Office, City Hall,
July 15, 1857.
NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS—Deduction for prompt payment.—Notice is hereby given that the taxes for the year 1857 are now due and payable at this office, and that a deduction of ten per cent. is allowed by law for the current year if paid on or before the 15th day of September next. JAS. F. HALIDAY,
July 16—eodtf Collector.

WILLARD'S HOTEL.—J. C. & H. A. Willard, Pennsylvania avenue and Fourteenth street, Washington, D. C.
Jan 29—dtf

MOST ABSORBING BOOK OF THE AGE—Consuelo; by George Sand. Price 50 cents.
The Countess of Rudolstadt; by George Sand. 50 cents.
Sylvester Sound, the Somnambulist; by Henry Cockton. 50 cents.
Corinne, or Italy; by Madame De Stael. 50 cents.
Life and Beauties of Fanny Fern, 2 volumes: $1; bound $1 25.
Sam Slick, the Clockmaker, 2 vols. $1; bound $1 25.
Con Cregan, the Irish Gil Blas; by Charles Lever. 50 cents.
Just received at TAYLOR & MAURY'S Bookstore,
Sep 2—3t Near 9th street.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

THE STEAMSHIP ADRIATIC.—This steamer was yesterday taken upon the balance dock, after being obliged to wait two days in order to obtain sufficient depth of water for the purpose. She draws 16 feet 9 inches forward, and 17 feet 6 inches aft, without her coal on board, and her weight is estimated at about 5,000 tons. This is the severest test to which the balance dock has ever been subjected, and there were strong doubts entertained whether it could lift the Adriatic out of water. One day will suffice to clean her copper, when she will be taken off, and her coal, &c., be put on board, preparatory to her first trip across the Atlantic. In consequence of these delays to get her into dock, the Atlantic has been appointed to take her place for Liverpool on the 12th inst. The machinery of the Adriatic is now about complete.

With the exception of the bed-plate, cylinders, boilers, wheels, and shafts, her whole engine has been rebuilt. During the past sixty days it is said that there has been more work performed on the Adriatic than was ever done upon any three steamers before in the same space of time. When it became apparent that her massive machinery would have to be almost wholly reconstructed, the proprietors of the Novelty Works found it necessary to call to their aid the following other establishments to accomplish the whole work in the shortest possible space of time. Mr. Collins personally supervised the work, and he expresses himself very much pleased at the alacrity with which they all took hold. Novelty Iron Works, Allaire Works, Fulton Iron Works, Taugnot, Dalley, & Co., Valley Forge Company; Sterer & Cameron, Carpenter & Sloss, Joseph Banks, Thurston, Gardener, & Co., Providence, R. I.; Bendix & Plastin, Phœnix Iron Works, Providence, R. I.; J. S. Sloan, Empire Works; Delamater & Co., 13th street, North river. Each of these houses, in the city and out of it, has been employed day and night for two months in the completion of the particular portion of the work assigned. A kind of national pride, says Mr. Collins, animated them all to assist him in retrieving the ground which had been lost. The engine of the Adriatic, he believes, will not give out in any part for ten years at least.—*N. Y. Times.*

There are now (says the New York Mercury) two ladies stopping at Baretti, on Cape Island, New Jersey, who are equal to the best of us on bowling and shooting. One of them made *twelve ten strikes* in succession, and two hundred and eighty-seven points on her next game, lately. The other one, in the meanwhile, was shooting a pistol match with two gentlemen from this city. She hit the button six times in eight shots, at ten paces, and the other two shots came within seven-eighths of an inch! She then fired twenty-six shots at a swinging block, two and a half inches in diameter, and struck it fourteen times! There would be no necessity for any gentleman's going into the field to settle this last lady's quarrel.

The Boston Advertiser has received information from the Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., to the effect that the new comet discovered on the 23d of August, by Mr. Tuttle, at the Observatory, will doubtless be visible to the naked eye as soon as the moon ceases to rise until a late hour in the evening. On the evening of the 1st instant it was seen in the vicinity of the stars Alcor and Mizar, rapidly traversing the constellation of Ursa Major, and is now entering the constellation of Canes Venatici, moving in the direction of Arcturus.

It is said the people of Yorktown, and its vicinity, propose to celebrate the coming anniversary of these important revolutionary events, the battle of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis, which took place on the 19th of October, 1781. These great and decisive events in our early history should be yearly commemorated on the spot where they took place, and in the neighborhood of which now live the descendants of many who participated in them.

The British government is offering great inducements to French half-pay and pensioned officers to enlist for the Indian army. They are to serve not less than two nor more than five years, and are to be sent out and back at government expense. The pay of captains is to be 20,000 francs; of first lieutenants, 15,000 francs; and of sub-lieutenants, 12,000 francs.

The Rev. J. S. Hays, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee, was lately agreeably surprised by a visit from a committee of his congregation, bearing in their hands an earnest of the good will and affectionate regard of his people, in the form of a free-will offering, amounting to the sum of six hundred dollars, in hard cash.

THE MUTINY IN INDIA.—A correspondent, writing of the various tortures inflicted on ladies and gentlemen by the mutineers and the low Mohammedans, says: "They slit the skin round the throats of their victims, and pull off mask, scalp, and all. The Lord recompense them."
[*London Sun.*

The Maine Farmer says that a cow belonging to Capt. Brown, in the north parish of Augusta, has become somewhat famous recently, from the fact being ascertained and made public, that there was made from her, during the year last past, 425 pounds of butter.

To carry a Collins steamer from New York to Liverpool, requires eight hundred tons of coal, enough to keep an ordinary family forty years.

Washington Aqueduct.
OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT,
Washington, March 5, 1857.
PROPOSALS are invited for materials and work for the Washington aqueduct.
Proposals received up to 7th May will be opened at noon of that day.
Maps, profiles, and specifications of the materials and work to be let will be ready for examination at this office on and after the 20th April next.
The work to be let will embrace masonry of some of the bridges, graduation, excavation, and embankment of reservoirs, iron pipes connected with the reservoirs, 12-inch iron main, gate houses, bricks, sand, rubble, and cut stone, &c.
For the particular works and materials reference is made to the specifications and plans.
As upon a portion of the line the titles are not yet acquired by the United States, there may be some delay in commencing the work thereon; but for such unavoidable delays due allowance will be made in the time of completion.
Portions only of some of the works can be completed under the present appropriation; but all contracts for unfinished work will be subject to future appropriations by Congress. The engineer reserves the right to prescribe the amount of work to be done and rate of progress under each contract for each appropriation; and in case of the appropriation not holding out sufficiently, to decide when and what works shall be stopped until funds become available.
In case of the entire stoppage of any particular work for want of funds, the reserved ten per cent. will be paid, if, in the judgment of the engineer, the work has been properly executed so far as it has gone.
Payments will be made in specie checks upon the United States treasury upon the monthly estimates of the engineer, reserving 10 per cent.; and it will be a condition of all contracts that the workmen shall be paid their full wages monthly, and in specie.
All bids should be sealed, and endorsed "Proposals for work or materials on the Washington Aqueduct."
The United States reserves the right to reject any or all the bids should they not be deemed advantageous, and to make such arrangements as may be considered most conducive to the progress of the work.
Every offer must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation, within ten days, with good and sufficient securities, for the completion of the work undertaken; said guarantee to be accompanied by the certificate of the United States district judge, United States district attorney, navy agent, or some officer of the general government or individual known to the Engineer or Department of War, that the guarantors are able to make good their guarantee.
Bids will be opened in presence of bidders, if any of them choose to be present.
M. C. MEIGS,
Capt. of Engineers, in charge.
FORM OF GUARANTEE.
To Capt. M. C. Meigs, U. S. Engineers.
We, the undersigned, residents of ———, in the State of ———, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guaranty, in case the foregoing bid of ——— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of the said bid, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties to perform or furnish the articles proposed in conformity to the terms of the advertisement under which it was made. And in case the said ——— shall fail to enter into contract as aforesaid, we guaranty to make good the difference between the offer by the said ——— and the next lowest bidder.
(Signed) A. B.
C. D.
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient.
(Signed) E. F.
Sep 1—1awtf

WINTER FUEL NOW ON HAND AND ON the way—
600 tons white ash egg coal for radiators
750 tons white ash broken coal for furnaces
600 tons red ash egg coal for grates
300 tons small size for range and cooking stove
200 tons Cumberland coal.
ALSO—
Large supplies of PINE OAK, AND HICKORY WOOD.
As we are weekly receiving large supplies of all kinds of fuel, we feel confident we can make it to the advantage of all those who may favor us with their orders.
☞ Prompt personal attention given to every order.
☞ Coal kept in floored and roofed yards.
☞ 2,240 lbs. to the ton.
T. J. & W. M. GALT,
Northwest corner 12th and C streets, No. 547,
One square south of Penn. avenue.
Sep 2—1mif

Bank of Commerce, Georgetown, D. C.
THE subscriber has had consigned to him for negotiation 15 bonds of Ramsey county, Minnesota, 10 per cent.; 10 bonds of Scott county, Minnesota, 12 per cent.; and 8 bonds of Carver county, Minnesota, 12 per cent., with coupons attached, payable in New York semi-annually. These bonds can be recommended as a secure and desirable investment. The security is beyond all contingency available and ample.
Aug 19—d2wif C. E. PITTENHOUSE.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—At a regular meeting of the Washington Teachers' Association, at the Smithsonian Institute, this afternoon, Mr. John E. Thompson was called to the chair.

The journal of the last meeting was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. A. C. Richards, it was resolved that the association proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing six months. The chair accordingly appointed a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Z. Richards, O. C. Wight, and A. Edson, to make nominations for the offices.

After a few minutes' consultation, the committee made the following recommendations, (Mr. Wight expressly dissenting from the recommendation for president, and Mr. Edson from that for treasurer:) For president, Mr. O. C. Wight; for vice president, John E. Thompson; corresponding secretary, Donald McLeod; recording secretary, C. B. Young; treasurer, A. Edson. On taking a vote by ballot, these gentlemen were unanimously elected.

Mr. Wight, on taking the chair, stated that, although he had frequently had the honor of presiding over the association, he had never been president before. He hoped by zealous attention to the duties of his office to justify the honor that had been conferred upon him. His heart was with the association, which, by the united action of its members, would accomplish an incalculable amount of good.

On motion of Mr. A. C. Richards, it was resolved that the time for the regular monthly meetings be changed from the last to the first Saturday of each month, and from the hour of 11 to 10 o'clock, a. m.

Mr. Z. Richards was then called upon, and proceeded to give a short and interesting account of his recent attendance at the National Educational Convention at Philadelphia, and the American Scientific Convention at Montreal. In the course of his remarks he said he took occasion to repel the report that he had at the Philadelphia convention spoken disparagingly of the public schools of this city. He disclaimed having spoken in the least disparagingly of our schools any further than a statement of the truth had that tendency. He said that he had been carelessly and erroneously reported; that he was far from having the least disposition to disparage our schools abroad. All he had said on the subject was for the purpose of exciting public sympathy and pride in favor of our public schools, which are neglected both by Congress and our city authorities, to the end that the District of Columbia and city of Washington may be placed, in educational matters, on an equal footing with other Territories and cities of the Union. He said that in the course of his remarks at the Philadelphia convention he did not make use of the word *pauper* in reference to our public schools; that he was not aware of the existence anywhere of corporation schools for the exclusive benefit of paupers. What he said was, that many of our citizens looked upon our public schools as designed exclusively for the poorer and more unfashionable classes of our citizens, and he now repeated this to be the case; that this impression was caused, in a great measure, by the poor houses provided by the proper authorities for the accommodation of our public shools; that what he had said about the stable of Thomas Jefferson being now used for a school house, in a scarcely superior condition for scholastic pursuits than when inhabited by the restless steeds of the illustrious statesman, was none the less true for being found fault with, and that a remedy of the fact would be more desirable than the suppression of a true statement uttered for public benefit.

On motion of Mr. A. C. Richards, it was

Resolved, That the Columbian Teachers' Association approve of the organization of the National Teachers' Association, lately convened in Philadelphia, and that we will co-operate with said association.

On motion of Mr. Z. Richards, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to consider the propriety of calling a convention of the friends of education in this city, Baltimore, Alexandria, and the adjoining towns.

Resolved, That said committee be authorized to call a meeting of this association, and the friends of education generally, to consider any plan they may suggest in accordance with the above resolution.

The chair appointed on this committee Messrs. Z. Richards, J. E. Thompson, and Loomis.

After considerable desultory conversation, the association adjourned.

THE SEATS AND DESKS in the Hall of Representatives will be so arranged as to afford to each of 262 members separate desks and chairs.

The arrangement will be similar to that which has been found so convenient and acceptable in the present Senate chamber; and members of the House will no longer be crowded together like school-boys at a form, perhaps not having choice of their next neighbors.

The chairs and desks will be richly carved in oak, of the natural color of the wood, so as to correspond with the general design and architectural decoration of the hall. They are made in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia—no one house being able to prepare a sufficient number by the 1st December, at which time the interior of the hall is expected to be completed.

The galleries entirely surround the hall, which is 139 feet long and 93 feet wide.

They are 16 feet in width, and the seats rise rapidly in tiers one above the other, so as to give from all good views of the greater part of the floor of the House.

THE COAL TRADE.—The uninterrupted boating of the month of August was a favorable opportunity for the coal companies who ship their coal by the Chesapeake and Ohio canal to get it into market. By the subjoined returns for that month it will be seen that it was not neglected:

	Tons.
Cumberland Coal and Iron Company	13,626.00
Borden Mining Company	4,609.10
Alleghany Mining Company	4,568.19
Frostburg Coal Company	2,744.10
William A. Duncan	549.17
Total	26,097.16

In consequence of the break in this canal near Williamsport the transportation of coal for the present month will be at a stand-still.

SORA.—The Alexandria Gazette of this morning states that sora (delicious birds!) are making their appearance in the marshes in that neighborhood in large numbers, and sportsmen and regular gunners are making sad havoc among them. They sell for 50 and 62½ cents per dozen.

FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS' worth of stock of the newly-organized Mount Vernon Building Association was sold last night at auction at Potomac Hall at the regular meeting of its stockholders. Some 750 shares of the stock have now been taken.

SEVEN two-story frame dwelling-houses were burned in Alexandria last night. The fire originated in a cigar store, and is supposed to have caught accidentally. Part of the property was owned by Mr. George Carter, of this city.

SCHOOL DAYS.—The exercises of the public schools will be resumed on Monday next.

FURNITURE AND HOUSE-FURNISHING Goods at reduced prices.—The subscriber, intending to devote his attention exclusively to the auction and commission and real-estate business, offers for sale his extensive stock of furniture and house-furnishing goods at greatly reduced prices, for cash or satisfactorily endorsed notes.
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Sep 4—eod6m

LEADING Criminal Cases, vol. I.—A Selection of Leading Cases in Criminal Law, with Notes; by E. H. Bennett and F. F. Heard. Vol. 1, 8vo. $5.
Just published by LITTLE, BROWN, & CO.,
Aug 15—3teod† 112 Washington street, Boston.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Firemen's Tournament at Elmira.

ELMIRA, (N. Y.,) Sept. 3.—The exhibition to-day has been attended with a great deal of interest. The assemblage upon the grounds was about the same as yesterday. Nine fire companies entered for the contest for the premiums on distance, with the following result: First class, Franklin of Geneva, first premium of $500—played 190 feet 11 inches. Second class, Young America, No. 4 of Elmira, first premium—played 170 feet 4 inches. Third class, Mutual No. 51 of New York city, first premium—played 172 feet 4 inches. To-morrow several additional companies will be present for the trials on quantity. The firemen's parade and review and the torch-light procession will take place to-morrow.

Engine Company No. 51 of New York, with their band, are now parading the streets here, cheering over their victory in the grand playing match this afternoon. Their engine was ruled out, having twice burst the hose; but they still won, the stream reaching 172 feet 6 inches at the time of the last break.

Exhibition of the United States Agricultural Society.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 4.—The amphitheatre was crowded to-day. A trial of horses was had in the arena. The majority of premiums for saddle, carriage, and matched horses were awarded during the day. The premiums to mowers and reapers will be awarded to-morrow.

Vice President Breckinridge and many distinguished strangers were present at the exhibition to-day. The weather was delightful, and there were a larger number of visitors than ever. A contribution of agricultural machines has just been added to the display.

From Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Sept. 5.—The United States sloop-of-war Falmouth sailed to-day for Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the Board of Health having refused to allow her to pass up to the navy-yard at Gosport.

Twelve valuable negroes have made their escape within the last few days, and it is believed they were shipped for the North.

Expected Resignation.—Bank Discredited.

BOSTON, Sept. 4.—It is reported that Judge Abbott will soon resign his seat on the Supreme Bench.

The brokers here now refuse the notes of the Danby Bank, of Vermont.

Ohio River.

WHEELING, (Va.,) Sept. 5.—The river to-day is falling.

Total Wreck of an Atlantic Steamer.

QUEBEC, Sept. 5.—The steamer Clyde, which sailed from this port on the 22d of August for Glasgow, was totally wrecked on the 24th on Peroquet reef. The passengers and crew were saved and placed aboard of the Anglo-Saxon, which proceeded to Liverpool.

☞ THE Rev. Wm. Pinkney, D. D., having accepted the call of the vestry of the Church of the Ascension, will enter upon the duties of his rectorship on Sunday, October 11.
Persons desiring pews in the church will please apply to
C. F. HURLBURT,
Register of Ascension Church,
Room No. 11, west wing Patent Office.
Sept 5—TuW&Stf†

MRS. BURR'S School for Young Ladies, No. 391 H street, between 13th and 14th streets west, will reopen on Monday, September 21.
Sept 5—law4w*†

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Sep 4—d10tf

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 11, 1857.
Aug 5—3mdsw&w*

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THE duties of this institution will be resumed on Monday, September 14th, 1857.
The number of pupils being limited, and the vacancies being few, early application for admission is requested.
Circulars can be obtained at the bookstores, or of the principal at her residence, whence they will be forwarded to any address.
Aug 8—2tawtf†

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Aug 18—3awtf

THE COLUMBIAN COLLEGE,
Washington, D. C.
THE ANNUAL SESSION of this institution will commence on Wednesday, the thirtieth (30th) of September. Students will be examined for entrance on the Monday and Tuesday previous.
The preparatory department of the institution will open on Wednesday, the ninth (9th) of September. It will be under the supervision of the college officers, and will be provided with the best instruction.
For admission, or further information, apply to the president of the college. S. PRENTISS,
Aug 25—2aw3w Registrar.

Georgetown College.
Studies will be resumed in this institution on Monday, the 7th of September next. B. A. MAGUIRE,
Aug 26—1m President.

THE Misses Hawley's French and English School will be re-opened on Monday, September 14th, at their residence, 167 Pennsylvania avenue. Aug 26—3aw3w

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Aug 25—3awMW&F

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