

DEDICATORY SERMON, DELIVERED BY REV. C. P. MASSEY ON YESTERDAY.

The Unitarian Society Holds Its First Service in the New Pythian Castle.

The new Pythian Castle was filled almost to its capacity yesterday morning, the initial use of the building having been given to the First Unitarian Society for its religious services, and a programme of more than unusual interest was presented.

Rev. C. P. Massey took for his text Timothy ii. 5: "Now the end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned."

Mr. Massey commenced by saying: "I cannot avoid a feeling that those under whose direction this house has been built, and which we make today our outlook and oratory of a religious worship, must look upon this initial use of the edifice by which they dedicate it to the service of Almighty God, with emotions of more than simple passive acquiescence."

But in the transference of allegiance from an institution which stands more particularly for worship, to one which simply elevates the heart to benevolence and mutual sympathy among men, one does not escape the fact that there are wants of our nature which the institution should be especially adapted to minister, and that there are suggestions constantly welling up in consciousness which the church should be able to minister to.

The depth of these emotions occasioned by our contact with the natural world is finely expressed by William Wordsworth in his eloquent description of a morning in the mountains.

"Such are the min's belonging to such gifted souls as Mozart, and Mohammed, and Gesenius, and Jesus of Nazareth. But it is in our belief that the humblest among us has to meet the mystery by which the truth of this revelation by individual experience, it is our confidence that this revelation is not a mere symbol of the vivid description of the brush of the Eternal against our common lives that enables us to give credence to it and erect it into something which we believe to be true."

faith of man. Through the changing processes of thought religion has not departed from the world, nor has man's need of the comfort and peace of any measure abated. A great consolation comes, however, as God is no longer seen as an "ebbing tide that left the shore," but as a presence which makes those oldest shores, "But is felt as present yet in living miracles and through access of moral power. It is not that the valleys of Galilee that the benediction of a pure and exalted manhood can be felt in strength of moral excellence; it is not only upon an Aegean island that the tones of the colors of the sunset can build the fabric of the New Jerusalem to the eye of faith."

It only remains for us to determine what the church may yet become to us; whether it shall simply be a temple dedicated to a formal worship, or a house in which the presence of the living God, calling forth in its service a passion and an enthusiasm that no altered conceptions of the foundation of the church can alter from the world. Happy for us if the church can live to us as it was to those who lived by its faith; happy for us if we could be endowed with the mighty spiritual strength of those to whom the church became a possession "richer than Golconda and the treasures of the earth."

RAILROAD MEN. A Delegation of Eastern Conductors Viewing the Pacific Coast.

The delegates to the Railroad Conductors' Life Insurance Association of the United States and Canada, who have been in an annual session in San Francisco, were here yesterday en route home. They arrived at 11:20 a. m. in a special train consisting of six Pullman sleepers, two passenger coaches and their own baggage car, on which was the following inscription: "Old Reliable Conductors' Life. Special Train. St. Louis to San Francisco."

RAIN AND TEMPERATURE. Observer Barwick's Usual Budget of Interesting Data.

The Signal Officer's report yesterday shows that during Saturday night the barometer rose rapidly from 29.83 inches at 5 o'clock Saturday evening to 30.06 inches at 5 o'clock Sunday morning, and 30.09 inches at 5 p. m. yesterday.

Albert Loemens, of this City, Convicted of Treason at Honolulu.

Honolulu advices, received by the last steamer, refer to the trial of Albert Loemens, who took such a prominent part in the late farcical attempt at insurrection there. He was convicted. When placed on the stand he showed that he had very hazy ideas of the object of the insurrection. The jury recommended the prisoner to execution.

City Finances. Following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury, as shown by the City Auditor's report for the week ending October 26th:

SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY. RESULT OF PRISON DIRECTOR DEVILIN'S EASTERN INQUIRIES.

Reformatories in Other States—How They Are Conducted, and the Results Obtained.

Robert T. Devlin, of this city, President of the State Board of Prison Directors, returned yesterday morning by way of the Northern Pacific Railroad after an extended visit throughout the Eastern States. The object of Mr. Devlin's trip to the East was the carrying out, as far as practicable, the following provision in the Act of the last Legislature, establishing a School of Industry in the county of Amador, the supervision and government of which is vested in the Board of which Mr. Devlin is President:

For the purpose of maturing the system of government instruction and discipline of the said institution, it shall be competent for the Board to authorize any member to visit similar institutions in practical operation, and of the best repute, and to inspect, upon an extended tour, the principles and workings thereof, for the information and benefit of the said Board.

Mr. Devlin, while acting in the capacity of Secretary of the State Penological Commission, familiarized himself, through correspondence and observation, with the needs of reformatories and the methods as to how they should be conducted and managed. For letters with which he was in a position to pursue his inquiries while East. He made copious notes of what he observed, and at the meeting of the Directors he will read and explain them.

Of the reformatories visited he thought most favorably of those located in the States of Minnesota, Massachusetts and Connecticut, the plans of which he will submit to the Directors. He was in the East two months on his mission, and visited twenty reformatories and about eight penitentiaries located in various parts of the Union. He stated to the Union reporter yesterday that at each of these institutions, when he presented his credentials and letters of introduction furnished by Warden McComb and Aull, he was cordially welcomed and given every opportunity to inspect and examine their workings.

He said that in St. Paul, Minn., there is a School of Industry which has been successfully conducted for the past twenty years. The school has been found to be inadequate for the purposes intended, and the State is now erecting at Red Wing, a short distance from St. Paul, an additional one. This new institution is being built on the very latest improved plans (the cottage system) now in vogue in many States.

Mr. Devlin seems to favor this plan, having taken into consideration the fact of the considerable time spent in perfecting it. He will, it is thought, suggest the adoption of the plan with modifications. During the investigation he observed at some of the institutions visited that, instead of using steam power the convicts were made to supply it with arm-power. In some of the prisons smoking and drinking together are strictly forbidden. Mr. Devlin also observed that convicts were made to eat in their cells, and that, as a general thing, the State prisons in the East were conducted almost on the same plan as those in this State.

chose to come on Saturday morning—upon "The Boy in School." General and Mrs. Bidwell and many other prominent citizens were in attendance, and all were delighted. Our visit ended with a dinner party given by General and Mrs. Bidwell, which was a most enjoyable occasion for all present.

"In what condition," asked the reporter, "did you find the Normal School?" "We found there nine students, nearly all of whom are capable, thoughtful and earnest in their work, determined to make the Chico Normal School second to none in the land. The building, when entirely completed, will be a model for its purpose. The Faculty is composed of persons of marked ability and ready to begin the institution."

Mr. Hoyt leaves this morning for San Francisco to attend a case in Court, in which a former lady teacher is complainant and the old Board of Directors defendant. The building, when entirely completed, will be a model for its purpose. The Faculty is composed of persons of marked ability and ready to begin the institution."

ALL PASSENGERS must show their tickets now before boarding local trains leaving Friday evening.

"Kit, the Arkansas Traveler," theatrical company passed through yesterday from Oroville to Salsinas.

Deputy Sheriff Carroll of San Francisco and B. Hagan passed through last night from San Francisco to New York.

Frank H. McCormick and wife were at the depot last night from New York to Chico. Michael Nels, the well-known Western Union operator, returned last evening from a brief visit to the Bay.

U. B. Collins, of the Chico Enterprise, who has been spending several days at the Bay, is in the city today.

General Superintendent Fillmore, of the Southern Pacific Company, came up from San Francisco Saturday night and attended church here yesterday.

Albert Elkus left last night for New York and other Eastern cities. He will be absent about a week from his firm. A party of friends was at the depot to see him off.

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