

LETTER FROM BALTIMORE.

From our own Correspondent. BALTIMORE, Aug. 16, 1868. The consecration at the Cathedral to-day of Right Rev. Thomas A. Becher, D. D., and Right Rev. James Gibbons, D. D., drew forth an immense crowd in and outside the church. There were thousands of spectators from all parts of the city, and of all denominations, but chiefly Catholics. The ceremonies commenced at ten o'clock in the morning, and continued until two P. M. The Most Reverend Archbishop Spalding performed the consecrational ceremonies, assisted by the Right Rev. Dr. Whelan, Bishop of Wheeling; the Right Rev. Dr. McMillan, of Richmond; the Right Rev. Dr. Wood, of Philadelphia; the Right Rev. Dr. Lynch, of Charleston; the Right Rev. Dr. Bayley, of Newark; the Right Rev. Dr. Domenech, of Pittsburgh; Right Rev. Dr. O'Hara, of Scranton; and Right Rev. Dr. Shanahan, of Harrisburg. A great number of clergy from this and other dioceses were in attendance.

The two reverend gentlemen consecrated were, Right Rev. Thomas A. Becher, D. D., for the See of Wilmington, Del., whose diocese will comprise the State of Delaware, the eight counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the two eastern counties of Virginia, Accomac and Northampton; and the Right Rev. James Gibbons, D. D., for the Vicariate of North Carolina. He will reside in Wilmington, North Carolina, and have jurisdiction over the whole State of North Carolina. The former is a native of Pittsburg, Pa.; the latter was born in Baltimore.

The entire ceremonies were grand, solemn, imposing. A specially attractive feature was the gorgeous vestments worn by the priests, and those who participated. They were rich and highly ornamented. The Archbishop was in full robes. The music was exquisitely magnificent. The inside of the Cathedral, during the entire ceremony, was completely jammed. Every available inch to stand upon in the nave and aisles was occupied, and every pew filled, whilst hundreds, yes, thousands—stood on the streets and pavements outside the building and in front of the Archbishop's palace. The spectators were of all ages, sizes, sex, and colors. Many strangers were here from Philadelphia, New York, Washington, and other places to witness the scene, which is a rare one, not often occurring in our city.

The forthcoming address of the Conservatives who have withdrawn from the Democracy, being prepared by ex-Governor Bradford, will be a very able and highly important paper. It must produce a telling effect throughout the whole country. It will, probably, be brought out at the next meeting in a few days. This movement has greatly disturbed the Democrats, and promises to be formidable. Thousands are only wanting an excuse or opportunity to come back to their first love, whilst not a few Democrats, with nearly all the Boys in Blue and Jack Tars, are wheeling into the Grant and Colfax army. Maryland will be heard from yet. There is trouble amongst the Democrats which threatens disruption of their party.

The Maritime Exhibition at Havre.

The fresh-water eels appeared particularly at home in their compartment in the aquarium, and were all entirely at rest during the time it stood before their tank. A large number had interwoven themselves, so to speak, amongst the stems of a cluster of aquatic plants, whilst many others had buried themselves in the mud at the bottom of their prison-house, the narrow limits of which did not appear in the least to militate against their healthy condition. This comportment exactly what we know of their habits, for there is perhaps no fish so universally found over the world as the eel; it is to be met with in nearly all regions, except those in which extreme cold prevails, and inhabits like the islands and continents of Europe, India, New Zealand, and many other countries too numerous to mention. Although undoubtedly fresh-water fish, it is constantly found in salt water, and I doubt if there is any single harbor in the British islands or on the continent where fresh-water eels may not be caught by line and hook by those who understand the right tackle and baits to be used.

I do not consider they would live in the open sea if all access to fresh water was denied them, or access to water cut off by the tide, for the water is somewhat tempered by the infiltration of fresh water from the land; for on a recent visit to Dielette, in Normandy, I found on the beach, close to the mouth of the Hlle river, a dozen dead eels, the sea to which they were water mark. This little river falling into the sea from a somewhat higher level than the tide, the eels had no opportunity of passing through mixed water; and I think it probable they therefore succumbed to the salt water, as their eyes had turned white, just as if lime had been thrown into the water. Some of my acquaintances are occasionally surprised at the idea of the existence of eels in harbors, although it is perfectly well known to those who have paid some attention to eels and their habits. Notwithstanding all that has been printed on the subject of fish, popular knowledge regarding this branch of the natural history is of a very low grade, the attainments of the average man of the world reaching no higher than the power to distinguish between a mackerel and a sole, one of which being a round, the other a flat fish, it is of course impossible to be acquainted with them.

The ability, however, to distinguish between a flounder and a dab, a grey mullet and a bass, or a pollock and a coal fish, are remedies to which comparatively few have yet attained, or will be likely to attain, for the majority of prices work with colored illustrations, and are produced; for very few will give the prices required to make high class works on this subject remunerative to author and publisher. Amongst the notices of the present exhibition, I have seen one which is perfectly correct, and which has paid some attention to eels and their habits. Notwithstanding all that has been printed on the subject of fish, popular knowledge regarding this branch of the natural history is of a very low grade, the attainments of the average man of the world reaching no higher than the power to distinguish between a mackerel and a sole, one of which being a round, the other a flat fish, it is of course impossible to be acquainted with them.

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The amount of useful information which could be communicated in the manner would be very great, and visitors would leave the exhibition with some idea of what had fallen under their notice, instead of being conscious of a kind of mental chaos, in which brooders, drapery goods, preserved meats, chain cables, jewelry, steam engines, pickled mackerel, sea bobs, sailing and pleasure boats, nets, and various apparatuses and appliances are jumbled together in a labyrinthine entanglement. Fortunately for myself, my previous experiences enabled me to recognize the use of the different objects falling under my notice; but the visitor is in general baffled completely if he desires to obtain any particular information, and has to give it up in despair.

Amongst the varied inhabitants of the aquarium tank I found no specimens more interesting than the great fish babies of bay and sea. Several of which swam about, apparently quite at home in their transparent prison. None of the cases of eels and great flat pictures to look upon when out of their element, either

alive or dead; but in the aquarium tank, where every movement is plainly visible, they may be inspected with real feelings of pleasure, from their elegance of action, as they slowly float or rapidly paddle themselves through the clear sea water. The great marine zoologist, Mr. Gosse, has so ably described those creatures that I feel I cannot do better than refer your readers to his book.

In my opinion the aquarium is the most interesting part of the whole exhibition; and amongst the inhabitants of the tanks the cuttlefish attract more attention than any other specimens, for there is no more beautiful animal than the elephant fish, from the shape of the head; this, however, is supplied with eight trunks instead of one, each of which has equal prehensile power in proportion to its size that of the sting-pronounced. The aquarium alone is well worth the voyage from England.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PEACE SOCIETY.—MEETING AT ABERDEEN.—A meeting of the Pennsylvania Peace Society was held at Friends' Meeting House, Aberdeen, on Friday afternoon. Mr. T. Child, the Secretary, presented a summary of the proceedings of the Society during the past year, by which it appears they have entered into an alliance with the Union of Peace at Havre.

He then read the following letter from the Hon. Charles Sumner, in reference to Article VI. of the Declaration of Sentiments, dated at Washington, D. C., Aug. 13, 1868.—Dear Sir:—Nothing can be more interesting than the idea of a revision of the law of nations, and the revision of all its various parts, in a clear and intelligent code, which all can read and understand. Such a work would be an epoch in civilization, and prepare the way for permanent peace among nations.

It is a great pleasure to the Society for the Social Science in England had entertained this great subject, and that a jurist, as experienced and liberal as Mr. Dudley Field, had entered upon the task.

I am glad to know that the Peace Union and the Society which you represent are laboring in the same direction. Anything that I can do to promote so beneficial a project will be gratefully received. I am, Sir, very truly and respectfully, your obedient servant, Charles Sumner.

An interesting letter from A. H. Love was also received, and addressed to the Rev. R. M. Townsend, Jacob L. Passon, and D. H. T. Child.

THE FUNERAL OF THE HON. THADDEUS STEVENS.—The Republican Invariables held a meeting on Saturday night, and adopted the following resolutions, among others, with reference to the late Thaddeus Stevens:—Resolved, That we respect the life of Thaddeus Stevens as an illustration of steadfast adherence to principles, uncorrupted by the political sophistries of the hour, and as an example to be cherished by the young men of the nation.

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The Peabody Gun.

This gun is evidently meeting much favor abroad, particularly in those countries whose people are skilled in the use of firearms. The Providence Tool Company supplied fifteen thousand stand of these arms to the Swiss Government, and we give below a very satisfactory statement of the result of their use.

The company is now engaged in filling a similar order for another European government. The Swiss Sharpshooters' Gazette, of June 10th, says:—THE PEABODY GUN.—Last Sunday the Feldschutzenverein of the district of Thalwil held their first meeting this year. Since all the riflemen were to fire with the Peabody Gun, which is now in the hands of the sharpshooters, except two, who had the ordinary field rifle, great interest was manifested in the result of the shooting.

The success of the gun was surprisingly complete. Fifteen sharpshooters fired 30 shots each, together 300 shots, at distances respectively of 300 and 400 paces. A shot in the breast of the figure of a man, which formed the target, counted 3, in the head or legs 2, and for the target 1. In these 300 shots 560 points were made, being 93 per cent. hits. Had the marksmen been more accustomed to the trigger, which was somewhat stiffer than their own guns, 95 per cent. would have been obtained—a result which has never been reached by the Swiss field rifle.

All the sharpshooters indicated those who, using the arm for the first time, regarded it with some distrust, were afterwards enthusiastically in praise of its precision, rapidity of fire, and simple manipulation. One of the marksmen fired four shots in 24 seconds, making at 400 paces 2 breast hits, and 1 to the right and 1 to the left. Consider the terrible effects of one battalion even, armed with this weapon and skilled in its use.

The gun fired, not having any hair trigger, and a stock a little too straight, they were in this respect not so convenient as the field rifle; but one soon gets accustomed to this. These little drawbacks are far more than outweighed by the many good qualities of the Peabody. The ammunition, of Swiss manufacture, was excellent; not one shot of 300 missed fire, so that in this respect, also, we can be perfectly satisfied, and Switzerland may congratulate herself upon her possession of her 15,000 American made Peabody guns.

MARINE TELEGRAPH.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. COASTERS' WATERS. MONTHLY COMMITTEE. THOMAS WALTON.

ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY. SUN RISES... MOON RISES... SETS...

Table with columns for ship names, destinations, and dates. Includes entries for Liverpool, London, and other ports.

CLEARED SATURDAY.

St. Norfolk, Vance, Richmond, W. P. Clyde & Co. St. G. H. Stone, Ford, Washington, W. P. Clyde & Co.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Barque Topaka, Bianchi, 13 days from Sambro, with guano to More Phillips.

ARRIVED SATURDAY.

St. John's, New York, 9 days from Richmond and Alexandria, with coal to W. P. Clyde & Co.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Evening.

READING, Aug. 15, 1868.—The following boats from the Union Ferry, passed into the Schuylkill Canal, bound to Philadelphia, today, and are consumed as follows:—

- Two Sterns, with J. Keely, P. K. O'Connell, and Major Steiner, to Taylor, Day & Carey. Steamer Junonia, Hoxie, hence, at New Orleans 10th inst., via Havana. Brig O. A. Gray, Bryant, for Philadelphia, clear at New York 15th inst.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR DELAWARE BREAKWATER. UNITED STATES ENGINEER'S OFFICE. OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER, PHILADELPHIA, PA., AUGUST 15, 1868.

Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, with a copy of this advertisement attached to each, will be received at the Office of the Engineer, at the United States Arsenal, at the State necessary for the completion of the Delaware Breakwater.

CLASS I. Some 12,000 tons, of 2400 pounds each, are required for the breakwater, to be in blocks of not less than two tons each, nor over five and one-half tons; the remainder, in blocks of up to four tons, of a weight of not less than one ton.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

IMPROVEMENT OF HELL GATE, N. Y. Sealed Proposals for the removal of the rocks known as "Frying Pan" and "Pot Hook," situated in Hell Gate, East River, will be received at this Office until the 15th inst. at 12 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR.

PHILADELPHIA, AUG. 15, 1868. Will be sold at public auction, on MONDAY, the 21st inst. at 10 o'clock P. M., at the Ward of Henry Pusey & Jones, Wilmington, Delaware, the naked hull of the steamer GEN. B. FURMAN, as she is.

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