CUSTOM-HOUSE NOTES.

AN INTERESTING CIRCULAR AND AN IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM.

Collector Smith yesterday received a letter from the authorities at Washington, inclosing a circular which will be found of interest to all importers.

THE CIRCULAR

reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, August 26, 1878.

To the Consular Officers of the United States in Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Belgium and Germany:

Gentlemen—The Secretary of the Treasury, in a letter of the fifteenth instant, referring to the circular of this Department issued to you on the tenth day of July, 1876, has represented that, shortly after the issuing of that circular, samples of all textile fabrics of whatever material were sent forward quite satisfactorily at the beginning, but that towards the close of it the practice had very sensibly fallen off, and that the appraisers found it impossible to keep up full and complete sets of samples in consequence.

The Secretary of the Treasury does not deem it expedient that any change in the position taken in that circular shall be made, but suggests that it is desirable that "a full, complete and continuous forwarding of samples of the textile goods" should be made by you without interruption until the close of the season.

Of textile fabrics, carpeting may be omitted, and of other articles not textile—such as artificial flowers, spool thread, wraps, etc., not being essential, may also be omitted.

This course being strongly recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, you are instructed to enforce the requirements of samples at all times, and it is believed that no serious inconvenience or expense can be felt by the manufacturers while making up the goods.

The importers have a well-founded complaint, when their goods are broken for the purpose of obtaining these samples, by which the wholesale appearance is destroyed and the market value depreciated.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
F. W. SEWARD, Acting Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, H. L. French, forwards copy of letter from Justin C. Colburn, Consul General of Mexico, including the following

MEMORANDUM OF RATES OF EXCHANGE

between Mexico and other countries and of interior exchanges on July 30, 1878:

On London, 41¼ to 41½ pence per dollar, or stated another way $5 78 to $5 80 per pound.

On Paris, 4 40 to 4.42½ francs per dollar.

On Spain (various places), 15 to 16 per cent premium.

On New York, 14 per cent premium gold, short time.

The cost of interior exchange between the City of Mexico and Acapulco, Aguas Calientes, Celaya, Durango, Leon, and other places at similar distances, is 4½ to 5 per cent; between Mexico city and Cuernavaca, San Luis Potosi and Toluca, 2½ to 3 per cent; between Mexico city and Vera Cruz (270 miles by railroad), ¾ per cent.

The cost of interior exchange is almost wholly caused by the difficulty and insecurity of transporting silver dollars, the only currency of the country; the danger of robbery being so great in the distance to Cuernavaca and Mexico, some sixty miles, as to make the payment of money cost 2½ per cent.

The cost of foreign exchange is increased by the low value of the Mexican silver dollar, which is worth 91 or 92 cents in gold.

Rates of exchange are not regularly published, but recently have varied from the above.

JUSTIN C. COLBURN, Consul General.

The Consul General, in his letter, in which the above was inclosed, says: "Fluctuations from the rates given in the memorandum are usually quite small."

Deputy Collector Anderson yesterday received a dispatch from Clark W. Bryan & Co., Springfield, Mass., requesting information as to the parties authorized to receive money remittances. The reply specified J. M. Vandegriff, president of the Howard Association.

HELP FOR THE ORPHANS.

The appeal made to the public yesterday on behalf of the helpless orphans of St. Vincent's Asylum has been promptly responded to by a generous public as may be seen by the following letter of thanks. Let the good work continue:

ST. VINCENT INFANT ASYLUM, September 7, 1878.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following voluntary contributions in behalf of the 200 destitute babies and Sisters of Charity, a large number of whom are now stricken with the prevailing epidemic:

J. C. Donovan, 1 pair blankets; B. O'Connell, $8; P. Casse, 1 coop chickens; H. N. Coulon, 1 case milk; J. M. Walsh, 50 pounds coffee; Smith Bros., 1 caddy tea; Mrs. David Urquhart and daughter Annie, through Mr. Chas. Kilshaw, $25; from Hon. G. L. Smith, Collector, from government, 275 rations each of sugar, coffee, tea and rice; from Messrs. Agar & Leicng, through Phil Buchanan, Esq., 1 barrel crushed sugar; from a friend of the orphans, through Mr. F. C. Lorel of Yale & Bowling, 12 pairs blankets; Alf. T. Baker, Esq., 12 pairs blankets; Hon. Allen Jumel authorized $50 supplies; from two friends each $5; John Henderson, Jr., $10; DeWolf, Powell & Co., $25; Phil Buchanan, Esq., $10; Widow Joseph Ellison, $15; Mrs. N. Williamson, 12 pairs blankets; also, thanks to Mr. Patrick Gannon for free transportation of the above to asylum.

ISAACSON & SIMS, 48 Canal street.

CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Our accomplished fellow-townsman, D. H. Buckley, favors us with a copy of the *Weekly Union*, of the seventh instant, in which will be found a complete report of the eighth national convention at Indianapolis. An eloquent discourse was delivered by the Bishop of Vincennes, Monseigneur Chatard, and an address of welcome by the Rev. H. Alerding, president of the State Union of Indiana. Six hundred parochial societies were represented by their proper delegates.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Hugh Roe O'Donnell, of Boston; first vice president, Rev. Jas. Mulholland, of Philadelphia; second vice president, Rev. Hugh Beesnies, of Indianapolis; treasurer, Rev. J. D. Bowles, of Ohio. The secretary will be appointed by the president.

The convention adjourned to meet next year in Detroit.

The following communication from Pope Leo XIII was read and was received with great enthusiasm:

ROME, August 29, 1878.

To the Right Rev. Bishop Chatard, Bishop of Vincennes:

The Sovereign Pontiff grants with great pleasure his permanent apostolic benediction to the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America which you have sought.

L. CARDINAL NINA.

MUTUAL BENEVOLENT RELIEF.

The following appeal was yesterday addressed by the Mutual Benevolent Relief Association:

To the Pastors of the Colored Churches:

At a meeting of the "Mutual Benevolent Relief" the following resolution prevailed:

Resolved, That the pastors and officiary of the various colored churches, without regard to creed, are respectfully requested to contribute such portion as they can of each Sunday's collections for the relief of the destitute and needy, irrespective of color or creed; collections commencing Sunday, September 8, 1878.

Said resolution being indorsed by the executive committee, I am instructed to request a compliance with the same. You will therefore inclose your contributions in an envelope, and forward to No. 114 Carondelet street, whence it will be turned over to the Peabody Subsistence Association, and duly accredited.

Respectfully, GEO. W. BRYANT, Secretary.

ST. VINCENT ASYLUM.

The necessity for immediate relief for the poor little parentless inmates of the St. Vincent Infant Asylum is very great, and it is to be hoped that the appeal made by the good Sisters in charge will meet with a prompt and liberal response.

An idea of the condition of the little ones may be gathered from the following

LETTER.

NEW ORLEANS, September 7, 1878.

Hon. Geo. L. Smith, Collector:

Dear Sir—I have just left the St. Vincent Infant Asylum. The number of the sick there has reached 55. Situation truly distressing. Sister Mary Agnes informs me that Margaret Haughery furnishes the bread, and what they need most are blankets, milk in cases, rice, tea, beef and medicines, also sugar. I truly hope your efforts in their behalf will be successful.

With regard, A. H. ISAACSON.

As will be seen, it is addressed to the Collector of the Port, and on its receipt Collector Smith, with that commendable spirit of philanthropy and energy which he has displayed on more than one occasion during the prevalence of the epidemic, immediately personally investigated the matter and sent the following dispatch:

NEW ORLEANS, September 7, 1878.

Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

I have just left St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum. The number of sick children has reached fifty-five. Truly distressing. The blankets are needed at once. Please furnish as requested yesterday. GEO. L. SMITH, Collector.

The action of the Washington authorities cannot be predicted. The circumstances of the case may induce them to give the relief asked, but on the other hand they may consider that their whole duty to the distressed of this city was performed when they donated the 40,000 rations.

THE STEAMBOATMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The rooms of the association, over the store of J. H. Monge & Co., was largely attended by members of the fraternity yesterday, and Capt. Bell, who has entered into the spirit of this organization with his whole heart and soul, found his time pretty well employed in receiving and giving information on matters connected with the association, of which he is proving himself an able and generous head.

Eighteen names were added to the roll books making a total membership of 95.

Twenty-three applications for relief were received and favorably acted upon.

Mr. Thos. O'Neill, an engineer from New Albany, was buried by the association.

The contributions received during the day will be found in another column.

The following dispatch was received:

MOBILE, September 7, 1878.

To Capt. Jesse K. Bell:

Call on State National Bank, C. L. Dupuy cashier, for $50. Will remit to him.

P. C. CONLEY.

Capt. J. T. Burdeau also proffered the receipts for Sunday (to-day) of his Second District ferry, and hoped it would be liberally patronized.

Capt. Allen Jumel has inaugurated a nickel collection for the benefit of the association, and will place boxes to receive the nickels at convenient places. Capt. Jumel will attend personally to these boxes, and see that every deposit is turned over to the association.

The rooms of the association will be open this morning from 8 to 10.

At the time the committees on subscriptions were appointed the name of Capt. M. Kenison was left out, on account of his suffering from a slight indisposition at the time. Capt. Kenison has since recovered, and his valuable services secured to the association as chairman of the committee representing the Atchafalaya trade, vice Capt. H. H. Broad, absent from the city.

YESTERDAY'S ROLL.

OFFICE BOARD OF HEALTH, New Orleans, September 7, 1878.

Official statement of cases of yellow fever reported in New Orleans is as follows, viz:

Deaths from 12 m. yesterday to 12 m. to-day	77
New cases	232
Total cases to date	4841
Total deaths to date	1470

SAMUEL CHOPPIN, M. D., President.
B. F. TAYLOR, M. D., Secretary.

THE DEATHS.

Andrew Bannon, 11 months, 155 Baronne.
Mary C. McBride, 15 months, 376 South Rampart.
James Pyott, Scotland, 17 years, 86 Magazine.
Rene Gueble, France, 10 years, 70 St. Louis.
Henry Stortz, 4 years, 123 Foucher.
Cesser Chervoillot, France, 33 years, 264 Chartres.
James Conrad, Pennsylvania, 21 years, 84 Gasquet.
Antonio Divincenzo, Italy, 13 years, 37 Hospital.
Mrs. Stella B. Dalsheimer, Baltimore, 21 years, 240 Julia.
James L. McDonald, 8 years, corner Liberty and Seventh.
Wm. Welch, 5 years, 578 Dauphine.
Wm. Shackleford, 32 years, corner Ursulines and Broad.
M. J. Besch, Germany, 59 years, 70 Toulouse.
Heinrich Baumann, 1 year 8 months, 130 Josephine.
Antonio Vacara, Italy, 16 years, 74 St. Philip.
John Gebhard, Germany, 33 years, 357 Lafayette.
Mary Mundz, Germany, 24 years, 426 Customhouse.
Karl Schwarze, Germany, 27 years, corner Tchoupitoulas and Calliope.
Lillie Relizus, 8 years, 240 Esplanade.
Adolphe Breiano, Germany, 28 years, 244 Baronne.
Thos. E. Moore, 3 years, Liberty, between Thalia and Melpomene.
Elizabeth W. Soellerhild, 2 years, 389½ Magazine.
John Deylemann, Germany, 21 years, corner Chippewa and St. James.
Conchita Cefalu, Italy, 35 years, 319 Dauphine.
Eugene Fitzgerald, 5 years, 98 Enghien.
George P. McCool, Ireland, 26 years, 16 Howard.
Albert Von Wagenheim, Germany, 43 years, 131 Poydras.
James Moriarty, Ireland, 39 years, 300 Canal.
Timothy Haley, New Orleans, 3 years 5 months, Josephine, between Locust and Magnolia.
Charles Weigel, New Orleans, 5 years 6 months, 65 North Derbigny.
Jacob Klein, New Orleans, 4 years, 377 Melpomene.
Rev. D. N. W. Wilson, Virginia, 44 years, Terpsichore.
Otto Thieneman, Illinois, 9 years, 184 Robin.
Kittie Shipley, New Orleans, 1 year, Girod and Rampart.
Paul M. Kremer, France, 38 years, 113 Baronne.
Mary E. Cousins, Mississipui, 3 years 9 months, Clara, between Poydras and Lafayette.
Patrick Cahill, Ireland, 30 years, Johnson, between Common and Gravier.
Mary Schroeder, Germany, 22 years, 113 Calliope.
Mrs. B. Reichart, Germany, 27 years, 113 Calliope.
Philip Murphy, New Orleans, 17 months, 11 Enghein.
Philip Faber, New Orleans, 21 years, Baronne and Philip.
George H. Palmer, Louisiana, 2½ years, 344 Second.
Mary McGarry, New Orleans, 3 years 9 months, Franklin and Calliope.
Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Germany, 30 years, 432 South Rampart.
Michael Norton, Ireland, 42 years, 432 White.
Wm. Battle, New Orleans, 6 years 10 months, 249 Perdido.
Willis K. Woolf, Alabama, 2 years 8 months, 219 Camp.
Alice Wall, Mississippi, 16 years 261 Dryades.
Mary Bailey, New York, 11 years, 206 Annunciation.
Gregory Brown, Ireland, — years, 106 Bourbon.
Florence J. Guinstern, New Orleans, 4 years 6 months, Jeannie and Chartres.
Antonius Dotte, Italy, 21 years, 262 Chartres.
Emile Tamme, Germany, 25 years 8 months, 76 Chartres.
Mrs. Angelique D'Heremberg, France, 23 years, 134 Exchange Alley.
Mathilda Addicks, New Orleans, 4 years 4 months, 54 Poet.
James Lennis, New Orleans, 10 years, 315 Melpomene.
Francisco Perone, New Orleans, 4 years 6 months, 35 St. Philip.
John Pound, New Orleans, 11 years, 98 Dumaine.
Joseph Terry, France, 33 years, French Asylum.
Charles Walker, Tennessee, 42 years, 423 Carondelet.
Robert Barnes, New Orleans, 3 years, Lafayette, near Claiborne.
Lawrence Stevens Louden, New Orleans, 5 years, 245 Delord.
Andrew Manyon, Ireland, 42 years, 438 Felicity.
Miss Elizabeth Frances Fazzon, Illinois, 22 years, 89 Burgundy.
Jacob Cotrel, Italy, 29 years, Armand's plantation, Jefferson parish.
J. J. Kent, New Orleans, 1 year and 1 month, 41 Poeyfarre.
Mrs. G. N. Monette, Mississippi, 32 years, 285 Camp.
Grace P. Twitchell, New Orleans, 2 years, 83 St. Charles.

DEATHS AT THE CHARITY HOSPITAL.

Rosie Huber, 27 years.
Theresa Huber, 5 years.
Joseph Bell, 37 years.
Adam Holler, 58 years.
John York, 45 years.
Macali Ferrar, 50 years.
Macrez Pascal, 38 years.
Alfred Benson, 31 years.

THE PICKWICK CLUB.

The beneficent work of distributing beef tea and beef soup to the sick by this famous old club, goes bravely on. The daily number of applicants is rapidly increasing, and already great benefit has been derived by the recipients, who are loud in their praises, both of the generosity of the Pickwicklans and the superior quality of their soup. Already more than 500 requisitions have been filled, and ample preparations have been made to promptly meet all future demands.

CITY HALL.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS YESTERDAY.

The following contributions were received by the Mayor yesterday:

From Stationers' Board of Trade, New York, through Wm. L. Martin, treasurer, per Adams' Express $500
Hebrew Benevolent Association, Columbia, S. C., through Jacob Livin president 40
W. F. Williams, Annapolis, Md 10
W. B. Hill, Mount Pleasant, Iowa 10
Krippindorf & Hart, Cincinnati 100
Employees of Adam Forepaugh's Circus 50

The Mayor has received from Fleischmann's Vienna Model Bakery, New York, a large case of very delicate biscuits for convalescents. He thinks they should go to children, but is somewhat embarassed as to how the distribution shall be made. He will probably turn the case over to the Pickwick Club, to be distributed with the beef tea on the prescription of physicians.

MELANOTYPE CURE.

A spiritualist abroad, who writes like an uneducated angel, and who claims to be inspired, has addressed a lengthy epistle to the Mayor, inclosing a melanotype of the writer, which is a sure cure for yellow fever by simply applying the picture to the lungs of the patient. The Mayor says that the best he can do for the writer is to try it on some of the boils which have been annoying the chief executive of the city.

THE COPPERAS

purchased by the city will, by direction of the Board of Health, be simply strewn along the edges of our gutters where most needed. Persons requiring small quantities for disinfecting closets, etc., will be supplied by Administrator McCaffrey on application at his office at the City Hall.

THE HOWARDS.

There was plenty of work for every member of the Howards yesterday, and right royally did they do it. The following dispatches were received:

NEW YORK, September 7, 1878.

S. B. Newman, Treasurer Howard Association:

Draw on me at sight for $700.

J. L. MACAULEY, Treasurer Cotton Exchange Yellow Fever Funds.

PORTLAND, Me., September 7, 1878.

Howard Association, New Orleans:

Draw on me for $500 as first installment of contribution. If money is not urgently needed for immediate use by you, distribute it where it will do most good. W. N. BUTTLER.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., September 7, 1878.

Draw on me for $200 additional.

JOHN H. ROCHESTER, Treasurer Relief Fund.

GRENADA, Miss., September 7, 1878.

F. R. Southmayd, Secretary Howard Association:

Our little band of workers has dwindled down to less than a corporal's guard. Fountain was seized this morning. No abatement in the spread of the fever. We are not discouraged; will work as long as strength holds out.

WARREN STONE, M. D.

CANTON, Miss., September 7, 1878.

F. R. Southmayd, Secretary Howard Association:

We are depressed this morning. The fever is spreading in the country—eleven cases in one house seven miles east of here. Twelve cases and three deaths in the last twenty-four hours. We have about 500 persons in the corporate limits of the town—over 1000 in the town and its suburbs—under our care. We received no nurses this morning; suppose you could not get them. G. W. THOMAS, President Howard Association.

CANTON, Miss., September 7, 1878.

F. R. Southmayd, Secretary Howard Association:

The refugees in the surrounding country are taking the fever. I visited a house yesterday seven miles away, in which there were 11 cases. Some contemplate moving back to town. Prospects very gloomy.

J. J. LYONS, M. D.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Sept. 7, 1878.

F. R. Southmayd, Secretary Howard Association:

Thirty-three deaths up to 12 m. W. S. Harrison, secretary Howard Association died to-day. J. C. Fitzpatrick, merchant; Capt. McGrady, steamer Joseph Spangler, and R. C. Benson, are among the prominent ill. Cupper and teecher doing well. W. M. ROCKWOOD, President Howard Association.

HOLLY SPRINGS September 7, 1878.

Mr. Vandergriff, President Howard Association:

If you have not sent two doctors since Sigur left, send two more. GOURIER, M. D.

Howard Association sent to Greenville yesterday evening by the steamer of City Alton, Dr. Sam Walker, one druggist, seventeen male nurses and fourteen females nurses.

Dr. McGee left this evening for Plaquemines. Four nurses will leave on Monday.

THE ARMY RATIONS.

The Committee at Work—Their Method of Distribution.

The Orleans Central Relief Committee, composed of the presidents of the prominent charitable associations, and which has been entrusted with the duty of distributing the forty thousand rations donated by the United States Government got regularly to work yesterday.

The committee have decided to have but

ONE DEPOT,

and this is located in the old appraisers office, opening on Canal street entrance to the Custom-House. At this depot the requisitions of all associations authorized to draw them will be received and the provisions will be delivered at the habitation of the parties in whose favor they are drawn. They will be sent out in wagons, and each wagon will be accompanied by a representative of the committee who will not only, before turning over the rations, inquire into the condition of the beneficiaries, but will on delivery take a receipt for the same.

This plan is considered the best that could have been adopted for many reasons, and prominent among them are—first, that as the rations are

ONLY FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE SICK,

it will do away with the necessity of members of the family (whose presence at home may be needed) standing for hours in front of the delivery depot; and second, it will enable the charitable associations to assist those families who, while willing to accept relief, hesitate to solicit it, and who certainly would not mingle with the motley crowd which would surround the place of distribution.

Collector Smith yesterday called upon Capt. A. J. Gonnigle, A. Q. M., U. S. A., in this city, for four floats or ambulances to facilitate the delivery of the rations, and the request met with a favorable response. Naval Officer James Lewis has tendered the use of his spring wagon, horse and driver.

Collector Smith yesterday notified the authorities at Washington that the committee were at work, and that they were prepared to receive the balance of the supplies from Chicago.

That the authorities approve of the plan adopted is shown by the following dispatch, received yesterday:

WASHINGTON, September 7, 1878.

Geo. L. Smith, Collector of Customs, New Orleans:

The arrangements for the distribution of supplies seem eminently proper and judicious and are satisfactory to me.

GEO. W. McCRARY, Secretary of War.

THE FOURTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER.

In these days of sickness, affliction and mourning, it would be inopportune and unseemly to have a pageant of any kind on our streets. This the commander of the First Brigade has well understood, as appears by the following order:

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 5, 1878.

General Orders No. 16.]

In view of the prevailing epidemic, there will be no parade of this brigade on the fourteenth of September.

By order of Col. JNO. GLYNN, Jr., comd'g.
G. A. WILLIAMS, A. A. G.

Y. M. C. A.

The Relief Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association report that during the day they received seventy-six new cases and that there had been seven deaths. The percentage of deaths among the cases treated by the committee is very small, the total cases to date being 886 and the total deaths 176.

The Associated Press was telegraphed last night that Messrs. Gibson and Ellis had made a serious mistake when they stated in their card that the association was reporting cases discovered by them to the Howards and Peabodys. The dispatch, which was addressed "To the Friends of the Sick," was signed by the officers of the association, and a number of prominent business men of the city.

A telegram to the same effect was also sent to Messrs. Gibson and Ellis, and they were asked to correct their statement.

The committee acknowledges the receipt of a box of wine from A. Rochereau & Co., and the tender of services by Dr. J. M. Watkins.

ST. GEORGE ASSOCIATION.

The Work Done by Them Yesterday.

Yesterday this association, which now consists of forty-seven active members, received the following contributions through Mr. Osmond C. Howe, the British Consul at Pensacola: Osmond C. Howe, $10; master and crew of British ship Blackwell, $20; British bark Susie, of Androssen, Scotland, $13; bark Pudsey Dawsey, of Plymouth, England, $25.

From Mr. H. E. Stringer, the secretary of the association, we obtain the following report:

Families relieved yesterday, 37; aggregate to date, 107.

Provided with meals until Monday, 19 families or 78 individuals.

Families relieved with money, medicine, doctors, nurses and other pressing relief.

One dead and funeral provided.

Individuals assisted and relieved from 12 m. to 3 p. m., 107.

Homeless and destitute men given meal tickets on soup-house.

Relieved in same way from 8 a. m. to 12 m. yesterday, 85.

Persons fed night before last, 103.

CONSOLATORY.

The Duration of the Epidemic—A Prediction on the Subject.

It is settled at last. No further necessity for wild speculations as to the length of time the fever will remain in the city. There is a man here who knew it was coming and knew how long it was going to stay, and he hasn't forgotten. It is to be regretted that his name cannot be given, but diligent inquiry failed to elicit anything about it.

"Fore de goodness," said an old colored woman who was interviewed on the subject, "fore de goodness, I dunno nuffin 'bout it, 'cept dat he said it; *dat* I does know. I warnt dar, but den I heerd it. Who are I talkin' 'bout? 'Bout dat voudoo doctor, chile; he dun said last New Year dat the fever was comin' sure, and dat it would stick till de dead got as high as dat thing dat hang on de wall—dat little silber and glass thing. I dunno what you call it. Well, when the dead get dat high its gowen to git, you listen to dis old woman, chile, and member what she says, de fever goes when de dead get as high as dat thing dey hang on de wall. I don't know nuffin 'bout how de dead is to get dat high, or why dey ain't done got higher, but I spects de fever has something to do with it, and keeps 'em down; an' when dey gets dat high dey all goes up to glory together an' gathers round de throne and asks dat it stop, and den de Lord says, 'Leave dar, fever,' and den *it will leave shuah*."

Inquiries among the more intelligent colored people developes the fact, that the lower and ignorant class believed that a voudoo doctor did, in the fore part of the year, predict a yellow fever epidemic, and that when the number of deaths in one day coincided with the number of degrees on the thermometer of the same day the fever would disappear. Such a coincidence did take place three days last week, and those of the negroes who believe in the prophecy, and are aware of the fact that "de dead have risen above dat thing on de wall" are in the best of spirits, and confident that in a few days there will be no more fever.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

An Appeal.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, permanently organized for the visiting and succoring of the poor and needy of whatever race, creed or color, and officially recognized by the ecclesiastical authority, through its proper officers, in view of the present epidemic and in accordance with the wishes of the Most Rev. Archbishop of New Orleans, appeals to the charities of its kindred associations North and West, in this its hour of need, that it may the more efficaciously assist the poor, the widow and the orphan during this dreadful visitation.

F. DOUMERING, M. D., President.
M. J. KERNAGHAN, TH. G. RAPIER, Secretaries.

Contributions of any kind whatsoever may be addressed to either of the following officers:

OFFICERS OF COUNCILS.

Dr. E. Doumeing, president, No. 115 Dumaine street, or Postoffice box 1356.

M. J. Kernaghan, vice president and secretary pro tem, at C. Doyle's, No. 41 Tchoupitoulas street.

D. P. Scanlan, vice president, No. 194 Canal street.

Thos. G. Rapier, secretary, Morning Star office, corner Poydras and Camp.

William Hart, treasurer, corner Rampart and Gravier.

OFFICERS OF CONFERENCES.

Alfred Damarin, president of St. Patrick's Conference, at J. M. Dowling's, corner Old Levee and Customhouse.

Gustave Andry, president St. Mary's Conference 410 Greatmen or Dauphine.

John McCaffrey, president St. Joseph's Conference, corner of Poydras and Peters streets.

P. McPride, vice president Annunciation Conference, Corner Chartres and Maigny.

Alfred Delery, president St. Ann's Conference, No. 282 Ursulines street.

M. P. O'Neil, president St. Peter's Conference, No. 174 Mandeville street.

P. Moloney, St. John the Baptist Conference, W. U Telegraph Office.

M. E. Hallagan, vice president St. Alphonsus Conference, at W. H. Leichford's, Canal street, between Chartres and Old Levee.

W. B. Lancaster, St. Theresa's Conference, 40 Camp street.

J. V. Donovan, St. Michael's Conference, at Logan & Mackinson's, Canal, between Peters and Water streets.

M. F. Dunn, St. Stephen's Conference, 72 Camp street.

Victor Sere, St. Augustine's Conference, 209 Dumaine street.

RETURN TICKETS.

As it is doubtful when the present epidemic will end, and many of our fellow citizens have friends and relatives abroad who hold return tickets, we are glad to publish the following letter from Mr. S. E. Carey, which will no doubt allay many apprehensions: We did not expect less from the direction of the New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad.

CHICAGO, September 3, 1878.

John H. Kennard, Esq:

Your letter of August 31 received. You can rest assured the utmost liberality will be observed towards holders of return tickets.

It would be a mean advantage which a railroad company could not afford to take to enforce a contract that might endanger the life of one party to fulfill.

Please say to all your friends they need not apprehend trouble. Actual purchasers will be protected until it is safe to go to the city. Speculators in tickets would have to take the consequences. S. E. CAREY.

THIEVES, NOT HOWARDS.

At 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning a gang of men supposed to have been thieves, but claiming to be members of the Howard Association, attempted to force their way into Mrs. Ford's residence, No. 356 Bienville street, by battering the door down with an axe. The lady called for the police, and at the approach of Officers Perret and Beauregard the gang beat a hasty retreat.

HOMEOPATHIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

This association having extended its facilities for aiding the sick, offer their services to any who desire medical treatment and care. Application made at their rooms, No. 132 Canal street, will receive prompt attention. The officers of the association are Hon. Albert Voorhies, president, and C. G. Fisher, secretary.

FIRST REGIMENT, L. N. G.

Last evening the commissioned officers of the First Regiment, Louisiana State Militia, met at their headquarters for the purpose of taking some action to relieve the sick and destitute members of the command.

Major McIntyre, in command, presided, and on taking the chair, read a letter from Col. Adolph Meyer, giving $100 for the relief of the sick and destitute of the regiment.

On motion the following committee was appointed:

Major Thos. McIntyre, chairman,
Capt. M. C. Royes,
Capt. A. M. Ancoin,
Capt. Geo. H. Lord,
Capt. G. Hernandez,
Lieut. W. B. Stansberry,
Lieut. Chas. A. Thomas.

It was then moved and carried unanimously that this committee should wait on Gov. Nicholls, to see what the State could do to relieve the wants of the militia.

THE PEABODYS.

THEY RESOLVE TO HONOR THE REQUISITIONS OF THE HOWARD ASSOCIATION, THE Y. M. C. A. AND THE LADIES' PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY ONLY.

Last evening the Peabody Subsistence Association held a very important meeting, the substance of which we give below, referring the reader to our advertising columns for the full text of the resolutions adopted.

The requisitions of two or more orphan asylums of this city being taken up, the propriety of approving of them was discussed, the conclusion arrived at unanimously being that not only would it be departing from the original purpose of feeding the destitute, made so in consequence of the existing crisis to supply the asylums, but that it was, besides, pecuniarily utterly impossible for the association to fill the requisitions.

MR. WILLIAM C. BLACK

was here introduced to the association as a newly elected member. President Dolhonde took occasion in presenting Mr. Black to refer to him as an adjunct whose value could scarcely be computed and whose addition to the body would give it new life and increase its importance.

Mr. Black returned thanks for the compliment, and promised to do everything in his power to aid the association.

The committee on impositions made a report relating to the frauds they had discovered, whereupon the president was empowered to take such action in the matter as he thought fit and proper.

A report of the treasurer was read, making the following exhibit:

Contributions, $18 728 20; expenditures up to the fourth instant at night, $2554 44; leaving a balance on hand of $16,173 76.

Mr. Hirsch, the chairman of the committee on purchases, added that the purchases made thus far would amount to $10 000 or $12,000, an account of which he would give as soon as all the bills came in.

Mr. Newman now took the floor and offered a resolution providing that hereafter the association

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the requisitions signed by the Howard Association, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Ladies' Physiological Society. Mr. Newman took occasion to say that at the rate of distribution being made by the Peabodys on the requisition of all the benevolent associations of the city—taking, for example, the distribution on Friday, which amounted in value to $5000, it would be impossible for them to continue long in existence. Contributions were coming in slowly and the disbursements were entirely out of proportion. As matters stood now the association had only $4000 or $5000 to go upon for next week. He proposed, therefore, that at least as long as the government rations lasted in the hands of the committee having the same in charge that this resolution should go into operation.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, with the understanding that all the requisitions now in the hands of the president, awaiting his approval, should not be affected by what would be issued whenever approved.

During the meeting it was also agreed that the various associations relieving the sick should be requested as much as possible not to sign requisitions in favor of those people who had already received a seven days' rations, until other needy people shall have been provided for.

A resolution was also adopted to this effect.

Whereas, the United States army rations, upon which are based the rations of this association, are sufficient to feed nearly two; be it

Resolved, That hereafter only two thirds rations shall be issued instead of full ones.

This resolution was also unanimously adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

ABOUT INLAND QUARANTINES.

We publish the following official account of the meeting of the Medical Faculty of South Carolina, in relation to quarantine, as the subject is one of great interest:

At the regular monthly meeting of the Medical Society of South Carolina, held on the second instant, the following resolutions, offered by Dr. R. A. Kinloch, were adopted and ordered to be published:

1. *Resolved*, That we witness with surprise and mortification the attempt on the part of the citizens of many sections of our country to institute a futile and oppressive system of land quarantine against yellow fever.

2. That this system, originating, as we believe, with a panic stricken people, and supported by the teachings of theorists, is inconsistent with the most generally received views as to the origin and propagation of the disease in question, and opposed to the humanity of a civilized age.

3. That we respectfully urge upon the profession, throughout the length and breadth of our land, the necessity of opposing this false and inhuman system by every means in their power, even, if necessary, by an earnest appeal for legislative enactments on the subject.

4. That we respectfully but most urgently advise our fellow-citizens of those localities where the invasion of the disease may seem imminent, to expend all their efforts rather in the removal of those causes which, in accordance with the well established facts of modern science, are known to be potent in localizing epidemic disease.

5. That we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to our fellow citizens who are now feeling the dire effects of the illegal and inhuman enactments referred to, and pledge ourselves to do what we can in our own State to aid in their present deliverance and to provide for their future security. W. H. BAILEY, M. D., Secretary Medical Society S. C.

MARIE METHUA SCHILLER.

Mrs. Maria Methua Schiller died in Vicksburg of the yellow fever on Friday morning and was buried during the evening of the same day. Mrs. Schiller was well known in this city as an artist of more than ordinary talent and as an actress of recognized ability. She came to New Orleans three years ago from St. Louis and assumed the directorship of the National Theatre, which, as everybody knows, failed through unavoidable circumstances to enlist public favor.

Mrs. Schiller was a valued member of the New Orleans Philharmonic Society, and many a concert was made entertaining with the help of her sympathetic voice. She also figured from time to time on occasions of charity and benevolence on the boards of the National Theatre, even after the decadence of that once popular resort.

Mrs. Schiller was well known throughout the Western States and in our Southern clime as combining the grace and elegance of a true woman, with the delicacy and sensitiveness of a consummate *artista*. Surely the announcement of her death will be met with heart-felt sorrow throughout the Western and Southern States wherein her fame was known, and wherein her gentle and amiable qualities were appreciated.

HEPTASOPHS AID.

The Grand Conclave of Louisiana of the Heptasophs met last night to take steps for the relief of its members. All the conclaves of this jurisdiction were represented. The following relief committee was appointed:

Fred. Fuhr, German Conclave No. 6; J. O. Jackson, Waterman No 9; Geo. W. Sniff, Ætna No. 15; James Kopple, Algiers Conclave No. 23; E. Heidingsfelder, Deborah No. 25; M. M. Borges, Orleans Encampment.

The Grand Archon of Louisiana was authorized to issue an appeal to the order in general for succor to the stricken brotherhood of this city.

The following telegram was sent to the order in other States:

"The general distress which exists in this community has invaded the conclaves in this jurisdiction, and many of our members and their families are in distress, the Grand Conclave appeals to all consaders and brethren in other jurisdictions for material aid."

S. K. CUTLER, Grand Archon.

REQUIEM MASS.

The Archbishop of New Orleans, through G. A. Rouxel, Vicar General pro tem., has issued a request to the parish priests of the city to celebrate a mass, after Tuesday next, for the repose of the soul of Joseph Marie Millet, late Vicar General of the diocese.

At the Cathedral a solemn service will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 10, for the deceased prelate. The Rev. Rouxel states that during the epidemic in New Orleans, and considering the impossibility of sending auxiliary priests, he requests the priests and their assistants to diminish the number of masses after having announced that fact.

THE LUSITANOS CHARTER.

The members of the New Lusitanos Benevolent Association met yesterday and signed the new charter, which will expire on the eleventh instant. The charter is renewed for twenty-five years by act before O. Drouet, notary public. The association was founded during the epidemic of 1858, and has done good service since. The society, composed of Spaniards, Italians, etc., attends to all the wants of its stricken members, and furnishes medicines, physicians and provisions to the destitute brethren, by allowing seven dollars a week and attendance to the sick.

STATE-HOUSE NOTES.

The September apportionment of the school fund for 1878 is stated by Superintendent Lusher to be 9 cents per educable child, and for 1877 1¼ cents.

Gov. Nicholls made the following appointments: Dr. J. B. Armstrong, police juror for Jefferson parish, right bank; Joseph Foresythe, clerk of registration for Catahoula; H. Dedar, clerk of registration, parish of Pointe Coupee, and George S. Johnson, surveyor, Grant parish.

BREVITIES.

J. R. A. Cauthreaux, Esq., returned to the city yesterday.

We are indebted to the kindness of Mr. John B. Nobles for courtesies extended.

The Postmaster has been notified that Summit and Walden, two Mississippi towns, will not receive second and third class mails.

Why do the young ladies persist in practicing two hours a day on the piano, when they must know there is yellow fever in the neighborhood.

Divine service will be continued every Sunday evening, at 5 o'clock, on Congo Square. All epidemics and their salutary effect on the minds and souls of men fully explained by J. C. H.

The Peabody Association yesterday sent a hogshead of bacon and ten barrels of flour to the sufferers at Port Gibson, at the request of the Howard Association.

Mr. D. P. Kreutz, No. 47 Tchoupitoulas street, yesterday liberally provided the commissary department of the Peabody Association with acceptable refreshments.

The citizens in the rear of the seventh ward on Kerlerec street and in the neighborhood of St. Bernard Market, are kindling fires in front of their houses with newly cut grass and shavings to ward off the yellow fever.

Our young friend, J. Kittredge, arrived yesterday from New York, where for several weeks he has been actively engaged in securing attractions for the St. Charles Theatre. Kit is in excellent health, and is ready for duty wherever his services may be most needed to alleviate the wants of the suffering.

On old Magazine street, near St. Mary, there are twenty-one cases of fever, and complaint is made that drivers of vehicles greatly distress and injure the sick by rapid driving, the noise made