

IT IS A CITY OF SONG.

A Title That Fits as Aptly as that of "City of Churches."

The Brooklyn Singers in the Zoellner Maennerchor.

A Flourishing Society That Dates Back to the Fifties.

Brooklyn's beautiful church edifices have given it the title of "City of Churches." If the large singing societies which have been sprung up one by one in the Eastern District since the city was taken into consideration it might also be called "the city of songs."

Among these popular organizations whose entertainments are the very life of the many Germans who make up the population of this part of the city, the Zoellner Maennerchor is the oldest and largest, dating back to 1810, and having in its ranks many of the most prominent residents of Williamsburg.



PRESIDENT AUGUST W. NEUMANN.

The Zoellner was organized in honor of the popular German song writer, Carl Frederick Zoellner, who died at Leipzig shortly after his inaugural entertainment. This caused so much sadness among its members that for a time it looked as though the Society would die out, but some one suggested that it be continued as a memorial of the great musician, and as such it has since been known.

The Maennerchor was started with the idea of cultivating an ear for good music among the masses, and it is not necessary to note that its thirty-two years of work in the world of music has given it a high standing among the musical societies of the world.

Far back in the sixties things were not so prosperous in Williamsburg, and the citizens of the queer little village which is now one corner of the beautiful city of Brooklyn, who had emigrated from the Fatherland, missed their native songs.

On one occasion four of the most prominent citizens of Williamsburg were seated at a table enjoying a mug of lager, when the old story was discussed—their love for the sweet songs of the Fatherland and how they would like to hear them once more.

These gentlemen were L. G. T. Bruer, August Schwabe, Carl Kauppman and Henry Schwabe. Mr. Bruer was the first to start a singing club of their own by picking his members from the ranks of their friends.

The other evening mentioned, as to whether enough German citizens could be found who loved music, to form a singing club, and if so, whether they could be induced to appear in concert.

No decision was reached after a long conference, and a second meeting was proposed on a formal discussion with others as to the possibility of such a singing club. Mr. Bruer was sent out to prominent Germans in the district and among those T. Hamburg, F. Schmidt, I. Land, F. Hoffmann, G. Frick, K. Riene, J. Sanders and G. Hoffmann, all well-known citizens of Williamsburg, responded.

The proposition was enthusiastically received by all present. Mr. Bruer was at once elected first President, Mr. Kauppman became Secretary and Mr. Schwabe Treasurer. At the first meeting Mr. Bruer addressed the members thus:

"Gentlemen, we have got together and organized what we hope will be a great musical society, and I am quite sure that it will not be a word said of a musical director."

This speech caused some laughter, and after some debate Mr. Lox was chosen for the position. Mr. Kauppman then arose and reminded the members that the organization was yet unborn.

Again was heard the merry laughter. Finally Carl Zoellner's name was enthusiastically decided upon and the third meeting closed with the Society well organized.

This is the story of the Society's origin. The initial entertainment was given two weeks later at Firth Hall, and it was a brilliant success, since then it has grown rapidly year by year to its present reputation, wealth and membership, and how it is famous.

received his musical training in Germany and under the able eye of conducting a chorus. We immediately resigned to him entire control of the musical affairs of the organization, and as a result radical changes, which delighted all its members, were started.



CLUB HOUSE OF THE ZOEELLNER MAENNERCHOR.

"The Zoellner aims to be in reality what it represents itself to the public, and consequently much practicing has to be undergone constantly. Its purpose, that of studying and producing the very best music composed. Then came the tests of our new departure. In Baltimore we were arraigned against the most famous singers in the city, and we won second prize. This was in 1888. And other, if anything, more satisfactory results were obtained in the course of our tour.

"We also originated the public concert system as regards such organizations. It began with the giving of concerts in regular recognized places of amusement, as opposed to the old plan of holding them in beer gardens and saloons, and before our doing so put singing societies on a higher and certainly much more agreeable standard."

The Zoellner Maennerchor, the Society's president director, is a thorough musician. As a boy he played the violin, and he has since desired him to have a military career, but his love for music could not be crushed. He ended his studies in the Royal Music School at Wuerzburg, where he was born in 1850.

He came to this country a few years ago and became prominent in musical circles almost immediately. He has been director, previous to his present position, of the New York Sauerbund, the Phoenix Maennerchor Verein, Newark; the Schola Cantorum, New York; the Kreuzer Quartet Club. His ability as a director is known all over the country.

He was the first prize in the Swiss Festival, in New York, of 1890. He was director of the orchestra at the Baltimore World Festival of 1888, and the first prize. In the Swiss Festival, in New York, of 1890 he was director of the orchestra and singing.

John Schuttels, one of the House Committee, comes from Hamburg, where he was born in 1840 and settled in Williamsburg. He is always willing to aid the organization in any way when called upon, and is a prominent member.

John H. Schumann, who occupies the office of Chairman, is a native of the Dukeland of Nassau, Germany, where he was born in 1840. He came to this land in 1862 and engaged in the business of a large varnish factory in the Eastern District. He is one of the oldest members of the Society and has always active in its entertainments are given.

Charles Freese, the brewer, came to this country in 1840 and was engaged in the business of a large varnish factory in the Eastern District. He is one of the oldest members of the Society and has always active in its entertainments are given.

Alfred Osterland, the commanding officer of the House of Trustees, is another one of the Society's active members. He came from Treptow, Pomerania, Prussia, in 1850, where he was educated for commerce. He which he has followed here. He was employed in a distilling factory at Leipzig, and was only twice when he arrived in America.

Mr. Osterland was President of the Zoellner Maennerchor for three years, and has always looked out for its interests.

Charles Richter is the lessee of the Zoellner Maennerchor, and is very popular in the entertainments by which he conducts the great entertainments. He is a native of Corbach, Germany, and came to this country in 1872. He became a member of the Maennerchor ten years ago.

THEY FEAR FOUL PLAY. Relatives Report Collector Henderson's Mysterious Disappearance. Relatives of Edward Henderson, of 274 Roebing street, Williamsburg, this morning reported to the police that he had been missing since Monday, and they fear that he has been foully dealt with.

Mr. Henderson, who is twenty-six years old, was employed as collector for a New York firm, and was in the habit of carrying large sums of money on his person. He is 5 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 145 pounds.

DEATHS IN BROOKLYN. The following is the official list containing the name of every person in Brooklyn over ten years old whose death was reported to the Department of Health yesterday:

Events Ahead in Brooklyn. The "Psychology of the Child" will be the subject of a paper to be read by Dr. H. W. Freeman at the anniversary address of the Episcopal League, on Monday evening, May 16, at the Central Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

BRIDE OF A CHINEE. NOT SENATOR MCGARTY'S WIFE

Sunday-School Teacher French Has Wedded Her Laundryman.

Rev. Mr. Higgins, of Brooklyn, Performed the Ceremony.

Tad's Countrymen Say He Has a Wife in China.

Sunday School Teacher Grace French, of 8 Auburn place, Brooklyn, and her Chinese pupil and lover, Laundryman Lee Tad, whose simultaneous disappearance last Wednesday caused lots of gossip in church circles, really eloped after all. They were seen together in the city on Thursday by Rev. James Higgins, a Baptist minister, at his residence, 970 Gate avenue.

Lee Tad and his bride are now enjoying their honeymoon in Washington. Tad's friends had said that he has another wife in China, but Miss French evidently did not believe this story.

The return on the marriage certificate was formally filed in the Brooklyn Health Department this morning by Rev. Mr. Higgins. Tad's name is Edward W. Lee, his address is 384 Gates avenue and he is thirty years of age. Lee is a native of the province of Szechwan, China, and his occupation was that of a laundry owner.

Miss French gave her age as twenty, and she was born in Brooklyn, and that her father's name is Stephen and her mother's name is Mary. Mr. Higgins put down Lee as of brown color.

Rev. Mr. Higgins is a superannuated minister with a church and a widow. He lives in an boarding-house kept by Mrs. Eleanor Kendall, in Brooklyn, and conducts a printing office at 171 West street, New York.

The venerable divine was told to-day by an Evening World reporter at the rooms of the morning Prayer Meeting in Fulton street, that he is a white-haired, small-statured man over seventy years old, with a benign-looking countenance.

Mr. Higgins was asked whether he had ever heard of the matter, and he answered "I do not consider it suspicious that a Chinaman and an American girl should present themselves before you for matrimony without a single relative being present on behalf of the girl?" asked the reporter.

Mr. Higgins made no reply but wrote in his book whether or not he had inquired into the antecedents of the couple to ascertain whether there was any objection to the match. When Miss French and Lee called at Rev. Mr. Higgins' house on Thursday evening he was married, they were alone.

Mrs. Kendall, the boarding-house mistress, who lives at 171 West street, was called in by Rev. Mr. Higgins to witness the ceremony.

At the home of the bride's parents in Auburn place it could not be ascertained whether or not the family had learned of the marriage and of the bride's activities.

The following letter in regard to the case, signed by three Chinamen, has been sent to the police:

"We do not oppose an American girl to marry an intelligent, well-educated Chinese providing that he loves her, cherishes her and properly supports her."

"When a girl who has lost her own respect and honor marries a Chinese, she is a disgrace to her race, and she is a disgrace to her country."

"There will be a marriage of this kind. A Miss Grace French, who resides at 8 Auburn place, Brooklyn, will soon be married to an ignorant laundryman named Lee Tad, alias Edward W. Lee."

"For the sake of the respectable Chinese we have tried to prevent such a marriage among ourselves."

"In this case the girls to be blamed, for she turns a deaf ear to the advice of all her friends and relatives."

"Now we wish you to spare a little space in your valuable columns to denounce such a marriage, for it is a disgrace to the American public, to the respectable Chinese and to those who have honorably married in this country."

"H. K. R.", "J. O. T.", "J. O. T."

BOY BRIDEGROOM, GIRL BRIDE. Their United Years are Thirty-two, and They Are Married. The arrest and discharge of Harry C. Lovejoy, the eighteen-year-old son of wealthy Lorenzo W. Lovejoy, of 307 Powers street, Brooklyn, has brought out the story of a romance, which culminated in marriage April 26.

Harry was the bridegroom and he bore down his father's best suit of broadcloth to be married in, and that explains why he came to the altar.

The bride was Lottie C. Walsh, one of the prettiest girls in grammar school No. 8, Brooklyn. She lived up to April 26 with her parents at 31 North seventh street.

COLORED POLICEMAN NO. 2.

Appointed To-Day by Brooklyn's Police Commissioner.

Notable Occurrences in the City of Churches.

Paragraphs That Photograph a Day's History.

Alleged Boy Horse-Thief. Joseph Litch, sixteen years old, of 77 Somers street, Brooklyn, was held for trial today on the charge of stealing a horse and wagon belonging to Moses Schwartz, of 587 Fulton street.

Police Draw the Bait Line. James Taggart, of 107 Harrison avenue, Brooklyn, was today held for the grand jury in the Lee Avenue court, charged with stealing a set of billiard balls and an overcoat from Ernest Ehrlich.

Is He the Second-Story Thief? Arnold Mandel, who refuses to give his address, is under arrest in Brooklyn to-day on a charge of burglary. The police believe that he has been at work robbing houses while the occupants were at dinner, during several weeks past.

Will Search Convents for Mrs. Peck's Impairer. Dr. Peckinpach, whose wife disappeared and has not been heard of since April 22, has requested Archbishop Corrigan to have the convents in his diocese searched for the missing woman. The Archbishop said that it is known he is in no way connected with her, and that she was the wife of State Senator John Metcary, of Brooklyn.

Rev. S. H. Camp's Lecture. An interesting lecture was given last night in All Souls' Church, South Ninth street, near Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, by Rev. S. H. Camp on "Modern Brooklyn."

MUSEUM MEN HELD. But Simply to Make Test Cases of the Sunday Law. The examination of George H. Huber, proprietor of Huber's Fourteenth Street Museum, charged by Agents Gardner and Howes, of the Rev. Dr. Atterbury's Society, with Sabbath breaking, was held by Justice Kilmer in the Essex Market Police Court, this morning.

CHILD-KILLERS IN COURT. They Were Arraigned to Plead, but the Case Was Adjourned. The child-murders of Williamsburg, Peter Schultz and Adnan Haas, with Mary Wehler, mother of the baby who was buried in Newtown creek, all of whom were found guilty of infanticide by a coroner's jury on Thursday night, appeared in the Lee Avenue court this morning in plea to the charge.

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LOTS GIVEN AWAY. A Full Page of REAL ESTATE NEWS in the Sunday World To-Morrow.

MRS. GALLAVAN'S DIVORCE SUIT. Her Suit for Separation Must Be Tried First.

HOW TO GET WELL. DR. TOBIAS' Venetian Liniment. It is simply magic in cases of acute rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc.

Passengers Wounded by Robbers. Six Americans, five of whom were passengers on the International train, were held up by robbers just as it was about to stop for water at a tank near Temple. The engineer did not stop, but put on all steam possible and got away. The express car was badly riddled. Two passengers were wounded.