SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Senator Gradinego, a temporary member of the Council of Three of old Venice, has a beautiful ward, Donna Violetta. She is loved by Don Camillo Monforta, an Italian duke. Violetta's guardian opposes his suit, wishing his own son, Giacomo, to marry Violetta.

By mistake a packet with a signet ring of the Duke's is delivered to Giacomo instead of to Jacopo Frontoni. Later the packet with the ring is found in the Lion's Mouth. This usually meant death. Gradinego urges the Duke's destruction. The Council refuses, and removes Violetta from Gradinego's charge.

The Duke serenades Violetta, and being admitted declares his love.

A spy is placed over Violetta, but she and the Duke are secretly wed.

They plan to fly to Naples. But Gradinego is watching. Camillo is seized as he steps into a waiting boat with his bride. Violetta is carried away with her duenna and finally the Duke escapes. He is warned by Jacopo, a friend, that his life is in danger.

Meanwhile Violetta is sheltered by Jacopo's sweetheart, Gelsomina, in the city prison. She betrays Violetta's hiding place to Annina, a spy. But Jacopo, learning of this treachery, spirits Violetta on board a sailing vessel.

Jacopo leads the Duke to the waiting Violetta. As the boat swings off he warns the happy Duke to distrust Venice.

Jacopo is arrested while telling his sweetheart, Gelsomina, of the escape. He is sent to a cell, there to await judgment. There he is joined by Gelsomina.

She finds that her lover has posed as the public Bravo for the Senate in order to secure the release of his father. As such he has been accused of innumerable crimes. He is charged with the murder of Antonio, a fisherman. In spite of all, Gelsomina declares her love for him.

Father Anselmo, Violetta's confessor, as a last resort leads Gelsomina to the Doge to plead for her lover's life.

CHAPTER XII.

The Plea.

THE Carmelite made known his errand.

"There is one in the cells, condemned of the public tribunals, and he must die with the return of day, unless your princely authority interfere to save him."

"One condemned of the tribunals may merit his fate."

"I am the ghostly adviser of the unhappy youth, and in the execution of my sacred office I have learned that he is innocent."

"Didst thou say, condemned of the common judges, father?"

"Sentenced to die, Highness, by a decree of the criminal tribunals."

The Prince appeared relieved. So long as the affair had been public, there was at least reason to believe he might indulge his love of the species by listening further, without offense to the tortuous policy of the state. Glancing his eye at the motionless inquisitor, as if to seek approbation, he advanced a step nearer to the Carmelite, with increasing interest in the application.

"By what authority, reverend priest, dost thou impeach the decision of the judges?" he demanded.

"Signor, as I have just said, in virtue of knowledge gained in the exercise of my holy office. He has laid bare his soul to me, as one whose feet were in the grave; and, although offending, like all born of woman, toward his God, he is guiltless as respects the state."

"He is proved a murderer," began the Doge, but Gelsomina cried:

"Dread sovereign, they that call him thus know not his heart! One more true to his friends, more faithful to his word, or more sanctimonious with the saints than Jacopo Frontoni is not in Venice!"

"This is a character which art might appropriate, even to a Bravo. But we waste the moments. What have these Frontoni in common?"

"Highness, they are father and son. When Jacopo came to be of an age to understand the misfortunes of his family, he wearied the Senators with applications in his father's behalf, until they commanded the door of the cell to be secretly opened to a child so pious. I well know, great prince, that they who rule cannot have all-seeing eyes, else could this wrong never have happened. But Francesco wasted years in cells, chill and damp in winter and scorching in summer, before the falsehood of the accusation was known. Then, as some relief to his sufferings so little merited, Jacopo was admitted."

"With what object, girl?"

"Highness, was it not in pity? They promised, too, that in good time the service of the son should buy the father's liberty. The patricians were slow to be convinced, and they made terms with poor Jacopo, who agreed to undergo a hard service that his father might breathe free air before he died."

"Thou dealest in enigmas."

"I am little used, great Doge, to speak in such a presence, or on such subjects. But this I know, that for three weary years hath Jacopo been admitted to his father's cell, and that those up above consented to the visits, else would my father have denied them. I was his companion in the holy act, and will call the blessed Maria and the saints"—

"Girl, didst thou know him for a Bravo?"

"Oh! Highness, no. To me he seemed a dutiful child, fearing God and honoring his parent. I hope never to feel another pang like that which chilled my heart when they said he I had known as the kind Carlo was hunted in Venice as the abhorred Jacopo! But it is past, the Mother of God be praised!"

"Illustrious prince, she would say that the republic was content to grant the son the indulgence of visiting the captive, with some encouragement of his release, on condition that the youth might serve the police by bearing a Bravo's reputation."

"And for this incredible tale, father, you have the word of a condemned criminal!"

"With the near view of death before his eyes. There are means of rendering truth evident, familiar to those who are often near the dying penitents, that are unknown to those of the world. In any case, Signor, the matter is worthy of investigation."

"In that thou art right. Is the hour named for the execution?"

"With the morning light, Prince."

"And the father?"

"Is dead."

"A prisoner, Carmelite?"

"A prisoner, Prince of Venice."

There was a pause.

"Hast thou heard of the death of one named Antonio?"

"Signor, yes. By the sacred nature of my holy office, do I affirm that of this crime Jacopo is innocent! I shrived the fisherman."

The Doge turned away, for the truth began to dawn upon him, and the flush which glowed on his aged cheek contained a confession that might not be observed by every eye. He sought the glance of his companion, but his own expression of human feeling was met by the disciplined features of the other, as light is coldly repelled from polished stone.

"Highness!" added a tremulous voice.

"What wouldst thou, child?"

"There is a God for the republic, as well as for the gondolier! Your Highness will turn this great crime from Venice?"

"Thou art of plain speech, girl!"

"The danger of Carlo has made me bold. You are much beloved by the people, and none speak of you that they do not speak of your goodness and of your desire to serve the poor. You are the root of a rich and prosperous family, and you will not—nay, you cannot, if you would—think it a crime for a son to devote all to a father. You are our father, and we have a right to come to you, even for mercy—but, Highness, I ask only for justice."

"Justice is the motto of Venice."

"They who live in the high favor of Providence do not always know what the unhappy undergo. It has pleased God to afflict my own poor mother, who has griefs that, but for her patience and Christian faith, would have been hard to bear. The little care I had it in my power to show, first caught Jacopo's eye, for his heart was then full of the duty of the child. Would your Highness consent to see poor Carlo, or to command him to be brought hither, his simple tale would give the lie to every foul slander they have dared to say against him."

"It is unnecessary—it is unnecessary. Thy faith in his innocence, girl, is more eloquent than any words of his can prove."

A gleam of joy irradiated the face of Gelsomina, who turned eagerly to the listening monk.

"Stay!" exclaimed the half-stifled old man. "Is this true that thou tellest me, girl? Father, can it be so?"

"Signor, I have said all that truth and my conscience have prompted."

The Prince seemed bewildered, turning his look from the motionless girl to the equally immovable member of the Three.

"Come hither, child," he said, his voice trembling as he spoke. "Come hither, that I may bless thee."

Gelsomina sprang forward and knelt at the feet of her sovereign. Father Anselmo never uttered a clearer or more fervent benediction than that which fell from the lips of the Prince of Venice.

He raised the daughter of the prison-keeper and motioned the visitors to withdraw.

But the girl's hope was turned to despair the next day; for the Doge refused to interfere, and Jacopo was led to the block in the presence of the angry mob.

Gelsomina pressed forward to the scaffold.

"I had hoped thou wouldst have been spared this sight," said the condemned.

"Be not alarmed!" she answered, gasping for breath. "They do it in mockery; 'tis one of their wiles to mislead—but they cannot—no, they dare not harm a hair in thy head, Carlo!"

"Dearest Gelsomina!"

"Nay, do not hold me; I will speak to the citizens and tell them all. They are angry now, but when they know the truth they will love thee, Carlo, as I do."

"Bless thee—bless thee! I would thou hadst not come."

"Fear not for me! I am little used to such a crowd, but thou wilt see that I shall dare to speak them fair, and to make known the truth boldly. I want but breath."

"Dearest! Thou hast a mother—a father to share thy tenderness. Duty to them will make thee happy!"

"Now I can speak, and thou shalt see how I will vindicate thy name."

She arose from the arms of her lover, who, notwithstanding his bonds, released his hold of her slight form with a reluctance greater than that with which he parted with life. The struggle in the mind of Jacopo seemed over. He bowed his head passively to the block, before which he was kneeling, and it is probable, by the manner in which his hands clasped, that he prayed for her who left him. No so Gelsomina. Parting her hair over her spotless forehead with both hands, she advanced toward the fishermen, who were familiar to her eye by their red caps and bare limbs. Her smile was like that which the imagination would bestow on the blessed, in their intercourse of love.

"Venetians!" she said, "I cannot blame you, ye are here to witness the death of one whom ye believe unfit to live"—

"The murderer of old Antonio!" muttered several of the group.

"Aye, even the murderer of that aged and excellent man. But when you hear the truth, when you come to know that he whom you have believed an assassin was a pious child, a faithful servant of the republic, a gentle gondolier and a true heart, you will change your bloody purpose for a web for justice."

A common murmur drowned her voice, which was so trembling and low as to need deep stillness to render the words audible. The Carmelite had advanced to her side, and he mottioned earnestly for silence.

"Hear her, men of the Lagunes!" he said, "she utters holy truth."

"This reverend and pious monk, with heaven is my witness. When you shall know Carlo better, and have heard his tale, ye will be the first to cry out for his release. I tell you this, that when the Doge shall appear at yon window and make the signal of mercy, you need not be angry, and believe that your class has been wronged. Poor Carlo"—

"The girl raves!" interruupted the moody fishermen. "Here is no Carlo, but Jacopo Frontoni, a common bravo."

Gelsomina smiled, in the security of the innocent, and regaining her breath, which nervous agitation still disturbed, she resumed:

"Carlo or Jacopo—Jacopo or Carlo—it matters little."

The clarions sounded, and another wave stirred the multitude.

Gelsomina uttered a cry of delight and turned to throw herself upon the bosom of the reprieved.

The axe glittered before her eyes, and the head of Jacopo rolled upon the stones, as if to meet her.

A general movement in the living mass denoted the end.

(The End.)

MANY NEW PLAYS IN REHEARSAL; GOOD BILLS ON ROOFS AND BY SEA.

Frank Daniels Begins His Season in the Ameer—Other Attractions Next Week.

Whether or not Andrew Mack makes a favorable impression will not rob him of the distinction of being the star to open the theatrical season in New York. This in itself is no small honor, and his appearance at the Academy of Music Monday night will be an event of much portent to a certain and a very large portion of the New York theatrical public.

Mr. Mack's offering will be what is called a "patriotic Irish melodrama," having for its title "The Rebel." It deals with the Irish revolution of 1798, and has a successful record in London. There will be, without much doubt, plenty of red-coated soldiers, colleens and the other accessories necessary to a play of its character. Mr. Mack's voice, if not his play, should draw large audiences to the Academy during the run.

At Manhatta Beach Frank Daniels will begin his regular season Monday night, presenting "The Ameer." The book is the work of Kirke La Shelle and Frederic Ranken, and the score is by Victor Herbert. It is easily one of the most tuneful comic operas of recent years, and in it Mr. Daniels is seen to the best advantage. Supporting Mr. Daniels will be Miss Helen Redmond, Miss Kate Uart, Miss Norma Kopp, Miss Mae Emmons, Mr. Westford, Mr. Cortlee, Mr. Danforth, Mr. Nash, Mr. Wheeler and other well-known players.

The attraction at the Star Theatre for the week beginning Monday night will be "The Angel of the Alleys." During the progress of the play many familiar scenes will be presented. The cast, the management assures the public, is very strong.

"The Casino Boy," with the Countess von Hatzfeldt, Anna Laughlin, George Fortescue and Gilbert Gregory in the cast, will be seen on the Casino Roof for an indefinite period. Other features of the bill include Mlle. Alma, Josephine Harvey and other popular performers.

At Hammerstein's Venetian Terrace, of the Victoria Theatre, the principal attraction to many next week will be the movable pictures of the Fitzsimmons-Ruhlin fight. Other attractions will be the Johnson brothers, Charles T. Aldrich, Eleanore Falk and many others.

The attractions at the Cherry Blossom Grove, of the New York Theatre, next week will be of the same excellence as has characterized these performances in the past.

At Keith's next week will be seen Wilfred Clarke, who succeeded James Lewis as comedian of Augustin Daly's company in "Oscar's Birthday." Gus Williams and Genero and Bailey will also be in the bill, and Edna Aug, who will present "The Scrub Woman's Dream."

The "Cadet Girl" will continue to be the offering at the Herald Square Theatre.

Tony Pastor offers a bill at his house next week consisting of Cook and Sonora, the the three Gardner brothers, Kenno, Welch and Melrose, Caswell and Arnold, Condit and Morey and dozens of others.

Harlem will make its theatrical inauguration of the season of 1900-1901 with the opening of F. F. Proctor's One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Theatre next Monday at 2 o'clock, and from that time will date the first continuous performance in Harlem. The opening programme has been selected with a view of presenting such favorites as have never been seen in the upper section of the city. The stars are Lottie Gilson and J. K. Emmett (Fritz), Sager Midgley and Gertie Carlisle, Jennie Yeamans, Jas. Richmond Glenroy, Max Unger, Doherty Sisters, Chester Blodgett, Bates Musical Trio, Barry and Halvers and others.

Minnie Dupree, in her capital monologue, "Cinderella at the 'Phone," will head the programme at Proctor's Palace next week. La Belle Rita, who has been astonishing the roof gardenites with her remarkable unicycle riding, will make her first appearance in the "continuous" next week. Other Palace features are Grace Huntington and Co. in the comedietta "Checkmate;" Chris Bruno and Mabel Russell, songs and dances; Manning and Davis, in "The Irish Pawnbroker;" Clemence Sisters, operatic sketch; Brooks Bros., comedians; Elgie Bowen, singer; Laura Comstock, "coon" songs; Kalatechnoscope and others.

At Proctor's Twenty-third Street Theatre next week will be seen Edmund Day and Maude Poole, Mrs. Alice J. Shaw and her twin daughters, Leon Morris's ponies, J. F. Crosby, jr., and Inez Forman, the Griskany Trio, Maud Ameer, singer; Allen Shaw, Colville and MacBride and others.

It has been years since Digby Bell disported himself on Broadway as the buffo comedian in Lillian Russell's company. So he should be all the more welcome next week when he opens at Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theatre in a new monologue. Others to appear are Smith and Campbell, Williams and Walker, Cooke and Clinton, Frances Curran, Sisters Lawrence and the Three Droles.

On the floating roof garden of the steamer Grand Republic next week may be seen Cooper and Reynolds, Al Raymond, May Ward, Charles Robinson, Lucia Cooper and Rita Redmond.

At the Brighton Beach Music Hall next week will appear Gertrude Haynes, George Fuller Golden, Howard and Bland, Herbert's trained dogs and many other attractions.

Next week's bill at the Lion Palace Roof includes the Exposition Four, the Metweef Duo, the Clover Trio, Bicknell and the Garrity sisters.

Pain, who is the Mandarin of Fireworks for the Western World, intends to outdo all previous efforts in the Carnival of Fire, which will be given at Manhattan Beach on Aug. 25.

When Li Hung Chang visited New York his advent in Chinatown was celebrated by the fizzing and snapping of numerous ropes of firecrackers, many of which were suspended in air, being thirty or forty feet in length. These were but infantile displays compared with the giant "Mandarin" cracker which is to be one of the features of Pain's anniversary display. This Brobdingnagian firecracker is over five hundred feet in length and is made up of over 100,000 packs of the crackers.

Theodore Roberts, Eleanor Robson, Vincent Serrano, Walter Hale and Matlie Earle are all under engagement for Augustus Thomas's "Arizona" production.

Koster & Bial's Music Hall will be opened on Aug. 27.

John Drew will open his season at the Empire Theatre, on Sept. 11, in "Richard Carvel."

"The Husbands of Leontine" will be produced at the Madison Square Theatre on Sept. 10.

"Caleb West" will be produced at the Manhattan Theatre Sept. 17 with these players in the cast: J. H. Benrimo, George Fawcett, Edwin Arden, Elmer Grandin, J. W. Cope, Robert Lowe, John T. Burke, May Buckley, Ysobel Haskins, Mrs. McKee Rankin, Ada Gilman, Emily Wakeman, Helen King Russell, Alice Hunt, Malcolm Williams, Harry Holliday.

Daniel Sully will open the Fourteenth Street Theatre on Aug. 30 in "The Parish Priest." Julia Arthur's sister, Flora Fairchild, will be in the cast.

Otis Skinner will open Wallack's Theatre Sept. 3 in "Prince Otto."

"Brother Officers" will be revived at the Empire Theatre Aug. 27.

"All on Account of Eliza" will be produced at the Garrick Theatre Sept. 3.

"The Great Ruby" will be presented at the American Theatre Sept. 1.

"The Rogers Brothers in Central Park" will be seen at Hammerstein's Victoria on Sept. 17.

James A. Herne's "Sag Harbor" will be the opening attraction at the new Republic Theatre.

The White Rats will have a tremendous benefit on Sept. 2. The White Rats are the performers opposed to the vaudeville trust.

T. NELSON PAGE SCORES SOCIETY

THOMAS NELSON PAGE.

Storm of Protest by Newport's Smart Set Against the Author's Remarks.

Already protests against the speech of Thomas Nelson Page are being registered by New York society women now at Newport. The speech was delivered at Concord, N. H., during the Old Home celebration yesterday. Mr. Page at the end said: "It is true that the doings of society folk at Newport are read by millions, but so are the acts of freaks and malefactors, including characters who are unmentionable."

Here is part of Mr. Page's speech:

"A preacher, and I have no doubt a good preacher and a good man, preached the other day before this people, or that segment of them that goes to church, a sermon calling their attention to their duties in plain and vigorous language, for which he has been much and justly praised in the newspapers of the country. But the Rev. Dr. Hamilton is the rector of a New York church, a church in that part of New York which arrogates to itself to be a sort of sacred and forbidden city within the outer city of New York proper.

"The major portion of the congregation which he addressed at Newport the other day belonged to that New York and to such sycophants as can buy a holding within its borders; and the reverend preacher, in order to make his sermon go down with his congregation, used an argument which, in the interest of American civilization, I must repudiate.

"He told them that they must remember that fifty millions of American citizens had their gaze fastened upon them and looked to them as their examples, applying their energies and spending their lives in endeavoring to emulate them.

"I know not how to characterize such nonsense except in the plain vernacular. With such insensate flattery pouring in their ears, no wonder that a little set of gilded imitators lose their bearings, become blinded and fall into the ditch of folly and profligacy.

"I make so bold as to assert that there are not only not fifty millions of people in this country who sit with envious if not adoring gaze fastened upon that spectacle of divorced and doubly divorced men and women and their sycophants and parasites, but that outside of their own circle there are not fifty thousand people in all America who do not reprobate and deride their arrogance.

PROGRAMME-MAKER FOR KALTENBORN.

MRS. FRANZ KALTENBORN.

Music lovers who have stayed in town this Summer have had cause to rejoice in the nightly concerts of the Kaltenborn orchestra at St. Nicholas Garden. The fifty men who follow Mr. Kaltenborn's lead are capable musicians—some of them accomplished soloists—and long practice in playing together has given them swing and finish. The programmes have been marvels of skill in construction, and for this Mrs. Kaltenborn, who is manager for her husband, must be thanked. Every taste has been recognized by her in preparing them, and with such nice discrimination, excellent judgment and wide knowledge combined, as are rarely to be found. A Strauss-Wagner programme is announced for Monday, and Schubert's Symphony in C minor is to be played on Tuesday night.

The Twenty-second Regiment Band, under Paul Henneberg's leadership, continues to attract large audiences to the nightly concerts at Terrace Garden. The surroundings are most pleasant and the military selections are especially attractive.

Preparations are making apace for the first season of grand opera in English at the Metropolitan Opera-House, which is to begin on Oct. 1. Mr. Grau has engaged a long list of notable singers, some of them old favorites, but many who are new to New York audiences. Hundreds of applications have been received from musical students for places in the chorus, which is to be seventy-five strong, and will be made up largely from the ranks of the Castle Square Opera Company.

CHURCH NOTES.

The services of Grace-Emmanuel Church, One Hundred and Sixteenth street and Third avenue, are being conducted this month by the venerable William D. Williams, Archdeacon of Arkansas, and formerly curate of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostle, in this city.

Rev. Franklin L. Moore, formerly chaplain of Kenyon College, Gambier, O., has just entered upon the rectorship of St. Clements Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn. This church is situated in the Twenty-sixth Ward, and its outlook is promising both spiritual and financial.

Two stories are being added to The Judson, the family hotel of the Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Washington square, Rev. Dr. Edward Judson, pastor. The hotel is a source of revenue to the church. It adds $17,000 a year to the church's income.

There was a farewell meeting held yesterday in the Presbyterian Assembly Rooms, No. 156 Fifth avenue, for a party of missionaries going to Persia. They are Dr. and Mrs. Vanneman, who return to Tabriz; Dr. Potter, who returns to Teheran; Miss Lieubach, who returns to Hamadan; Dr. Jeade Wilson, who goes to Teheran, and three new missionaries, Dr. Blanche Wilson, who goes to Hamadan; Mr. Sherrill and Mr. Pittman, who go, respectively, to Urumia and Tabriz.

The Bloomingdale Reformed Church and parsonage are being thoroughly renovated in preparation for the coming of the new pastor, Rev. William C. Stimson, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe. Mr. Stimson will preach his first sermon in the church on Sept. 16.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Temperance Society, whose headquarters are in this city, has recently placed two new ice-water fountains, one at the Squirrel Inn, Grand street and Bowery, and the other at the Hall of Records. This makes fifteen fountains operated by the society. The one at the Squirrel Inn is constantly surrounded by men in hot weather.

A very promising mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church has just been established at Springfield, L. I., by the Rev. H. O. Ladd, of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Jamaica. The Rev. G. Wharton McMullen, of St. Joseph's, Queens, is the minister in charge.

The meetings at Mariner's Temple, Oliver street, are being well attended, notwithstanding the hot weather. Through the kindness of White's bakery, Catharine street, 700 loaves of bread were distributed last week from the Temple to the poor of the locality. The out-door services have also been very successful. The pastor, Mr. Lovejoy, is absent arranging to bring his family to the city. Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Taylor, missionaries, have just returned from their vacation.

The Rev. Leighton Williams, pastor of Amity Baptist Church, is spending the summer at Marlborough, N. Y., where he is conducting meetings of an organization known as The Brotherhood of the Kingdom, of which he is President.

A number of city churches are at special pains to notify strangers who are in New York of their services and to invite their attendance. The Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth avenue and Twenty-ninth street, Rev. Dr. David J. Burrill, pastor, hangs in each of eighty hotels a card, which is renewed each week, announcing its exercises. The Protestant Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Rev. Dr. George C. Houghton, rector, sends its weekly paper to neighboring hotels, containing the order of music and information about the parish work. St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Chapel also sends notices to the hotels, and University Place Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. George Alexander, pastor, and the old First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Duffield, pastor, make special efforts to reach the travelling public.

Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, who has just been ordained as assistant of the new Presbyterian Church at Bedford Park, was graduated in June from Union Theological Seminary. He supplied the pulpit of the church in the outset as the representative of the Presbyterian Church Extension Society. Responsive to his labors his people raised $12,000 toward a new building to be erected immediately on lots 50x100 at the north-east corner of the Southern Boulevard and Bainbridge avenue. It is reported that the structure will be completed by Jan. 1.

The New York Presbytery's Committee on Church Extension are making an earnest appeal for funds. At the beginning of the summer vacation the directors found themselves with an almost empty treasury and with obligations to meet of about $450 monthly.

The parish house of All Saints' Mission (Protestant Episcopal), at Morris Park, L. I., which is in course of erection, will be used for church purposes as well as for the social meetings of the body until a suitable church edifice can be erected. It will cost when completed $3,500 and will be 20x75 feet in dimensions. Archdeacon Bryan is the minister in charge, but the success of the work is largely due to Mr. Webb, a lay reader and a student in Union Theological Seminary.

Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, rector of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, was recently presented with a purse containing $500 as a gift, in view of his approaching marriage, by the Knights Templars of New York State, of which he is a prominent member. The presentation was made by Right Eminent George Nicholson, Past Grand Commander.

The pulpit of Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, Rev. Robert MacDonald, pastor, will be occupied to-morrow by Rev. J. T. Beckley, D. D., formerly pastor of the Church of the Epiphany in this borough.

Rev. Dr. E. K. Cressey will be the pulpit supply to-morrow and on the following Sunday at the Bethesda Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

Road-side religious meetings are being continued with much success on the roof of the Merritt Building, Eighth avenue and Nineteenth street. They are in charge of Evangelist Radcliffe. Easy chairs, ice-water and fans are provided, and different speakers address the audiences each night. The meetings are under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, Dr. J. Q. A. Henry State Superintendent.

Failing health has compelled Rev. J. C. Wilson, pastor of the Puritan Congregational Church, Brooklyn, to take a vacation of nine months. He has gone, accompanied by his wife, to Zutphen, and will spend his time in some quiet Swiss village near the border of Germany. He has been forbidden to read, write or study. His pulpit will be supplied from Sept. 16 to March 31 by Rev. Lyman L. Taylor, of Rochester, N. Y.

Rev. Charles E. Taylor, of Cranbury, N. J., has accepted the call of Pilgrim Chapel, branch of the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn. As its pastor he will also be assistant of Rev. Harry Pierce Dewey, successor to Dr. Storrs. He succeeds Rev. E. M. Byington, who recently became pastor of Dane Street Congregational Church, Beverly, Mass.

Rev. Thomas J. Villers, of Indianapolis, will be the pulpit supply to-morrow in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, of which Rev. Dr. John Humpstone is pastor. Mr. Villers will preach at both services.

A consolidation agreement has been entered upon between the New England and the Lee Avenue Congregational Churches, Brooklyn, E. D., and the pastor of the former, Rev. Gilbert A. Shaw, has submitted his resignation, to take effect Sept. 1. The cause of the consolidation is partly the financial condition of the New England Church, the mortgage debt of which is $25,500 and the floating debt about $1,500. The Immanuel Lutheran Church, which sold its property to the bridge, will probably buy the New England Church's edifice. The new organization will in all likelihood take the name of the Storrs Memorial, and will be ministered to by Rev. Sydney Herbert Cox, now pastor of Lee Avenue Church.

The announcement that a successor to the late Dr. Behrens had been called by the Central Congregational Church, of Brooklyn, was premature. No one has yet been called and no one will be before September. Pulpit supplies are engaged up to next January. Members of the Pulpit Committee are now in Europe and others at Northfield and elsewhere. Those in Europe are hearing men whose names have been submitted to them as suitable persons to fill the vacant pastorate. Among them are Rev. D. P. Jones, Bournemouth, England, Rev. J. Vernon Bartlet, Oxford, England, Rev. W. F. Clarkson, of Southampton, Rev. H. Elvet Lewis, of London, Rev. Donald Fraser, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rev. Dr. Brown, of Huddersfield, Rev. F. Hall, of Scarborough, Rev. Hugh Hutchison, of London, and Rev. H. Arnold Thomas, of Bristol. Besides these, several well-known Presbyterian ministers in Glasgow, Hawick, Perth and other places will be heard. Names of American ministers have also been suggested.

The Rev. Dr. Angelo Chenoweth, of Ft. D., is developing new activity under the ministry of Rev. F. E. Taylor, who recently became the pastor. Services are being held throughout the summer and the pulpit is being supplied during the pastor's vacation.

Notwithstanding the heated weather the attendance at the building of the Young Men's Hebrew Association has been very large during the month. The management is occupied in outlining the plans for the coming fall activities, and is making preparations for a large influx of members.

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LABOR NEWS.

The strike inaugurated by the Vestmakers' Union is not likely to spread to other branches of the clothing trade. The United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers have little cause to strike, for two of the biggest firms in the city have decided to increase the rate of wages. The union will hold another mass-meeting at Irving Hall, Broome and Norfolk streets, to-night, but when it was arranged it was not for any strike purpose. The strike of tailors in Brownsville has been looked for for some days, and in all probability more than a thousand will go out to-day for better conditions.

The Vestmakers' strike, which involves about a thousand men and women, was declared against the wishes of the Executive Council. The decrease in wages which has been going on since the agreement with contractors expired two weeks ago has been the cause of it. The work at the trade has been very light this year owing to the abandonment of the vest by most people. About a half a dozen firms have signed the union's agreement for an increase in wages and a weekly payday. The strikers base their hopes for success on a general strike of the clothing trade in the east side to follow.

The settlement of the cigar-makers' strike hardly seems in sight now. The employers, who it was thought were ready to concede the union's demands a week ago, now seem to be fighting every demand made by it. The conference which was held yesterday in the Grand Union Hotel between the manufacturers and the old employees developed nothing, and, although nothing definite was reported, yet it is thought that the fight will continue.

At the next meeting of the Labor Day Committee of Hudson County, which will be held on Monday, it will be decided not to hold a Labor Day parade. This has now been practically decided upon by the twenty-one delegates who form the committee.

A meeting of the Custom Upholsterers' Union will be held on Aug. 28 to consider the new demands which will go into effect on Sept. 1. At the last meeting of the union twenty-three new members were admitted and forty more made application. The union now has a membership of 350.

During the last week Bakers' Union No. 30 has issued 7,000 union labels to two bakeshops. Employment has been secured for fourteen members and at present but five are unemployed. The union has elected George Hendes to act as its business agent.

Stationary Engineers' Union No. 30 has elected a committee to represent it and to take charge of the arrangements of the annual convention of the national union, which will be held at Arlington Hall, in this city, in October. L. H. James has been elected chairman of the committee.

The meeting of the Bluestone, Quarrymen, Flagger, Bridge and Curbstone Union No. 1446, of the K. of L., on Monday will be the last one held for a month. The union has notified its members of the fact and asked them all to attend the next meeting. This is due to the fact that Sept. 3 will be Labor Day.

STATEN ISLAND NEWS.

Tompkins Lodge, No. 471, F. A. M., has appointed Eduard C. Meurer, George Seiber, W. L. Hawkins, Charles Kuppe, F. A. Seeley, William Kaiser, E. Coffenberg, Harry Hanson, Harry Brown, E. S. Mullen and John Carmichael a committee to arrange for the annual entertainment of the organization, to be held next November.

A special meeting of the Republican County Committee has been called by Chairman Henry A. Guyon for next Tuesday night at headquarters in Tompkinsville to discuss the campaign outlook. On the same evening a meeting of the McKinley and Roosevelt Campaign Club will be held at the same place.

Mrs. William D. Freriche, of Tottenville, is to represent Staten Island at the session of the Supreme Temple of the Rathbone Sisters, which is to take place the latter part of this month at Detroit. She is a member of Richmond Temple.

Frederick Hallick, and old and well-known resident of Staten Island, died yesterday at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. William C. Wilser, of Livingston. He was eighty-two years old, and the father of Park Commissioner Arthur C. Hallick, who is now travelling in California. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Dr. Wilser.

The Staten Island Historical Society was organized on Thursday night at the residence of Leonard Smith, New Dorp, and the following officers elected: President, Rev. Walter Fisher; Vice-President, Henry Flagg; Treasurer, James J. Smith; Secretary, Jos. H. Morris.

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Dr Arthur E. Jenks, o New York, is staying at Midland Beach.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Laura Baldwin Morton to Daniel Howard Seybel on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 4 o'clock, in Christ Church, New Brighton. Miss Morton is the daughter of Mrs. Washington Morton and is well known as a lecturer on historical and literary subjects. The Ven. Archdeacon George D. Johnson will perform the ceremony and a small reception is held at the bride's home in Tyson street. Mr. and Mrs. Seybel will spend their honeymoon abroad.

Mrs. Laurie Roberts, of New Brighton, who has been spending the summer with her relatives in England, is now visiting friends in Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bridgman are visiting friends in New Jersey.

William Vermilye, of Central avenue, who has been ill with scarlatina, is recovering.

Miss Helene Pearson, who has been visiting Mrs. Beverly Ryre, has joined her mother, Mrs. Julius Smith, at Lafayette avenue.

Miss Hallett, of Richmond Terrace, gave a small tea last Saturday evening to a number of the younger set to announce the engagement of her niece, Miss Anne Hyde Hallett, to Henri Carrere, also o Staten Island.

Mrs. M. A. Darr, of St. George, is visiting Senator and Mrs. Davis at St. Paul, Minn.

Senator and Mrs. A. C. Heard, of Virginia, are staying at the Pavilion Hotel.