Religious Liberty and Equality—wherein he traced his career from the time when he was a student at Oxford, in 1667, up to the time when he established the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—which province, the lecturer remarked, was given to Penn in exchange for a debt of £16,000, which the English Government owed his father, Sir Admiral Penn, at the time of his death. The lecturer said that Penn was the first man who established a government upon these shores upon the true democratic principle.

FARMER'S CLUB.—This body held their weekly meeting at noon on Tuesday at the American Institute, Broadway, Judge Livingston in the chair. There were several beautiful cuttings of fruits and vines sent by different persons, which were distributed among the members. A paper was read on the facility of propagating herbaceous plants and also melons from cuttings. The mode recommended was to fill a white glass vial with water and put in the cutting, the mouth of the vial being about ¾ of an inch wide, and then place it in a hot bed. The cutting would sprout in three or four days when it could be placed in the earth. This method was tried with the utmost success. The question of the day was the best mode of fertilizing soils. Judge Van Wyck stated that he considered Guano too hot for this country, and stated that it had not succeeded in England, and beside no one could be sure he got the proper article, as it was mixed with other material and in this state sold as genuine. He alluded to an article which appeared in *The London Farmers' Magazine* on the continued raising of beet crops by burying the tops each year, which, it was contended, would be enough to fertilize the land for another crop.

Professor Mapes, in answer, stated that he did not consider guano could be so easily adulterated, and if this could be done in England it could not here. He also contended that the burying of the tops could not return to the soil what was carried away in the roots, as the latter contained one hundred parts of inorganic matter for the twenty-five parts which the tops contained, and that these hundred parts should be in some manner restored to the soil before it would be brought to that state in which it was before the production of the crop, and this the burying of the tops could not do. The Professor continued at some length to inforce the use of guano or some other manure, and said if the leaves and tops instead of being buried were used in feeding cattle, and manure bought for the price they would bring, and put on the ground, it would be much better.

Mr. Robinson spoke and took a like view, and said the only instance in which he ever knew guano to be adulterated was in one case where a sloop had been sent from this City to Philadelphia with some adulterated article. After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN ASSOCIATION.—This body held its annual meeting at the Union Congregational Church, in Fourth-st., on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Rev. Dr. Lansing was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Scribe.

This Association, a few years ago so small, has now become an important religious body in numbers and the distinguished ability of many of its members.—Nearly forty clergymen are now enrolled on the list of membership in this Association.

The sessions of Tuesday were occupied with the hearing of reports, the choice of officers, and miscellaneous business. In the evening the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Eggleston, of Brooklyn, from 2d Cor., v. 20. Subject, Christian Ambassadorship.

The preacher accepted the text as the sufficient definition of the nature of the ministerial office, and proceeded to exhibit some of the more important inferences thence to be deduced. He argued that the office of an ambassador for Christ is one of unequaled dignity; that a minister ought to be esteemed for the fidelity with which he, as an ambassador, represents Christ and fulfills his instructions, rather than for any native or acquired endowments; that the work of a Christian minister is properly one of sympathy, entreaty and love; that the Christian minister, in proportion as he is faithful, will present truths which are unwelcome, and often offensive; and finally, that hearers of Christ's ambassadors must necessarily give account of their hearing, as involving good or ill treatment of Christ himself. The principle was carried throughout the discourse, that the Christian ambassadorship is not confined to any distinct orders or officers in the Church, but embraces the whole Christian brotherhood, every disciple of Christ being commissioned by him as his ambassador to his fellow-men. The sermon closed with an exhortation to listen to Christ's ambassadors with becoming seriousness and attention.

Messrs. P. Mason Bartlett, R. C. Dunn, G. H. Gould, H.G. Jessup, C.F. Martin and J. Edwin Roy, of the Union Theological Seminary in this City, and Mr. S. McCall, of the New Haven Theological Seminary, presented themselves for examination as candidates for the Christian ministry. They were examined at much length, and proved themselves more than ordinarily qualified to go forth as the religious instructors of their fellow-men.

Besides this business, a somewhat remarkable discussion ensued upon Spirit Rappers. It seems that at the last semi-annual meeting Rev. Charles Beecher, of Newark, had been requested to prepare a paper on "Spirit Rappings." But Mr. B. is now in Europe, and the question was whether the paper should be read by proxy.

Dr. Patton said that he would move that they should take up the subject when the Providence of God would permit Rev. Chas. Beecher to read his paper in person, and not resort to the un-congregational system of having it read by proxy. [Rev. T. Beecher had been delegated by his brother to read the paper.] There was not very great danger to be anticipated from the "Spirit Rappings" at the present time in their congregations, and he for one would be ready to take an insurance of half per cent. upon them.

A member moved as an amendment that a Committee of two be appointed to confer with Rev. T. Beecher, and if on examination of the paper it should be deemed right, it might then be published in the public papers.

Dr. Patton accepted the amendment.

Rev. T. Beecher said he had no personal opinions to express on the matter, but there were some facts relative to the paper of which he would wish to put them in possession. It would be desirable, his brother thought, to have the subject of "Spirit Rappings" placed in some methodised form. The arguments in the paper were founded on certain well authenticated phenomena. The first part of it would be found to consist of a strong statement of the natural argument, the second a strong statement of the spiritual argument, and the third of the biblical argument, and winding up with a proper conclusion. The paper does not settle the controversy, because the controversy has not in it the elements, as yet at least, of settlement. To prepare it, his brother was obliged to enter into a voluminous correspondence, and to read books of flummery and nonsense. He was so careful about it that some parts have been written and re-written upward of five times. It was arranged that it should be published immediately after being read before that body, thus as it were receiving its stamp. He had made an agreement with a publisher, but it was of such a nature that even if the paper was not read before them, no disappointment would be experienced.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher asked the Moderator what motion was before them, for he understood that the motion making the reading of the paper the special order for to-day, had been carried.

Rev. Mr. Cheever spoke in favor of postponing the reading of the paper till the return of Rev. Charles Beecher. It would be attaching too much importance altogether to the "Spiritual Rappers," to have it go before the community that that body were engaged in the examination of a matter of such a trivial nature. It was only a nine days wonder, and would of itself die out. As for his part he was of opinion that they should not allude to it at all. He saw the tables dancing and tilting about, but he was not therefore going to forsake the Bible and serve tables. [Laughter.] He condemned Dr. Tyng, also, for giving too much prominence to the matter.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher said that, like the witch, they should not be afraid of the ghost which they themselves had raised. It was an interesting subject, and had been intrusted to a "judicious family." He had no fear for consequences. He would therefore now support the motion for having the reading of the paper made the special order for this afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Cheever could not coincide with Mr. Beecher with regard to his not dreading consequences. What was the Christian religion but a prudent preparation against consequences? As Christian Ministers they should by all means dread the consequences that might be produced among their congregations by any imprudences on their part.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson hoped now, by all means, that they should have this paper read, and also hoped that they would not be suffered to depart without having it read. Dr. Patton's motion was good as a general rule, but on this occasion he thought that it might be dispensed with.

The Moderator also spoke in favor of postponing the reading of the paper till the return of Rev. Charles Beecher.

A motion to reconsider the vote making the reading of the paper the special order for Wednesday, was put and carried.

Rev. Henry W. Beecher moved that the reading of the paper referred to, be made the special order for Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Patton offered as an amendment that it be postponed till the return of Rev. Charles Beecher. Lost.

On Wednesday afternoon the various essays and disquisitions were presented by different members, according to previous appointment. Among the rest was the one above referred to by Rev. Charles Beecher on the subject of "Spiritual Manifestations." This essay manifested great study and research on the part of the author, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed by the body. The essay, we understand, will soon be published. (The points are given in our Editorial columns.)

The meeting of the Association was, on the whole, one of much interest.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, at the Merchants' Bank. Several matters of importance came up for action.

The regular order of business was temporarily suspended for the presentation of the following preamble and resolutions, by Mr Phoenix, relative to the Enlargement of the Erie Canal:

Whereas, The rapid settlement and greatly increased agricultural and other productions of the Western States, and the delay in getting these productions to market, and expense occasioned thereby to the producer, imperiously demand facilities for the transportation of this surplus produce to the Atlantic ports for exportation to foreign markets, and

Whereas, Considering the great cost of the Erie Canal to the people of the State of New-York, and the necessity for the immediate enlargement of it, to compete successfully with the herculean efforts making by other States to ingross the trade of the great West, therefore

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Chamber it is of vital importance to this City and to the interests of the State of New-York, that immediate measures be taken by the Legislature, to submit to the people the propriety of amending the Constitution, to enable the State to borrow a sufficient amount of money to complete in the most expeditious manner, the enlargement of the Erie Canal, commensurate with the greatly increased productions of the country, having no doubt, that the increased income of the Canal will speedily defray the charge for its enlargement without resorting to any other manner of taxation for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of this City *entertains most unfavorably* the project of taxing railroads, or any other imposition calculated to increase the charge of transportation of produce or merchandise through the State of New-York, believing that it will result in turning the productive commerce heretofore enjoyed by the City and State of New-York into other channels, greatly retard the trade of this City, and seriously affect the income of the public works of the State.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly authenticated by the officers of this Chamber, be forwarded to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to the members of the Legislature from this City.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Phoenix introduced the following resolution of thanks to Mr. Fish, with appropriate introductory remarks:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Chamber are due and are hereby tendered to Hon. Hamilton Fish, for the zeal, intelligence and fidelity evinced by him as one of the Representatives of the State of New-York in the Congress of the United States, in successfully advocating, in the Senate, the passage of a law "to establish an assay office in the City of New-York."

The resolution was unanimously adopted—a compliment well deserved.

The regular order of business was then resumed, and the following gentlemen were elected, by ballot, members of the Chamber: David C. Freeman, Richard W. Trundy, Horatio N. Holt, Geo. W. Beebe, John Collins, John D. Simes, E. B. Sutton.

Jonathan Sturges was elected to the Arbitration Committee, in place of Charles Carow, whose term of service had expired.

Mr. C. R. Roberts, from a special committee appointed 2d Dec. last, to "report some suitable system for the better regulation of trade in the matter of the receipt and delivery of goods," presented a lengthy report. The committee say they found the subject surrounded with many difficulties, among which are mentioned limited wharf room, the wide diversity of opinion as to *what constitutes* a delivery, the great number of thieves depredating upon goods, &c. Rules are recommended by the committee relative to the forming of contracts for the sale and delivery of goods, for weighing, measuring and gauging, and which are very minute and elaborate.

Mr. Brower, of the same Committee, read a paper explaining his reasons for declining to sign the above report.

Mr. Roberts spoke in defence of the report, also Mr. Isaac H. Smith, and others. After a long debate, the report, with that of the minority, were ordered to be printed, and to be brought up for discussion at a special meeting to be called hereafter.

Action on unfinished business was deferred on account of the lateness of the hour, and a motion for adjournment carried.

PRICES OF PROVISIONS.—The following are the retail prices of some of the principal articles for the table at the Washington and Fulton Markets, Wednesday, April 6, 1853:

	Wash. Market	Fulton Mkt
Sirloin Steaks ₱ lb	13 @ 15	13 @ 15
Porter House Steaks ₱ lb	15 @ 16	16 @ —
Rump Steaks ₱ lb	12½ @ —	12½ @ —
Roasting Pieces ₱ lb	12½ @ 15	12½ @ 15
Pork, all kinds ₱ lb	11 @ —	11 @ 12
Roasting Pigs ₱ lb	15 @ —	12½ @ 15
Smoked Bacon ₱ lb	13½ @ —	13½ @ —
Hams, (City cured.) ₱ lb	14 @ 15	14 @ 15
Hams, Western, ₱ lb	13 @ 14	13 @ 14
Shoulders, smoked ₱ lb	12½ @ —	12½ @ —
Beef Tongues, each	62 @ 75	62 @ 75
Mutton ₱ lb	9 @ 10	9 @ 10
Venison ₱ lb	11 @ 12½	11 @ 12½
Sausages ₱ lb	12½ @ —	12½ @ —
Head Cheese ₱ lb	10 @ 12	12 @ —
Bologna Sausages ₱ lb	31 @ —	31 @ —
Tripe ₱ lb	6 @ —	6 @ —
Souse Tripe ₱ lb	9 @ —	6 @ —
Pigs' Feet ₱ doz	37½ @ 44	37½ @ 44
Turkeys ₱ lb	16 @ —	15 @ 18
Chickens ₱ lb	— @ 16	15 @ 16
Geese ₱ lb	— @ 14	— @ 14
Ducks, (tame) ₱ pair	175 @ 200	150 @ 175
Ducks, (wild,) ₱ pair	50 @ 100	50 @ 87½
Canvas Back Ducks ₱ pair	200 @ —	137 @ 200
English Pheasants ₱ pair	— @ —	— @ —
English Snipe, first of season ₱ pair	300 @ —	300 @ —
Red Necks ₱ pair	125 @ —	100 @ 112½
Grouse ₱ pair	175 @ —	150 @ 175
Brant Ducks ₱ pair	175 @ 200	150 @ 187½
Wild Geese, each	125 @ 150	125 @ 150
Mallard Ducks ₱ pair	100 @ —	87½ @ 100
Widgeon Ducks ₱ pair	75 @ —	62½ @ 75
Wild Turkeys, each	— @ —	— @ —
Capons ₱ lb	25 @ —	21½ @ 25
Spring ₱ pr	62½ @ —	50 @ 62½
Hare ₱ pair	— @ —	— @ —
Quails ₱ doz	9 @ 12½	9 @ 12½
English Dairy ₱ lb	12 @ 15	14 @ 15
Pineapple, each	14 @ 15	14 @ 15
Rose, ₱ doz	100 @ —	100 @ —
Butter ₱ lb	15 @ 21½	18 @ 25
Lard ₱ lb	12½ @ —	12½ @ —
Potatoes ₱ bush	50 @ 62½	50 @ 62½
Apples ₱ bush	75 @ 100	75 @ 100
Turnips, yellow ₱ bush	31 @ —	31 @ —
Turnips, white ₱ bush	25 @ —	25 @ —
Onions, white ₱ bush	125 @ —	125 @ —
Onions, red ₱ bush	100 @ —	100 @ —
Carrots ₱ bush	50 @ —	50 @ —
Parsnips ₱ bush	50 @ —	50 @ —
Beets ₱ bush	50 @ —	50 @ —
Cranberries ₱ half peck	62½ @ —	62½ @ —
Celery ₱ bunch	15 @ 25	15 @ 18½
Water Cresses ₱ pt	9 @ —	9 @ —
Mint ₱ bunch	15 @ —	12 @ 15
Cabbages	5 @ 10	5 @ 9
Salad, ₱ head	4 @ 5	3 @ 5
Spinnage ₱ half peck	9 @ 12½	9 @ 12½
Leeks, ₱ bunch	7 @ 9	5 @ 9
Oyster Plant, ₱ bunch	5 @ 8	5 @ 8
Charlottes, ₱ bunch	4 @ 6	4 @ 6
Asparagus ₱ bunch	6 @ —	— @ —
Green Peas (Sav.) ₱ half peck	62½ @ 75	or $12 ₱ bbl
Radishes, ₱ bunch	9 @ 10	— @ —
Dried Apples, ₱ half peck	25 @ —	25 @ —
Dried Peaches, ₱ half peck	— @ —	— @ —
Coffee, ₱ lb	5 @ —	4 @ —
Haddock ₱ lb	5 @ —	4 @ —
Lobster ₱ lb	6 @ —	5 @ 6
Halibut ₱ lb	8 @ 10	8 @ —
Bass ₱ lb	8 @ 12	8 @ 10
Smelt ₱ lb	8 @ —	8 @ 8
Perch ₱ lb	5 @ 8	5 @ 8
Eels ₱ lb	10 @ —	8 @ 10
Frost ₱ lb	6 @ —	6 @ —
Blackfish ₱ lb	8 @ —	7 @ —
Flounders, ₱ lb	5 @ —	4 @ —
Fresh Shad, each	31½ @ 62½	37½ @ 62½
Salmon Trout, ₱ lb	12½ @ —	— @ 14
Pickerel, (from the Lakes.)	12½ @ —	10 @ —
Salt Mackerel	8 @ 12½	10 @ —

Green Peas, the first of the season, has been received this week from Savannah, they retail at 62½c. ₱ half peck, but are taken readily at the hotels at $12 ₱ bbl.

Tomatoes, are also received from Savannah, and are sold at 38c. ₱ quart.

Radishes, the first of the season, were received this week, and sell at 9@10c. ₱ bunch.

Beef is advancing in price. This is occasioned by the large quantities now being shipped to Australia and California.

The prices of Fresh Fish have diminished about 1 during the past three weeks.

Butter—The best table butter is retailing at 25@31c an inferior quality of Butter is selling at 14@17c. ₱ lb.

FIRES.—On Tuesday evening some shavings took fire in one of the rooms in the building No. 89 Delancey-st., occupied as a Carpenter's shop. The fire was soon extinguished.

At 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning a fire broke out in a three-story frame building in Forty seventh-st., near the Twelfth-av., owned by Michael Kelly. The firemen of the district were early on the ground but despite their effort, the building was entirely destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from some defect in the chimney. The adjoining building occupied by Patrick McGill took fire and was partially destroyed. Great damage was done by water.

The alarm about 9 o'clock on Tuesday night for the Second District proved to be false.

REAL ESTATE.—The following Real Estate was sold by Albert H. Nicolay, April 5:

1 three-story brick house and lot on 45th-st	$2,350
1 three-story brick house and lot adjoining	2,150
2 three-story brick house and lot on 48th-st., ea. $2,300	4,600
NEWARK.	
1 lot S. E. cor. Spring and Division-sts., 72x55	1,100
The following was sold by A. J. Bleecker, April 6:	
House and lot 219 West 19th-st., 22x64	6,100
House and lot 120 William-st., 25x150	20,500
House and lot 153 13th-st., 20x103	8,300
Cole & Chilton sold the following property April 6:	
Leasehold property, 314 Houston-st	4,225
Leasehold property, 12 Desbrosses-st	1,100
3 lots on 42d-st., near 6th-av., ea. $3,400, 25x100	10,200
1 lot on 85th-st., near 9th-av., 25x102	840
1 lot adjoining, same size	835
2 lots adjoining, each $520, same size	1,040
1 lot adjoining, same size	510
Also, sold by W. H. Franklin, April 4.	
1 lot cor. 4th-av. and 118th-st., 25x100	270
2 lots in rear on 118th-st., 25x100, each $180	360
4 lots on 5th and 118th-sts., same size, each $300	1,200
4 lots on 116th-st., same size, each 215	860
1 gore on 116th-st., 25x106	400
April 6, E. H. Ludlow sold the following:	
2 lots S. side 56th-st., near Broadway, each $1,750	3,500
1 lot W. side Broadway, 50 ft. 7 in. N. of 56th-st	4,750

STRANGERS.—At the METROPOLITAN, Hon. H. J. Redfield, Batavia; Col P. F. Butler, S. C.; W. F. Pierce, Bangor; M. Ports, France; Col. M. Boynton, Ohio; J. P. Boardman, Louisiana; A. J. Gillet, Pa.; W. Lindsey, Mass.; Capt Davis, Ship Union; Hon. J. A. Collier, Binghamton; Col. R. H. Morris, Chicago; J. Ward, Charleston; D. G. Mulford, Mexico; I. Hall, Syracuse; R. F. Beckett, Philadelphia; L. Hopkins, Northampton—and others.

At the IRVING, Hon. W. A. Gorman, Indiana; Hon. J. C. Mather, Troy; J. Morrison, Madison; E. Chittenden, Burlington; A. A. Howard, Buffalo; D. B. Cooke, Chicago; A. F. Hayward, Florida; A. S. Barnum, Long Island; R. R. Platt, U. S. Army, and others.

At the ST. NICHOLAS—Hon. E. Corning, Albany; W. Macalister, Scotland; J. S. Ide, Troy; H. D. Dickson, Utica; T. M. Barton, St Albans; J. W. Tillman, Detroit; L. Dana, Boston; F. J. Barnard, Albany; J. B. Ralston, Buffalo; T. Dowling, Indiana; Barnet S. Phillips, Philadelphia; and others.

At the ASTOR, Hon. A. Birdsall, Dr. G. Burr, Binghamton; J. Robinson, New-Hampshire; S. B. Robe, Oswego; J. T. Hyde, Vermont; S. Tyler, Mexico; Capt. Kingman, ship Shooting Star; Col. Lynch, South Carolina; C. C. Alger, Hudson; W. B. Todd, Washington; Capt. Lout, Boston; P. Outwater, Syracuse; J. H. Scranton, Pa.; A. H. Newbold, Detroit, and others.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN—*Wednesday, April 6.*—Richard T. Compton, Esq., in the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions referred—Of firemen in relation to the First and Second Fire Districts not having any of the newly-elected Assistant Engineers residing therein; of Jas. L. Harper a member of the First Regiment New-York Volunteers, for relief; of A. Wakeman and others to have Eighty-seventh-st., from Third to Fifth-ave., graded, curbed and guttered; of the German Catholic congregation in Thirty-first-st., for relief from assessment; of sundry persons to have Duane-st widened; of several against the removal of the fish-float from Pier 42 North River; of the New York Horticultural Society for a portion of Union Park to conduct their exhibition in June next; of W. S. Ridabock and others for relief from erroneous assessments.

Communication—From H. De Mott and others, late Board of Assessors, in relation to alleged irregular action of the Common Council upon assessments before them for confirmation. Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Resolutions Adopted—That the property of Wm. S. Ridabock, advertised to be sold for assessment, be withdrawn for the present.

Ald. Tiemann offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Cleaning Streets to inquire into and report at an early day, into the practicability of having the streets cleaned and the dirt removed before business hours. Also the feasibility of building a sea-wall around Ward's, Randall's and Blackwell's Islands, to be filled in with the dirt from the streets, (thereby adding considerably to said island) and to employ vessels by contract to take the dirt from the carts at convenient points, thereby saving a large expense in cartage.

Communications—From the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in relation to the property occupied by the brick Presbyterian Church in the Second Ward. Referred to Committee on Finance.

From the same, in relation to the sale of the right to collect wharfage on certain docks and slips for five years, from May 1, 1853. Referred to the same Committee.

From Controller Flagg, reporting in relation to the amount of moneys paid to the late Corporation Counsel. This was called for by a resolution of the Board. The Controller gives the following:

The payments to the Corporation Counsel for opening streets in 1850 amounted to $13,972 19; in 1851, $11,947 17; in 1852, $50,106 57. Total on this account, $76,022 93.

Salary of Counsel and Clerks in 1849 was $3,275 90; in 1850 $5,600; in 1851, $5,600, and 1852 $5,600. Total, this account, $20,075 90. Contingent expenses of office in 1850 were $1,381 21; in 1851, $1,889 12; in 1852, $3,029 81. Total, this account, $6,297 74. Printing and stationery in 1849 cost $645 99; in 1850, $1,716 29; in 1851, $2,397 92; 1852, $2,363 65. Total, on this account, $7,323 85. Total paid to the Corporation Counsel, $109,722 42. The Controller adds that the Counsel has charged fees for preparing ferry leases, grants of land under water, &c., and these have been paid by individuals. The document was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Motion.—On motion of Ald. Cornell, the report in favor of a contract with Russ & Reed to pave the Bowery and other streets was ordered to be printed and made the special order for Friday's meeting.

Reports Adopted—To confirm the contract for regulating and flagging Rivington-st and Bowery, and authorizing an Inspector to be appointed; to flag sidewalks in Thirty-fourth-st., near the Tenth-av.; in favor of remitting and correcting personal tax of sundry petitioners; to lease the basement of Essex Market to George Fifield and five others; in favor of organizing a new Hydrant Company in Houston-st., Eleventh Ward, to be called Hydrant Company No. 4.

On motion, the Board adjourned to Friday.

BOARD OF ASSISTANTS.—The business done last night was not especially important. The recently-elected Engineers were confirmed, and the Board concurred in repealing the law requiring a Committee of the Common Council to be present at the opening of bids for contracts in the various departments.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS—*Special Meeting.*—The Mayor in the chair.

State School Moneys—The Committee appointed at last meeting reported in favor of petitioning the Legislature for permission to raise by tax the portion of this County in the General State School Fund, less the sum apportioned back to this City, for 1852, and that the Controller, when passed, pay the same. The Counsel of the Board is also requested, in the report, to ascertain whether 1851 or 1852 (the former having been paid) was the first year for paying the tax. Adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The Board stood adjourned to last evening, but no meeting took place, there not being a quorum.

FATAL FALLS.—John Keenan, a carpenter, while engaged at work yesterday afternoon, on the house No. 833 Greenwich-st., accidentally lost his balance and fell from the 3d story to the street, receiving a jury which caused instant death. His remains were taken to the Fifth Ward Police Station, where an inquest will be held this morning. The deceased was a young man of excellent character. He was 25 years of age, and boarded in King-st. near Hudson.

Jane Toner, a domestic at No. 100 Greenwich-st., yesterday, fell from the roof of the house, and striking upon the stone pavement of the area was instantly killed. An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Hilton, and the Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

SUICIDE BY TAKING LAUDANUM.—Coroner Wilhelm yesterday held an inquest at No. 99 Allen st., upon the body of Chas. Keller, a native of Switzerland, 45 years who committed suicide on Tuesday evening by taking an over-dose of laudanum. It appeared in evidence that the deceased was a very intemperate man, and when under the influence of liquor would abuse his wife and squander his money. He had frequently of late threatened to commit suicide and on Tuesday afternoon carried his threat into execution, having just before had a quarrel with his wife relative to the rent of their place. As soon as the fact of his having taken poison was ascertained physicians were called, but their services proved of no avail. A verdict was rendered with the above statement.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS—*Arrest of a Fugitive from Boston.*—A few weeks since, a gentleman residing in Boston had his house robbed of jewelry, plate clothing, &c., to the value of about $1,000, by a German servant girl employed in his family, named Pauline Smith, who, on getting possession of the property, fled to this City, and was on Tuesday arrested by Officer Mansfield, of the Lower Police Court, and locked up by Justice Bogart, preparatory to being sent back to Boston. Shortly after the arrest of the accused, the officer ascertained that a portion of the stolen property was in the possession of Wolf Binmenthal, a German, keeping a clothing store at No. 138 West st., and his place was accordingly searched, and the stolen property found therein. He was then arrested and held to await examination on a charge of receiving stolen goods. In his place was also found a considerable quantity of other goods, which are supposed to have been stolen. These were taken possession of by the officer and can be seen at the Lower Police Court.

FOUND DROWNED.—An inquest was held on Tuesday at the foot of Desbrosses-st., by Coroner Wilhelm, upon the body of an unknown colored man found drown in the dock at that place. The deceased was dressed in a sailor's jacket, blue cotton pants, blue striped over-shirt, white flannel under shirt and large boots. The body appeared to have been in the water for several weeks. The Jury rendered a verdict of death by drowning.

The same Coroner also held an inquest at the same place upon the body of an unknown man found in the dock foot of Desbrosses-st. He was dress in a black bombazine jacket, pants of the same material, blue striped shirts, a razor, a glass trope, and four small pipes were found in one of his pockets. The body bore the appearance of having been in the water for about six weeks. A verdict of death by drowning was rendered by the Coroner's Jury.

CHARGE OF FALSE PRETENSES.—A man named Christopher W. Williamson *alias* George Yeldow, was arrested on Tuesday charged with having on the 26th ult. obtained the sum of $50 from Mr. N. P. Lasson, ship chandler, of No. 39 Rector st., by representing himself to be the master of the clipper ship Grecian Maid, and that he wanted the money to pay his mate, who was about to leave, and further that he had considerable funds due him from the consignee none of which had been received. It is alleged that those representations were totally false, and made with a view to cheat and defraud Mr. Lasson. He was taken before Justice Bogart and held for examination. It is expected that another complaint will be made against him for defrauding a French gentleman of 600 francs by similar pretenses. The accused is the husband of Pauline Smith, who was on Tuesday arrested as a fugitive from Boston.

ARREST OF HOUSE THIEVES.—About three weeks ago, the house No. 256 First-av., the residence of Mr. Joseph Corbit, was entered during the day time and considerable amount of property stolen therefrom. Mr. C. then resolved to put up a bell in the basement, where his family generally sat during day time, and connect it with the front door, so that when it should be opened the family would know it. He did so, and on yesterday morning the bell suddenly rang, and the family, on going to the door, observed two young men in the act of ascending the stairs, probably for the purpose of theft. Officers Cochlen and Tearsey, of the Seventeenth Ward, were called in and arrested the young men, who were taken before Justice Wood and committed to prison under the names of Thomas Harrison and Joseph Moore. In the possession of one of them a small crow-bar, such as would have been very useful in breaking open trunks, was found.

ARREST OF BURGLARS.—At an early hour yesterday morning officers Walker, Raynor and Farrington, of the Seventeenth Ward, observed four suspicious looking characters, and on following them to the house of Mr. Wm. Paxton, No. 167 East Fifteen-st., and watching for a short time, came to the conclusion that they had effected an entrance into the house by means of a rear door. The officers then gave the alarm rap, and officers Watson and Marks, of the Eighteenth Ward, soon arrived on the spot, and the place was then surrounded. The rascals became frightened and attempted to scale a rear fence, but were all caught. Upon examining the premises it was found that the burglars had torn off the fastenings from a rear window and thereby gained an entrance. They were taken before Justice Stuart and locked up under the names of John Moore, Wm. Brown, Wm. Johnson and John Brown.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF INTEMPERANCE.—A man named Robert Clark was taken to the Fifth Ward Station-House on Monday night, by Officer Truax, who found him intoxicated. He was placed in a cell, when, a few hours afterward, he was found dead. An inquest was held upon the body, and the jury rendered a verdict of death from congestion of the brain, caused by intemperance.

ACCIDENT.—At 10 o'clock on Tuesday evening, a man named Patrick Farrell accidentally fell through a large hole in Pier No. 31, E. R., into the water, and would probably have been drowned but for the assistance rendered him by Mr. Thomas Allen, who, after a great effort, succeeded in taking him from the water before life was extinct.

CHARGE OF GRAND LARCENY.—A young man named John Atkinson was arrested on Tuesday, charged with stealing two trunks, containing clothing to the value of $40, the property of Mr. Wm. Deacon, of Brooklyn. It appears that Mr. D. employed one John Kelly to take the trunks to Fulton Ferry, the accused being present at the time the bargain was made. Kelly started off with the property, but before reaching the ferry was overtaken by the accused, who stated to him that Mr. Deacon had authorized him to take charge of them. The trunks were then given up, and the accused went off with them, but was subsequently arrested and taken before Justice Bogart, who held him to answer the charge.

HOTEL THIEF.—A young man named Wm. Cosgrove on Tuesday evening, entered the New-York Hotel, looked over the register and then slipped quietly up stairs. He was observed by the bar-keeper and watched and finally was seen to enter a room with a false key. Officers Scott and Tinsdale of the Fifteenth Ward were then called in and arrested him; he had in the meantime ransacked a trunk, the contents of which were scattered about the floor, on searching him, skeleton keys, a chisel, wax candle and matches were found. He was taken to Court and held to await examination.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.—William Powers, a boarder at the house of Mrs. Quirk, No. 37 Ann-st., at 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning, while in a state of intoxication, jumped from a fourth story window of the house to a shed below, and was taken to the New-York Hospital dangerously injured.

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TIMELY REFLECTIONS.—The fickleness of April weather is too apparent to need notice from us; but the singular fact that in any possible condition of weather, ROOT, of No. 363 Broadway, is always ready to make a most perfect Daguerreotype, is worthy of remark.

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☞ One of the bargains offered for the last few days is a choice assortment of rich Barege De Lanes, spring styles, at one shilling per yard; also, 20 cases of rich French Prints, one yard wide, at the same price, the former of which actually cost 28 cents per yard, and the latter 22 cents. Ladies who have doubts of the correctness of the above assertion are particularly requested to call at COLUMBIAN HALL, No 281 Grand-st., and examine them.

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GAS.—Gas Fixtures of beautiful design and workmanship, are received daily, at the great Manufacturing Depôt of ARCHER, WARNER & Co., No. 376 Broadway. Designers constantly engaged producing new patterns.

BROOKLYN ITEMS.

ELECTION FOR SUPERVISORS.—The Spring Election for members of the Board of Supervisors of Kings County, took place on Tuesday, and resulted as follows:

New Utrecht—Tunis G. Bergen, Dem.
Gravesend—B. J. Ryder, Whig.
Flatbush—J. V. Schoonmaker, Dem.
Flatlands—John Wyckoff, Dem.
New Lotts—Isaac Schenck, Dem.
Bushwick—Martin Kalbfleisch, Dem.

The second class Aldermen of the Cities of Brooklyn and Williamsburgh, in conjunction with the Representatives from the County towns, constitute the Board of Supervisors of Kings County.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—A regular meeting of this body was held on Tuesday at the City Hall. Dr. J. S. Thorne presided. Mr. Sullivan, from the School-House Committee, submitted a report in favor of entering into contract with Joseph R. Lindsley for erecting a building at Weeksville for Colored School No. 2, at a cost not to exceed $2,100. Adopted. The Committee on School Books, through the Chairman, (Dr. Dillingham,) reported in favor of adopting Davies's system of Mathematics as a text book for the Public Schools of this city. Judge Greenwood offered an amendment to the effect that the opinion of the principals of the Schools be obtained in regard to the propriety of the change contemplated, and that in the meantime the whole matter be laid over. Carried. And after the presentation of a few bills for payment, the Board adjourned.

FIRE.—About 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning a fire broke out in a rear room of the house occupied by Henry B. Knowles, No 349 Fulton-st., and communicating with the adjoining building, occupied as a saloon by Mr. Richard Boerum, both were soon enveloped in flames. The occupants with difficulty escaped out of the second story windows. The goods and furniture of both families were mostly saved by the police and firemen, and taken to the First District Station-House. The buildings are owned by Mr. John Halsey, and are insured. They were constructed of wood, and were of small value. Mr. Boerum's loss amounts to about $2,000—no insurance. Mr. Knowles sustained damage to the extent of about $500; insured in the Equitable Insurance Company, New-York. The fire originated accidentally under the stairs of Mr. Knowles' residence.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—This Court assembled yesterday to receive the presentment of the Grand Jury, which had been in session for one week. They presented twenty-four bills of indictment, two of which were for burglary, one for grand larceny, one for false pretences, seven for assault and battery, and the remainder for violations of the Excise Laws. The Jury then retired to resume their labors and the Court adjourned.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Coroner Ball held an inquest yesterday upon the body of James Smith, Captain of a vessel lying at the foot of Montague st., who died suddenly the night previous of congestion of the lungs. Verdict in accordance.

☞ A Temperance demonstration is to be made at Bridge-st. Congregational Church this evening, upon which occasion it is anticipated that several distinguished advocates of the cause will speak.

WILLIAMSBURGH ITEMS.

ELECTIONS.—The election for town officers took place in the town of Bushwick on Tuesday. The Democratic ticket was successful by a majority ranging from 70 to 400.

Martin Kalbfleisch was elected Supervisor by about 70 majority.

At Newtown, in Queens County, Wm. H. Furman, Democrat, was reelected Supervisor of that town.

COMMON COUNCIL.—At the meeting of Board of Aldermen, on Monday evening, the Street Committee reported favorably on the petition for opening South Tenth-st., east of Fourth-st. Adopted.

The Fire Committee reported in favor of purchasing Engine No. 9, at a cost not to exceed $1,000. Adopted.

Mr. J. Edmund Burke was unanimously elected Assistant City Clerk.

A resolution, asking the Board of Finance to appropriate $500, for the purpose of celebrating the Fourth of July, was adopted.

FIREMEN'S DISTURBANCE.—On Monday ev